

Living Costs Inch Higher on Pacific Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2-(AP)—Living costs inched upwards in most Pacific coast cities in September, running counter to the national trend, the national industrial conference board reports.

The average west coast rise was about 0.1 per cent, while the national downturn was 0.4 per cent.

The national survey found upturns only in six areas, four of them on this coast, all four the same size—0.2 per cent. That rise was more than the board found anywhere else in the nation.

Although the report made no explanation of the west coast departure from the general national direction in prices and services, the continued crowding of cities here was ample evidence even to the casual observer.

The 0.2 per cent rises were reported from Los Angeles, Sacramento, the bay area and Spokane. Portland had a dip of 0.1 per cent and Seattle 0.3. On the whole, coast living costs were about even with wartime peaks, running a little higher in Los Angeles, but lower than the wartime top in Seattle.

In spite of great increases in some prices, the board's studies indicated national living costs were only some 23 per cent higher than five years ago. There were wide divergencies in price rises even for items in great demand, coincident with differences in handling ceilings.

The board's studies, for example, showed a six-year rise in rents of a little over five per cent on the average, while a department of agriculture study of prices received by dairy farmers showed a doubling of that farm group's prices in the same time, without including subsidies. Including subsidies, the dairy products prices on farms rose 125 per cent.

Keith Brown to File Application For New Zone

The Keith Brown Building Supply firm will file a new application for change of zone, this time to include only approximately one-half the area for which application was originally made, representatives of the concern indicated Friday night.

After 61 per cent of the property owners in an adjacent district had filed a protesting petition, the city planning and zoning commission at a public hearing Friday declared it would recommend to the council that the company's application be denied.

Most of the signers of the protesting petition are in the area immediately east of the property for which the zone change was sought. Keith Brown Building Supply's next application will not seek any zone change in that specific territory, although the company owns the property for which the zone adjustment was originally asked, spokesmen for the firm indicated after the hearing.

The change sought in the original application would have affected property east of the center line of the alley running through blocks 3 and 6 of Condit's addition, and an extension of the center line north to the state fairgrounds. That property would have been changed from class II residential to class IV unrestricted, and would have permitted industrial development.

Cutting in two the area for which the zone change was originally asked would not involve any major immediate plans for construction in the area, it was said by representatives of the Keith Brown interests last night.

Dynamite Cap in Clock Injures Two

PORTLAND, Nov. 2-(AP)—Fourteen-year-old Harry Barnett decided to take an old clock apart and use the parts for a model airplane.

He was removing a copper cap from the works when suddenly there was an explosion. Both the boy and his mother, Mrs. Harry Barnett, 39, were taken to a hospital with injuries.

The cap contained dynamite.



DOGGY DUET—Dandy, French poodle pet of Efram Kurtz, conductor of the Kansas City Philharmonic orchestra, plays an informal piano duet with his master.

Alaska Air Route Question Still Argued

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2-(AP)—A complete survey of the Alaska air facilities may result from efforts of the civil aeronautics board to arrange new service to the orient.

Public Counsel Russell S. Bernhard suggested today, during oral arguments on applications for Pacific routes, that the board must consider the effect of any new certification on the operations of the many flying services in the territory.

The board's examiners have recommended that Alaska airlines be authorized to fly between Seattle and Anchorage, where it would connect with a recommended Northwest Airlines route across the Aleutians to the orient.

Bernhard said Alaska's development requires an Alaska-Seattle connection in addition to Pan-American, which now operates to several Alaskan cities. He conceded the ability of most domestic applicants but expressed belief an Alaska based line would be a better selection.

China Filled With Rumors

PEIPING, Nov. 2-(AP)—China today is rife with strife—and rumor.

Last night, there were reports the Chinese communists were demonstrating outside the walls of Peiping.

At a downtown hotel, Gen. Ho Ying-Ching, commander-in-chief of government North China forces, was guest at a reception. The jitters stirred up over the demonstration rumor, a U.S. army private whipped out his service revolver in the ballroom, saying, "I'm sick of the marines and their officers."

Military police arrested him—but the rumor spread quickly that General Ho had been assassinated.

Republicans Hear Governor

PORTLAND, Nov. 2-(AP)—America's most vital problem is whether "we are to continue governmental controls over an economy that should be free or retain that sovereignty we gave up to help win the war," Governor John C. Vivian of Colorado told the 12th annual convention of Oregon Republican clubs tonight.

