

Neuberger Aide Raps Hatfield's Operation

Cost of Living Up; Another Record Set

Consumer Buying Power Reduced by 1.5 Per Cent

Fourth Straight Month of Increase

Washington—UPI—The government reported today that the cost of living rose fractionally in July to reach an all-time high.

Higher prices were reported by the Labor Department in nearly all areas of the consumer spending. The increase, plus a decline in spendable earnings, reduced consumer buying power by approximately 1.5 per cent.

Automatic Increases Due

However, more than one million workers with contracts tied to the cost of living will receive automatic wage increases. Generally these will amount to about two cents an hour.

It was the fourth straight monthly increase in the consumer price index. It stood at 124.9 per cent of the 1947-49 average at the end of July. This is 0.8 per cent above a year previous and means it costs \$12.49 to buy today as much as \$10 did in the 1947-49 period.

Predict August Decline

The department said the increase actually was less than the usual seasonal jump recorded between June and July. A spokesman predicted the report for August probably will show a decline.

Biggest factor in the increase in July was an 18.5 per cent advance in egg prices. This was twice the usual rise for this time of year.

Seasonal increases in the prices of meat and poultry more than offset declines in the prices of fresh fruit and vegetables.

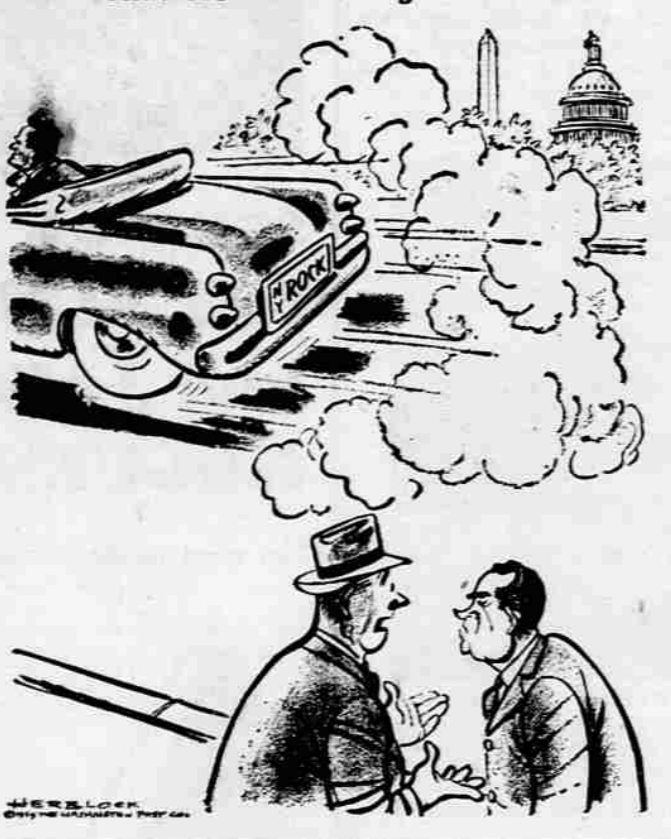
Tax Increase Cited

Hersey Riley, chief of the department's price branch, said increases in local taxes going into effect July 1 accounted for about one quarter of the increase.

One of the most significant declines, the department said, was the 0.7 per cent drop in selling prices of new cars.

Another major downturn in prices involved a 0.5 per cent drop in gasoline prices.

"He's Not Running, Exactly—I'd just say That He Was Going Like '60"



Gov. Hatfield's Office, Gunnar Deny 'Lavishness'

State-Financed Trip Also Denied

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield's office and GOP State Chairman Peter Gunnar both denied charges today that the governor's expenses were on a "lavish scale" or that the governor's recent trip to Puerto Rico was "state financed."

The hassle started when Gunnar charged Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) with having a hefty payroll. Neuberger's administrative assistant, Lloyd Tupling, replied by attacking Hatfield's expenses, including his trip to the governor's conference in Puerto Rico.

Graphic Evidence

Gunnar said "the most recent barrage from the Neuberger propaganda machine gives the people of Oregon graphic evidence of the terror Sen. Neuberger feels as he considers facing the voters in 1960 with his record of irresponsibility."

Travis Cross, the governor's press secretary, commented: "Tupling has been tipping the nectar of negativism again. He went gunning for Gunnar but some of his shots have gone astray."

