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SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — The cost of eating is up again. The cost of living is likely to push still higher this month and next. The purchasing power of the dollar—which rallied for a time—is slipping again.

The government's official measuring stick for all this—the consumer price index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics—set a record high in mid-June, pushing through the previous record high set a year ago and touched again at election time.

The index measures what was happening to your pocketbook six weeks ago. Since then meat prices have gone up. The price of gasoline has been raised most places. Some basic industrial prices have gone up, too—steel and various chemicals.

True, the housewife doesn't run out to the store to buy a pound of steel. But she does buy things made of steel and processed by chemicals. And the cost of making these things will be rising.

Rents continue to rise here and there across the nation. Another jump may be in store for some folk living in areas still under federal rent controls, which are scheduled to be lifted shortly.

Getting to and from work is becoming more expensive for lots of folk. Transit fares have risen in a number of cities, and are due to rise in others.

Services of all kinds—hospital and doctor bills, fuel and power—continue under the pressure of rising costs. Mailing letters may become more expensive.

But there is a brighter side to all this, if you look for it. This is the time of year that commodity prices tend to rise. Many things going up now are likely to slip back in a few months.

Weather plays a particularly big role right now. Drought, for example, has hurt the cotton crop in some important growing areas. This has boosted the price of cotton. The same drought has sent many cattle prematurely to market, lowering prices of beef for a time.

Now government loans to distressed ranchers has removed some of this pressure to sell cattle, and prices rebounded for a time at the stockyards. In other places good rains boosted the outlook for a bumper corn crop, weakening these prices.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — They used to say every dog has his day. But today the dog is enjoying his century.

The 20th century was once hailed by former Vice President Henry Wallace in a famous speech as "the century of the common man."

The common man is still dazedly asking, "Look, nobody really is blaming this century on me, is he? I am just a common man. They can't hold it against me, can they? Or can they?"

But the common dog and the uncommon dog are having the best time of any four-legged, tail-wagging tame animal in history. They have been petted into an era of canine plenty.

Many a family today that can't figure how to send the kids to a university will raise the douch somehow to see that Bowser gets a college education. The kids themselves help raise the money. As wise ten-year-olds, children themselves they are cynical of discipline, but they think a teen-month-old dog needs it to learn a few tricks to help him through life.

The Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says that many people at vacation time abandon their pets, which in New York State is a misdemeanor and some folks think ought to be a felony.

I think they are right. I detest the idolatry of pets, a tonesome sickness of our age, because in many cases it means a disappointed person has turned his back on human love to lavish his or her affection on a cat or dog. That is a cancer of the soul, and it is unhealthy.

But this extravagant love of animals that may be abnormal in grownups is desperately normal in children, who need to express fondness as a cow must give milk. Adults fondle, rebuke and direct them—these children.

As they are only little adults themselves, and in time will at least be physically larger adults later, the children need a target, too, to kiss and boss and quarrel with. For this purpose a dog or a cat is better than a doll or a dream playmate because it is more responsive.

A pet helps a child imitate and express the same emotions that his parents feel toward it, and thereby the child matures into responsibility. The child grows up.

That is why it is criminal to abandon or forget a pet once it has become part of the family circle. Recently the daughter of a friend of mine wrote back from summer camp how she felt about her dog.

"I am having a fine time," she said. "But if Bonnie isn't there when I come, I will kill myself."

She herself was having fun and was well taken care of. Yet she still felt within herself the immortal need of also taking care of something that needed her.

Dogs and cats, both have in this century probably increased their life expectancy by as much as the average human being has, and perhaps more.

But I cannot go with single people or childless couples who get so ecstatic about either dogs or cats that they exalt them from doghood or cathood into the status of mankind. I don't believe in buying them mink jackets in winter or letting them sleep on the sofa.

Perhaps I had better drop the subject of cats because I am not a cat lover. But I don't believe in pandering to any animal anymore than I believe in neglecting it.

Dogs I know, dogs I love. And though I think the century of the spoiled dog, I think no dog is truly happy unless he feels he is doing something for the family that belongs to him.