Vivian's speech was the highlight of today's meetings, which Secretary of State Robert S. Farrel, jr., opened.

Farrel said that except for highway and reforestation funds the government should keep its money in Washington. State President Ray Carr presided at afternoon meetings.

Committee reports and election of officers are scheduled for tomorrow.

Reed College President to Talk to C. of C.

"The Meaning of a Liberal Education" will be the subject of Dr. Peter H. Odegard, new president of Reed college, when he speaks at the Salem Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday noon.

Former associate publisher of Our Times and Public Opinion Quarterly, Odegard is author of "Pressure Politics," the story of the Anti-Saloon league's operation in certain fields; "The American Public Mind," "American Politics" and "Prologue to November, 1940," and has contributed to a number of national magazines.

He holds two degrees from University of Washington and a doctor's degree from Columbia university, where he has served as a professor. He has also held professorships at Amherst college, Ohio State university and Williams college.

Salem Hi-Ys Schedule Fall Induction Rites

Salem's three Hi-Y chapters will hold their autumn induction ceremonies Sunday night at 8 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal church, bringing into their membership 24 boys. Bill Merriam and George Adams are in charge of the ceremony.

Addition of the new members will bring the Hi-Y organization to 85, and plans have been made to admit enough to boost the rolls to 100 in the near future.

Following the induction a reception is to be held in the parish hall, arranged by the Hi-Y Mothers' club. Mrs. R. M. Fitzmaurice is chairman. Serving with her are Mrs. A. E. Robins, Mrs. Glenn Hoar, Mrs. C. W. McCabe, Mrs. H. H. Barlow, Mrs. R. T. Johnson, Mrs. George Bartlett, Mrs. George Schwarz, Mrs. N. W. Ready and Mrs. O. E. Welling.

Abel Gregg chapter will induct Kenard Adams, Harold Culbertson, Don Chamberlain, Delwyn Kleen, Carlos Houck, Frank Prince, John Westphal, Bud Michaels and Paul Nieswander.

Harrison Elliott chapter will induct Roger Adams, Hugh Bellinger, Bob Johnson, Albert Miles, Jim Miller, Dwight Quisenberry, Bruce Rankin, Eldon Shafer and Jim Schantz.

New members to be received by Arthur Cotton chapter are John Griffith, Howard Hill, Harold Litke, Bobe Meyre, Cole Stephens and Dale Cleaver.

Waits 43 Years For Divorce

CAMDEN, N.J., Nov. 2-(AP)—Back in 1902 after being happily married a month, testified 63-year-old Hugh Watson today, his wife Winnie turned to him and said:

"My gosh, Hughie, you're ugly. If I'd known how ugly you are I would never have married you."

She then packed her things and left him, Watson told advisory master in chancery William R. J. Burston, who recommended his petition for a divorce on grounds of desertion.

Asked why he waited 43 years to seek a divorce, Watson said: "I didn't want to look at another woman. Now I'm getting old and I don't want my wife to have my little property."

AFL Protests CIO as Agents

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 2-(AP)—Charles Hughes, administrator for the AFL local at Libby, McNeill & Libby cannery, said today he would appeal to the national labor relations board from yesterday's election which named the CIO as bargaining agent.

Hughes declared a vote of only 35 per cent of the 1415 employees was not representative. A week before the election the AFL complained that the garage where balloting took place was inadequate, he said.

He reported the AFL has five days in which to appeal.

Bobby-Soxer Indicted on Murder Count

NEW YORK, Nov. 2-(AP)—Lena Nienstedt, 16-year-old bobby-soxer, was indicted by a Queens county grand jury today on a first degree murder charge in the hatchet slaying of John Wagner, 71, in his tailor shop Sept. 12.

Assistant District Attorney J. Irwin Shapiro said he would ask that the girl be sent to Bellevue hospital for a complete psychiatric examination. But, he continued, "I think this girl is found legally sane, the law should take its course."

Police said the girl told them she hit Wagner with the hatchet because "he put his arms around me."

She will plead to the indictment Monday.

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Okinawa Vets At Portland

PORTLAND, Nov. 2-(AP)—The troopship General Omar Bundy, carrying 3050 army and Red Cross passengers from Okinawa, and the navy transport Gasconade, with 1050 men from Leyte, docked here today.

