



Your Money's Worth

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COST TRENDS NOW IN FAVOR OF U.S.

Comparisons between what it costs U.S. manufacturers to turn out goods and what it costs manufacturers in other industrialized nations to produce are turning steadily more favorable to U.S.

Wages have been rising at a much faster rate outside the United States in recent years than here. At present wages are, as Prentice-Hall puts it in a privately circulated letter on economic trends, showing "amazing steadiness in most industries." Average hourly wages were \$2.39 in the first half of this year against \$2.32 in all of 1961 and "virtually the entire 3 per cent rise occurred over the last half of 1961."

Wholesale prices also have been rising at a much faster rate in most other nations than here. Our wholesale price level has barely moved for years. The same goes for the cost of living comparisons.

Wages and wholesale prices are, of course, key elements in the cost of producing goods. The pattern which has caused an intensifying profit squeeze in our country is emerging in the economics of our competitors. They are, it might be said, "catching up" to our problems.

These trends are of the utmost importance to the future of all of us. They can be crucial in helping us to accelerate our rate of growth in coming years, to attain and sustain prosperity, to protect the value of the U. S. dollar.

They signal a rise in our ability to sell goods produced here in other countries, thereby making jobs, paychecks and profits for Americans. They flash a message to U.S. corporations to step up their efforts to export more goods, particularly to European countries which have labor shortages and which want to control costs by installing American-made labor-saving equipment. They indicate Europe's average families will be ready to buy more of our consumer goods too, for the simple reason that their paychecks are fatter. They underline the urgent need for getting the 1962 trade act on the books without crippling amendments so that the administration will have the power to bargain down Europe's tariff walls against us and our manufacturers will be able to penetrate Europe's flourishing markets with even more competitively priced goods.

The following table graphically tells the tale. The original data from the International Monetary Fund was put into index by Prentice-Hall. The indexes assume 1957-59 as the base year of 100. Now here is how trends in U.S. and foreign costs and output compare as of spring-summer 1962.

Country	Wages	Cost of living	Wholesale prices	Industrial production
Japan	125	117	104	199
Germany	137	109	102	125
Italy	117	108	100	148
France	135	120	108	130
Australia	111	107	98	not avail.
England	112	109	108	110
Canada	113	105	105	115
Sweden	125	112	106	117
United States	113	105	101	117

Only in Australia and England have wages in recent years risen more slowly than in the United States and the difference is tiny. Only in Italy have wholesale prices not moved at all, only in Australia have they actually declined, and the rise here from 100 to 101 over this period is stability by any yardstick. Only Canada has kept living costs down as we have. As for industrial production, only England and Canada have the dubious distinction of showing a more sluggish rise in output than we.

We have restrained wages and prices in the last few years, and, for the sake of our competitive position in a fiercely competitive world, we must continue to restrain the rises.

We have finally faced up to the realities of the profit squeeze on U. S. business, and the administration has gone on the line with a pledge to help relieve it next year via a major overhaul of our tax structure across-the-board, top-to-bottom.

The international cost comparisons at last are moving firmly in our favor. Let's have the brains and common sense not to reverse them!

Dennis the Menace



"WHAT IF I'M NEVER SORRY? DO I GOTTA STAY HERE 'TIL THEN?"

Meany Says Federal Employees Should Belong To Unions

Seattle - (UPI) - Hundreds of thousands, "perhaps a million," government employees should be brought into labor unions, President George Meany of the AFL-CIO said Tuesday.

Meany, speaking to the American Federation of Government Employees convention here, said the federation has a great opportunity to organize federal employees under the administration of President Kennedy. He said the administration is friendly to government workers and has strengthened their rights to organize.

Meany said workers must be considered as workers and that he rejects the idea that white collar employees don't need unions.

"This idea is complete nonsense," he added. Join Campaign

Meany also urged the AFGE to join in the AFL-CIO campaign to get organized labor to register and vote. He said the AFL-CIO would spend \$750,000 this year in a "register and vote" drive.

The AFL-CIO president said laws prohibited unions from contributing to candidates but there is no law against union spending its last dollar to get its members to register and vote.

More than 400 delegates are attending the 18th convention of the AFGE. Meany came here to deliver the principal Labor Day address at the Seattle World's Fair and stayed over to speak to the AFGE and to see some of the fair.



PARCO D'ALBA DEDICATED—Mayor John Snider, left, and Pino Dutto, representing Alba, Italy, Saturday cut the ribbons which held the covering over the plaque dedicating the former Maple Grove park at Medford's south city limits as Parco D'Alba. The Saturday afternoon ceremonies also rededicated the grove of maple trees to the "young people who died in the name of peace in World War I."

The American Legion in the late 1920's had encouraged its members and members of other veterans' groups to plant the maple trees in honor of the young men who died in World War I. Saturday's speakers emphasized the spirit of brotherhood between the sister cities of Medford and Alba, Italy. (Knackstedt photo)

Morse's Devon Cattle Win 23 of 29 Awards at Oregon State Fair

Salem - (UPI) - Sen. Wayne Morse walked off with 23 of 29 possible awards in judging of Devon cattle at the Oregon State Fair Monday.

Morse showed the grand champion bull, the reserve grand champion bull, the senior champion bull and the reserve senior champion bull as well as cattle which won 19 other awards.

In the Hereford division of cattle judging, the champion bull and champion cow were shown by the double M Hereford brand of Adams.

The Future Farmers of America held their awards presentation Monday and gave the Oregon Association of Broadcasters citizenship award to Perry Johnson of Wallawa.