The governor's office said the National Guard airplane which took Hatfield, his wife, and their party from here to Miami, Fla., was on a "routine flying mission."

Own Way Paid

Cross said two reporters aboard paid their own way or had it paid by two Portland newspapers. He said Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Alfred Rintz also paid their own way. Hintz is adjutant general of the Oregon Guard.

Cross traveled by Mrs. Hatfield was authorized by the National Guard Bureau and that the governor's secretary, Leolyn Barnett, was authorized to travel as staff. He said the governor's state policeman-chauffeur traveled as a security officer which many governors took with them to the Caribbean area.

Criticized for Cars

Tupling also criticized Hatfield for his two cars.

The governor's office replied that use of state cars was cheaper than paying mileage for use of private vehicles.

Gunnar said the story from Neuberger's office was "patently ridiculous considering his (Neuberger's) \$22,500 senatorial salary and the untold royalties which he makes moonlighting in his free lance writing business."

Bomb Scare Sends Firemen, Police To Sears Store

Call Received at 8:45 Last Night

A telephoned bomb threat—apparently a hoax—sent Medford police and firemen rushing to the new Sears, Roebuck and Company store in the Medford Shopping Center on East Jackson st. last night.

The call was received at the Medford central fire station at 8:45 p.m., just 15 minutes before the department store, which opened yesterday, was to close for the night.

Police allowed shoppers to file out at closing time. Then, with firemen and store employees participating, the entire store was searched "from top to bottom, side to side," police reported.

They found nothing. And at 11:15 p.m., when the bomb—if there was one—was supposed to go off, nothing happened.

Newman Haskell Caster, the fireman who received the threat, quoted the anonymous caller as saying, "There will be a bomb go off in Sears in two-and-a-half hours." Caster said the voice was a man's.

About 9:15 p.m., 10 firemen with two pumps were sent to the scene. The fire trucks stood by until after midnight.

The search of the store was called off at 10:45 p.m., police said. At that time, the building was evacuated.

The emergency crews and Sears officials reportedly stayed in the area until 1 a.m. From then until 8 a.m., an off-duty Medford policeman working as a security guard for Sears continued to patrol the area.

Police Chief Charles P. Champlin today said he could not say for certain whether the incident was a hoax. He said all such reports must be taken seriously.



PRIZE LEGHORN—Carolyn Tiegs, Talent fair this week. She was named champion 4-H club member, is shown above with one showman and grand champion poultry exhibitor of the hens that helped her win top honors.

State-Financed Trip With 10 To Puerto Rico Noted

Attack Result of Gunnar's Charges

Washington—UPI—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger's top assistant today referred to "the lavish scale of Governor Hatfield's personal operation as governor" in answer to Republican attacks on Neuberger's \$100,000 office payroll and magazine earnings.

Lloyd Tupling, former Pacific Northwest newspaperman who is Neuberger's administrative assistant, said he and the senator regretted having to comment on charges leveled at Neuberger recently by State Republican Chairman Peter Gunnar.

No Quarrel

"We have no quarrel with Governor Hatfield's extensive perquisites, such as his state-financed junket with 10 other people, including Mrs. Hatfield and his chauffeur, to Puerto Rico," Tupling said.

"But if Governor Hatfield's close political intimate, Mr. Gunnar, wants to make an issue of such irrelevancies as Senator Neuberger's payroll, then we are fully prepared to discuss the lavish scale of Governor Hatfield's personal operation as Governor," he added.

Regrets Bringing Up

Tupling said that while Mrs. Hatfield flew to Puerto Rico at state expense for the recent governors' conference, Mrs. Neuberger's trips with the senator "are to no such sumptuous island tourist resort and they are paid for out of Neuberger's own pocket."

Tupling pointed out that Neuberger's payroll is authorized by law "and he has never spent one penny more than the law allows." He said that "indeed, Senator Neuberger actually has returned some \$34,000 of payroll to the Treasury since he entered office."

Pays for Own Cars

The senator's aide said that while Hatfield has two state cars and a state police chauffeur at his disposal, Neuberger "must pay out of his own pocket" for the 1954 six-cylinder Ford he drives in Washington and the 1953 Buick he drives in Oregon. Tupling admitted that Hatfield's cars and chauffeur are authorized by state law.

"Senator Neuberger and I regret having to call these matters to public attention, but we do so only because the Republican State chairman for the past three months has harped away at actual irrelevancies about Senator Neuberger," Tupling said.

