# ...rvey Shows Ups and Downs In Prices ...ce Decontrol; Meat Biggest Item On ...wn Side, Gasoline; Cigarettes Gain

...YORK (AP) — The end of ...controls has brought more ...than "downs," but has left ...many items in the aver... ...American's budget.

...the conclusion reached in ...Associated Press 23-city sur... ...the effects of decontrol on ...of living.

...survey shows these increas... ...cigarettes up 1 or 2 cents a ...and coffee up 2 to 5 cents ...at all points; gasoline ...eight cities; and bread up ...cities.

...ing to the check, there ...been no significant price ...in clothing, home fuels, ...meals or butter since ...controls were removed ...

...big item moving downward ...meat; some housewives ...say the drop in the ...of meat has balanced the ...in coffee and cigarettes, ...their grocery bill about ...it was before decontrol.

...in gasoline range from ...of a cent in Cleve... ...and Columbus, O., to about ...in Seattle and San Fran... ...Gasoline is up 2 cents in ...1½ cents in St. Louis, and one-half cent in Boston.

The price of a loaf of bread has been hiked one-half cent in Boston, and 1 cent in St. Louis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Seattle and Pittsburgh.

Other items which now cost more than in the control period: such building materials as cement, brick, gypsum products, wall board and plumbing supplies; copper-clad stainless steel cooking utensils; lamps and light bulbs; steel drums and pails; office machinery, and some rugs and linoleum.

Increases are predicted for bed sheets in the next few weeks; for men's suits next fall; and for basic steel in the near future.

One of the big price cuts since decontrol came when Chrysler slashed its prices by an average of $100 per car. Other auto makers did not follow.

There are suggestions that some of the rises which came quickly after the death of controls will not last. The National Association of Purchasing Agents puts it this way:

"Much of the new price posting may be market testing and will stand or fall by the pressures of supply and demand."

In the words of an Indianapolis department store executive, "The day price controls ended was just another day. Only a few scattered items have been affected, because the market is very competitive."

The AP survey also brought forth comments and sidelights:

A Minneapolis housewife, Mrs. C. L. Rimarcik, says:

"Some things have gone down, especially beef and cotton household goods, since controls went off. It looks to me like prices are getting back to where they were before the Korean War."

Reports a woman in Washington, D. C.:

"I've heard all this talk about meat being cheaper and so on, but in the past month my grocery bill has run $2 a week higher."

Several housewives interviewed in St. Louis, Boston and Los Angeles have noticed no substantial difference in prices.

"A family which has been doing without high - priced items goes back to buying them after a slight price drop," says a Boston grocery chain spokesman. "But they are still exhausting their budget."

According to the report from Boston, housewives were not the only ones concerned with the boost in the price of coffee. After the hike went into effect, a Boston cafeteria reduced tea from 10 to 5 cents to discourage coffee sales. For the same reason, a Springfield, Mass., restaurant recently offered free tea to its patrons.

Good buys at the meat counter were reported from Dallas and New Haven. Meat prices in Dallas are lower than at any times in 10 years, with the exception of bacon. Round steak is selling at 59 cents a pound.

Grocery officials interviewed in various cities predict that prices will remain stable for some time.

"Right now the wage dollar buys more food than at any time in my memory and I've been in the business over 20 years," said Earl Huffing, vice president of the Indiana Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers Association.

In Cincinnati, Sam Becker, a clothing manufacturer who also operates two retail stores, sums up the picture in his field. "Prices are as low as they can be," he declares. "The retailer is making just enough to make a living and stay in business."

Cities covered in the AP price check included Boston; New Haven, Conn.; Albany, N. Y.; Newark, N. J.; Atlanta; Charlotte, N. C.; New Orleans; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; Chicago; Columbus, O.; Indianapolis; Baltimore; Washington; Dallas; Kansas City; Seattle; Minneapolis; Los Angeles; San Francisco; St. Louis; Cincinnati and Cleveland.

## ...roner Advances Theory ...n Death Of Boy On Rails

...George Adler, county coro... ...thinks some youngsters have ...up with the most plausible ...tion in the mysterious ...last Saturday morning of 14-...old Richard Lee Cummings. ...youth died on the railway ...about one mile south of ...Point. A Great Northern en...eer said that when their ...bound freight train rounded ...curve, they saw Richard lying ...the tracks some 300 feet ...with his head on one of the ...The heavy train could not ...stopped in time to avoid hitting ...prostrate youth. The body was ...mangled it was impossible to ...mine the immediate cause of ...but Dr. Adler said he was ...it had been caused by the ...

...first, it was surmised Rich...might have fallen, struck his ...on the rail and knocked himself unconscious before the train came along. But the coroner was hesitant about accepting that theory.

Last evening, Dr. Adler said some boys had suggested Richard was engaged in a hazardous practice sometimes used by youngsters. This practice has youngsters putting their ear to a railway rail to see if they can hear noises made by distant trains. That would explain Richard's position on the railway when the train approached Saturday. Unexplained, is why Richard failed to hear the train that struck him.

