

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS
of Main Street and the WorldCost-of-Living Index Stabilized
For First Time Since June, 1950

THAT RISING SPIRAL—The government's predictions that prices would level off as a result of its numerous and sometimes confusing price regulations, seemed to be borne out with the announcement that the cost-of-living index has come to a dead stop.

The bureau of labor statistics put out two sets of figures that indicated the upward spiral had stopped for the first time since the outbreak of the Korean War last June.



Price Chief DiSalle
He told rate farm bloc his beef
rollback order was justified.

battle casualties in Korea, boosting the war to 141,955.

Bradley told the senators there have been 69,276 battle casualties, including 10,690 dead. Of the nonbattle casualties, 612 died of such causes as pneumonia, automobile accidents, etc. Eighty-five per cent of the rest have returned to duty.

Release of these figures confirms rumors long circulated in the nation that casualties have been more than double those officially announced.

TRUMAN AND THE HOME TOWN—It was evident that President Truman had the home towns of the nation on his mind during his recent news conference. At two points he indicated he had been giving them considerable thought.

For one thing, he told newsmen that a third world war would turn American soil into a battle front. He said he believes that the people have enough intelligence and energy to meet any situation. But he indicated he was unwilling to take a chance on seeing how they would react under the destruction another world struggle would bring to the home towns of the nation.

The President would not say whether he will be a candidate again in 1952, but he did indicate another of his famous cross-country tours to tell the home towners his policies was a possibility.

In the 1948 election campaign the President carried his message to the home towners and made hundreds of speeches to small but enthusiastic audiences. His appeal on the local level is credited with his success in that campaign. It seems likely, therefore, that another cross-country swing is but a matter of time.

APPEAL TO MAIN STREET—Governments may argue and pass regulations, but they are ineffective if Main Street doesn't support them. This outstanding trait of democracy was demonstrated again when the house agriculture committee appealed to housewives and consumer representatives to come forward and defend the beef rollback aimed at cutting the price of beef 8 to 10 cents at butcher stores by October 1.

Under continued assault from cattlemen, packers and distributors, the committee decided the best counterattack would be from Main Street customers. They wanted to hear from any consumers or consumer groups who think the beef order will benefit them.

Meanwhile the government ordered a cut in the number of cattle that may be slaughtered this month. The quota will be 87 per cent of the weight slaughtered in June, 1950. The purpose is to assure fair distribution of livestock among registered slaughterers and to prevent the rise of black markets.

WHAT CHANCES FOR PEACE?—Ever since the MacArthur incident impressed upon the man on Main Street the awful possibility of years of struggle in Korea, one question has been uppermost in the mind of every American—what are the chances for peace?

At present there are being circulated rumors of peace proposals. These rumors have grown since United Nations troops broke the back of the second Chinese offensive and then plunged northward to kill and capture thousands of Red troops.

But it would be well for the home towners to remember that talk of peace as circulated now are but rumors—nothing more. It would be futile to pin the hope of peace on a rumor and then have it deflated by another Communist attack. Military leaders in Korea report the killing and capture of thousands of Red soldiers, but still warn they are capable of another offensive. It is well to remember that peace can not be made by one party—there must be two.

RED CROSS IN KOREA—The American Red Cross, to which millions of people in the home towns of the nation have contributed their dollars, this month is launching the operations of 28 clubmobiles for the troops in Korea. The clubmobiles, to be staffed by 60 Red Cross girls, were requested by the military because of their adaptability to the quick-shifting Korean war front.

A popular feature of the Red Cross services to the armed forces in World War II, the clubmobiles will provide airmen and ground troops with free coffee and doughnuts, recorded music and stationery.

They will supplement the one large Red Cross club operating at the port of Pusan. At present approximately 300 Red Cross workers and more than 3,000 volunteers are now serving American troops in Asia.



The Senator and the General
Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, told house and senate committees investigating the MacArthur affair that U.S. casualties in Korea were 141,955. (See story above.)

FARM MANPOWER PROBLEM

Better Living Standard May Ease Problem

Reports from many sections of the country continue to show no improvement in the farm manpower problem. Draft boards are still handing out few deferments for agriculture.

