

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The government reports that living costs remained unchanged in March.

How come? This answer is given: LOWER FOOD PRICES IN MARCH OFFSET COST OF OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES.

LET'S give a little credit where a LOT of credit is due.

The food industry is one of America's most EFFICIENT industries. It operates on a very narrow margin of profit. Through its supermarkets and its other efficient devices for distribution, it moves a vast volume of business.

Thus it is enabled to hold food prices down while prices of other goods and SERVICES rise.

THE politicians claim credit for everything that is good. The truth is that efficient modern business is entitled to credit for a lot of the good things of modern life.

GOING on with the cost of living story—

H. E. Riley, price chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, says the cost of living index has moved within a range of only two-tenths of one percent during the past nine months.

This— He adds— Is the longest period of stability of record.

GOING on with the story— Because of this nine month period of stability, 1,350,000 American workers whose wages are geared to the index will not receive any cost of living pay boosts.

Sounds bad, doesn't it? But— Let's look at the doughnut and not the hole. WHILE THEY DON'T GET AN UP IN WAGES, THEY DON'T HAVE TO TAKE AN UP IN LIVING COSTS.

MORE statistics: According to the Department of Commerce, half of the nation's families had incomes above \$5,000 in 1958. (By way of comparison, it should be added that only FIVE per cent of the nation's families had incomes of \$10,000 or over.)

WHAT brings into interesting focus a statement just issued by Tax Foundation, Inc., a non-partisan, non-political tax research organization. Tax Foundation points out that the current federal budget of 77 billion dollars will cost an average family with an income of \$5,000 about \$796 in federal taxes.

WHAT isn't hay. And, one must remember— Federal taxes are, only a PART of the tax burden. The total tax burden includes local and state taxes. It's little wonder that modern prices are high.

When half the families in America have to pay that much taxes, prices have to be high. Taxes are a part of the cost of doing business, and so have to be added to prices.

Lincoln Girl First Rose Festival Choice

Portland - (UP) - The first princess for the coming Rose Festival was chosen today by Lincoln High School students. She is comely Signa Poly, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Reed, Princess Signa is 17, five feet, four inches tall, and has blue eyes and dark brown hair.

Danger of Plastic Dry Cleaning Bags As Playthings Told

Chicago - (UP) - Fast action among newsmen and an alert physician today drew credit for preventing uncounted deaths of children tempted to play with plastic dry cleaning bags.

In an article in its monthly American Medical Association Journal, the AMA praised Dr. Paul J. B. Jarrett, Arizona physician who followed up the suffocation deaths of four Phoenix children with a written warning of the danger sent to the Arizona Republic.

The Republic's editorial staff "immediately recognized a public service duty inherent in the news itself," the AMA article said.

Jarrett, chairman of the Maricopa County, Ariz., Medical Society's Safety Committee, was quoted as comparing the danger to "such a horrible combination as a child playing with a venomous reptile."

Even this "would not result in death as quickly as suffocation by the plastic film which clings to the face with diabolical tenacity," Jarrett said.

From the Arizona paper, Jarrett's warning moved throughout the nation on wire services, succeeding in "carrying the word to millions," the article said.

"There is no way to determining how many young lives will be saved," the article said. "That young lives were and will be saved cannot be doubted."

The article quoted Jarrett's explanation of the death-dealing capabilities of the filmy bags.

Electrical Attraction "An electrostatic charge may have been generated by friction from handling. The youngster, in peering through

Bridges Quells Protest Move San Pedro, Calif. - (UP) - Harry Bridges, controversial union leader, apparently has quelled within the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union a reported protest movement against him.

Bridges, president of the union, flew here from New York Thursday and went into a three-hour closed "stop work" meeting with 3,500 members of Local 13.

When the meeting broke up, an old Bridges supporter, Peter Moore, had resigned his position as ILWU regional director and Bridges appeared to have everything under control.

Moore was reported to have denounced Bridges in a speech during the meeting for his "preoccupation" with working out a transportation combine of unions with teamster boss James R. Hoffa and neglecting the "pork chop" problems of union members.

Rank and filers were reported displeased with resolutions passed last month in Seattle at an ILWU caucus. One of the resolutions urged U.S. recognition of Communist China.

But Bridges and other union members were mum after the meeting which had temporarily halted handling of cargo at Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor.

this material, is apt to have it literally grab him through electrical attraction to his face.

"If this happens, only prompt intervention of an adult will prevent tragedy. This dangerous material won't tear when a child fights it."

Instead, Jarrett was quoted, "Dizziness, inability to think, spasms of muscles occur with more and more rapid breathing. Vomiting with inhalation of undigested food puts a finish to this terrible tragedy."

Exhaust Probed As Disease Cause

Washington - (UP) - The Public Health Service plans to investigate the role played by auto exhaust in causing or contributing to heart disease, cancer and various other ailments.

The project, disclosed in congressional testimony made public today, calls for exposing animals to a "realistic community level" of exhaust to determine its effect upon their health.

The study is one of several research projects on auto exhaust which the service outlined to a House appropriations subcommittee last month. It asked Congress for nearly \$200,000 to finance them.

Mark D. Hollis, chief of the Sanitary Engineering Division, told the subcommittee that "marked statistical associations between air pollution and many forms of heart disease and cancer have been noted."