"Mr. Gunnar is described in the press as Mark Hatfield's choice for GOP state chairman. Does Governor Hatfield approve of his tactics?"

Council Approves Plans for Jackson St. Swimming Pool

Approval of plans and specifications for the West Jackson st. swimming pool and a call for bids on the project were voted unanimously by the Medford city council Thursday night.

City Manager Robert A. Duff explained that bids would be asked both on the bathroom and swimming pool alone and on an adjacent diving tank.

City officials believe that funds now on hand are sufficient for constructing the bathroom and pool.

Several councilmen have expressed an interest in having the diving tank built at the same time, since among other things a considerable saving in cost could be effected.

Agree to Funds

The council agreed at its June 18 meeting to try raising the additional funds for the diving tank, estimated at \$15,000, from private sources. So far, no successes have been reported.

"Apparently," Duff commented last night, "we haven't accomplished some of the things we were going to do in the way of raising additional funds."

The council's apparent position now is to call for bids on the whole project in hopes that if a low enough figure is received it may prove possible to raise enough money subsequently to make up the difference.

Postpone Action

The councilmen postponed action on plans and specifications for extending Fourth st. east from North Riverside ave. across Bear creek to East Jackson st. pending further study. Duff explained there was no immediate need for approval.

Smaller Streams Hold Own in Rain

Yesterday's rain had little effect on irrigation district water supplies but did enable the smaller streams to "hold their own," D. C. Hendrix, Jackson county watermaster, said today.

The big Applegate river increased in water flow from 28 cubic feet per second to 40 cubic feet per second. All water users there with water rights are still pumping. Those pumping from the smaller streams have not been cut back, further as they would have been without yesterday's rain, Hendrix said.

Yesterday's rain did lessen the demand somewhat on irrigation supplies in the various districts but did not have much effect on the overall picture, Hendrix said.

Delivery Canal To Be Shut Down Between Seasons

A measure which will prevent loss of deer in Howard Prairie delivery canal between the end of this irrigation season and the start of next has been announced by the bureau of reclamation.

Water flow through the canal, a part of the Talent division reclamation project, will be cut off during that period, the bureau's Rogue basin project-office at Camp White reported.

Members of the Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton league, in a resolution adopted last week, noted considerable deer loss in the 17½-mile canal this summer and asked that corrective measures be taken. Waltonians requested that the federal government furnish sufficient funds and use them for this purpose. They suggest a concrete slab cover for the canal or fencing with bridges in proper places.

Season Ends Sept. 15

Talent district's irrigation season ends on Sept. 15 and the new season begins in April, 1960. Shutdown of the canal is in connection with enlargement of Emigrant dam and reservoir. The bureau said that a big migration of the Green Springs migratory black tail deer herd should have an almost dry canal to cross. Limited turn-ons for power plant testing are anticipated and there may be "some water but very little" in the canal between the two seasons, it was reported.

This fall's shutdown, however, will provide only temporary protection to the deer herd. The canal runs from Howard Prairie dam to Keene Creek diversion dam.

No shutdown is planned between the 1960 and 1961 irrigation seasons since water from the canal will be used for power generation and then will flow on as additional storage for Emigrant reservoir.

Waltonians termed the canal, which has ramps and slab crossings, "an almost impassable barrier" and a "death trap" to deer. A report this morning maintained that the canal had claimed some 50 deer.

Kiwanis Fair Gets Started; 4-H, FFA Auction Is Tonight

The Kiwanis sponsored Jackson County Fair opened last night at the Medford armory while the 4-H, FFA fair, being held just north of the armory, continued in full swing.

Almost 1,000 people attended the opening of the Kiwanis county fair. Manager Russ Jamison said, and attendance is expected to increase as the four-day affair moves into the week end.

Highlight of today's events at the Jackson county 4-H and FFA fair will be the livestock auction scheduled for 7:30 o'clock tonight.

The top livestock in this week fair events will be sold at public auction. Included in the sale will be 118 head of sheep, 80 hogs, 70 head of cattle, one pen of six roasters and the champion rabbit. Bill Bray of Midway Auction Yard will be auctioneer.

Last night's activities in the Kiwanis fair included a welcome to the fair by Pat Rush-ton (Miss Jackson County) and a host of exhibits, demonstrations and contests.

