

U.S. Dollar May Look As Bad As Cancer If Inflation Continues

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Washington — Closer to home and pocket than nuclear fall-out or the effect of tobacco smoke on the human lung is that beautiful item, the United States dollar.

It is not pretty to contemplate the possibility of physical deformities among humans caused by nuclear fallout. There is nothing attractive about lung cancer.

That beautiful United States dollar is going to look as bad as either or both of the foregoing if the present trend of creeping inflation continues. Inflation is a college word which doesn't mean much to living Americans because they never have been up against what the word signifies.

Outrains Everything
The word signifies a situation in which money goes bad—goes so bad that shopkeepers don't want it, so bad that waiters prefer a cigarette to money as a tip, bad enough that a man with a pocketful of dollars might die of starvation while gazing into a food store window.

When inflation really gets going in a national economy it outrains everything. Not even the most generous employer with the fattest purse can raise his employees' salaries fast enough to provide a living wage. The first babies to whimper for food and finally to starve to death are the children of persons on fixed incomes. The first adults to go are pensioners and others whose incomes also are fixed.

Inflation is deadly stuff, like cancer and, maybe, more than fallout deformities. The inflation of currency is reflected in a steadily descending purchasing power of money. It can be a slow and gradual process as presently in the United States, or it can strike with snake suddenness after some national catastrophe, such as defeat in war.

Like a Snowball
Gradual inflation is like a down hill snowball. It picks up speed or momentum, and if it picks up enough it becomes uncontrolled inflation. That is the point of no return. Beyond that point lies immeasurable human suffering and absolute economic chaos.

There is an inflation snowball in the United States today and it is rolling down hill accumulating speed. The grade is not yet very steep and the point of no return still is some distance in the future, just how far being a matter of considerable dispute.

The United Press reported from Washington on May 24 that the cost of living rose to another record high in April.

If that trend long continues the rate of inflation or reduction in the dollar's purchasing power may be expected to accelerate to 1 per cent, 2 per cent—even 10 per cent—a month. Penny by penny, the dollar's value would shrink until, finally, a dollar would buy nothing at all.

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Eugene Shooting Leads To Lawsuit

Eugene — Charles Graves, resident of a duplex next to the home occupied by Albert Wachsmuth, yesterday filed suit against 10 policemen for \$100,000 as a result of a gunbattle between Wachsmuth and officers Feb. 22.

Wachsmuth shot and killed State Police Officer Charles Sanders and critically wounded Deputy Sheriff David Heffner during the shooting.

Graves, who was in his apartment during the fight, charged in his suit that the officers were negligent in not insuring his safety. He was forced to stay in his half of the duplex and claimed he was injured by tear gas and suffered injuries to his nervous system. He said bullets and tear gas shells penetrated his apartment numerous times.

Named as defendants were Lane County Sheriff Ed Elders, State Police Sgt. Robert Baker and eight other law enforcement officers. Graves also seeks \$10,000 damages from an insurance company which bonded Sheriff Elders.

Mayflower Cargo of 'Treasure' Unloaded

Plymouth, Mass. — The crew of the Mayflower II today began unloading its cargo of 92 "treasure" chests. They include animal feed for President Eisenhower's Gettysburg farm.

The chests, weighing up to 500 pounds each, contained \$200,000 worth of items ranging from Mayflower II construction chips to snuff boxes.

Warwick Charlton, one of the British sponsors of the Mayflower's 54-day trans-Atlantic voyage, carried off the boat a gold medallion with a tiny watch inside for President Eisenhower.

On The Side
By E. V. Durling
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Over a hundred men in the United States who are millionaires are bachelors. In the interests of our unmarried countrymen somebody should publish a volume of information titled "Who's Who in Bachelor America." While awaiting the publication of such a book, this department will periodically name some of the bachelors who are still in circulation. If one of our feminine subscribers marries a millionaire as a result of information furnished by this department, she is under obligation to me for only one thing. All I ask is that if her first child is a boy that she does not name him Edgar.

Trial of Gypsy's Charges Delayed

Portland — Trial scheduled for tomorrow on charges by a Portland Gypsy woman that Mayor Terry Schunk and four members of the city council were guilty of discrimination in forcing her and other Gypsies from their downtown Portland living quarters has been delayed.

Chief United States District Judge Claude McCulloch gave attorneys for both sides additional time to prepare cases after Mrs. Mary Ristic substituted a complaint to include the mayor and four councilmen instead of Portland as a corporate entity.

Schunk and the councilmen Thursday filed a motion in federal court to dismiss Mrs. Ristic's suit. The officials claimed Mrs. Ristic had failed to show which constitutional right she claims would be violated by her eviction from a dwelling which the city has said does not comply with the sanitary code.

Recent census reports show 40 cities in the world with one million or more persons.

Male and Female

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Lafferty Learns of O&C Legal Fee Award

Portland — Portland Attorney and former Congressman A. W. Lafferty learned Thursday that he had been awarded a "substantial" legal fee for his long court battle to force distribution of \$7 million belonging to 18 western Oregon counties but impounded by the federal government.

Lafferty and Richard L. Merrick, Washington, D.C., attorney, had filed suit against the counties for a legal fee. They claimed that their fight to release the impounded funds was responsible for ultimate government payment of seven million dollars in O and C land grand funds to the counties.

Peterson Resigns; Going To Denmark

Washington — President Eisenhower today accepted the resignation of Val Peterson as Federal Civil Defense Administrator and nominated him to be the new ambassador to Denmark.

Leo A. Hoegh, former governor of Iowa, was nominated to succeed Peterson as head of the Civil Defense Administration.

Peterson, a former Republican governor of Nebraska, has served as civil defense chief since February, 1953.

If confirmed by the Senate, Peterson will succeed Robert D. Coe as ambassador to Denmark. Coe, a veteran foreign service officer, recently resigned.

Hoegh served as attorney general of Iowa in 1953-54 and governor from 1954 through 1956.

Power needed to drive the aircraft carrier Saratoga is the equivalent of about 100 passenger locomotives.

Fuels constitute more than 60 per cent of the total mineral output of the world.

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