

Chicago — (U.P.) — International Harvester company announced Friday that its 75,000 non-managerial employees will take a cut in pay due to a reduction in the cost of living for the first time since it set up "escalator" pay provisions 22 months ago.

FIRE HITS FIRM
Bettendorf, Ia. — (U.P.) — Hundreds of employees of the J. I. Case Co. were out of work, at least temporarily, after a \$500,000 fire destroyed five sections of a huge company foundry plant.

Scientist X Denies Atom Spying Charge

Minneapolis — (U.P.) — Joseph W. Weinberg, the famed "Scientist X," said Saturday, "I am innocent" of accusations that he leaked atomic secrets to Russia. The slight, bespectacled scientist said that he would plead innocent to the federal charges he lied when he testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee that he was not a Communist.

Furthermore, he said he welcomed the charges.

Will Hear Evidence
"This will be the first opportunity to hear the evidence claimed against me," he said. At that point, Weinberg indicated that he would not answer any more questions. When pressed, he became indignant.

"I will not grant an interview at this time," he snapped.

The warrant setting forth the charges against him was expected to arrive in Minneapolis early next week, probably Tuesday.

Arrested Friday
Although the warrant had not arrived, Weinberg was arrested Friday and taken before U. S. Commissioner C. L. Lundquist for a brief hearing.

He was released on \$10,000 bond.

Specifically, Weinberg was charged on three counts of perjury in an indictment handed down by a federal grand jury in Washington.

Later a bench warrant for his arrest was issued in Washington by Federal Judge James R. Kirkland. In Minneapolis, Lundquist said that the "knowledge" the warrant existed was sufficient to arrest Weinberg.

Airborne Cattle Sold at Corvallis

Corvallis — (U.P.) — The Corvallis airport had its first livestock auction Friday when the Flying Tigers air cargo service unloaded a consignment of 100 two-month-old Holstein heifers for Willamette valley buyers.

Auctioneer Earl Gillespie, who purchased the airborne cargo at Watertown, Wis., for \$3,000, had planned to auction the calves to dairymen at his Corvallis auction yard. But bad weather delayed the flight so long that he allowed the eager farmers to bid on the animals as they were unloaded at the airport.

He plans to import another C-48-load of heifers next week. He said he purchased them in Wisconsin because of the "tremendous demand here for heavier breeds of dairy cattle, and to get animals that will produce milk testing more in line with the 3.5 per cent butterfat content of the milk sold here."

Sheriff, Deputies Face Charges of Misconduct

Everett — (U.P.) — Sheriff Tom Warnock and three of his deputies were charged in Superior Court Saturday with "conspiracy and misconduct" after being accused of working prisoners on their farms without court permission.

Charged with Warnock were Undersheriff Earl Weaver and Deputies Lewis Flanagan and Charles Hudson.

The complaint, filed by Prosecutor Phil Sheridan, accused the four of working prisoners for "personal and private benefit," which Sheridan said violated the law. They also were accused of permitting prisoners to leave the jail in violation of court orders.

Uncontrolled Items Keep Living Costs On Upward Trend

Washington — (U.P.) — Despite price controls, the government's cost-of-living index keeps edging upward because of certain uncontrolled items in the economy, federal economists said Saturday.

Experts of the Bureau of Labor Statistics said the substantial upward pressure on the consumer price index comes from little-noticed items like recreation, transportation, and personal and medical care.

'Built-In' Pressures
These items, classified as "miscellaneous," give the index a "built-in" inflationary pressure, economists said. Coupled with anticipated higher food prices, the experts said, they should result in an increasing cost of living this year.

As of April 15, the index had climbed nearly four points in the past year to put it at 188.7 per cent of the 1935-39 average. Food prices and the "miscellaneous" items were largely responsible for the rise.

Draw Up Living Cost
Food and "miscellaneous" items each account for about a third of the dollar in drawing up the cost-of-living yardstick.

The remaining third is divided among rent, 11 per cent, clothing 12 per cent, house furnishings 6 per cent and fuel, electricity and refrigeration a total of 3.4 per cent.

Backing Given Dam At Hells Canyon

Caldwell, Ida. — (U.P.) — George L. Crookham, Jr., of the Idaho Reclamation association said Saturday he favors Hells Canyon dam project—with reservations.

Crookham is a member of the IRA's advisory committee. He maintained in a statement that Hells Canyon legislation now before Congress separates water from soil in establishing a priority for hydro-electric power.

He said Hells Canyon could best be put to use by setting up priority water use by interstate compact, and authorization for development of the Mountain Home project in particular.

