

Panic Costs 5 Lives, 31 Hurt in Fire

Pileup Traps Women on Escapes

By MARK SHEEHAN
NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Fire flashing through an old four-story loft building an hour before quitting time Thursday brought panic and death. It was panic more than anything else, fire officials said, that killed those who failed to escape the inferno.

Cost of Living Rises to New Record Level

Prices at End of 1956 3 Per Cent Higher Than in '55

WASHINGTON (AP)—The cost of living rose to a record level again last month to make consumer prices at the end of 1956 almost 3 per cent higher than December, 1955, the government reported today.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' consumer price index rose two-tenths of 1 per cent between November and December to a new high for 118 per cent of average 1947-49 prices.

The index set new records in six of the last seven months of 1956.

The new increase also means cost of living pay boosts ranging from 1 to 3 cents an hour for around 300,000 workers in trucking and other transport industries, and the electrical and aircraft factories.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics also reported that the average factory workers' take-home pay and the purchasing power of his pay check rose to record levels in December, despite the rise in the cost of living.

At the year's end, the average factory take-home pay was almost 2 per cent higher than in November and about 5 per cent higher over the year.

The purchasing power of the average factory pay check stood at 123.5 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

The BLS said higher housing costs were the main factor in the cost of living increase last month.

Greek Cypriots Go on 24-Hour General Strike

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—Nicosia's Greek Cypriot residents today began a strictly observed 24-hour general strike.

The strike was called to protest recent clashes between Greek and Turkish factions on this violence-ridden British island colony in the east Mediterranean.

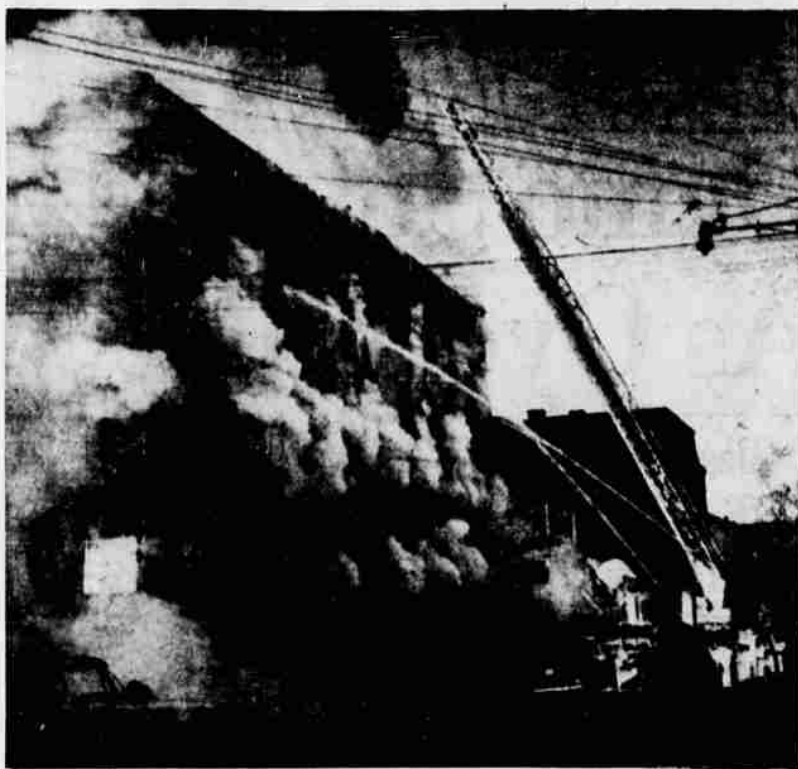
The Turkish-speaking minority opposes the Greek Cypriot demands for union of Cyprus with Greece.

Greek Cypriots charged authorities did not move quickly enough in their efforts to put down the latest trouble. They said considerable damage to Greek-owned property resulted.

Military patrols and armored cars patrolled the narrow streets of the old walled city between the shuttered shops. But essential services were not affected by the strike.

Business operations were normal in Nicosia's Turkish quarter. A British civilian was killed and a British serviceman wounded seriously in shooting attacks at Famagusta. The death was attributed to the EOKA rebels.

Smoke Pours From Burning Factory



NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Front of ancient factory building in New Haven's East side where from six to eight perished in panicky rush to escape, their clothing afire. Some, caught on fire escape, had to be pulled apart.