Otherwise he gets as neurotic as the people who pamper him beyond his nature. The common dog, who like the common man, is built to wear his heart out in some kind of service to some kind of purpose, for those he is loyal to.

If that pleasure is denied him, no extension of his life beyond his own feeling of usefulness will bring him any particular joy. He has a canine conscience.

Well, that is what I think about the average dog in his most prosperous century. Wonder what the average dog thinks?

BRUCE BLOSSAT

If the Republicans are now compelled to raise the legal debt limit from its present level of \$275 billion, the anguish in many GOP hearts will be great.

In fact, the situation is so full of little ironies that the pain may well prove excruciating for some lawmakers.

To begin with, it could prove very damaging politically to have to accept responsibility for boosting the limit. The Republicans, as everybody knows, campaigned for a balanced budget and lower taxes. Both goals seem at this moment a bit remote, and may still be when 1954 — election year—rolls around.

Yet apparently there is no way to avoid this step. The \$3.3 billion deficit for the fiscal year that closed June 30 pushed the debt to \$272 billion. Of course, the budget that produced this deficit was a product of President Truman's administration, but that affords slight solace to wincing Republicans who must soon face the voters.

The GOP discomfort is compounded by the Democrats' position in this matter. Whatever the facts about the fiscal situation inherited from Mr. Truman, the Democrats will be able to trumpet that their opponents actually raised the debt ceiling.

If this move is made, Democratic votes in Congress will be needed, unquestionably, to hold bring it about. For enough Republicans are sure to fight it to force President Eisenhower's lieutenants to look to the other side of the aisle for backing.

So the Democrats will assist the GOP to accomplish an action which would then proceed to denounce a "proof" that the Republicans' promises of economy were false.

The Democrats could, if they wished, play it another way. They might decline to lend voting aid. Then the ruling GOP would have to put the new and higher limit across all alone, or face the unprecedented dilemma of a debt limit which will not accommodate the expected "slit" of this current fiscal year.

Not a happy outlook, and one can understand the squirming and fretting that has followed upon its disclosure.

The Republicans are learning what the Democrats had come painfully to realize before: the government has grown so large it is almost unmanageable. Only in the gib words of the campaigner do you lop off whole segments of this huge empire.

There's an old saying that enemies never really conquer China; they are in time absorbed by it. So it is, it would seem, with big government.

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HUGH PRUETT

Whatever your ideas of flying saucers, you will find most interesting the recent book of that name written by Dr. Donald H. Menzel, the noted Harvard astronomer, and published the Harvard University Press at Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Menzel states right at the first that he thinks "saucers" have been seen but that they are not space ships from other planets nor spying devices from Russia. Nor are they optical illusions any more than are rainbows or halos. They are capable of being seen. Eighty per cent of the things reported may easily be dismissed as distant airplanes, weather balloons, bright planets or stars, meteors, the aurora, or even near-by spider threads glistening in sunlight. The remaining 20 per cent, he attempts to explain.

Flying saucers were sighted long before June 24, 1947, when Kenneth Arnold at Boise, Idaho, saw and reported such objects from his airplane when in the vicinity of Mt. Rainier. A very unusual cigar shaped object went across the sky Nov. 17, 1882, during a brilliant auroral display. Dr. Menzel believes that Constantine's "cross in the sky" in 312 was a natural phenomenon due to ice crystals in the air. He has seen such a "Hamm's cross" himself. And he is certain that Ezekiel's two wheels, one within the other and high in the sky, describe the rare double halo, with the accompanying sundogs, which has occasionally been observed in modern times.

The book describes at some length

the "Denver affair" of 1950 when a man appeared before a science class at the University of Denver and claimed he knew of crashes of flying saucers in which little men "38 to 44 inches long and without beards" were found. This made big news which later was discredited. And the author described the radar spotted saucers over Washington City in July 1952, but explains that radar waves are bent like light waves under certain conditions.

What then does Dr. Menzel think the flying saucers are? He believes they are optical phenomena—not illusions—which the observers do not easily understand. Sundogs have played a big part. Temperature inversions in the air will even give reflections of lights on the ground which appear to originate in the sky. Refraction and reflection of light from the ice crystals high in the air will give very deceptive images. He thinks the "foo fighters," the luminous balls that were often seen to fly along beside airplanes during the recent war, have this explanation. Mirages have done their deceptive share. Air conditions often act as lenses as well as reflectors.

