

## U.S. Individual Incomes Shoot To New Highs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20—(AP)—Individual incomes shot to a new high last year in "nearly every state." The average hit \$1,410 for each person.

The commerce department, reporting this today, said the average rose seven per cent over 1947. The figure that year was \$1,319 per person.

The dollar total of individual income payments for the nation, \$206,000,000,000 in 1948, bettered 1947 by nine per cent. (The individual average went up less because of a large gain in population.)

### In Central States

The largest regional gain in total income from 1947 to 1948 was 12 per cent credited to eight central states, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The smallest increases, six per cent, were in the six New England states, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont; and four far western states, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

### More than Average

"With the exception of Michigan," said the department, "the percentage rise in income for every state of the central region was more than the national average. In every New England and far western state the increase was less than the national average."

Widely varying changes in farm income, for the second consecutive year, accounted primarily for differences among states in percentage change in total income.

Oregon's estimated individual income jumped from \$1,284 in 1947 to \$1,302 in 1948. The latter figure was 92 per cent of the 1948 national average.

Washington's income climbed from \$1,419 to \$1,453—103 per cent of the national average.

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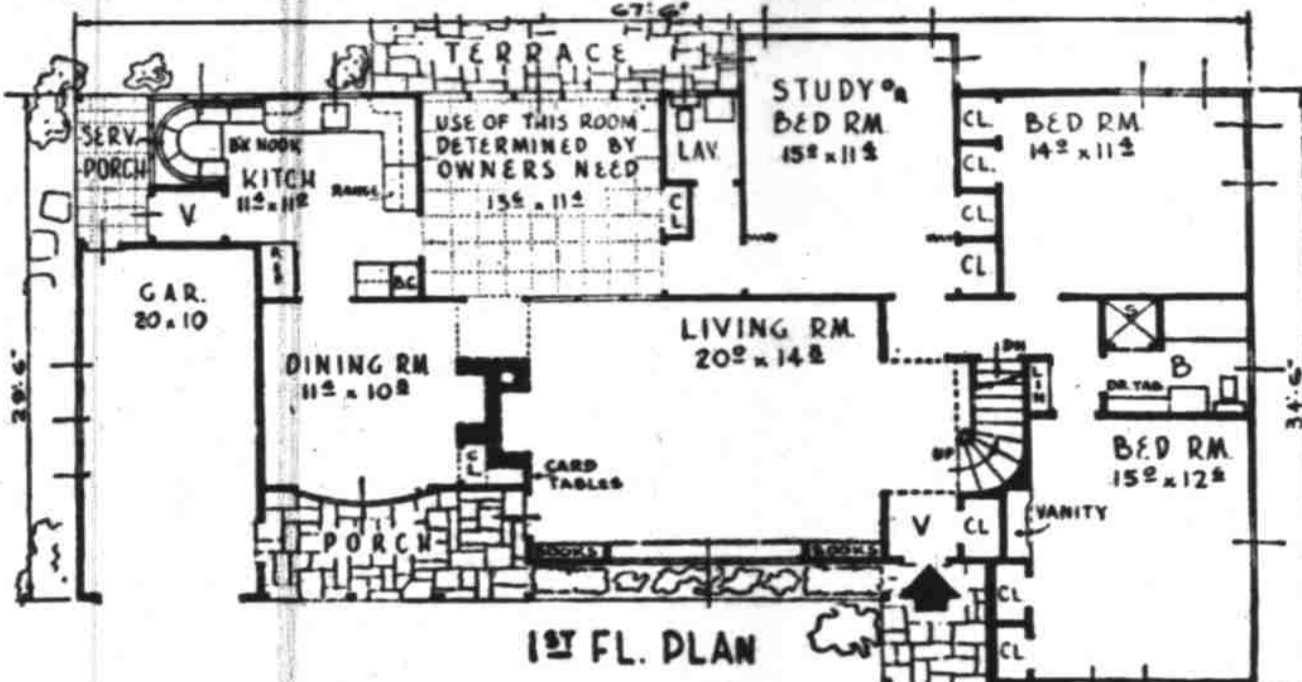