Crookham added that Idaho citizens "should receive a fair share in the river run and firm up hydro-electric power, with the power made available through long-term contracts and without preferential clauses."

Coos Bay Workers Settle Labor Dispute

Portland — (U.P.) — Federal Mediator Bob McClelland announced settlement Saturday of a strike by CIO woodworkers at the Coos Bay Lumber company, sending some 1,500 unionists back to work at the Coos Bay firm.

McClelland said that Local 116, District 7, Coos Bay local of the International Woodworkers of America, had reached an agreement on the local level with the company.

He said the agreement combines some of the features of the IWA pattern of settlement with other companies since the unionists struck against lumber operators in five states and some of those now developing in concurrent AFL negotiations.

Bodies of Men Killed In January Slide Found

Sun Valley — (U.P.) — The bodies of two of four men trapped in a snowslide here last winter were recovered from Baldy mountain Saturday.

The bodies were identified as those of Stuart Fraser, San Diego, and Arthur Gardner, New York City. They were in a party of four skiers buried when tons of snow tumbled down Baldy last Jan. 19.

One other victim, Sun Valley ski instructor Victor Gottschalk, was recovered immediately after the slide. The fourth man, Rudolph Mandl of Southbend, Washington, still is missing.

The Grange

Eagle Point Grange opened in regular session May 20. Sams Valley Grange put on the program, the youth of that Grange being responsible for the interesting and entertaining numbers given.

Ways and Means committee announced the next regular dance will be June 7.

Grant Hubbell, legislative chairman, reported on how the wage stabilization board has affected the farm laborers as wages were established for them in May, 1951.

Gertrude Stanley finished telling of her trip to Cuba and how different conditions are through the south than here.

Roscoe Roberts, state Grange steward, and Herb Carlton, Pomona master, who were guests, explained the resolution from the Wasco County Grange on the election of state Grange officers. Other guests were Eda Torrence, master of Upper Rogue Grange and R. A. James, master of Sams Valley Grange.

It was reported that Claude Waddell has been ill, and that Annie Clave shows no improvement.

The third and fourth drill team will go to Shady Cove, May 28 to put on degree work. It is not thought necessary to practice before going as the team recently put on this work at Central Point.

CARDINAL'S AUNT DIES

Lisbon, Portugal — (U.P.) — Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York interrupted his visit to the forthcoming World Eucharistic Congress at Barcelona Friday to return to the United States because of the death of his aunt. The cardinal was told of the death of his aunt, Sister Florentina of the Order of St. Joseph, at Boston, Mass., when he arrived here on the liner Constitution.

GETS RING BACK

Montreal, Que. — (U.P.) — A judge's ruling gave jilted lovers a break. At least as far as salesman Charles Roy was concerned. Miss Pierrette Boubonniere was told Thursday to return Roy's ring or pay him \$361.20 because she had broken off their engagement. Roy got his ring back.

Milton-Freewater Future Farmers of America Friday named their lamb mascot "Richard" to honor Richard Ulstrop, manager of American Can company's warehouse here.

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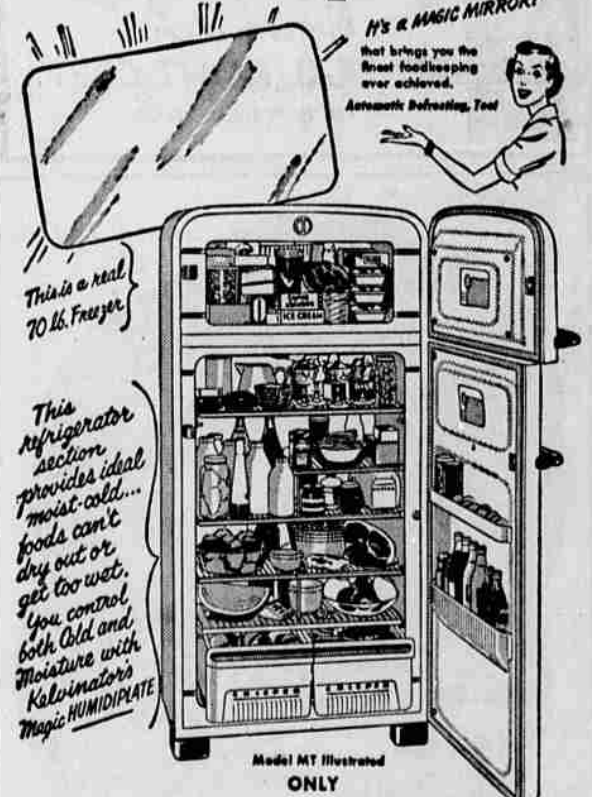
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