

Report Shows Living Costs Still Increasing

By Douglas B. Cornell
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—New government reports tonight showed living costs at a record high, wholesale prices still climbing and little chance for any general lowering of food and textile prices.

But President Truman told a news conference he hopes and believes a justice department investigation of high prices of food, clothing and shelter will get results. He remarked, however, that it is more likely to point the finger at whoever is responsible for high prices than to bring actual reductions.

The bureau of labor statistics gave a final, official reading of 197.1 for its consumers' price index as of June 15. That was a record high, 57.1 per cent above the prewar mark, for the essentials that families of moderate means buy in big cities.

The bureau said, too, that wholesale prices went up 0.6 per cent in the week ended Aug. 9, pushing to a new postwar mark of the fourth week in a row. Ordinarily, wholesale price boosts are reflected later in increases at retail.

The consumers' price index uses the 1935-39 average as 100. The June 15 level was 0.7 above that of May 15, 18 per cent over the reading for a year ago and 59 per cent above August, 1939.

A preliminary calculation had put the June 15 index at an even 157. The previous peak was 156.3 last March.

The wholesale price index takes 1934 as 100. The Aug. 9 figure was 152.2 of the 1934 level, 19.7 per cent above a year ago and 74.1 per cent above 1937. The May, 1920, record of 167.2 still stands.



DOG AND DOVE—June, six-year-old St. Bernard owned by Kenneth C. Thomas of Interlaken, N. J., has a new pal in this dove which was found shortly after it was hatched and refused to leave when offered freedom.

VA Requests GI Training Plans of Vets

The Veterans administration training office wants to know the plans of those veterans in school or job training under the GI bill who expect to change courses or jobs, Wayne Smith, local VA training supervisor announced Thursday.

Smith explained that the student's financial aid may be at stake if he does not inform the VA of a change in plans. Any transfer of school, course or job-in-training requires approval in the form of a supplemental certificate of eligibility.

"When an ex-GI starts his training, the VA assumes he intends to complete it," Smith said. "If he makes a change, we want to know that he has good reasons and is not flitting about without a thought to his future livelihood."

The training officer here should be notified without delay, to prevent any losses in entitlement or subsistence. A veteran who quits his training indefinitely also is advised to report, so any training rights he may have left can be safeguarded for a future resumption.

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22 Buchenwald Officials to Die; Widow Spared

DACHAU, Germany, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Twenty-two Nazi officials of the Buchenwald concentration camp were sentenced to hang by an American war crimes court today, but Frau Ilse Koch, red-haired widow of a former commandant, who allegedly collected the tattooed skins of inmates for lampshades, was among those who received a life sentence. Frau Koch, 41, is expected to give birth next month to a baby conceived in prison.

Four other defendants were sentenced to life, one to 20 years, two to 15 years and one to 10 years. The trial of the 31 defendants began April 11, two years to the day after the late Gen. George S. Patton's third army stormed into Buchenwald, found bodies stacked like cordwood, and freed 20,000 dying victims. The prosecution charged the defendants with responsibility for the deaths of 53,000 camp inmates and the torturing of thousands of others in the horror camp. All defendants were convicted two days ago of violating the laws and usages of war by their systematic cruelties and mass murders.

Among those receiving death sentences were Hermann Pister, a former camp commandant, and Max Schöberl, former camp leader.

Among those receiving life sentences were Prince Josias zu Waldeck, a confidant of Hitler and first German of royal blood to be tried for war crimes. Another was Edwin Kaltenbrunner, a former resident of the United States and one of the camp physicians, who was first a Buchenwald prisoner but later aided his Nazi captors as a trustee. He told the court he had been out of the United States long enough to lose his naturalized citizenship.

TRIPLE WINNER

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Jockey Merlin Volzke, top rider of the 1947 Longacres season, rode three winners on today's eight-race Twilight program, including Expend in the feature race.

Groves Points To 'Delay' in A-Development

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Major General Leslie Groves, America's atom chief until the atomic energy commission was established, said today a "serious delay" in atomic development resulted from failure to set up domestic control soon after V-J day.

Groves headed the army's Manhattan engineer district which officially passes out of existence tomorrow. Its records have been turned over to the civilian commission. The Manhattan district employed 500,000 people at peak of operations, spent nearly \$2,000,000,000 to develop the A-bomb, and directed research and development in various parts of the country.

On the eve of its demise, Groves said in an interview:

1. Two years after the dropping of the first A-bomb "the atomic energy project is still virtually 100 per cent a military project."
2. The production of radionuclides for medical and biological research represents "only a small fraction of the work."
3. The development of atomic power for industrial purposes "is still 10, 15 or 20 years—possibly even decades—away, in my opinion."
4. We should always try to increase the certainty of its (the bomb) working. Only five bombs have been dropped so far—maybe the next ten of the same type would not go off. Maybe we were just lucky that those first five went off. Lots of things can go wrong.
5. "If we had known that it (the bomb) would work for a certainty, we might have decided after the battle of Midway to sit back and wait for the bomb to end the war."

Reinforcements Aid in Defense of Paraguay Capital

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Neutral diplomatic sources in Buenos Aires reported tonight that Paraguayan government troops defending Asuncion in Paraguay's five-month-old civil war had been bolstered by reinforcements.

