

## Cost of Living In S. F., L. A. Set All-Time Record

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The cost of living reached an all-time high in San Francisco and Los Angeles during March, despite a slight decrease in the cost of food in major Pacific coast cities.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today that the all-items index in San Francisco was 122.3 (average 1947-49—100) an increase of 0.6 per cent over December and 4.7 per cent above the index of March of last year.

The December-March quarter rise was the seventh consecutive quarterly increase, starting with June, 1955. Since then prices have climbed about 6 per cent.

The only major category not to increase was food, which actually averaged 0.1 per cent lower.

In Los Angeles, food prices were down 0.2 per cent, but the index reached an all-time high of 120.4—an increase of only 0.1 per cent.

Food prices dropped 0.3 per cent in Seattle, cancelling out an increase of about the same amount in February. Even so, prices in mid-March were more than 4 per cent higher than at the same time a year ago and only about 1 per cent below the all-time high of January, 1952.

In Portland, food prices dropped about 0.2 per cent, wiping out small increases in January and February and bringing prices back to about the same level as last August.

But food prices were still more than 4 per cent higher than they were in March of last year.

## Ship Laying Cable Off California Coast

Point Arena, Calif. — (U.P.) — The cable ship Basil O. Lenoir began laying cable off the coast here today for the new 2400-mile undersea telephone system which will link Hawaii with the mainland.

The American Telephone and Telegraph company said the Lenoir will place two shore ends for the cables some 3 1/2 miles apart and extending 10 miles seaward from the proposed side of the mainland terminal.

Shore ends in the islands were placed last October in Hanalei Bay on the island of Oahu.

The twin cable system, which is scheduled for service late this year, will provide 36 telephone circuits to supplement 14 radio circuits now used for telephone communications with Hawaii.

## Goo Said To Induce Pigeons To Fly South

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Michael Tucci, a construction foreman, has developed a goo that he guarantees will induce pigeons to fly south.

The preparation comes in six different colors with three odors designed to discourage the birds. Somebody asked Tucci where the pigeons would go.

"That's the other guy's problem," replied Tucci.

## Portland Air Traffic Change Is Advised

Portland — (U.P.) — Separation of military air activity from commercial traffic at the Portland International Airport was formally recommended Monday by W. P. Platt, regional administrator for the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Platt said his survey indicated that continued use of the field by jet interceptors would not be conducive to normal growth of commercial and civil operations at the port.

Since abandonment of Air Force plans to build a new base at Woodburn, the military has announced plans for continued and expanded use of the international port as a jet interceptor base.

Platt reported that mixture of commercial traffic with military, particularly air defense command interceptors, was not desirable.

## Railway Express Strike Continues

Chicago — (U.P.) — Freight and parcels piled up in seven major cities across the nation today as a strike of some 4,000 drivers against the Railway Express Agency entered its second day.

The company placed an embargo on rail and air express deliveries in Newark, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Blood plasma, serums, medicine, and perishable goods are being moved, according to James E. O'Hara, secretary-treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 702.

O'Hara said the Teamsters are striking for higher wages. The drivers refused to accept a three-year contract with a package raise of 26 1/2 cents an hour offered by the agency. A presidential fact-finding board had recommended acceptance of the contract.

Agency drivers presently average \$2.11 per hour, according to O'Hara.

Herman P. Dunlap, vice-president of Railway Express said that the agency will stick by the recommendation of the board.

## Webster and Clay Picked Among Five 'Greatest Senators'

By RAYMOND LAHR  
United Press Correspondent  
Washington — (U.P.) — Daniel Webster and Henry Clay have been picked as two of the five Senate "giants" of the past to adorn the Senate's own hall of fame, it was learned today.

The other three choices will depend largely on whether a five-man Senate committee wants to risk a row by designating 20th century senators, or takes the safer course of picking men of long ago whose names are no longer embroiled in controversy.

This committee, headed by Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), is scheduled to report its selection of the five "greatest" senators by May 1. Portraits of the five will go on the walls of the reception room adjoining the Senate chamber.

Webster and Clay, both giants in the era of compromise before the Civil War, were reported by a reliable informant to be sure bets for inclusion.

