

# Cost Of Living Up \$450 Over 1946

## Food Proves Biggest Single Item For Average American Household Of Four

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The bureau of labor statistics told congress today it costs an average family of four in 34 major cities about \$450 more a year to maintain a "modest" standard of living now than it did 22 months ago. Almost a third of this goes for food.

The annual budget for such a family ranged from \$3004 in New Orleans to \$3458 in Washington as of last June, the bureau said, and since then consumer prices have jumped another 4.3 per cent.

Ewan Clague, commissioner of labor statistics, said the average family for the purposes of his report is an employed father, a housewife and two school children under the age of 15.

He described the budget on which his figures were based as neither at the "subsistence" (bare living) nor "luxury" level, but "an attempt to describe and measure a modest but adequate American standard of living."

The report said the cost of food, largest single item in the budget, ranged last June from \$1060 a year in Cincinnati to a little under \$1100 in New York and Seattle, averaging about \$20 a week.

This compared with March, 1946, figures of \$850 in New York, \$854 in Seattle and \$792 in Cincinnati, or around \$15 a week.

The 33 1/3 per cent increase in food costs was the greatest for any budget item except local taxes, which increased sharply everywhere—in some cities, as much as 100 per cent.

Cost of housing increased little from March, 1946, to last June, the report said, but under the new rent control act "rents have risen further."

The budget provided for automobile ownership by 40 per cent of the families in New York, Chicago and Philadelphia and by 74 per cent in the other 31 cities. The report remarked:

"Typically, the cars owned by families at the budget level are about eight years old and cost about \$35 (after trade-in allowances) in 1941. At that time, cheap second-hand automobiles were available.

"This budget does not allow for the replacement of automobiles at the current high prices. It makes an allowance of only \$135 a year toward the purchase of a car."

The family budgets of last June compared with March, 1946, in the 34 cities were listed as follows:

Washington, \$3458 and \$2985; Seattle, \$3388 and \$2913; New York, \$3347 and \$2820; Milwaukee, \$3317 and \$2811; Boston, \$3310 and \$2842; Detroit, \$3293 and \$ 813; Pittsburgh, \$3291 and \$2761; Minneapolis, \$3282 and \$2779; Chicago, \$3282 and \$2793; San Francisco, \$3317 and \$2853; Baltimore, \$3289 and \$2797; St. Louis, \$3247 and \$2824; Mobile, Ala., \$3276 and \$2826; Norfolk, Va., \$3241 and \$2804; Memphis, \$3220 and \$2750; Los Angeles \$3251 and \$2766; Birmingham, \$3251 and \$2781; Richmond, Va., \$3223 and \$2776; Cleveland, \$3200 and \$2712; Portland, Me., \$3200 and \$2735; Denver, \$3168 and \$2623; Philadelphia, \$3203 and \$2681; Scranton, Pa., \$3163 and \$2623; Savannah, Ga., \$3150 and \$2721; Portland, Ore., \$3181 and \$2748; Atlanta, \$3150 and \$2691;

### Nurse Training Offered



In-service training for nurses in Oregon, Washington and Idaho will be provided by the University of Oregon Medical school department of nursing, through a \$60,000 grant from the W. R. Kellogg foundation. Here Johanna Vreeland (left), program director, points out area school will serve to Henrietta Dolz, director of the department of nursing.

Buffalo, \$3136 and \$2615; Jacksonville, Fla., \$3135 and \$2677; Manchester, N. H., \$3132 and \$2700; Cincinnati, \$3119 and \$2678; Indianapolis, \$3098 and \$2667; Houston, Tex., \$3020 and \$2532; Kansas City, Mo., \$3010 and \$2603; New Orleans, \$3004 and \$2573.

### Dutch Family To Live In Portland

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (AP)—A Dutch family of six arrived here Monday to make their home and reported that their own country will still take "many years" to rebuild.

"The weather's so mild—you must grow wonderful flowers here," remarked Jan Molenkamp, who, with his wife and four children, moved here from Rotterdam, Holland, at the suggestion of an American friend.