Capt. Carlos Olman, Argentine naval attaché in Asuncion, reported to the Argentine navy ministry that 2,500 loyalist troops had arrived in the Paraguayan capital from the nearby Camp Grande military base. He said the position of President Higinio Moron's government was "solid."

Earlier, Paraguayan refugees arriving at the Argentine border said the loyalists were putting police and medical and quartermaster troops into the field to raise the Asuncion defense force to between 3,000 to 4,000 men. They estimated the insurgents had increased their strength to 10,000.

616 on Bonneville Staff Dismissed

PORTLAND, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The dismissal of 616 Bonneville power administration employees to meet reduced funds—an action which leaves only 851 on the payroll—was reported today.

Administrator Paul J. Raver said most of the dismissed workers were in the Portland area. The administrative staff has been cut from 255 employees to 168, operation and maintenance from 186 to

119, engineering and construction, 440 to 320, system engineering, 39 to 28, and power sales, 83 to 42. The division of industrial resources and development, which employed 54 persons, has been eliminated.

'Metropolitan Area' Census Likely Here

Salem Chamber of Commerce officials are considering the possibility of an officially designated Salem metropolitan area to indicate the aggregate population of many mid-valley cities and towns surrounding Salem.

It appears likely Thursday that the chamber would request federal census takers in 1950 to compute a metropolitan area population as well as a Salem "city limits" population.

The proposal was recommended this week by C. A. McClure, engineer for the chamber's long-range planning commission, who pointed out that official census reports of the government show several metropolitan area populations for cities no larger, themselves, than Salem. He said Great Falls, Mont., is one example.

McClure estimated that the Salem metropolitan area would not cover all of Marion county but, on the other hand, probably would extend into Polk county cities of West Salem, Dallas and Independence.

Breaks Leg in Tumble Over 500-Foot Cliff

RED LODGE, Mont., Aug. 14.—(AP)—George Roubush, Jr., 21, Cleveland, Ohio, fell over a 500-foot cliff and escaped with a broken leg.

He slipped in snow on the Red Lodge-Cooe City highway, which traverses 10,992-foot high Bear-tooth mountain, and tumbled into Mirror lake canyon yesterday afternoon.

A companion, William Webber, Cincinnati, climbed down the rocky ledge and applied first aid, while a tourist summoned help from Red Lodge. A road crew helped carry the injured man to the highway.

Roubush and Webber were returning east after a jeep trip through Yellowstone national park, southwest of here, and they had stopped to look at snow on the mountain pass. Both are students at Denison university, Denison, Ohio.

Roubush, receiving treatment in a local hospital, was worried today about any anxiety his accident might cause his parents.

Canada to Abandon Meat Restrictions

OTTAWA, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Restrictions on the serving of meat on Tuesdays and Fridays in public eating places in Canada will be lifted tomorrow, the price board said tonight.

Although general meat rationing was continued last February 29, the meatless days were continued as a means of saving meat for shipment overseas.

Campbell Appointed

Appointment of Ed Campbell, Portland, as his deputy commissioner for the Portland office was announced today by Claude H. Murphy, state real estate commissioner. Murphy said he was receiving applications for the deputyship in the Salem office. Both deputyships were provided by the 1947 legislature.

Minor Accident Told

City police report the collision of cars driven by Johnnie A. Lape, 476 N. Cottage st., and Edgar H. Leach, 695 Court st., at Broadway and Belmont streets Wednesday night. There were no injuries and only minor damage to cars, police said.

QUICKIES

'The Statesman Ad said 'eat fish'—what did you expect?'

Police Scour Indiana for Escaped Cons

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Search for two escaped prisoners who overpowered their guards centered in Marshall and Starke counties late today as state troopers found their abandoned and wrecked escape car.

The two men overpowered their guards near Michigan City this morning as they were being returned to the Michigan state reformatory at Ionia, Mich.

Police identified the men as Earl Halstead, serving a term for burglary, and Kenneth C. Root, sentenced for assault with intent to commit robbery. Indiana state troopers said the two men were armed.

The car in which the pair escaped was found on U. S. highway 30 just west of Groveton by State Trooper Darrell Ford. Overpowered 2

The pair overpowered M. L. Patrick, assistant deputy warden, and Leo Fuller, under-sheriff of Ionia county, Mich., who were returning the men to the Michigan institution. The guards said Halstead and Root had escaped July 27 and were recaptured last week by city police at Springfield, Mo.

The prisoners overcame the guards on Indiana road 43, four miles south of Michigan City, and after driving three miles handcuffed the officers to a small tree. Shackled to Tree

Patrick and Fuller remained shackled to the tree for more than half an hour until George Nowet-zke, a farmer who was herding cows, freed them with a hacksaw. The guards said the prisoners made no effort to harm them but robbed both of them of \$50.

Gar Elects Officers

CLEVELAND, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Five spry GAR veterans, whose combined age totals more than 500 years, today concluded the 81st encampment with election of a new slate of officers, headed by new commander-in-chief Robert W. Rownd of Ripley, N. W.

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'Flying Newsroom' Travels to Alaska

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—(AP)—A self-labeled "flying newsroom" of the New York Herald-Tribune arrived here tonight enroute to Alaska.

The newspaper plane carried three members of the New York paper's staff—Aviation Editor Ansel E. Talbert and Reporter John H. Durston, who will make an aerial tour of Alaska, and Wal-

ter, Hamshar, shipping news editor, who said he would remain in Seattle.

RIFLE TAKEN FROM HOME

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