

Strikes Create Shortage; Raise Costs; Higher Prices

By SAM DAWSON

New York, Oct. 25 (AP)—Talk about a dollar-a-pound coffee by next year makes you wonder. Is inflation going to show up again in the place you'll like it least—the family market basket?

Already the men who package foods are starting to prepare you for price hikes all along the line before the end of the year, reversing their own predictions of a short time ago. They acknowledge large surpluses of grain but they say the government buys these up and neutralizes the law of supply and demand.

A lot of items adds up. Beef on the hoof is selling at the highest price since last November. The agriculture department today says meat prices may be lower—but adds that'll be next year, and mostly in pork.

Grain prices turned upward as soon as congress voted to continue wartime high parity payments for the principal food crops. Bountiful harvests won't pay off too strongly at the grocery.

Sugar edged a shade higher at wholesale, although there is a world surplus held off the American market by law. Cocoa has climbed up the ladder again. And some candy makers are reported hard pressed to line up all the chocolate they'd like for the Christmas trade.

The reason packaged food handlers advance for higher process- ing to come is: They fear the steel, coal and aluminum strikes will soon cause shortages of necessary supplies in their plants and raise their costs.

Last February a pound of green coffee beans brought 23 cents a pound, but now is around 38 cents. Futures prices for December delivery are at an all-time high on the New York coffee and sugar exchange.

Roasters are now asking as much as 60 cents a pound for their popular brands. Retailers say their prices will soon go to 70 cents and by the end of the year may hit \$1.

Others, however, say that before that happens, Europeans will drop out of the market, since their cheapened money makes coffee even more expensive for them than for Americans. The British food ministry has just cut its allocation of coffee to the trade by 20 per cent, releasing some million and a half bags a year to the world market.

The situation in coffee is blamed both on man's growing taste for it, and on bad growing weather for the last two years. World consumption is now greater than production,

More liquid needs to be used in making cakes and breads in air contains moisture, reports the department of agriculture.



Army Team Coming—Maj. Henry Petrola (right) and Sgt. Harold L. Hall (left), members of the army team that will conduct a class here for regulars and reserves of the armed forces the night of November 2 at Bush school. Hall is pointing to the M-Day Force chart. (U. S. Army Photo)

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Maj. Petrola is a reserve officer on active duty with the Sixth army operations and training section, organized reserve corps division. He served two years in the Pacific during World War II and is a school teacher by profession.

Sgt. Hall, veteran of 29 months of duty in the Pacific during World War II, comes from the Second Infantry division, company B, 23rd infantry regiment, Fort Lewis. He is on detached service at Vancouver barracks for a year.

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Gould, who inherited \$10,000,000 from his father, financier Jay Gould. Frank Gould had spent most of his life in France and still lives there.

18 Priests Sentenced

Prague, Oct. 25 (AP)—Reliable sources said today 18 Roman Catholic priests had been sentenced to two years in prison each after a trail in Prague's Pankrac prison. They were accused of reading banned pastoral letters from their bishops.

The informants said the priests refused to tell the court by whom the pastoral letters were delivered.

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