Industry is also draining off a great part of the remaining farm manpower, reports indicate.

As a result, the nation is entering a period of mobilization—almost a

state of war—with the fewest farm workers in its history.

The labor problem is further complicated by the fact that many workers now available are capable of handling nothing more complicated than a hoe. They are a poor substitute for a hired hand or son who has a life-time of training in agronomy, animal husbandry, and power machinery.

THE
WASHINGTON
Merry-Go-Round
BY DREW PEARSON

MacArthur Flouts Orders

THE senate's ruling that star witnesses in the MacArthur hearings will not have to testify regarding confidential conversations presumably will hold for confidential conversations between Gen. Omar Bradley and the other members of the joint chiefs of staff.

However, some of their private reactions during the MacArthur discussions are significant. Inside fact is that the joint chiefs were extremely nervous about the idea of ousting MacArthur and took care to avoid the word "recommend" in reporting to the White House that MacArthur be fired.

Instead, and after considerable private debate, they decided to use the words "militarily advisable." Therefore, a report that it was "militarily advisable" to relieve MacArthur was signed by all four of the joint chiefs.

Despite this compromise-wording there was no question among the joint chiefs that MacArthur should go. There were three general reasons for this view, and it is interesting that none of them really agreed with Truman's reasons—namely, MacArthur's flouting of orders by discussing foreign policy.

Reason No. 1 was the fact that the joint chiefs considered MacArthur too rash as a military commander and likely to let American forces in for more trouble.

Tying MacArthur's Hands

That was why they actually tied his hands with the military directive regarding the bombing of Chinese bases. They decided that he could bomb Chinese bases if—and there were two very big ifs—1. The Communists threw in enough air power to jeopardize our ground troops; or 2. If the Chinese attacked any U.N. ships or installations outside Korea.

But MacArthur was given a further directive that before he could do any bombing in either of the above categories he must first consult the joint chiefs. In other words, what might provoke MacArthur into bombing Manchuria might not be enough to provoke the joint chiefs. They didn't trust his judgment, were afraid he would interpret these conditions far more liberally than they.

Reason No. 2 was the fact that MacArthur was not one to take suggestions or guidance from the joint chiefs. While it is J.C.S. policy not to dictate to the commander in the field, they do reserve the right to give general guidance and make suggestions.

And they were quite provoked during MacArthur's November advance into North Korea that he ignored their warning that there was no battle communication between General Walker's 8th army and General Almond's 10th corps. When the joint chiefs warned MacArthur about this, he replied, rather coldly, that there was sufficient liaison.

However, the joint chiefs, still not satisfied, asked MacArthur a second time why General Almond and his 10th corps were operating independently of the 8th army, leaving a big gap between the two forces. MacArthur replied, unconvincedly, that General Almond and his 10th corps were drawing Chinese pressure away from the 8th army.

Later, when the Chinese struck, they picked the hole that had worried the joint chiefs, and smashed right into the vacuum between the 10th corps and the 8th army.

Reason No. 3 however, what finally got the joint chiefs really sore at MacArthur was the way his statement about using Chiang Kai-Shek's troops in Korea killed the universal military training bill.

For months the joint chiefs had set their hearts on passing universal military training for the first time in the history of the nation. But two days after MacArthur's statement urging that we use Chiang's Formosan troops, the U.M.T. bill was dead. MacArthur had killed it. For congress was under immediate fire from the voters to use Chinese troops instead of expanding the draft.

U. N. Troops

A lot has been published about the failure of our United Nations friends to support us in Korea, but not much about certain unexpected support. Italy, for instance, is not a member of the U.N., but has asked for permission to send units to Korea. So far, nothing definite has been worked out.

Unoriginality in Names

David Zaslavsky, chief editor of Pravda, let off steam at a recent meeting of the pro-Communist international organization of journalists meeting at Budapest.

Among other things, he branded "Drew Pearson" a "warmonger." There's nothing like being versatile. I have now been called a "Communist" by Senator McCarthy, a warmonger by the editor of Pravda, and an S.O.B. by President Truman. It's about time somebody thought up some new names.