Pat Gayden of the Woodburn FFA chapter was given

a \$100 Oregon Jersey Cattle club award and Stephen Wolfe of Wallawa received the Oregon Polled Hereford award. Bob Broderick and Bill Broderick of Scappoose and Gene Dixon of Amity received Oregon Angus association awards.

The best grain FFA grain exhibit was given Jerry Kaylor of Corvallis.

Herdsmanship awards went to Kenneth D. Dixon of Amity, Keith Simmons of Enterprise, Don Stangel of West

Portland Asks for 1968 Olympic Games

Portland - (UPI) - The city of Portland Tuesday issued an invitation for the 1968 Olympic Games to be held here.

Mayor Terry Schrunk said Portland, which has plans for a big new sports center, would submit its bid to the U.S. Olympics committee in Chicago on Oct. 15.

Linn and Gary Cruikshank of Dayton.

Reserve Officer Class Scheduled

Ashland - Registration for classes at the Naval Reserve Officer school, Southern Oregon college, Ashland, will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 8. Reserve officers will be registered in Dr. Loren Messenger's office in Churchill hall.

Classes will begin Sept. 13, and will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Thursday. The school is open to all Naval, Coast Guard, Army or Marine Reserve officers.

Full promotion and retirement credit is given for completion of the full year courses offered. The courses are of the seminar type, and are taught on the graduate level. Instructors are professional educators.

Walt Mendenhall of Willamina won the crops identification contest banner.

Dan Leuthold of Tillamook and Bill Umbarger of Pendleton were given trophies for amassing the high points in dairy and livestock judging.

4H Club member Janet Hatch of Portland is the new grand champion in the open class 4H clothing division.

A Wasco county 4H team of Kathy Mayhew, Judy Bothwell and Karen Troutman, all of Maupin, won clothing judging contest.

Home improvement judging was won by a team from Jackson county of Amy Jo Helm of Ashland, Mary Louise Truly and Susan Truly of Central Point.

Rifleman Dale Stenett of Portland and Mark Medges of Vernonia won the target and sporting rifles championships in 4H shooting.

4H flower arranging was won by Janet Crook of Beaverton.

Teller Says U. S. Has Lost World Preeminence

Seattle - (UPI) - Except for wealth and standard of living, the United States no longer has preeminence in the world, nuclear physicist Dr. Edward Teller told the opening session of the National Advanced Technology Management conference Tuesday.

"At the end of World War II," he said, "the United States was the most powerful and wealthiest nation, the leader in science and technology, the most admired."

Teller said one way to stop losing ground in world competition is to stop asking the military for its requirements.

"Do what you can," he said. "The military requirements will come later. We can't afford to lose ground for another 17 years."

Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, retired, who headed the Manhattan Project development of the atomic bomb, said the making of the bomb "was not

an empire-building project." "There was no duplication of effort," Groves said. "We relied upon private industry when we could. I was in the field, not sitting in Washington reading committee reports, holding press conferences and making speeches." Groves said popularity had

nothing to do with the Manhattan Project. "We were determined to win, and we did win."

The project would not have succeeded, he added, if responsibility and authority had not been definitely delegated and strongly used.

County 4-H Team Wins Judging Event

Salem - Jackson county 4-H club members took top honors in the 4-H home improvement judging contest at the Oregon State Fair.

Club members judged four classes of home furnishings and were graded on both a team and an individual basis.

Members of the winning Jackson county team were Amy Jo Helm, Ashland, and Mary Louise Truly and Susan Truly, Central Point.

In individual judging, Susan Truly won a blue ribbon, while Mary Louise Truly and Amy Jo Helm won red awards.

Other fair winners included Maryada Frost, Grants Pass, a blue ribbon in clothing judging; and Georgia Hubbard, Eagle Point, and Frances Huffman, Eagle Point, blue ribbons in advanced foods. Miss Hubbard cooked for two weeks for a family of six.

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Prisoner Tunnels Way To Freedom

Baker - (UPI) - A prisoner at the Baker county jail tunneled his way to freedom Tuesday after being returned to the jail from Montana to face a charge of obtaining property under false pretenses.

Sheriff's deputies said the disappearance of Preston Lee Davis, 31, of Baker, was noticed at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday by a trusty who called Sheriff Delmar Nixon.

Sheriff Nixon said that Davis dug a hole big enough to wriggle through in the pumice block wall of his second floor cell. He left the jail by opening a ground floor window.



SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 10. DRIVE CAREFULLY! MANY CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME! DON'T LET IT BE THEIR LAST! YOUR CAUTION CAN SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE.

• **DRIVE CAREFULLY** around schools and playgrounds! Be on the lookout for children when they walk to and from school! Your vacation from school children is over now!

• **BE ON THE ALERT** when you are near a schoolbus. Of course, they have to obey all traffic rules! But, give schoolbuses a break anyway . . . they carry a priceless cargo!

• **PARENTS! NEVER STOP TELLING** children about the many traffic dangers! Only then can we hope to help reduce traffic fatalities! One out of seven fatalities involves a schoolchild! One out of ten fatal accidents is caused by a teen-age driver!

• **DRIVERS! DON'T HURRY** when you drive! We may as well face it! We cannot reduce traffic casualties unless we slow down! The lives of others are in the hands holding your steering wheel. The minute you may save, isn't worth the life of a schoolchild!

• **HAVE YOUR CAR CHECKED** by an expert! Any car that is not in perfect mechanical condition is a potential murder weapon! The few dollars you spend may save a life!

DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE

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