Senate Group Cites Unionist For Contempt

McClellan Says Others Besides Brewster Face Charge

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman McClellan (D-Ark.) said today more citations charging contempt of Congress will follow that which his Senate investigations subcommittee voted against Frank W. Brewster of Seattle.

Brewster is an international vice president of the teamsters union and president of the 11-state Western Conference of teamsters.

Brewster, called as a witness at a public hearing Saturday, refused to answer questions and contended the subcommittee had no authority to question him. The subcommittee was looking into alleged racketeering in labor unions.

Among other things, Brewster refused to say whether he had received \$30,000 from the union in addition to his salary and whether union funds were used to pay for the maintenance and operation of his race horse stable.

He also refused to produce union financial records the subcommittee had ordered him to bring.

McClellan called this "willful contempt" and said he expects citations will be voted soon against some other officials of the union who refused to testify.

The subcommittee announced it had voted 5-0 in a closed door meeting yesterday to file the contempt charges against Brewster.

The resolution citing him now goes to the Senate Government Operations Committee, which McClellan also leads, and then to the Senate for a final vote on whether to ask the Justice Department to prosecute.

The charge carries a possible penalty of a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

TORONTO (AP)—Earl Atlee's scheduled lecture in Toronto Friday night has been cancelled because of public apathy. It was to have been the last in a three-week tour of North America.

His speaking agent, Mrs. Estelle Craig, commented:

"This would have been almost a fiasco, to have permitted the meeting to go on. Massey Hall holds 2,732 persons. There would have been enough people there to fill more than half a dozen rows."

She said the reason for the low advance sale of tickets to her former British Laborite Prime Minister probably was Lord Atlee's refusal to discuss current international affairs with the press or his audiences.

With technical aid from the United States, Cuba is growing titer crops which provide raw material to substitute for jute imports from India.

CORRECTS BAN MISCUE

Adenauer Thinks Russ A-Equipped

BONN, Germany (AP)—Chancellor Adenauer said Friday he believes Russian troops just inside the Communist perimeter already are equipped with nuclear weapons.

The West German government leader was replying to a question at his semi-monthly news conference about Moscow's recent warning to the United States

against equipping foreign bases with atomic-armed missiles. The Soviets charged Wednesday that the United States was establishing bases around the Soviet Union for atomic-armed guided missiles. It said plans called for equipping bases in Turkey, Iran, Japan, Okinawa, Alaska, and Western Europe with the most modern weapons, including long-range guided missiles and atomic warheads.

The Russians said this raised the threat of a great new war and warned Turkey, Iran and Japan that if they permitted the launching of any of "these weapons of war" from their countries, Russia will answer with "blows delivered by the same weapons."

The United States has never disclosed whether atomic warheads or bombs are located at overseas bases.

Adenauer also got back in step publicly with his Western allies on the handling of thermonuclear (hydrogen) weapons, saying they should be placed under international control.

The chancellor's remarks obviously were intended to erase fears aroused by his call at a press conference Jan. 11 for a ban on thermonuclear weapons.

Adenauer's failure then to demand a system of control and inspection along with such a ban caused consternation in Washington. The German leader sounded as if he was lining up with Moscow's perennial call for outlawing of atomic weapons by simple treaty agreements without any enforcement machinery.

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times said today that the Eisenhower administration is planning a propaganda counteroffensive in the Middle East.

The U. S. government's position is "definitely hardening" against Egyptian President Nasser, a Washington dispatch to the newspaper added.

The story said U. S. propaganda activities have been increased to counteract Arabic broadcast attacks on the Eisenhower Middle Eastern policy. The Voice of America is directing 9 1/2 hours of Arabic broadcasts daily into the area.

VIENNA (AP)—Only 54 refugees from Russian-occupied Hungary reached Austria in the last 24 hours, the lowest daily total since the Oct. 23 revolution.

The reduction is due chiefly to tightened Hungarian police guards, from Budapest across the country to the Austrian border.

The Vienna paper Neuer Kurier reported that Hungarian police had been ordered to fire on all refugees trying to reach Austria and that frontier guards had been offered a bonus of 300 forints (about \$27 at the official exchange rate) for every refugee captured.

U. S. Propaganda Drive Forecast In Middle East

Refugee Flow Nearly Halts

LOW-YIELD SHOTS

Further Atomic Tests Set At Nevada Site This Year

By ELTON C. FAY, AP Military Affairs Reporter
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission is setting up a new series of atomic tests, presumably to include such defense weapons as nuclear antiaircraft missiles and artillery.

