



IN THE BIG CITY—As spectators look on from windows high above the street, President Eisenhower waves a familiar greeting from auto on his arrival in New York City. Ike was in town to deliver a nationally televised speech from Madison Square Garden.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Today's dash of politics: An Oregon voter (a Southern Oregon voter at that) told a friend of mine the other day: "I certainly like this Adlai Stevenson. I voted for him four years ago, and I've never had it so good. I'm going to vote for him again this year."

THE bureau of statistics of the U. S. labor department reported the other day that living costs rose .3 of one per cent in September to a RECORD level. The bureau's index reached 117.1 per cent of the 1947-1949 base period.

The bureau said the September living cost level was nearly two per cent higher than a year ago and 2.8 per cent higher than in January 1953 at the start of President Eisenhower's administration.

IT SOUNDS bad, doesn't it? Reading just that and going no farther, you might howl like a wounded wolf. You might even smack your right fist into the palm of your left hand and snort: "I'm going to VOTE DEMOCRATIC, so help me Hannah! I just can't take this constant rise in the prices of everything I have to buy. It's killing us common people."

WAIT a minute. Let's read a little farther.

IN SEPTEMBER, the labor department's "index" reached 117.1 per cent of the 1947-1949 base period. In the jargon of the statisticians that means that in September of this year living costs were 17.1 per cent higher the average for the period beginning in 1947 and ending in 1949. That, the bureau said in its report the other day, is 2.8 per cent higher than in January 1953, at the start of President Eisenhower's administration.

If you will subtract 2.8 per cent from 17.1 per, you will have 14.3 per cent left.

THAT is to say: Of the 17.1 per cent increase in the cost of living that has taken place in the years since 1947-1949 "base" period, 14.3 per cent occurred in the years when the Democrats were in power and only 2.8 per cent in the Eisenhower administration.

That sounds quite different.

NOW let's hear Ike's story. In a public statement the other day, President Eisenhower pointed out that while consumer prices have risen 2.8 per cent during his administration REAL WAGES of factory workers ("real wages" are what you can buy with your money) have risen 8.6 per cent.

That means this: At the end of these three and a half years, the factory worker is nearly three times better off (in terms of increase in his buying power) than he was before Ike came into the picture.

IS THAT a sound reason for any working man to vote against Ike?

It looks to me like a pretty good reason to vote FOR him.

IN ELECTION years, this is a big question among editors: Shall we or shall we not offer advice on how to vote on every ballot item come Election Day? That is, shall we tell the people how to vote on EVERYTHING—ballot measures and CANDIDATES alike?

GETTING personal, don't do it. Why not?

Well, there is a fine town on the Pacific Coast that has always had an outstanding newspaper, run by able and competent people. It regularly tells people how they should vote on EVERYTHING. "Taking a stand" its editors call it.

When I go there, everybody I talk to on the subject speaks somewhat slightly of the town's newspaper. I ask WHY—adding that I think their newspaper is an exceptionally good one. I get this answer: "Oh, the essobees WANT TO RUN THE TOWN."

Little Woman's Slap Sends Robber Fleeing

Portland—UP—A plucky 65-year-old woman, who stands five feet tall, sent a would-be robber fleeing last night by slapping his face.

Mrs. Ora I. Lansing said she was in the rear of the grocery she and her husband operate when a man in his early 20s entered and began helping himself to cigarettes. Mrs. Lansing said that when she asked the man what he wanted he pushed her. She said she instinctively swung and landed a slap against his face.

She said the youth ran from behind the counter, paused at the door and left. Mrs. Lansing said he carried a gun.

South Haven, Mich.—UP—"I owe you some money," a man told Barbara Lamb, clerk in the Bureau of Public Works here as he handed over \$21. He told Miss Lamb he left town broke in 1935, owing that amount to the BPW, and never had been able to get it out of his mind.