Unofficial Host

The shaggy dog, unofficial host of the children's events, stole the show and demonstrated his artistic temperament only once when he mistook the balloon-breaking contest for gunfire.

Larry Horton, chairman of exhibits, said that there were more entries in all departments this year than last. A special Oregon wildflower exhibit has been insured for a reported \$10,000 because of the rare plants on display.

Today's activities included an air salute by planes from Kingsley Air Force base, Klamath Falls, scheduled to fly over the area shortly after 1 p.m.

Ohio's walking grandmother, Mrs. Emma Gatewood, ran into scheduling difficulty on her flight this morning from North Bend but she was still expected to appear at the fair at 8 o'clock tonight.

Woman Threatened With Bodily Harm

A woman whose letters on behalf of air pollution abatement have appeared recently in the Mail Tribune communications column today received a telephone call threatening her with bodily harm, Medford police reported.

Police said Mrs. Leonard Mathews, 1124 West 10th st., received the call about 11:40 a.m. The anonymous male caller, according to the report, first asked her if she was the woman who had been writing about smudge.

Then, the investigating patrolman continued, the caller said "if she didn't knock it off he and a couple of other guys were out to get her." They threatened to harm her physically, the patrolman said.

Salem—UPI—A bumper crop of Douglas fir cones is expected in Oregon this year, according to the State Forestry Department.

Medford Man Lodged In County Jail

Joseph Anthony Christopher King, 36, of 328 North Riverside ave., was arrested Thursday and lodged in Jackson county jail on a charge of forgery, Medford police reported.

Police said King was arrested in connection with signing and passing a U. S. government check for \$55 payable to Leland R. Newton, also of the same address.

Three Injured in Accident in City

Three persons — one a 9-year-old child—received minor injuries in a two-car accident at Stewart ave. and Plum st. Thursday afternoon, Medford police reported.

Police said Donna Jo Childreth, 16, of 2231 Orchard Home dr., the driver of one vehicle, received numerous cuts and a swollen right arm, and the driver of the other car, Orlinda Rose Igo, 42, of 1346 Dixie lane, suffered an injured right knee and a cut over the left eye.

Gloria Jean Igo, 9, a passenger in the Igo vehicle, suffered small cuts and swelling on her forehead, police said.

All three refused medical attention at the scene, police reported. No citations were issued.

London—UPI—Sir Jacob Epstein, one of the world's greatest and most controversial sculptors, died this week in his London home, it was learned today. He was 79.

Ashland Firm Low Bidder on Pickup

Jim Busch Ford Sales, Ashland, yesterday was awarded the contract for county purchase of a four-wheel drive pickup truck, according to the Jackson county court.

The Ashland company was lowest bidder at \$2,450 for the six-cylinder, half-ton vehicle.

Other bidders were Medford Motors at \$3,135.52, Parsons Motors at \$2,810, and Crater Lake Motors at \$2,600.57.

Money for the truck was included in this fiscal year's budget, County Commissioner Ralph James said. The truck is to be used by the Soil Conservation Service for drilling test holes.

Administration Seeks Teachers' Housing

The Medford public schools administration has announced that it is seeking moderately priced housing for incoming teachers, who are expected to begin arriving in the next two weeks.

Individuals having housing available are asked to call the Medford Public School office, SP 3-3683.

The school administration urges community cooperation in meeting the housing need.

Space Capsule Eludes Searchers

Vandenberg AFB, Calif.—UPI—Ships searched a 10,000-square mile area of the Pacific today in America's latest attempt to recover a space capsule, but there was little hope the instrument-filled package would be found.

The 300-pound, 27 by 33-inch capsule was successfully ejected from Discoverer VI satellite Thursday, but ships and planes waiting for the recovery failed to sight it or hear its radio signals.

"Therefore it is unlikely that the capsule will be recovered although the search will be continued," said the Defense department in Washington.

It was the second failure in six days at recovering a space capsule from orbit, and the third time in the Discoverer series this year.

New 50-Star Flag Unveiled by Ike At Ceremonies

Washington—UPI—A new 50-star U.S. flag was unveiled today by President Eisenhower. It carries five rows of six stars alternating with four rows of five stars on the field of blue.

The White House said the new design met with the President's personal approval.

Design of the new flag was disclosed as President Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii into the union as the 50th state.

The new flag will not become the official flag of the United States until next July 4. The present 48-star flag was first flown last July 4.