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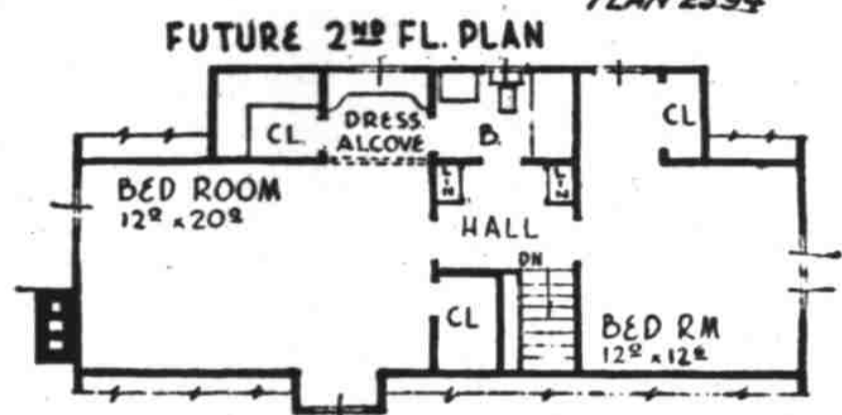
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## Reds in Berlin Rap Howley's 'Parting Shot'

BERLIN, Aug. 20—(AP)—The communists said today U.S. Brig. Gen. Frank L. Howley is angry because the diplomats did not let him start a war. They made the charge in a bitter farrowell to the retiring American commandant of Berlin. Howley told a news conference after a four-power meeting on Thursday the Russians are trying to revive the four-power kom-

mandatura and regain their veto power in the rule of all Berlin.

Commenting on this, Neues Deutschland, organ of the Social Unity (communist) party, said:

"In this angry belch flares the whole fury of the cavalry general from Philadelphia because the diplomats did not let him make Berlin worth a war."

"No Berliner will cry for Gen. Howley," Neues Deutschland said. "The whole of the Berlin population will breathe more freely when the cavalry general saddles his horse for his ride home."

The Russians said they are not trying to revive the kommandatura.

## Mayor Elfstrom Competes Again In Salmon Derby

Mayor R. L. Elfstrom is all set to defend his champion's trophy at the international mayors' salmon fishing derby at Ilwaco, Wash., this coming Saturday.

Several mayors of Oregon will be among 30 mayors at the meet. Last year Elfstrom brought back to Salem the special trophy cup put up by Salem's Chamber of Commerce. This year Elfstrom has offered the cup as stakes in a challenge to mayors of the capital cities of four northwest states.

## Rifts Appear in Finnish Red Strike Front

By Usko Kauppala  
HELSINKI, Finland, Aug. 20 (AP)—The nationwide communist strike offensive showed signs of weakening today.

Workers in many areas returned to their jobs. A major split developed in the powerful central trade union federation.

The social democratic government of Premier Karl August Fagerholm, however, remained on guard. It kept its army and police forces on an alert.

The government called the wave of strikes a communist maneuver to seize power and seat a red regime in Helsinki.

The soviet-controlled press in Moscow continued to call the Helsinki government's action against the strikers a "bloody suppression of Finnish workers."

Propaganda Campaign  
In the third day of the labor crisis the ministry of finance opened a propaganda campaign against communist strikers.

Newspaper advertisements warned workers not to heed strike calls and posters attacking the communists were tacked up in the streets.

Apparently determined to fight on, the communists rushed a letter to President Juho Paasikivi charging the strikers' constitutional rights were violated when police dispersed a crowd of workers in Kemi two days ago.

Violated Treaty  
They also claimed the incident violated Finland's treaty with Russia. The Finnish government has a 10-year friendship and mutual assistance treaty with the Soviet Union.

A typical sign of a break in the strike front came from Tampere, 95 miles north of Helsinki, where only construction workers walked out. Other workers stayed at their jobs.



TO VISIT U. S.—The Shah of Iran, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi (above), will visit the United States in November for several weeks to inspect farming and industrial methods.

In some cities food workers returned to work. Forestry workers, lumberjacks and loggers also were working in great numbers after voting to end their strike at several logging points.

The longshoremen's strike, however, still was effective, and employers admitted the construction workers' walkout was widely effective. The next move on the strike front is the transport workers' walkout, scheduled for Monday.

