

Nation's Employment in June At Record High, Report Notes

WASHINGTON, (U)—The government reported Monday that more Americans held jobs in June—56,503,000 of them—than ever before. Only three times in the past has the national employment figure gone past 65 million: last August, when the previous record was set with 65,446,000; last October, with 65,161,000; and May of this year, with 65,238,000.

unemployment increased by 300,000 in June to 2,900,000. They said both gains, in employment and unemployment, were largely due to students and graduates joining the labor force.

Monday's report, by the Commerce and Labor departments, carried through June 16. Hence it did not reflect the results of the steel strike which began June 30. The departments said that while the number of jobs was going up,

and down six-tenths of an hour from June a year ago. Over the year, weekly pay was shown to have gone up an average of \$3.29, with most groups reporting some increases. The largest increase was \$7.64 in ordnance, followed by \$3.25 in the food industry. Weekly average gains of more than \$4 were shown for primary metals, machinery, tobacco and petroleum. In the rubber industry, average weekly hours were down more than three hours and weekly earnings dropped.

Seasonal Gain
Manufacturing showed a less than seasonal gain in employment to a total of 17,757,000 in June. The report blamed this on layoffs in automobile plants and related industries such as fabricated steel, machinery and rubber.

There was an increase of 535,000 in employment in June as compared with May in nonfarm activities. Agricultural activities, which normally go up more, increased the number of farm jobs by 730,000.

Contract and construction jobholders numbered 3,235,000 last month for a new record. New records also were reported in the 2,325,000 employed in finance, insurance and real estate, and 6,084,000 in service activities.

Trade employment totaling 11 million and government jobholders, federal, state and local, totaling 7,138,000 were new highs for the months of June but were down slightly from May.

Idaho Moves To Halt Try For Hospital

BOISE, Idaho (U)—Idaho's attorney general asked the state supreme court Monday for an order blocking the attempt of a 70-year-old Orofino, Idaho, man to establish legal ownership of State Hospital North, one of Idaho's two multimillion-dollar mental institutions.

Atty. Gen. Graydon Smith argued that the state holds legal title to the land where the Orofino institution was established more than half a century ago, but it would be difficult and costly to seek and produce the now-inaccessible land records to prove this contention.

Smith instead based his plea on the claim that the "doctrine of sovereign immunity" prevents James J. Miles from pressing his claim through the courts. The doctrine requires state permission before some types of suits may be filed against it.

Miles is the widower of a Nez Perce Indian woman, Louise Adams, who obtained the land as a federal allotment in 1905. She willed all her property to him when she died several years ago, and Miles in 1954 obtained a federal patent title to the land. Since 1954, Miles has filed for a district court order confirming his ownership of the land and asking that the state health board turn it over to him.

Eden Rejects Reich Troop Cutback Plan

LONDON (U)—Prime Minister Eden told Russia Monday her suggestion for an early cutback of Western forces in Germany "does not seem practicable."

In a note to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, Eden said any East-West understanding in Europe must leave West Europeans satisfied that "existing guarantees for their security" are maintained.

The British leader left the door open to a further study of the proposal Bulganin had made last month in his letter to seven Western leaders, including President Eisenhower.

"Comprehensive arrangements to take into account both disarmament and urgent political questions, notably the reunification of Germany, would make real progress possible," he said. "I shall always be ready to give any help I can in this."

U.S. Air Traffic Control 'World's Finest'; Capacity Taxed by Jet Age

By J. W. DAVIS
WASHINGTON (U)—The Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) said Monday the United States has the world's "finest air traffic control system" but needs to improve it for the jet age of flying.

Another aim is to lessen the danger of air collisions, such as killed 128 persons in the Grand Canyon crash of two airliners June 30.

Charles J. Lowen, CAA administrator, and other officials appeared before a House government operations subcommittee to discuss the CAA's five-year plan to expand and improve the control of air traffic.

Lowen called it the greatest federal airway project in history. He said a 40-million-dollar sum voted by Congress this year was the first installment of a five-year plan expected to total 246 million dollars.

the great speed of jets and the slow movement of helicopters.

Communication Slow
"Present communications are too slow," Tippets said. David D. Thomas, the CAA director of air traffic control, testified that the United States has "the finest air traffic control system known in the world."

But, Thomas said, "inadequate emphasis has been placed on developing new tools for air traffic control." For one thing, he said, "we need to reinforce radar signals so that we can see aircraft through precipitation clutter."

Lowen said he did not have the flight plans filed by the TWA and United Airlines planes which crashed into the Grand Canyon. But, he said, "the place of the accident is approximately 130 miles from the points at which these two aircraft left the controlled airways system."

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CULTURAL PACT SIGNED
DAMASCUS, Syria (U)—Syria and communist East Germany have signed a two-year cultural agreement. This is in addition to a trade agreement signed last year. The two countries do not have diplomatic relations, however.

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Reporters asked the governor the age of Robert A. Theobald, World War II veteran whom he named Monday state revenue director.

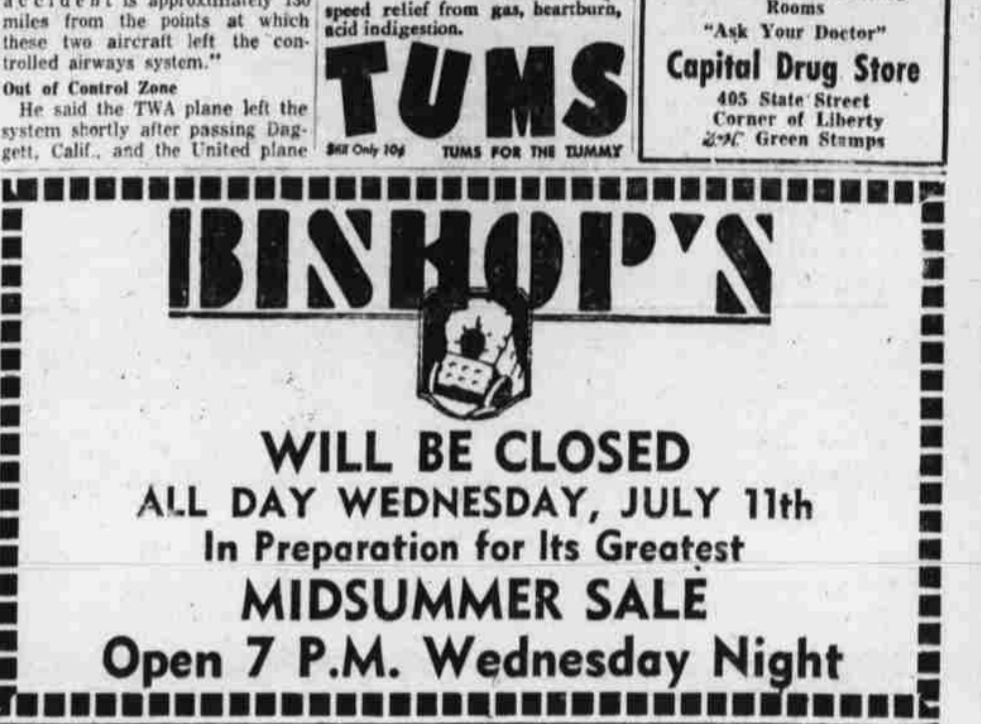
"About 60, I guess," he replied. Reporters who knew Theobald protested that he must be nearer 40.

"I guess you're right, grinned the governor. "Sixty sounds like a youth to me. When a fellow starts to shave I think he must be 60 years old."

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