

Living Costs at All-Time High

WASHINGTON (AP)—The average American paid more for his basic living needs last month than ever before in history. That's what the consumer price index for September showed when it was released Wednesday by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The index—a composite of average retail prices paid for basic goods and services in 46 cities—crept to 115.2 per cent of the 1947-1949 average.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Reports from Panmunjom state that the program for prisoner repatriation is near collapse, due to refusal of North Korean POWs to attend the brain-washing sessions and the unwillingness of the U.N. Repatriation Commission to use force to compel them to attend. The "umpire," Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya of India admits the situation is very serious; and the Indian officers are quoted as saying in private that there is no hope of reviving on a large scale the interviews planned for prisoners who have been refusing repatriation.

The Commission itself stalled over demands of the Communists that the North Koreans be hauled before them, whether or no. The Pole and Czech members were ready to do the bidding of the Reds, but the Swiss and Swede members balked. Gen. Thimayya had the courage to declare the Commission must be unanimous before an order to use force on the POWs will be given. He knows, as do the others, that riot and bloodshed will follow any attempt to drive the men to the Red hearing pens.

This development of misunderstanding and stalemate was not unanticipated. When Krishna Menon of India introduced the famous Indian resolution proposing terms for a truce in Korea at the U.N. General Assembly in 1952 the U. S. delegation was quite skeptical of its practicality. The U.S. and the U.N. position had been that no force should be used to compel repatriation.

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Council Meets Tonight, Zone Vote on Docket

Salem's new zone code will be up for possible final adoption at a Salem City Council meeting tonight in City Hall.

But whether the aldermen actually would bring it to a vote remained in doubt Wednesday night, said Mayor Alfred W. Loucks. The Council still has several proposed amendments to consider—most of the matters of neighborhood zoning which produced complaints after Planning and Zoning Commission hearings on the new code.

The Council is meeting at 7:30 tonight for a regular business session, its regularly scheduled Monday meeting having been postponed because many city officials attended a League of Oregon Cities meeting in Portland Monday.

Among the other bills up for Council action tonight are those vacating a street and alley to permit a Grant School building program, prohibiting shooting of heavy arrows in the city, changing dance hall license fees to base the fee on amount of floor space and several routine street assessments.

Light Rains On Forecast

Indian Summer days will come to a temporary halt today, forecasts the weatherman, with light rains—not much over a measurable amount—this morning.

A second storm front is predicted to hit the mid-valley late Friday, bringing more showers. The weatherman says it will be a little cooler today with the high near 59 as against Wednesday's top reading of 63. Tonight the mercury is expected to drop to 38.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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Morning Fog Diffuses Salem Scenes



Early morning fog which blanketed Salem Wednesday turned familiar scenes into bleak fantasies as the mist obscured downtown landmarks and slowed traffic to a crawl. Elderly man in top photo pauses to look at Willson Park which resembled a forest because nearby buildings were hidden. Lone girl walks past Post Office in center photo which shows only parking meters clearly. Post Office (on girl's right) was completely hidden. Street sweeper (bottom photo) hurries down Cottage Street to finish work before heavy traffic begins. (Statesman photos by John Erickson, staff photographer.)

Death Claims Michigan Quad

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—The last-born of the tiny Trollman quadruplets died Wednesday.

The infant, a boy, was the heaviest of the four children born to Mrs. June E. Trollman, 33-year-old divorcee. The infant, weighing two pounds 10 ounces, was born at 12:02 a.m. Tuesday.

The other three, two boys and a girl, were born within the last 10 minutes before midnight Monday night.

Attendants at Lansing's Edward W. Sparrow Hospital said the infant died of "immaturity atelectasis"—asphyxiation caused by incomplete development of the lungs.

The other three children "were doing pretty well" according to attendants.

Irish Drunk Not Allowed to Testify Against Himself

BALBRIGGAN, Ireland (AP)—Police Officer Michael O'Regan testified that the motorist came to the police station and said he felt drunk. So he was charged with drunken driving.

The defense counsel in court Wednesday asked O'Regan if he had any other evidence against the defendant. O'Regan said only the man's own words.

"Surely you're not going to accept the evidence of a drunken man," counsel pleaded with the judge.

The case was dismissed.

U.S. Ends Ban On Israel Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Wednesday ended a 34-day ban on American aid to Israel and allocated 25 million dollars to the new republic in the troubled Middle East.

President Eisenhower disclosed the move at his news conference, saying he was "delighted" to learn Israel had decided to abide by a ruling of a special United Nations commission in Israel's dispute with Syria.

Later, Secretary of State Dulles announced the formal lifting of the ban he imposed on Sept. 25 after Israel refused to halt work on a Jordan River hydroelectric project, as requested by the U.N. commission. Syria complained that the project diverted water along the Israeli-Syrian frontier.

In Palestine, an Israeli government spokesman said work on the controversial project was to be suspended at midnight Wednesday.

The spokesman said the suspension is temporary and without prejudice to Israel's rights or claims in the dispute.