Richard was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cummings, 1729 Fargo. The Cummings' only other child, 7-year-old Roxie May, died in a fire that swept the Cummings home on Kiln Street, early on the morning of July 10.

## ...lert Receptionist Breaks ...p Attempted Bank Robbery

...NCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — An ...receptionist who saw from a ...across the street bank em... ...with their arms upraised ...police and broke up a bank holdup Tuesday.

As the holdup man fled on their arrival, Constable Jack Short dropped him with a single shot through the thigh and a paper bag, containing more than $6,000 fell at his feet.

Police identified him later as Patrick Bell, 26, and charged him with robbery with violence. A suspected accomplice was also arrested in an automobile police believe they planned to use as a getaway car.

The receptionist was Mrs. R. A. Winterbottom. Her employer, Dr. D. H. Stanwood, had gone to the bank and was the only customer there shortly after closing time.

The holdup man had intimidated the bank manager, Benny McInnes, and Dr. Stanwood, compelling Stanwood to tie up other employes with rope and then tieing up Stanwood himself. Then Mrs. Winterbottom spotted the unusual activities from across the street.

She phoned the bank and McInness, after a warning from the gunman, was allowed to answer the phone. He replied "I don't know" to her questions, and she told him she was calling help.

As the officers arrived, the gunman made a dash outside and he encountered Constable Short.

"I had a gun against him, and he had a gun against me," Short said later. "I shot first."

## ...Carthy Men ...e Stand

...INGTON (AP) — Raymond ..., administrative aide ...McCarthy (R-Wis), has ...he loaned money to the ...but refused to go into de...

...did deny in a deposi... ...Tuesday that any of ...financial dealings with his em... ...had any relation to any ...of McCarthy concerning ...Drew Pearson.

...denied also that he knew ...was done with contributions ...by McCarthy from var... ...sources after McCarthy, in ...opened his campaign of ...of Communist infiltration ...government.

...was questioned in the ...offices of Roberts and McIn..., in connection with Pear... $5,100,000 damage suit ...McCarthy and eight other ...

...suit, filed in 1951, is based ...on a charge that the de... ...conspired to attack and ...Pearson and to urge a ...of his radio sponsor's ...

...trial depositions already ...been taken from some of ...defendants, including McCar... Frank C. Waldrop, executive ...of the Washington Times-... Col. Robert R. McCor..., president of the Times-Her... ...Donald Surine, one-time ...investigator for McCarthy.

### LICENSE

LONDON (AP) — Sir Alexander Fleming, 71-year-old discoverer of penicillin, took out a license Wednesday to marry Mrs. Amalia Courtsouris, a 40-year-old divorcee. The scientists' first wife died four years ago.

## CIO, AFL Talk Merger, Outlook Glum As Both Sides Snipe At Labor Concept Of Other; Final Meet Set

WASHINGTON (AP)—The AFL and CIO start new talks today, the first in almost three years, aimed at merging their forces into a giant federation to represent more than 12 million workers.

The unity talks get under way in an atmosphere hardly encouraging success. Neither George Meany, president of the AFL, nor Walter P. Reuther, CIO leader, has predicted merger any time soon. Meany has said repeatedly the odds are about 8-5 against a merger; Reuther said yesterday the chances are "very good" if both organizations negotiate on an "honorable, constructive and intelligent basis."

But last month at the CIO United Auto Workers convention, Reuther, president of that union, issued a formal statement setting up four conditions he said the AFL must satisfy before unity could be seriously considered:

(1) The AFL must eliminate racketeering wherever it is found in any AFL unions; (2) it must accept the concept of industrial unionism on which the CIO was founded; (3) it must enforce a policy of no racial or other discrimination within any of its unions; and (4) it must agree to some kind of machinery to eliminate jurisdictional dispute—disputes in which two unions seek to organize the same workers.

Coming just two weeks before unity talks were to get under way, Reuther's statement was not appreciated by the AFL. Meany said be was "very much disappointed that the issues are going to be discussed in the public press before we meet." Reuther, questioned at a news conference, said yesterday the purpose of his convention statement was to "bolster up" the chance for a merger and that too much emphasis had been given to the four conditions.

Formation of the CIO as the "Committee for Industrial Organization" came in 1935 after a bitter fight at the AFL convention between one group of AFL leaders, headed by John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers, and another group which included most of the AFL Executive Council. The fight was over organizing workers in mass-production industries into one big union for each industry, as Lewis wanted, rather than by individual crafts, several crafts to an industry. Most AFL unions, but by no means all, are still organized along craft lines.

In 1937 the committee changed its name to Congress of Industrial Organizations and elected Lewis president. Three years later he took his miners out of the CIO. Most CIO unions today, but not all, are organized by industries, rather than crafts.

The two major past efforts to merge the AFL and CIO occurred in 1947 and 1950. Both ended in failure after two-day meetings.

Meanwhile, John V. Riffe, 48-year-old veteran organizer, was elected CIO executive vice president by the Executive Board.

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