DONNING "I LIKE IKE" spectacles to make point, ex-President Harry S. Truman tells Democrats at \$100 a plate dinner in Washington Republicans are looking at world through rose colored glasses. (International)

Air Force Testing Supersonic Bomber

Washington—UP—The Air Force has begun testing the nation's first supersonic bomber while the Navy announced plans for a giant nuclear-powered super-carrier.

The bomber—reportedly designed to attain speeds of about 1,000 miles an hour—is expected to make its first flight in 10 days. It began ground taxi tests Monday.

Construction of the nuclear-powered supercarrier—a giant 43 per cent heavier than the Forrestal—is expected to begin next year.

The Air Force said Monday the new bomber—the P58 "Hustler"—made its first taxi run at the Fort Worth, Tex., plant of the General Dynamics corporation Convair division.

Sheppard Murder Case Reopened

Cleveland—UP—Assistant County Prosecutor Saul Danaceau said today a "telephone tip" from an unidentified city prompted him to reopen the investigation of the Sheppard murder case.

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, 32, osteopath of suburban Bay Village, is serving a life sentence in Ohio Penitentiary for the July 4, 1954, bludgeoning slaying of his 31-year-old wife, Marilyn Reese Sheppard, in their lake-shore home.

Danaceau said he remained convinced that Sheppard is guilty, but said the tip led to "new facts" in the murder mystery.

Sheppard was convicted after a sensational trial here, Dec. 21, 1954, on second degree murder charges. His conviction was upheld by the Court of Appeals and Ohio Supreme Court. It now is pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Danaceau said he received "a long distance telephone tip," and had visited the city from where the call came.

He refused to name the city, but said he decided on his return here to launch the new investigation.

Danaceau said he had asked the Cleveland police department to help with the new investigation, but had received no reply to his request.

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Ontario Woman Flees Burning Buildings

Ontario—UP—Mrs. Edna Wood of Ontario escaped with her life and only a handful of clothing here early today when her two-story Airport Cafe and service station burned to the ground. She estimated loss to the building and equipment at \$10,000.

Mrs. Wood told authorities she was alone in the building when she heard the first of two explosions. She ran outside and within minutes the structure, near Ontario airport, was engulfed in flames. Cause of the blaze was not determined immediately.

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Wealthy Italian Searches For Gold Every Sunday

Turin, Italy—UP—Early every Sunday morning, 71-year-old Giovanni Mattioli packs a rucksack with salami, bread and wine.

He puts on an old shirt and dungarees, pulls a battered black Stetson over his crop of white hair and carrying his shovel and gold pan under his arm, trudges into the Turin hills to search for gold.

Giovanni Mattioli usually stops at the first stream he comes to. He puts the rucksack in a cool place and hurriedly makes for the water's edge. Quickly he shovels sand into the pan and then gently shakes it.

Operation Repeated. Hour after hour he repeats this operation, deeply absorbed and oblivious to his surrounding. Perhaps by noon he has found one or two specks of the shiny, precious metal. But this tanned and wrinkled old man of Turin does not care how much gold he finds for he is wealthy.

Mattioli made his fortune 50 years ago in Alaska and the memory and gold fever of that time has never left him.

"When I am out by a stream with my shovel and pan," said Giovanni, "I'm back in Alaska. I remember the people I knew then; the trees and the wolves; the big brown bears that could crush a man in two or three seconds. I remember the rough towns and the rowdy saloons. I can feel again that strange excitement. Best of all, now I've forgotten the terrible hardships and danger."

Invested Money. Mattioli left Italy when he was 22 years old. He arrived at Fairbanks, Alaska, broke and hungry, but he found a job an hour after he landed at \$5 a day with food and lodgings. The work was digging wells and he did this for four years and then struck out on his own.

"By 1913 I had \$48,000 in the bank," said Giovanni. "I had made my fortune—you couldn't help it. But about then the big companies moved in with their

modern machinery and a lone prospector couldn't compete. Every year my fortune dwindled as the price of gold dropped, so I decided in 1930 to come back to Italy."

