

American Consumers Expected To Shell Out Record Amount for Goods, Services In 1957

New York — Americans are going to shell out more than a quarter of a trillion dollars this year for goods and services. This record \$277 billion will go for everything — automobiles, houses, clothes, ice cream sodas, haircuts, vacations and even a few bets on the ponies. It averages about \$1,600 for every man, woman and child in the U.S.

It will be about \$10 billion more than we spent last year. It will help keep the wheels of industry humming along at a prosperous clip.

Increased government and business spending will add fuel to the rise which is expected to carry the gross national product — the value of all goods and services produced — to a new peak of \$435 billion this year. That is nearly half a trillion.

Consumer spending is the most important part in the wheel — six times the amount to be spent on industrial expansion and three times the outlay by government.

The consumer, whose buying whims can mean the difference between a good and bad year, right now is considered the brightest star in the economic heavens.

In most cases, he appears to be better off financially than ever before. Disposable income is at a record high. Savings and employment are near their best levels. The economic outlook, on the cloudy side a few months

ago, has brightened considerably and many experts look for better business in the months ahead. All these factors, economists predict, will combine to keep consumers in a buying mood.

Industry is expected to spend some \$37 billion for expansion, a gain of \$2 billion over 1956. Federal, state and local governments will shell out around \$106 billion, up more than \$8 billion from last year.

The picture is not all rosy, however. The economy this year has been going through a rolling adjustment — some industries declining and some advancing. The over all result has been a general leveling off of the economy.

Inflation is another bugaboo. Economists figure that at least

half the gains in spending this year will be the result of higher prices. The other half will reflect increases in unit volume.

Living costs in the U.S. have hit new all-time highs in each of the past eight months, and recent wage and price increases leave

little hope of an early reversal. It has been estimated that 5 million workers will get automatic pay hikes this year under

previously negotiated contracts. These hikes will add an estimated billion dollars to the nation's labor bill.

The steel industry is expected to boost steel prices between \$3 and \$10 a ton in July to help offset an automatic pay boost to steelworkers. The oil industry is talking about another four-cent-a-barrel crude oil price increase to offset high labor costs.

Civil Rights Bill Backers Concerned Over Amendment

Washington — House backers of the controversial civil rights bill showed concern today at signs that Southerners are gaining ground in their fight for a "jury trial" amendment.

The House prepared to begin formal debate on the "right-to-vote" bill this afternoon after a preliminary round of discussion Wednesday and 17 days of hearings earlier by two House committees.

Four Days of Talks
The House agreed to permit four days of talks on the bill with unlimited introduction of amendments permitted after the general debate ends Monday. Foes of the measure stood by with some three dozen amendments to tack on it.

Although voting on amendments will not start until next week, discussions already focused more on the "jury trial" amendment than on the bill itself. A final vote on the bill is expected late next week.

Southerners said openly, and some of the bill's backers admitted privately, that as of now the amendment stands a good chance of going through.

Would Wreck Measure
It would require jury trials for persons accused of violating court injunctions that the bill authorizes the government to seek to prevent civil rights violations.

The administration as well as House supporters contend the amendment would wreck the measure. President Eisenhower at his news conference Wednesday took a stand against it.

Eisenhower cited a comment by former President William Howard Taft that "... If we tried to put a jury trial between a court order and the enforcement of that order, that we are really welcoming anarchy."

Winner of Driving Event Leaves Soon

Central Point — Roy Vincent, winner of the Central Point Jaycee Teen-Age Road-E-O, will leave Saturday morning for McMinnville to attend the state finals of the driving contest.

He will be accompanied by Chet Ayers, Teen-Age Road-E-O chairman.

Young Vincent will compete with winners from other Jaycee locals throughout the state. The winner there will receive awards and an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national finals August 15. National winners will receive awards and scholarships totaling \$4,500.

Collision of Trucks Leaves 13 Victims

Fayetteville, N. C. — A tractor-trailer truck loaded with potatoes smashed into a truck crowded with migrant workers at a busy highway intersection nine miles north of here today, killing 13 persons and injuring at least 25 others.

The truck of migrant Negro workers was bound from Mt. Olive, N. C., to Dunn for the workers to pick beans. Authorities said it apparently failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection and was rammed in the side by the tractor-trailer, en route from Fayetteville to Dunn with a load of potatoes.

Americans Smoke Record Number Of Cigarettes

Washington — A government tobacco expert said today Americans are smoking a record number of cigarettes despite previous reports indicating a link between smoking and lung cancer.

He said U. S. smokers will consume 399 billion cigarettes by June 30, end of the current fiscal year — 3 per cent more than the 387 billion cigarettes smoked in fiscal 1955-56.

The official was careful to avoid predicting what impact the latest report by the American Cancer Society would have on smokers but he noted previous warnings caused only a temporary drop in consumption.

Effect Wore Off
He said the decline recorded in 1953-54 coincided with newspaper stories, magazine articles and television programs concerning smoking and lung cancer. At that time, cigarette consumption dropped to 378 billion after reaching 397 billion a year earlier.

"The effect of the 1953-54 cancer scare wore off," the Agriculture Department marketing specialist said, "cigarette consumption leveled off for a time, and in the last two years the rise resumed."

"In the last two years we have said on three or four occasions a burst of new evidence of possible cancer-cigarette link, but it has not affected the upturn. In fact, an interim report by the cancer society in 1955 apparently had no effect."

Health Officials Battle Flu Virus

San Francisco — Officials of the U. S. Public Health Service are checking all ships and planes arriving from the Orient in an attempt to thwart an outbreak of an influenza epidemic.

Dr. G. L. Dunnahoo, a member of the USPH staff here, said officials in Honolulu are cabling the names of all known cases which arrive there by ship or plane from the Orient, where the flu is raging. When these cases arrive in San Francisco the health officer in their home town is notified.

"On the mend," arrived here on Tuesday aboard the General Sultan from Manila, according to Dr. E. W. Norris, chief quarantine officer for the USPH. Several of them were military personnel. They were taken to Letterman General Hospital.

The others were civilians. They were allowed to continue to their destinations with a warning they were a potential danger to others.

Dr. Malcolm Merrill, state health director, said he had no reports of any outbreaks of the Oriental influenza in California.

UAW Head Orders Trial for Officers

Detroit — Carl Stellato, president of the United Auto Workers Local 600 at the Ford Rouge Plant, Wednesday ordered four of his officers to stand trial for refusing to answer questions before a Senate subcommittee.

Stellato acted under a program mapped out by union President Walter Reuther to prevent members from invoking the Fifth Amendment.

The four are Mack Cincori, James M. Simmons, Harry N. Philos and Walter Dorosh. All minor officials of the local, the four invoked the constitutional amendment when questioned about alleged Communist activities.

Public Hearing on Phone Service Slated
Salem — A public hearing into service provided by the Lincoln-Tillamook Telephone Company will be held in Oceanlake June 18. The Public Utilities Commissioner announced today. Commissioner Howard Morgan said he had received numerous inquiries and complaints concerning delays and obtaining telephone service.

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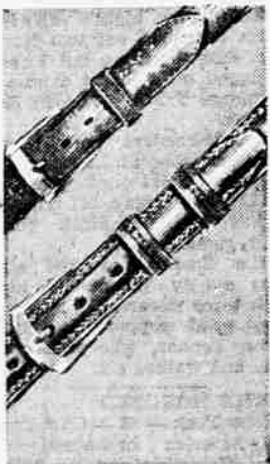
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