The author considers the green fireballs reported so often over New Mexico are simply meteors. Burning magnesium gives this green color. He also discusses the mysterious Lubbock lights over Texas. Dr. Menzel concludes his book, "Remember that flying saucers do exist, have been seen; but are not what people thought they saw."

THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

C. S. writes that the doctor has told her she has astigmatism, and she is curious as to just what astigmatism is, and asks for a discussion.

The eyeball is shaped much like a sphere. The rays of light come through the circular part of the eye, called the pupil. Any twisting of the eyeball in any plane will cause the rays of light also to become twisted and out of focus. In all cases of astigmatism there is an inability of the eye to focus the parallel rays of light which enter it. In other words, these rays do not come together at the same point in the back of the eye. This means that a person who has astigmatism sees things all blurred. Instead of having a clear image of what he is looking at, the object appears fuzzy and irregular.

Astigmatism is not always in the same plane and is certainly not always the same in both eyes. For this reason, when glasses are necessary for astigmatism, the lenses necessary to correct the defect in the two eye usually will not be alike.

The correction of astigmatism requires finding out for each eye just what change there has been in the curvature and which plane is out of order. Then the lens for the glasses is prescribed and ground to correct the planes which are in error and to bring the parallel rays of light to a single focal point in the back of the eye so that the image of what is seen again becomes clear-cut.

Skill and training is necessary to find out just what is the matter and to prescribe exactly the type of glasses needed to correct the error. Special instruments are required and in most cases doctors place a drop of atropine or some like it in the eye which causes the pupil to become dilated and makes the examination of the error more simple and more accurate.

Astigmatism is one of the most common causes for prescribing eye glasses. It is often present combined with nearsightedness or other vision difficulties, but glasses can often be devised which will correct more than one such defect.

Indian Loan Bill In Hopper

WASHINGTON — A bill sponsored by Congressman Sam Coon, allowing Indians to set up a lending agency, has been reported out of committee and has a fighting chance to become law this session.

House bill 5715, authorizing the Klamath Indians to operate their own lending agency under the laws of Oregon, was ordered reported to the House Tuesday by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Congressman Coon said he

hopes the measure will pass the House without much trouble, but is afraid it may have difficulty getting through the Senate before adjournment.

Wade Crawford, Klamath delegate, now in Washington working for passage of legislation for the Klamath, said he felt the Klamath loan bill is a good bill because "the law that has been proven good for the other citizens of Oregon would be good for the Klamath Indians."

A previous bill introduced by Rep. Coon, giving the Klamath greater freedom in the spending of tribal funds, has already been signed into law by Pres. Eisenhower.

Guild Strike In 10th Day

SEATTLE (AP) — A strike of 250 CIO American Newspaper Guildmen against the Seattle Times, this city's only afternoon paper, entered its 10th day Saturday with no sign of an early settlement.

The Guild struck July 16 to back demands for a 7.8 per cent pay increase retroactive to March 21 when the old contract expired. Some 450 other Times employees were idled.

The Times countered the Guild demand with an offer of a 3.5 per cent increase for most employees, with a 3.88 per cent increase for others, including reporters with six years' experience.

Several negotiating sessions held with Harry H. Lewis, regional director of the U. S. Mediation and Conciliation Service, failed to break the deadlock. Another meeting was set for July 27.

Central Oregon Fire Danger High

PORTLAND (AP) — Fire danger will be high in Central Oregon over the weekend, but moderate in the interior areas of Western Oregon and low in the Coast Range, the weather bureau forecast Friday.

Humidities in Central Oregon will range from 15 to 30 per cent, in the south and central Cascades it will be around 20 per cent, but above 30 per cent elsewhere in the interior. Humidities between 35 and 45 per cent or higher are expected in the Coast Range.

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Bay State's Sen. Tobey Dead at 73

WASHINGTON (AP) — A blood clot in his heart took the life of Sen. Charles W. Tobey, the fiery New Hampshire Republican who used a ready store of Bible quotations to fight crime or anything else he opposed.

