

### Housewife Barely Able to Stretch Family Paycheck

(By United Press)

The average American housewife can barely stretch her husband's paycheck to pay for food, clothing and housing and usually must dip into the family's savings for any extras, a United Press survey indicated today.

Housewives in cities across the country said they had to trim their budgets of every luxury under today's inflated prices. A choice steak, a fancy dessert, or an extra suit for dad means they must sell a bond saved during the war or watch that much money checked out of their bank book.

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**Prices Soaring**  
The commerce department reported from Washington that prices are getting higher faster than the area of soaring prices has broadened and the "pace of the advance has quickened."

And most of the women said the situation is getting worse as the squeeze between income and prices increase. Some said they were at wit's end to devise ways to make cheap foods tastier and more nutritious or to make a pair of pants handed down from dad to junior now serve as a pair of slacks for little sister.

The wife of an Indianapolis broker, the mother of four children, said her grocery allowance never lasts out the week and she must "borrow" from the family savings every second week.

A Denver woman said the family garden plot helped a lot this summer but things would be tough this winter.

A New York housewife said she had to return to her old job as telephone operator, even though she has a family of five, in order to supplement her husband's salary.

"They say there's a boom," she said. "Where is it? My daughter's school tuition has doubled in the last two years. I spend \$35 a week for food alone where \$15 used to do."

### Full Investigation Of Fires Ordered

Macomb, Ill., Aug. 23 (UP)—The state today prepared a full-fledged investigation of the mysterious fires that have destroyed most of Charley Willey's farmstead but Fire chief Fred Wilson said he believed someone had touched them off with "plain old matches."

Wilson and Deputy state fire marshal John Burgard were trying to keep a close watch on the few small buildings still remaining at Willey's place.

But they were hampered by crowds of almost 1,000 persons who lined the road to see if they could catch a glimpse of the eerie "ghost fires" that have plagued Willey for nigh on three weeks.

"There weren't no fires yesterday and I don't think there will be as long as people are around, if you know what I mean," Wilson said.

"There haven't been many cases of arson in these parts, but you never know. I think we'll find out it's a plain old match." But Wilson said he was convinced the "Wileys are clear—they didn't have anything to do with this." He pointed out that their insurance was far from sufficient to cover their loss.

Burgard has been ordered to devote his entire time to solving the mystery which began more than two weeks ago when brown spots appeared on the wallpaper in the Willey farm home.

The spots spread, and then burst into flame. The Willey's doused them, but more broke out—200 in a week. Despite the help of neighbors, the farm house finally burned down. Then the two barns were destroyed by the same weird flare-ups.

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### Cold War Simmers



(NEA Radio-Telephoto) Russian and U. S. officers meet in Potsdamer Platz, downtown Berlin, where Russian, British and U. S. sectors join, after German police from Soviet zone killed four Germans and wounded 10 others in a gun battle with alleged black marketeers. Russian troops were rushed to the scene where they were met by U. S. Military Police on the border line. Both sides withdrew after a conference. Exclusive photo by staff correspondent Al Cocking.

### Spring Lamb Crop Brings Owner \$58,000 on Market

Fattened on the "waterless" Fort Rock district range of the Deschutes national forest this summer, 2,895 Suffolk lambs brought their owner, Jack Shumway of Powell Butte, approximately \$58,000, according to information received here.

The lambs, probably the heaviest ever brought from a Deschutes forest allotment, were shipped by Bob McGreer, California sheep buyer, from Bend last week to California. Herding the lambs and the

### Eleanor Planning For Radio Show

New York, Aug. 23 (UP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late president, and her daughter, Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger, will begin a national radio show entitled, "Eleanor and Anna Roosevelt," on October 4, the American Broadcasting company announced today.

The program, to be heard five afternoons a week over the network's coast-to-coast system, is available for commercial sponsorship, ABC said. The network said the two stars would receive "a considerable amount of money for their broadcasts."

The mother and daughter will discuss national and world events, food, travel, housing, fashions, recreation, the theater, literature and education, ABC officials said.

The shows will originate from Hollywood where Mrs. Boettiger makes her home and from wherever Mrs. Roosevelt happens to be. Mrs. Roosevelt, who sails for Europe September 23 for the meeting of the United Nations, will broadcast her portion of the program shortwave to this country.

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### American Citizen Escapes Custody Of Iron Curtain

Columbus, Neb. (UP)—Seventy-year-old Ludwig Huettner and his Austrian-born wife are happy that he never forfeited his American citizenship in 37 years in Europe.

The couple arrived in the United States from Czechoslovakia recently. They fled from Europe after conditions became intolerable for them.

After the communists came into control, their 80-acre farm was "nationalized." They could continue to live on it, temporarily, at least, and could work it. But they were no longer working for themselves. They were working for the government. They decided to return to Huettner's native America if they could.

**U. S. Gives Aid**  
Mr. and Mrs. Huettner applied to the United States consulate at Prague. They were told they could come to the United States under provisions made for admission of "displaced persons." Their travel expenses were paid by the U. S. government. They were given \$15 to tide them over.

That, briefly, is the story of how Ludwig Huettner returned to the land of his birth. He and his wife traveled halfway across the country to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hittner of Humphrey, Neb. Shortly afterward they found employment at St. Mary's hospital in Columbus.

Huettner told friends that conditions began to get bad during the war when the Russian army came to their home community. Conditions reached a climax when the Russian-instigated communist regime seized power.

**Too Much to Stand**  
Worst of all was the nationalizing of their homestead, Huettner said. There were many other things that a man American-born could not stand. You had to get a permit to go from one village to another. You were required to sign your name to a ballot in the election.

It was compulsory to vote and the communist candidates were the only names on the ballot. Huettner reported that if Red Cross aid seeped through to the villages he didn't see any of it.

Huettner was born in Platte county, Neb., near where he now is employed, in 1878. In 1911 he went to Europe with his foster-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Huettner. There they settled on a farm in Austria. The farm

later became part of Czechoslovakia when that country was formed after the first world war.

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The arrest of Bozo Yumovitch, vice premier of Montenegro, already has been announced. Others arrested, according to reports, are Labud Kussovac, foreign editor of the Tanjug agency and Blazo Rajchevitch, director general of the state silo monopoly.

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### "Improper"



(NEA Telephoto) The United States has revoked the authority of New York Soviet Consul General Jacob Lomakin (above) for "highly improper" activities in the case of three Soviet school teachers and has asked that he be recalled to Russia. The note demanding his return was delivered to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C.

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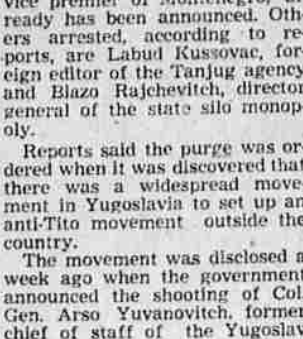
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