Picketing Ban Act Gets Test

The Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union Local 329, Medford, in the first test of the 1953 law prohibiting organizational picketing, was ordered to halt picketing The Cave Shop Restaurant at Grants Pass, in an order by State Labor Examiner Fred G. Scherer of Salem Wednesday.

The action was brought by Dwight C. Battey, owner of the restaurant who charged that such picketing was in violation of the 1953 law banning picketing when for the purpose of influencing or persuading employees to join a union.

Scherer held the law permits picketing only by unions which are recognized as bargaining agents for employees. He said the picketing by the AFL union is illegal because the union never was recognized as bargaining agent for the restaurant workers.

"It is our finding that neither the labor organization, which is respondent in this case, nor any person engaged in the acts of picketing complained of, has been certified or is recognized as the bargaining representative of any or all of the employees of the Cave Shop restaurant, Grants Pass, Oregon," Scherer said in his order.

Section 17 of the 1953 law makes unlawful picketing when done by such labor organization or other person not certified or recognized.

Labor lawyers were expected to appeal Scherer's decision to the courts.

Hearing Held
Hearing on the proceeding at issue was held at Grants Pass in September. This was the first order Scherer has written under the 1953 law.

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Ike May Enter '54 Campaign

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower indicated Wednesday night that he might take a hand after all in the next year's political campaign.

Of course, the President told his news conference, he is interested in the Republican organization and in keeping Congress under GOP control.

A week ago, Eisenhower said he wasn't going to use the presidency as a campaign instrument in partisan elections and would stay out of strictly local political scraps. Wednesday he gave the impression he might take the stump in 1954 for a GOP program in Congress, if not for individual party candidates.

Gill Quoted as Still Seeking Federal Job

PORTLAND (AP)—State Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon, will not ask that his name be withdrawn from consideration as U. S. attorney for Oregon, he was quoted Wednesday as saying.

Douglas McKean, Oregon Journal political editor, wrote that Gill told him he believes Democrats are behind opposition to his appointment and that he will continue to seek the job.

Jesse Gard, Republican national committeeman for Oregon, has been trying in Washington and New York to persuade the National Association for Advancement of Colored People and other groups to drop their opposition to Gill. But since he apparently had little success, there were reports that Gill might withdraw.

The NAACP is fighting the Gill appointment because he voted in the last Legislature against Oregon's new civil rights law.

Atrocity Toll in Korea Includes 6,113 Americans

29,815 Slaughtered in Communist 'Program of Murder and Torture'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army made public Wednesday night a grisly story of Communist atrocities in the Korean War, reporting that probably 6,113 Americans died in the blood bath.

In what Secretary of the Army Stevens called a "cold-blooded program of murder and torture," 29,815 persons are estimated to have lost their lives.

The report was compiled by the War Crimes Division of the Army in Korea and backed by photographic evidence—pictures of horribly mutilated American soldiers and airmen, windrows of bodies of South Korean soldiers and civilians, heaps of blackened corpses of men roasted alive.

There is "convincing and confirmed" proof, the Army said, that at least 138 Americans were massacred by the Korean Reds in October, 1950, during the evacuation of the Communist capital of Pyongyang.

Another atrocity cited in the report told the story of 10 U.S. Marines who went out on patrol Jan. 29, 1951, and never returned. Their naked bodies, hands bound behind their backs, were found later in circumstances which indicated they had been used for bayonet practice.

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Plea for \$50 Raise for Pen Guards Filed

A proposal for a \$50 a month raise to Oregon penitentiary guards was passed on by the State Civil Service Commission Wednesday to the State Board of Control.

The proposal came from the American Federation of Labor's Oregon Public Employees Council, whose business representative, Leo Butts of Portland, appeared before the civil service commissioners at a hearing Wednesday.

"This is more than a salary problem," Butts told the commission. "Poor guards mean a poor prison program. Most city and all state police officers, even common laborers, receive more pay than do the correctional officers."

Guard pay starts at \$250. After 4½ years they can make \$309. Salem city police start at \$306. Civil service commissioners indicated they would consider any recommendation received from the Board of Control which operates the prison and other state institutions. The commission made no specific endorsement of the proposal, but told Director James Clinton to present the union proposal to the board.

Butts maintained that the prison had to lower its education standards to eighth grade level for guards because it hasn't been able to attract enough guards. He said 150 guards have left employment at the prison since last Jan. 1.

Mossadegh Ready To Stand Trial

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Ex-Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's lawyers said Wednesday he is ready to face trial on treason charges.

Amidi Noori, a government spokesman, said the prosecution is ready for the judges to set a date for the preliminary hearing, which Mossadegh himself will not attend. The judges themselves will fix the date.

Burglar Stops for Refreshments

The thief who burglarized Ray's Food Market, 1890 State St., sometime Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning got \$18.75 from the cash register in quarters and half dollars and:

- Drank one bottle of soda pop.
- Ate one candy bar and some cookies.
- Smoked a cigar.

347 Wetbacks Rounded Up in Klamath Area

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—The biggest roundup of Mexican wetbacks in the history of the rich Klamath Basin was completed this week, it was disclosed here Wednesday.