John C. Calhoun, the intellectual voice of the South in the pre-Civil War period, was described as a probable choice if the committee decides to exclude 20th century senators.

Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri, the voice of the West during the same period, is another candidate.

The committee became entangled in modern political controversy when it began taking a look at possible candidates who served in this century.

These include the late George W. Norris, Nebraska independent and hero of the liberals; Robert A. Taft of Ohio, hero of the conservatives; Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan; Robert M. LaFollette Sr. of Wisconsin; Robert F. Wagner of New York; William E. Borah of Idaho, and Hiram Johnson of California.

## Weyerhaeuser Men Return at Coos Bay

Coos Bay — (U.P.) — Some 370 men were to return to work today at the big Weyerhaeuser mill after an agreement was reached to end a work stoppage.

The Federal Mediation Service said 330 members of a woodworker's local were to vote tonight on whether to accept an agreement setting work hours of the company's boom crew.

The walkout started April 11 when woodworkers protested rescheduling of the boom crew's hours. Mill workers went out later after refusing to cross picket lines.

## Grange Notes

**Pomona Grange**  
The next meeting of Jackson County Pomona Grange will be held at 10 a.m. April 27 at Bellview Grange. The meat dish will be furnished by Bellview, and all ladies attending are requested to bring either a salad or dessert.

Memorial service will be held during lecture hour. All chapters of subordinate Granges members to be honored are urged to attend and take part in the ceremonies.

**Upper Rogue Grange**  
Upper Rogue met Thursday evening April 18 with Master Caroline Harding presiding. Since it was the regular social night games were played after a short business meeting. Brother Barber read a letter he received from Senator Phil Lowry in regards to bill no. 65.

Upper Rogue Grange went on record opposing any action to be taken at the present time on Rogue Valley Flood Control pending a report of Army engineers. Legislative chairman Harold Barber was authorized to write State Congressman regarding Labor Union Bill 68. Grange donated \$25 for a 4-H scholarship at Corvallis.

Refreshments were served by Brother and Sister Barber and Sister Eileen Eastin.

## Woman to Graduate At 67 Years of Age

Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — College life began past 60 for Mrs. Fern Beardsley, former Clarke, Neb., newspaperwoman.

Mrs. Beardsley, 67, entered the University of Nebraska as a freshman four years ago, and now is preparing for graduation with a better-than-average scholastic record.

Mrs. Beardsley, enrolled at the university after the death of her husband in 1953. She said she had intended to take only a few courses, but a faculty adviser

## Knowland Warns On High Tax Rate

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), has warned that this nation's free enterprise system "will ultimately be destroyed" unless the current high rate of federal taxation is curtailed.

Knowland told some 2,400 persons at a \$100-a-plate Republican campaign fund-raising dinner Monday night the solution to the tax problem could only be found in the halting of increased federal expenditures.

"A system under which the federal government taxes personal income at rates varying from 20 to 91 per cent and corporate income at a 52 per cent rate is simply too burdensome," the Senate minority leader said.

"It will ultimately destroy our free enterprise system," Knowland declared, adding that if federal expenditures had been held to the 1955 level "we would now face the pleasant prospect of a budget surplus of almost \$9 billion in the coming fiscal year."

## Montgomery in Hospital

London — (U.P.) — Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, 69, entered the King Edward VII hospital here Monday for a minor operation and a general check-up, hospital authorities announced.

Henry Hudson discovered the island of Manhattan in 1609.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

## Senate Group May Recall Schrank

Portland — (U.P.) — Mayor Terry Schrank, served Monday with another indictment brought by the Multnomah county grand jury, may be called again before the Senate Rackets Committee.

Schrank received word that he might possibly be called before the committee at the same time that Deputy Sheriff George Minelly received a subpoena to appear in Washington, D.C.

Robert F. Kennedy, chief counsel for the special committee, did not indicate immediately why the Portland situation might be taken up again.

The new indictment against Schrank accused him of conspiring to commit a felony of obtaining by means of a device telecommunications to which he was not a participant. A similar indictment was served Monday on Oregon Teamster leader Clyde Crosby.