At the height of the strike wave 35,000 to 45,000 workers were estimated to have walked out.

The split in the central trade union federation developed when the council voted eight-to-five to order the communist-led unions to end their strike before Aug. 23 or be expelled from the federation.

Communist labor leaders were reported squabbling amongst themselves. The Employers' central organization said it received a letter from the transport workers' union declaring that F. V. Hillis, union president and a moderate communist who tried to prevent the scheduled truckers' strike, had been replaced by a militant communist, V. H. Suutari.

SOVIETS UP CAR OUTPUT  
MOSCOW—(AP)—Production of the Moskitch automobile has grown rapidly in the past year. The Moskitch is a small four-door, four-passenger family car which is on retail sale throughout the USSR.

TOLD TO TAKE A WALK  
DORTMUND, Germany—(AP)—"Your engine whistles too much at the crossing," irate Neheim-Huesten residents complained to railway authorities here. They suggested the train conductor get out and walk before the engine, ringing a hand-bell.

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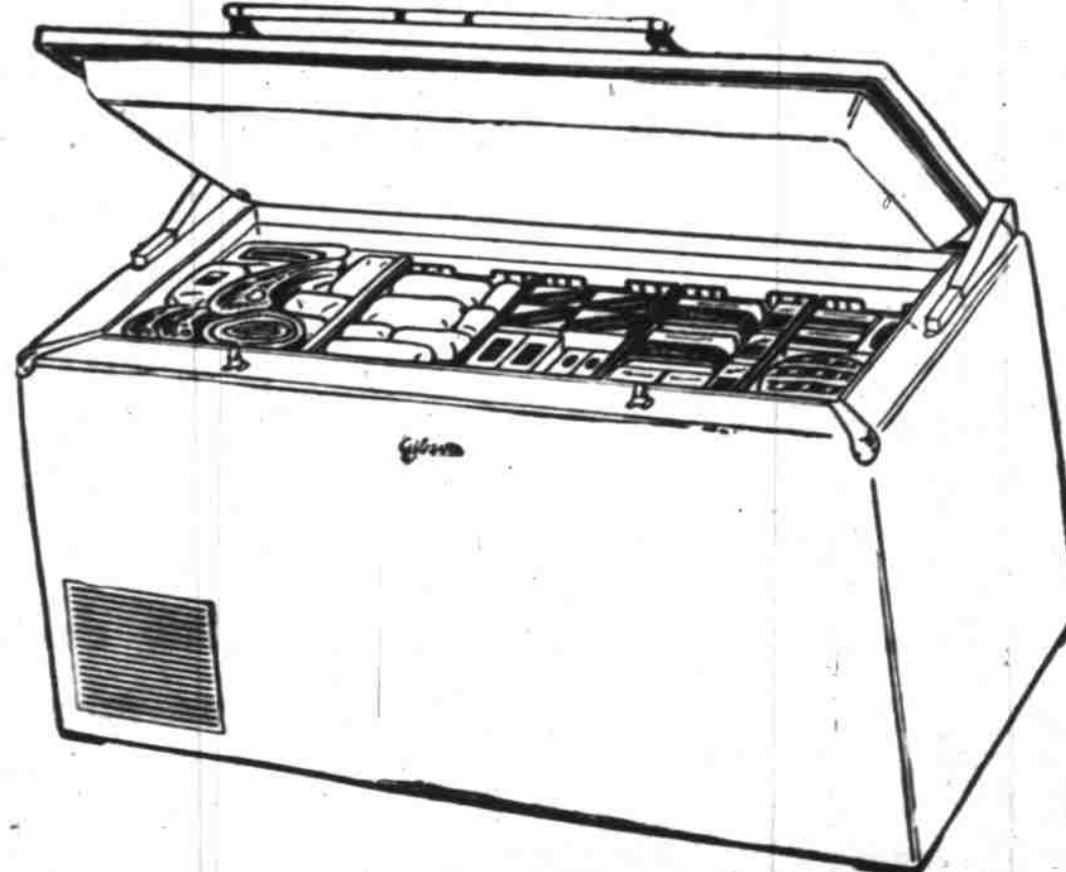
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