Border patrolmen arrested 347 Mexicans illegally in this country in two weeks of night raids on ranches, labor camps and hobo jungles. They are being returned to Mexico by bus.

The raids were conducted by eight Immigration Service patrolmen from the Lynden, Wash., station near the Canadian border.

The Mexicans were jailed here, photographed and fingerprinted, and given hearings to determine whether they had crossed the border illegally. Some of them were as young as 14, others nearly 70. Patrolmen said most of them came here for the fall potato harvest and planned to return to Mexico with their earnings.

The 347 are being driven in buses to Dorris, Calif., where they are picked up by a private bus line under contract with the government to take them to Mexico. All are expected to be gone by the end of this week.

Kinsey Report 'Demoralized Korea Troops'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lecturer John Morley said Wednesday that Dr. Kinsey's report on "sexual behavior in the human female" did more to demoralize U.S. troops in Korea than Red propaganda has been able to do in three years.

Morley, recently returned from Korea, told a civil luncheon that 200,000 American troops in Korea are married "and the Kinsey report told them that one out of every four American wives has been unfaithful."

He said the report upset many of the boys but the more analytical questioned the validity of the conclusions, based on interviews with six thousand out of six million women.

\$3,000 IN SAFE STOLEN
EUGENE (AP)—A safe containing an estimated \$3,000 was taken early Wednesday from a tavern here by burglars who got in by jimmying open a steel door.

They also took an undisclosed sum from the cash register and pinball and music machines.

Tourniquet Saves Youth Shot In Polk Hunting Accident

Statesman News Service
MONMOUTH—Eighteen-year-old Charles Hamar, Central High football player, suffered a severe shotgun wound above his right knee Wednesday noon while pheasant hunting with two companions.

The wounded boy's doctor said Hamar's life was saved by the quick action of Edgar Hadley, 16, Independence, who placed a tourniquet above the injury.

Greek Royalty Visiting U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The king and queen of Greece, Paul and Frederika, flew into Washington Wednesday for a three-day state visit.

The royal couple arrived in New York Wednesday morning aboard the liner United States and came here in President Eisenhower's silver plane, the Columbine.

Thief Ready for Trick or Treat

TACOMA (AP)—Somebody is ready for Halloween trick or treats.

Police reported here Wednesday the theft of 700 pounds of milk chocolate bars from a Northern Pacific Railroad car. The candy was valued at \$275.

Restaurant Gives Away 1,400 Steak Dinners

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Ed Scully celebrated his restaurant's seventh birthday Wednesday by giving away 1,400 steaks and with all the trimmings too.

"We've had it the hard way and we're thankful," he said, explaining "we want to make it neighborly like."

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Ruling to Ease Truman's Tax On Life Series

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Revenue Service has made a ruling which, it is understood, will save former President Truman a lot of tax money when he sells his memoirs to Life Magazine at a reported \$600,000.

The ruling is that the sale may be made on an installment basis, allowing payment to be spread out over five years. That means keeping payments down to yearly amounts which would call for tax payments at lower rates.

The Revenue Service would not say who was the subject of a ruling published in its weekly bulletin on the "sale of a literary composition, together with suitable material from which illustrations can be made" by a taxpayer who "is not an author by profession."

However, it was understood that the ruling had been requested by former President Truman, on the sale of his life story to Life magazine.

The ruling did not state the amount which is to be paid for the manuscript, nor did it say where it would be published. Life magazine has said it would publish the Truman story and the price, never officially disclosed, has been generally reported as \$600,000.

Ike Rejects Big-Power Conference

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said Wednesday that he has no plans about sitting in on "a big-power conference with Russia until there are indications of Soviet good faith and honesty of purpose."

The President added, in his weekly press conference, that he at present does not plan to confer with British Prime Minister Churchill, who is reportedly in favor of a top-level East-West meeting.

Jail Prisoner's Bluff Brings Short Escape

PORTLAND (AP)—Clinton Taft Shuler, 33, accused of knifing a man who was invited to his home for dinner, bluffed his way out of jail early Wednesday, shortly after being arrested.

He told the jailer he was William G. Derby and would like to use the telephone. The jailer, finding such a man was in the jail for jaywalking, let him go to the booking desk as Derby. Shuler said there he would pay the \$10 jaywalking fine instead of phoning, and got out.

Then the jailer found another prisoner who proved he was the real Derby. This prisoner also asked what happened to the \$25 police had taken from him when he was jailed.

Police discovered that when Shuler was released, he took Derby's money and property, using \$10 of it to pay the fine. Shuler wasn't out very long, though. Vancouver, Wash., police arrested him Wednesday morning and he was returned to jail in Portland.

George F. Deitz, the man he is accused of stabbing, was reported in fair condition at a hospital.

RILEY QUITS BUSINESS

PORTLAND (AP)—Earl Riley, former Portland mayor, announced Wednesday he was going out of business as a car dealer here. He resigned as president of the Portland Automobile Dealers Association.