On the Bundy were 2620 army enlisted men, 367 nurses, 47 officers, and 16 women Red Cross workers. The majority of army

personnel aboard will be discharged. Ship's captain is J. H. Simpson, Philadelphia.

The nurses, at Okinawa's receiving station when the typhoon struck, were left practically homeless, officers said. They were placed on the Bundy in quarters usually assigned to officers—many of whom had to wait for another transport, it was reported.

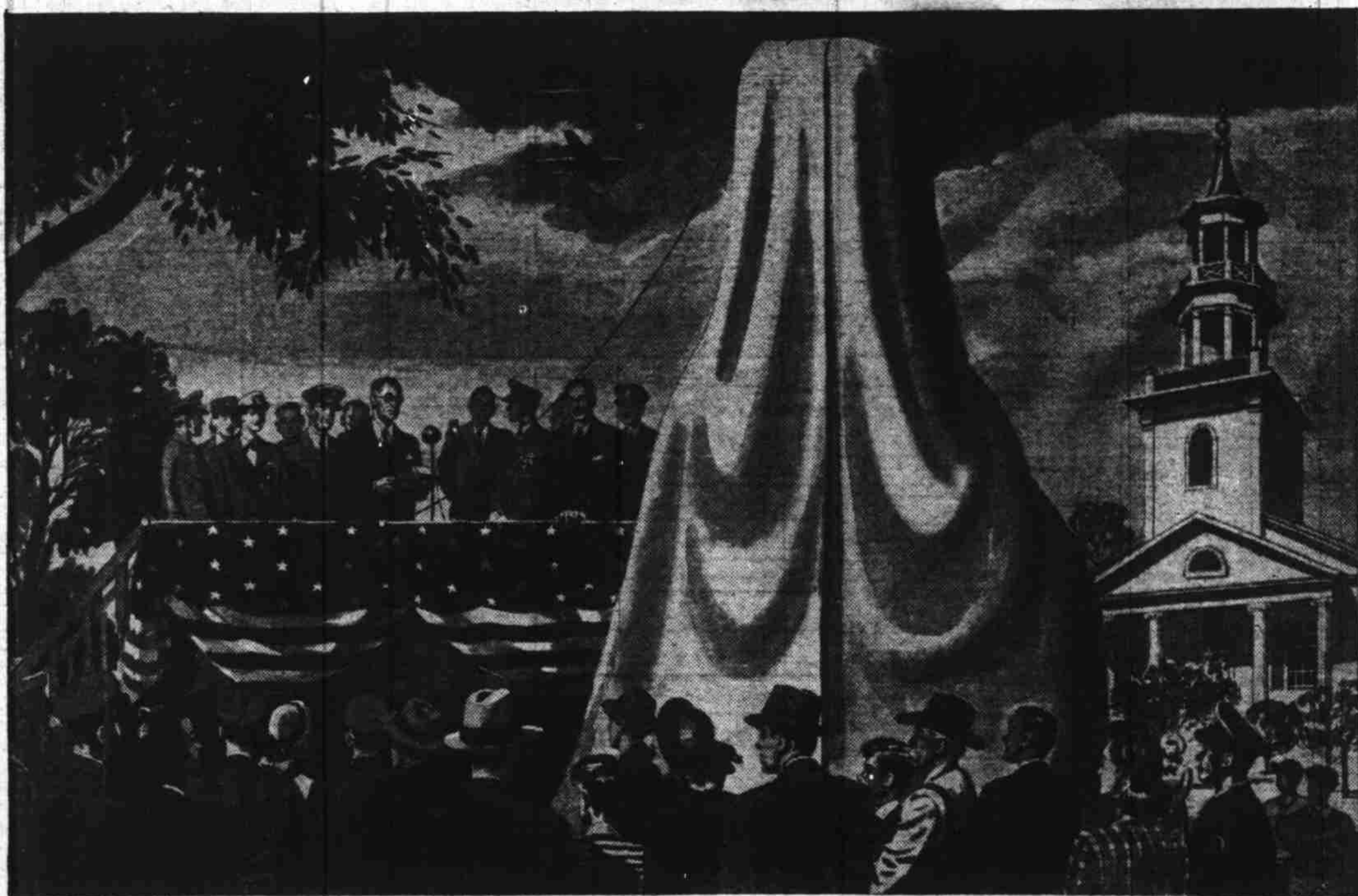
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