

Medford Exceeds National Average In Consumer Buying

New York—Of more direct interest to residents of Medford than the gross national product (GNP), of which much has been said, is their own gross local product (GLP).

That figure is the measure of the city's business activity for the year, since it represents the total output of goods and services locally.

Approximately two-thirds of this output is the result of consumer spending, according to the latest federal figures. The rest is made up of industrial outlays for plant expansion, and of the various kinds of government disbursements.

Nationally, in the past fiscal year, the GNP reached a record half trillion dollars, according to data released by the Department of Commerce. It was well over the previous year's total, despite the unemployment that prevailed.

Less than \$325 billion of it was for goods and services bought by consumers.

Medford accounted for an estimated \$94,223,000 of this amount, which was more than its quota on the basis of population.

With only .0138 per cent of the nation's population, it consumed .0287 per cent of the nation's output of goods and services.

The spending ranged in all directions, from cosmetics to

Five Area Doctors Listed in Directory

Five southern Oregon physicians are among more than 8,000 doctors who have completed advanced training and earned certificates as medical specialists.

Included are Medford Drs. John Tunis Brandenburg, internal medicine; Ralph Dudley Odell, surgery; Thomas J. Tinsley, clinical pathology and pathologic anatomy; and James Wilson, orthopaedic surgery.

Dr. John Noble Reid, Ashland, surgery, also will be listed.

The advance in medical care is noted in the new "Directory of Medical Specialists," a biennial publication issued by the American Medical Association. The book is the official directory of the advisory board of medical specialists.

The new directory lists each of the approximately 73,000 certified medical specialists in the U.S.

General Denies Troops Taught in Birch Principles

Augsburg, Germany (AP)—The commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division today denied that his troops are indoctrinated under a program based on the principles of the controversial John Birch Society.

clothing, from furniture to food and from movies to automobile repairs.

Of the \$94,223,000 outlay in the Medford area in personal consumer expenditures, \$95,558,000 was for retail store purchases and \$28,667,000 the estimated amount spent for services of all kinds.

Because of his huge spending power, which enables him to absorb 65 per cent of the nation's output of goods and services, the consumer holds the reins today. The way he spends his money spells out prosperity for some kinds of business and depression or failure for others.

Recently his tastes have been undergoing a change. His status symbols are no longer those of yesterday. He is spending a smaller percentage of his income in some directions and a larger percentage in others.

The trend now is toward bigger outlays for homes, for medical care and for travel, education and recreation.

Area Students To Enter ASTME

Kiamath Falls—Several southern Oregon students at Oregon Technical Institute, will be inducted as members of the OTI student chapter of the American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers at a charter night banquet April 22.

They are John Alexander, a third-term student in mechanical technology; Roger Hooper, a six-term student in drafting technology, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Esp, 889 Olympic st., Medford; Larry Morin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morin, 4459 Colver rd., Medford; a third-term student in mechanical drafting technology; and Richard Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Hall, 614 Albert st., Medford, a sixth-term student in machinist technology.

Gustave (Ben) Berlien, a national director of the ASTME, Oakland, Calif., will conduct the induction ceremonies.

Portland Chapter 63 of the ASTME are sponsors of the OTI student chapter.

INDUCTED

Kenneth Leroy Nutter, of Central Point, was inducted into the Armed Forces March 28 at Portland, according to the local Selective Service board.

Sworn Affidavits

The reports were published by the Overseas Weekly, an American-owned newspaper aimed at U.S. troops in Europe. John Dornberg, the paper's editor, said he had sworn affidavits from witnesses who attended a Jan. 24 Parent-Teachers Association meeting in Augsburg at which Walker allegedly made the remarks.

The newspaper said Walker told the meeting that "sixty per cent of the American press and radio-TV industry are Communist controlled."

It alleged that the general named as "confirmed Communist" columnist Walter Lippmann, Edward R. Murrow, former Columbia Broadcasting System newsman and now director of the U.S. Information Service, and Columbia Broadcasting System commentator Eric Sevareid.

The Overseas Weekly, in an article which appeared Thursday under an April 16 date-line, also said that Walker's "pro-blue program" of indoctrination was based on the "philosophy of the controversial John Birch Society."

Statements Said Untrue

Walker, in a written statement today, repudiated the allegations against his indoctrination program and about his statements at the PTA meeting were "untrue."

"The program is not associated or affiliated with any organization or society," the general said. "It is designed to develop the understanding of American military and civil heritage, responsibilities toward that heritage, and the topics and objectives of those enemies who would destroy us."

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