Hawaii Officially Becomes State

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower proclaimed Hawaii a state today and unfurled a new 50-star flag for the nation.

The President's proclamation bringing the Pacific islands territory into the union and the unveiling of the new flag took place at formal White House ceremonies.

It marked the second time this year that Eisenhower welcomed a new state. He proclaimed Alaska a state Jan. 3 in similar ceremonies.

Today's proclamation gave statehood status to 585,000 Hawaiians in the island cluster which lies 2,400 miles from the West coast.

Phoenix Festival Plans To Be Aired

Phoenix—The Phoenix Fall Festival plans will be discussed during a meeting of the Phoenix Community club at 8 p.m., Monday in the clubhouse, according to Allen Harris, community club president.

The board of governors and all residents have been asked to attend, Harris said. General business will be on the agenda and tentative recreation programs will be discussed also, the club president said.

Albany Contractor Dies In Newport Plane Crash

Newport, Ore.—UPI—A light private plane plunged into a residential district three miles south of here Thursday, killing Jack Draper, 39, prominent Albany home builder.

The falling plane narrowly missed a home as it ploughed into the ground in the Surf-land residential area.

Fire Extinguishes Fire

Ironically, water spraying from a main ruptured by the impact extinguished a fire which broke out in the wreckage.

The plane hit the ground less than 50 feet from the home of Jerva Feld, a Newport hospital nurse.

Draper's Body Thrown From Wreckage

Draper's body was thrown from the wreckage. Occurred During Fog

The crash occurred during a heavy fog. Draper is returning to Albany after a visit to his family at their summer home near Newport.

Draper is survived by his widow, Barbara, and six children.

Draper was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schmidt, Oceanside, Calif., who were in Newberg attending a family gathering at the time of the accident. The Schmidts spend their summers at a cabin at Squaw lakes and are former residents of Medford. Mrs. Draper is the former Barbara Schmidt.

Letter To Norblad Threatens Defeat

Portland—UPI—Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) was reported today to have received a letter from a top labor leader threatening to work to defeat him at the polls next year because of his vote on the labor reform bill.

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy through Saturday. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 50. High Saturday 58.

TEMP.

Highest Yesterday 61
Lowest This Morning 54

Pre. to 10 a.m. Today .94

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 7:03 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:23 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 8:43 p.m.
Last Quarter Aug. 26
Jupiter, the largest planet, seen in the southwest at moonrise tonight, continues to move eastward among the stars. Its motion is more noticeable than that of more distant Saturn.

Dog Owned by Ashland Girl Wins First Obedience Contest at 4-H, FFA Fair

Young dogs that someday may lead the blind were put through their paces Thursday in an obedience test at the Jackson county 4-H, FFA fair here.

The test, first of its kind at the fair, was held under conditions as difficult as the canines were ever likely to encounter.

The dogs are being trained by young tutors in Jackson county as a 4-H project. After living with families here for several months and mastering the fundamentals of obedience, the dogs are returned before they are a year old to Guide Dogs for the Blind, San Rafael, Calif.

Advance Training

There, they receive four months of rigorous advance training before active duty as new "eyes" for sightless persons.

Cora, a German shepherd trained by Cathy Grimm, Ashland, won first prize in the event. Second was Zandra, a Chesapeake Bay retriever trained by Nyla Murray, Medford.

The third place dog, a Golden retriever, was trained by Sharon Roderick, Ashland; the fourth, a German shepherd, by Janet Issi, Medford; the fifth, a Golden retriever, by Bobby De Boer, Ashland; the sixth, a Golden retriever trained by Betty de Place, Medford.

The seventh dog participating was a German shepherd handled by Denny Retter, Ashland. All seven youngsters are members of the Sis-Q Guide Dog 4-H club.

Test Competition

Thursday's competition included tests of walking at various paces, turning, stop-

ping and sitting and lying down for extended periods while handlers stood away.

Mrs. Caryl Gibbs of Medford, a well-known figure in local canine obedience circles, judged the seven entrants. She paid special attention to steadiness, concentration, intelligence and alertness.

Distractions were numerous. The other half of the exhibit barn was filled and re-filled with waves of bleating sheep. The aroma of sizzling hamburgers drifted into the barn from the refreshment stand across the roadway. The dogs had to walk on sawdust reeking with myriad odors.

The canines all were in fine physical shape and showed they were far from dunces. Their successful maneuvers represented many hours of training by their patient tu-