Mattioli invested his money in oil and bought a service station in Turin. But he could not forget the time he had spent in Alaska.

"The itch to get back there nearly drove me crazy," he said. "A couple of years I tried panning gold in the streams here. I got such a kick out of it that I decided to do it every Sunday. It's the same thing, I suppose, as hunting or fishing for other men. I make money too—not much I will admit. By evening, if it's been a good day, I might get a couple of grams in my little bottle—that's worth about \$2."

Rome Policemen, Students Clash

Rome—UP—Riot policemen swinging clubs clashed with screaming anti-Communist students today in Rome's worst riot since the 1953 Trieste demonstration.

An estimated 20,000 students, waving Italian flags and anti-Soviet banners, clashed with police near Piazza Venezia in Central Rome as they tried to march on the headquarters of Unita, the Communist news-paper.

Using wooden clubs ripped from park benches and the poles of their flags and banners, the students attacked the solid line of carabinieri and riot police who blocked their path with police trucks.

One group of students braved the raining blows of police batons, grabbed a small police car and overturned it, injuring its occupants.

Another group spoiled several Communist newsmen walking to their offices and swarmed over them, seriously injuring one.

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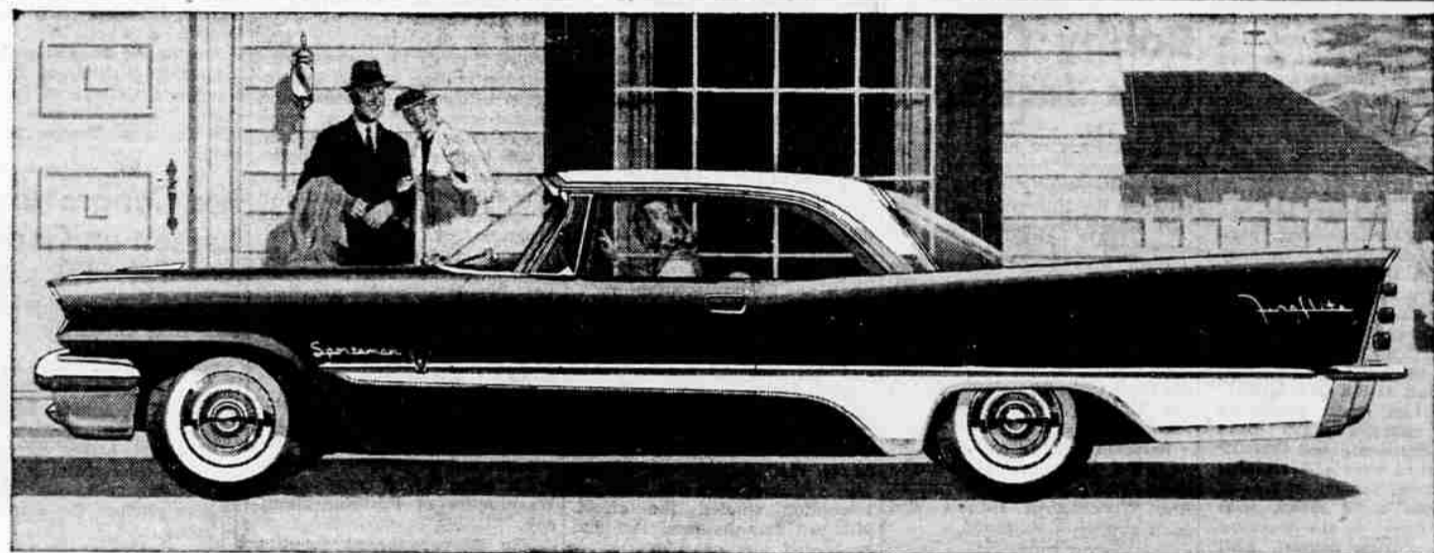
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