"There is need to clarify the role of auto exhaust in this picture," he said. "Auto exhausts have been demonstrated to contain cancer-producing substances, to contain materials which produce eye irritation, and materials which result in extensive crop damage."

Wheat Market Group Formed

Pendleton - (UP) - Wheat representatives from Washington, Idaho and Oregon formed a regional marketing development association here Thursday.

The group, to be known as Western Wheat Associates, USA, Inc., was the result of a day-long meeting with executives of the three states' wheat commissions and their wheat growers leagues. A 12 member board was named, two men from each commission and wheat league.

The group will encourage utilization and sale of wheat in both domestic and foreign markets, but primarily its operation will be beamed to the Far East where about 10 per cent of their soft white wheat is shipped.

Immediate plans have been formulated to begin development for more use of wheat products, financed by grants or service contracts with the associations from the three states.

Public Reaction Dismays Group

Salem - (UP) - The president of the American Psychiatric Association wired Gov. Mark Hatfield Thursday that he was "dismayed to hear about public reaction to a proposal to convert the Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles into a facility for the aged mentally ill and retarded."

Dr. Francis J. Gerety said there apparently was some public sentiment that mental patients were somehow less desirable in a community than are TB patients.

"It is very disheartening to us who spend our lives trying to enlighten the public about mental illness and how to deal with it more effectively to witness these eruptions that reflect such gross misunderstandings of the problem," Dr. Gerety said.

"Mental patients are no more a threat to a community than any other patient," he added.

A bill to transfer use of the facility is now before the Legislature.

Pedestrian Killed When Struck by Car
Oregon City - (UP) - William P. Bischoff, 80, Beaver Creek, was killed Thursday afternoon when struck by a car about 18 miles southeast of Oregon City. The sheriff's office said the car was driven by Gerald August Lattermann, 17, Beaver Creek.



POPULAIRES—Southern Oregon college's talented singing group, "The Populaires," will present its second annual "An Evening with the Populaires" show Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 27-28, in Churchill hall auditorium. Curtain time for the performance, which will present the SOC Quartet as one of the featured acts, is 8:15 p.m., and will begin with a minstrel show. Tickets are on sale at Purucker's, Medford; The Mart, Ashland; the SOC Student Affairs office; and at the door both evenings. Proceeds will be used to purchase new outfits for the coming Populaires' tour of southern Oregon in connection with the Oregon Centennial. Quartet members from the left are David Deller, James Kempster, Medford; Louis Vance, Roseburg; and Maynard Hadley, Medford.

Nehru Invites Panchen Lama To Come To India

Mussoorie, India - (UP) - Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru today publicly invited Communist Chinese officials and their Panchen Lama to come to India and find out for themselves that the Dalai Lama was here of his own free will.

Nehru, obviously stung by Peiping charges that the 25-year-old god-king of Tibet was being held here against his will, spoke to newsmen as he arrived for a conference with the Dalai Lama.

Then he went to Birla House, the home-in-exile of the Tibetan leader, and they greeted each other with undisguised mutual admiration.

Nehru said his talks with the Dalai Lama were "full and helpful."

Nehru also told newsmen the Dalai Lama had told him he had written letters to the Red Chinese military commanders in Lhasa, hoping that conditions would improve.

He quoted the Dalai Lama as saying that until 4 p.m. on March 17 he had not decided to leave Lhasa. But by 10 p.m. conditions had grown worse, so he and the others of his party decided to leave.

Nehru said he hoped his four-hour talk with the Dalai Lama would pave the way for an early solution to the Tibetan problem.

Portland Dogs Face Tougher Life

Portland - (UP) - A dog's life will be even tougher here. The city council Thursday passed four new dog-control ordinances. The ordinances will give authority to pick up loose dogs on school grounds if school officials approve; allow impounding of female dogs "in heat," licensed or not, if they are at large; an increase from \$3 to \$5 for licenses for unspayed female dogs, and action against barking or howling dogs on receipt of three or more complaints. In case of biting dogs, one complaint is enough.

NO USE DENYING - Mildenhall, England - (UP) - The U.S. Air Force has ordered personnel of this base to stop throwing empty beer cans around the British countryside—and not to deny they did it. The British don't care for those American brands of beer, either inside or outside, a spokesman said.

A comet has three participants, coma and tail.

Suspect Arrested In Portland Holdup

Portland - (UP) - The downtown YMCA here was held up Thursday night by a robber who escaped with about \$70. Two hours later police arrested a suspect, Ciro Thomas LoCricchio, 29, in a motel.

Gasoline Prices Drop in Portland

Portland - (UP) - Gasoline prices took a downward dip in the southeast part of Portland Thursday and a new gasoline war may be indicated.

Prices went from 33.9 cents to 29.9 cents for regular gas and from 36.9 to 33.9 for premium, mostly in an area along southeast 82nd ave., near the city limits.

Other stations were cutting their prices only by one cent. A gas war last winter brought prices down to 23.9 for a gallon of regular.

Voting is compulsory for all citizens of Venezuela between the ages of 21 and 65.

In a public opinion poll in Sweden, about 30 per cent of those questioned said the United States is the country they would most like to visit.

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