An AEC announcement last night gave no dates, but said the tests will begin late in the spring at the Nevada proving grounds west of Las Vegas. Four previous series of tests have been conducted there, the last in the spring of 1955.

The announcement said the new series will involve "low-yield nuclear tests."

This presumably means that the explosions will be not much more than 30 kilotons. A kiloton is the equivalent of the energy released in explosion of 1,000 tons of TNT.

The commission, obviously sensitive to concern over radiological fall-out from nuclear explosions, emphasized that "tests of high-yield devices are not conducted in Nevada."

In general, a "high-yield" explosion is of H-bomb proportions, producing forces as high as 17 million tons of TNT.

The AEC announcement of the new test series came only four days after the commission said the Russians had conducted "other nuclear weapons" test in their current series which started last year. But the American test series this spring was not prompted by the latest Soviet firing. Plans were started as soon as the 1955 series was completed.

Two statements pointed up sharply the intention to give primary attention to tactical, rather than massive strategic-type weapons, in the 1957 series:

1. The comment by President Eisenhower, in his recent budget message, that during the new fiscal year "emphasis will be placed on weapons for tactical purposes."

2. The commission's statement last night that in the new series "development of weapons for defense against attack is a major objective."

The AEC did not spell out what it meant by "weapons for defense."

However, in the military's lexicon, that covers a wide range of smaller size A-bombs, dropped from jet fighter-bomber planes, can be used for defense to break up or prevent an enemy

attack on friendly ground forces. The same is true of nuclear warheads for tactical range guided missiles.

And the Army's artillery is defensive, as well as offensive. The Army has three sizes of conventional artillery which can fire nuclear shells: the older 280-mm. cannon, the standard eight-inch rifle and the new 175-mm. gun. So far as is known the last two have not been fired with atomic shells.

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Sen. Morse Voices Suspicion of Pilot Killing in Dominica

Hiding of Trujillo Improprieties Indicated

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) in expressing concern over the Gerald Lester Murphy case.

Murphy, a Eugene, Ore. pilot employed by the Dominican Airlines, has been missing since Dec. 3 in the Dominican Republic.

Morse said Thursday circumstantial evidence indicates to him that Murphy "suffered foul play at hands of, or with the complicity of, the Dominican government."

The senator continued, "If De La Maza did in fact kill this young American, the circumstances are suspicious. They indicate that the Trujillo government decided to remove De La Maza and at the same time avoid any blame for Murphy's disappearance."

He said Murphy may have learned of "improper acts" by the regime while in the employ of the Dominican government's airline.

Morse said he had asked the U. S. Information Service to broadcast his comments over the Voice of America in its Caribbean and Latin American programs.

The senator said this was the first time he had commented on the case "in which rumor and secondary evidence play such a large part."

"However," he added, "in a dictatorship such as that imposed by the Trujillo regime, judicial proof under due process is nonexistent."

The regime's record of suppression, violence and corruption, together with the accumulating evidence, including the Dominican attorney general's announcement, leads to one conclusion:

Earlier Porter had asked Secretary of State Dulles for comment on a report that the Eugene airplane's disappearance was of political origin.

Porter said he had a report from a group that opposes the Trujillo regime saying Murphy was murdered on "orders from above."

The organization, Porter added, was told Murphy was killed because he became suspicious that De La Maza was connected with the disappearance of a Columbia University professor who opposed the Trujillo regime.

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None Hurt in 2 Derailments In New Jersey

RAHWAY, N. J. (AP)—A freight train and four cars of a passenger train were derailed in two separate wrecks a half mile apart here Friday.

No one was injured in either mishap but the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad was tied up indefinitely.

Railroad spokesmen said 21 cars of an 80-car freight headed for Jersey City jumped the rails at 5:30 a. m. scattering pipes, lumber and other cargo over the area near Pennsylvania station here.

About an hour later, all but two cars of a six-car commuter train headed for New York from New Brunswick were derailed as they crossed from one track to another just west of the station.

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SACB Labels 'Peace' Group As Red Front

WASHINGTON (AP)—The American Peace Crusade, which has sponsored several "peace marches" on Washington, was described formally today as a Communist front.

In a report filed with the Subversive Activities Control Board, former SACB Chairman Thomas Herbert recommended that the board issue an order directing the organization to register with the Justice Department under the 1950 internal security law.

Herbert conducted hearings in the case before he resigned Dec. 31 to become a judge of the Ohio Supreme Court. His report said the testimony showed the American Peace Crusade, with headquarters in New York, was founded by the Communist party in 1951.

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