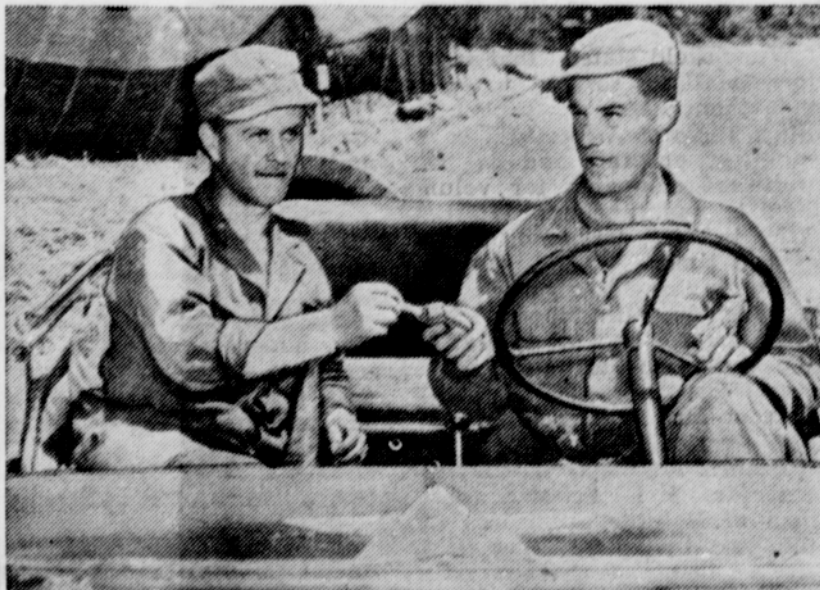
FRIENDLY AND UNFRIENDLY WITNESSES . . . The military attaches of most foreign countries were among the thousands who watched U.S. armed forces parade in Washington recently. Some of these attaches represented friendly and others represented nations not so friendly. Saluting here are Sir Neil Ritchie (left), chief of staff of the British army, Major Theodore Birgeron, foreign liaison officer of the United States army, and Major General Alexander (right) of the Soviet army. Just what the Soviet officer thought of American military might was not reflected by his polite, but immobile, features.



PERON ATOM EXPERT REPORTED ARRESTED . . . A front page story in a Rio de Janeiro newspaper said recently that President Juan D. Peron, president of Argentina (right), has ordered the arrest of Dr. Ronald Richter (left), the scientist whom President Peron hailed two months ago as discoverer of a new process for releasing atomic energy. The newspaper story said military technicians of Argentina's army had analyzed Dr. Richter's atomic "discovery" and discovered that the whole thing was "a colossal bluff." Motive for the hoax carried out by the scientist is not known.



TIGHTROPE MARATHON . . . Helmut Horlants, 23, set out recently to break the record for tightrope walking of 52 hours, by stretching a rope across the city hall square in Stockerau, Austria. He held out until he had accomplished his goal and didn't come off the wire for 76 hours. He wasn't alone in his marathon. He had a band of well-wishers far below him on the street, while he sat there during a rain, walking along the rope for diversion, and taking his meals on one foot. What reward he received for his new record wasn't learned.



FRIENDS ONCE ENEMIES . . . These two American soldiers fought against each other in World War II, one on the side of the allies and one on the side of the Germans. They are now members of a combat battalion in Korea and the best of friends. P.F.C. Saul Weinberger, New York (left), was an inmate in a German concentration camp 1942-45. P.F.C. Fred Strohecker, Philadelphia (right), was a pilot with the German Luftwaffe.



ADONIS ON TRIAL . . . Joe Adonis, named by senate crime group as co-leader with Frank Costello of the underworld in the east, arrives at Hackensack, N.J., courthouse to go on trial on charges of operating billion dollar gambling set-up.



OLD SOLDIER DIES . . . "General" Jacob S. Coxey, leader of the famous Coxey's army in a march on Washington in 1894, was given funeral rites recently in Massillon, Ohio. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 97.

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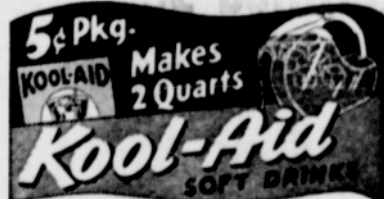
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