

Retail Sales Up On Strength of New Car Buying

Washington — (AP) Retail sales rose sharply in July, chiefly on the strength of brisk buying of new cars, the government has reported. It also said personal incomes increased moderately to another new high.

In a third report, the government said the average factory work week dropped more than usual last month, but still was at its highest July level since 1959.

The reports are among business indicators which President Kennedy will have considered when he announces in a radio-television speech Monday night whether he thinks the economy needs the stimulus of a tax cut now. If he decides against an immediate reduction, he will seek one in January.

Better Than Expected

The gain in retail sales was better than expected. The Commerce Department said the July sales total of \$19,451,000,000 was \$19 million above the May level. Retail buying had dropped in June to \$19.1 billion. An all-time high of \$19.6 billion was posted last April.

A \$1.3 billion increase in personal income to a yearly rate of \$442 billion was \$300 million better than the May-June gain. But it was well below advances of \$3 billion a month earlier this year. Most of the July increase came in wages and salaries, especially in construction where activity blossomed.

Diseases Reported By Health Office

Measles led the list of communicable diseases reported to the Jackson county health department last week with a total of 11 cases. Of these one was in Shady Cove, three were in Ashland, and seven were in Medford.

Other illnesses reported were four cases of influenza each in Medford and Ashland; one case of whooping cough in Ashland, and one incidence of syphilis in Shady Cove.

Two cases of pneumonia appeared, one each in Ashland and Talent.

Life Declared Difficult for Tribesmen in South Viet Nam

By NEIL SHEEHAN
Pleiku, South Viet Nam—(AP) —Thousands of primitive Montagnard tribesmen, driven from their remote mountain homes by Communist Viet Cong terrorists, are finding that life also can be hard in more civilized areas.

Many of them are suffering from disease — and getting little medical treatment.

Many are facing starvation and getting little food.

Government red tape is being blamed.

Provincial authorities here and at Kontum, further north, say repeated requests to the central government for assistance have gone unheeded.

This correspondent visited one of the villages in which

some of the tribesmen have been put.

Many Bloated Bellies

Many were subsisting on roots, bamboo shoots, edible leaves and other such foods they could get in the jungles.

Most of the spindly-legged children had bloated bellies from hunger and malnutrition. They were dressed in rags. Babies suffered from eye infections.

One American military officer, who recently visited one of the villages, said many of the tribesmen were suffering from disease, such as shingles, but were unable to get medical care except in rare cases.

He estimated that at least 3,000 Montagnard refugees in western Pleiku province alone

were "presently in a state of starvation."

Provincial authorities in Kontum said, "The province chief is so desperate that he is going to see the president (Ngo Dinh Diem) personally if we do not get rice soon."

"We have made many complaints," they added, "but nothing happens."

Bureaucracy Blamed

The officials put the blame on the Saigon bureaucracy and its apparent inability to react quickly to an emergency.

In Kontum province alone an estimated 15,000 Montagnards have fled to more secure areas along the main communication arteries since the first of the year.

Of these, provincial authorities said, only about 2,000 are able to provide for themselves.

Rice was distributed to more than 9,000 in June. But no rice has been given to them since. Almost 4,000 have never received any rice at all and are described as in desperate straits.

Only 123 tons of rice has been distributed in that area since May. Of this, 96 tons was obtained from CARE and other American charity organizations.

Provincial authorities said they purchased another 30 tons within the province for the tribesmen but were unable to distribute it because of transportation difficulties, caused by Viet Cong ambushes along the main roads.

In Pleiku province another estimated 15,000 Montagnards are in dire need of rice. They got only 100 tons in June from provincial authorities; none in July.

Supplies Requested

American military authorities here have requested 300 tons of rice, medical supplies, tools and other essentials on an emergency basis from American aid authorities in Saigon. That request was made two weeks ago, they said. They still are awaiting a reply.

Vietnamese officials said that at least 96,000 Montagnards have fled their villages to more secure zones during the past year.

They said most were fleeing because of increased Viet

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a physician, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Shelley G. — I want to wear "heels" to the birthday party.

Mrs. B. G. — At 11, a child's shoe will look and feel better on her.