He plans to grow bulbs here, or work in a nursery. "We were living on low rations and mainly on a beet diet," Molenkamp said of Holland. "Our quarters were cramped; many families were doubled up because their homes had been shelled in the blitz."

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## Woods Named Housing Head

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—President Truman Monday nominated Tigue E. Woods to be housing expediter.

Woods, a resident of Illinois, has been serving as acting expediter since the resignation of Frank Cresson October 31.

The president also sent to the Senate the nomination of Peyton Ford of Oklahoma to be an assistant to the attorney general, succeeding Douglas W. McGregor, who resigned.

Mr. Truman also nominated a long list of army officers for promotions including:

Lt. Gen. Joseph Lawton Collins to be deputy chief of staff with the rank of general.

Maj. Gen. Willard Stewart Paul to be lieutenant general as director of army personnel and administration.

Maj. Gen. Stephen J. Chamberlain to be director of army intelligence with the rank of lieutenant general.

Maj. Gen. Maunton Sprague Eddy to be director of the army education system and commandant of the command and general staff college with the rank of lieutenant general.

### Camp Fire Girls Sell Yule Trees

The Hi-To-Gi Camp Fire group from Riverside school is working hard so that they may go to camp next summer. The girls of this group are selling Christmas trees in order to raise money for their camp fees.

The trees are on sale on the lot between 11th and 12th on Main street and girls will be present to sell trees from 4 o'clock to 7 o'clock each afternoon and all day Saturday.

All of the proceeds of this sale will go to this one group of Camp Fire Girls and will mean that they will be able to attend summer camp. The girls helped to get the trees and are doing all the work of caring for them and selling them.

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## TRANSPORTATION NEWS

### Holiday Travel Shows Increase

Holiday travel is on the increase daily, and Southern Pacific officials here reported extra cars had been added to each train coming north from Los Angeles and south from Portland. Travel is reported slightly under that of last year, but is expected to hit the peak this weekend, the Saturday-Sunday before Christmas.

Christmas was keeping the postal department on the hop, but thus far it has not been found necessary to add an extra train as in past years.

### Third Mate Lost From Ship At Sea

SEATTLE, Dec. 16 (AP)—The American mail line here revealed Monday that it had received a message from the master of the steamship Edward Everett, en route from Honolulu to Korea, that Third Mate Fred P. Johnston of Tacoma had disappeared at sea shortly after the vessel left Honolulu. It had no other details.

### FUND OKAYED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Legislation increasing by \$750,000,000 the authorization of the federal housing administration to insure mortgages on new residential construction passed the house Monday 290 to 4.

### Home From School

The Frank Sexton family on Riverside is anticipating the return of two daughters from college for the holiday season. Mary Louise, a junior student at the University of Oregon, returns Saturday morning, but Mariann, a freshman at the university, gets home Friday morning.

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### Vacationing

GN Foreman E. W. Milliron and his wife left Thursday of last week for Oklahoma where they will spend the Christmas holidays visiting friends and relatives. They drove

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## Northern Indians To Help Navajos

SEATTLE, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Lummi Indians, living on a reservation six miles west of Bellingham, are conducting a food production program of their own to help out the Navajos who face a winter of cold and hunger in the southwest.

The plan was disclosed yesterday when N. W. James, member of the Lummi council, and two of his neighbors brought 2000 pounds of salmon to a Seattle cannery.

The fish were taken after the Indians received permission to fish during the closed season, and Mrs. Martha Eskstrand, cannery operator, promised free canning. The American Can company, contributing free cans and now, Mrs. Eskstrand said, she is trying to find a railroad willing to contribute freight charges to the southwest.

### Christmas Tree

The Great Northern Christmas tree, which is put up annually on the depot lawn on S. 4th street, will go up this week. The crew in charge, headed by Signal Maintenanceman P. E. Baugh, is awaiting delivery of a new truck which has arrived for the GN, and as soon as the truck rolls, the crew will go into the woods to cut down the fir.

Beverly Gordon, 14, the young daughter of Bennett F. Gordon, switch foreman at Bieber for the Great Northern, is recovering satisfactorily at Klamath Valley hospital following an appendectomy.

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