In addition several more indictments returned last Friday were served but they were re-submissions of previous charges.

The Multnomah county grand jury took the day off Monday but was to resume its work today.

Attorneys for District Attorney William Langley filed in Circuit Court late Monday a supplemental motion to an alternative motion made a week ago to set aside a neglect of duty verdict returned against the district attorney April 13. A hearing on a request for a new trial is scheduled Wednesday.

or persuaded her to become a full-time student.

## Cemetery Group Forms in Jacksonville

Jacksonville — An organization known as the Jacksonville Cemetery commission was set up recently, according to commission chairman Albert Hackert.

The commission is made up of two members each from the Odd Fellows, Mason and Redmen organizations, the Catholic church and the city.

Groups from the organizations have been cleaning out brush and picking up all cans and bottles used for flower containers. The commission has urged that only metal containers be used in the future, to eliminate the hazard of broken glass. Plans have been made to spray poison oak later in the season and there will be a general clean-up day before Decoration day, officials announced.

Owners of lots in the cemetery have been asked to clean up their own lots or make arrangements to have them cleaned. An

estimate of the cost of cleaning a lot can be obtained from Carl Hoskins by telephoning 9-8029 or Albert Hackert at 9-8026, Jacksonville.

Signs, designating the different sections of the cemetery are now being put up, according to Hackert.

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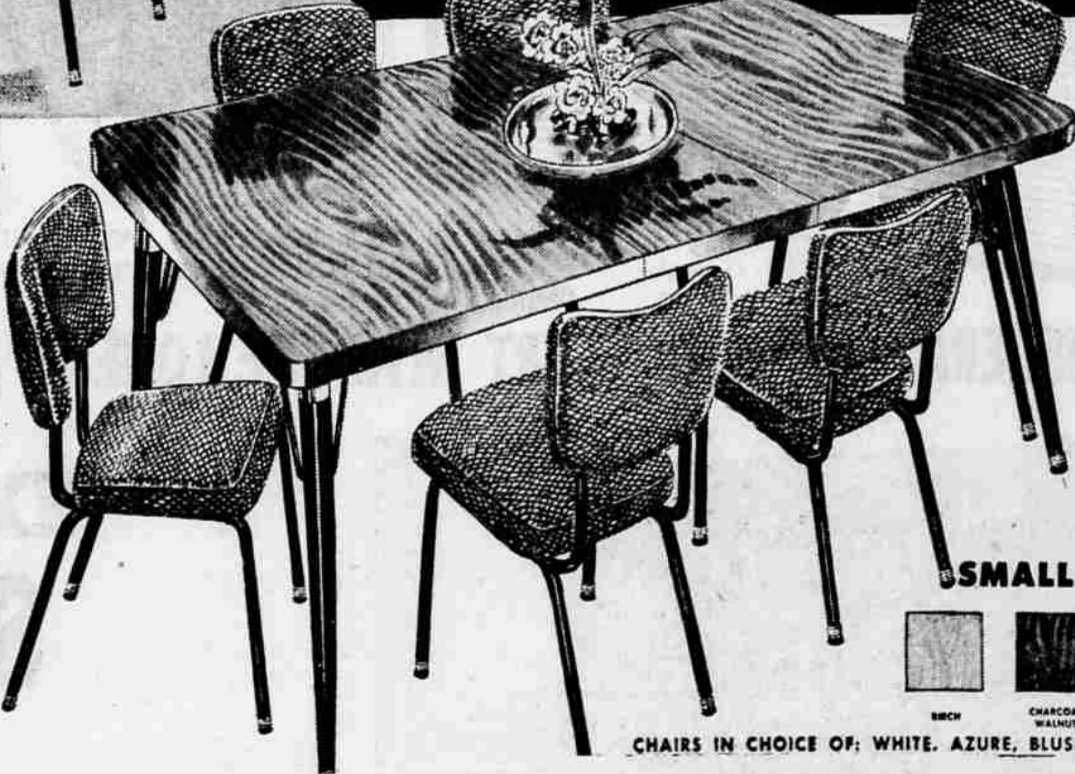
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