Shelley G. — My best friend is having a fancy party out at her grandmother's estate on Long Island. It's to celebrate her 11th birthday. All the girls are getting dressed up in glamorous clothes, and we're very excited.

My mother is letting me wear a new organdie dress and long nylon stockings. Our argument is about shoes. Most of the others will be wearing party slippers with a tiny jet heel. But mother is making me wear flats.

Why won't she realize that it's very important for me to wear what the other girls do?

Mrs. B. G. — I don't know why the words "estate on Long Island" have made Shelley and her friends act as though they must dress for Hollywood. When she started her spiel about "everybody" wearing high heels (well, nice for an 11-year-old) I thought I'd do some checking. Out of the 20 girls invited, I called the parents of 10. About five agreed with me. The others acted wishy-washy. Either they take no real interest in guiding their daughters, or they're afraid to cross them. Only one mother said she ap-

proved so as not to embarrass her daughter, but wouldn't let the child wear the shoes after the party.

Well, we can't afford shoes for one wearing. Besides, my shoe man agrees that the raised heel is unfit for young feet.

The Council: There are two special joys of being young. One is the full savoring of the experiences which go naturally with each stage. And the second is anticipating what's still to come. How sad, then, to telescope the whole wondrous procession into a flat pile and dip into it carelessly at age 10, 11 or 12.

For example, we recall the ugliness of a 7-year-old wearing lipstick. Where, for her, is the glorious teen-age moment of the first adornment, the first stepping-out, with the carmine cupid's bow? To her, the careful outlining was no more than another crayon filling-in like those in her Mother Goose coloring-book. She had been cheated.

This brave mother is a Mrs. Canute trying to hold back the sea of "everybody's doing it." But there are ways of holding back a berserk tide. Note the dikes of Holland and the levees down in Dixie. And note Mrs. G.'s checkup phone calls. We commend her for tracking down and proving false that exaggerated "everybody." And for taking a clear stand, defiance of which may well lead Shelley to regrets.

While Shelley might, wearing the teeter-shoes, feel a momentary triumph over the "mamma's babies" in comfortable flats, she's a loser on several counts: taste, appearance, grace and freshness. On bony little-girl legs, such sophisticated pumps often proclaim the presence of a spoiled brat.

Shelley is fortunate in having a mother who is doing her best to afford her the "right" thrills for the right age. Age 11 has plenty of its own — the special pre-teen world. Stepping out in heels is a milestone of its own and more dramatic a few years hence.

But, since we know how "martyred" a child can feel when forced to be different,

On the Air

By ELEANOR WIESE

On Tuesday monologue master Shelley Berman presents his first one-man television show with "Shelley Berman: A Personal Appearance" at 9 p.m. on KBES-TV.

According to Berman, his show will include observations on TV commercials, "interesting thoughts on the medical profession and on hotels, and an old favorite or two."

ARMSTRONG CIRCLE THEATRE 9 p.m. Wednesday KBES-TV. "The Man Who Refused to Die" tells the true story of a Polish Jew and his sister who were saved from Nazi terrorists by a Roman Catholic farm family who hid the pair for two years. (Repeat)

DAVID BRINKLEY'S JOURNAL, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday KMED-TV. Wrestler Antonio Rocca is interviewed by Brinkley. Rocca, a hero to Puerto Ricans, is one of the highest paid athletes in this country. (Repeat)

THE LIVELY ONES 8:30 p.m. Thursday KMED-TV. Pianist Andre Previn plays Gershwin's "Concerto in F" and The Limeliters and Yale Chorus are also guests of Vic Damone.

SPECIAL FOR WOMEN 8:30 p.m. Friday KMED-TV. "The Indiscriminate Woman" dramatizes the problems of a woman who attempts to escape inner conflicts by engaging in fleeting affairs. (Repeat)

STAGE 5 11:15 p.m. Friday KBES-TV. "Two Hot To Handle" with Clark Gable, Myrna Loy and Walter Pidgeon. An exciting melodrama for night owls.

JAPAN EAST IS WEST 9 p.m. Monday KMED-TV. Winner of the Overseas Press Club annual award for the best photographic reporting from abroad, this news special shows how the new patterns of living in Japan conflict with the country's traditional culture.

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