Last night, just two days after his 73rd birthday, Tobey died at the nearby Bethesda (Md.) Naval Hospital of coronary thrombosis. He had suffered an attack in his office yesterday afternoon.

"There will never be another Sen. Tobey," said Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), who headed the Crime Investigating Committee on which Tobey served.

"His outstanding contribution on the committee will be remembered around the nation," Kefauver added. "People always responded to him after his stern lectures."

The death wipes out the Repub-



SEN. CHARLES W. TOBEY

lican majority in the Senate, but New Hampshire's Gov. Hugh Gregg a Republican, is expected to name a Republican to fill the vacancy. The Senate lineup now stands: 47 Republicans, 47 Democrats and one independent, Wayne Morse of Oregon.

Tobey's green eyeshade, to protect him against the glare of television lights—and his way of dressing down accused racketeers with words from the Bible and the classics—were almost a trademark of the Kefauver Committee's 1951 investigations.

The committee dug into big-time gambling, underworld alliances and vague conditions in cities from coast to coast. Tobey, who said the probe showed racketeering was a "national disease," once interrupted a hearing to plead, with tears streaming down his face, for a return to religion.

But the peppery senator could be harsh if he felt the occasion demanded. He once told a railroad executive to "cut out the bunk" and another time denounced "fat and sleek lobbyists with round heads and round bottoms."

Or he could shut off an acrimonious exchange between his colleagues with an out-of-this-world question, as he did once in a debate over price controls by demanding: "Who killed cock robin?"

He insisted on voting his own convictions, regardless of his party's stand. He explained it this way: "When party unit is brought about at the expense of one's convictions, one has no recourse but to express his convictions for what influence they may generate."

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There was no immediate word as to funeral arrangements.

His other survivors include four children—Russell, Charles, Mrs. T. A. Munson of Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Sterling Charles of Washington, D. C.

Tobey, born July 22, 1880, at Roxbury, Mass., was married three times.

His four children were born of his first marriage, on June 2, 1902, to Francis M. Lovett of Boston, she died in August 1947.

On May 26, 1948, Tobey married Mrs. Loretta Capell Radenhorst of Washington, D. C. widow and retired school teacher with three sons.

His second wife died in 1951, and he married the former Mrs. Crompton, widow of a Philadelphia leather executive, on Sept. 20, 1952.

Tobey left school at the age of 10 but was awarded honorary degrees of master of arts from Dartmouth College and doctor of laws from the University of New Hampshire.

He once said that his recipe for education, given him by the headmaster of Roxbury Latin School, was to "talk to somebody who knows more than you."

"I've done that," he said. "I've

Red-Clergy List Includes One Long Dead, One Who Never Existed Are Claims

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — The names of a non-existent bishop and another long since dead are included in a published list of clergy in sympathy, according to the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, president of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

During an interview last night, Bishop Sherrill attacked a recent magazine article written by J. B. Matthews, resigned aide of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), who heads a Senate investigating committee.

McCarthy accepted the resignation after much criticism of the article.

Referring to the article Bishop Sherrill declared: "We don't want Communist infiltration of the clergy and we don't want sneers, gossip and unfounded accusations."

"The article was thoroughly irresponsible from beginning to end. It mentions the Rt. Rev. William Short of Iowa, a non-existent person. There never was a Bishop Short of Iowa. It also named Bishop Walker of Atlanta who has been dead for years."

"As far as I am concerned, I know of no Communists in the clergy," he added. "I think the clergy to be the great enemies of communism."

"If there are Communists among the clergy, we ought to be giving their names," he concluded. "Bishop Sherrill is here for today's consecration of the Rev. Dudley B. McNeil of the Episcopal diocese of Western Michigan."

Mystery Surrounds Ouster Of German Gestapo Boss

BERLIN (AP) — Mystery surrounded the ouster of Red Gestapo Boss Wilhelm Zaisser today. Rumors are under secret arrest in East Berlin, victim of a "Beria purge" were offered by reports he would come back to head both army and police.

The "bull" faced German—the "General Gomez" of Spanish Civil War fame—was suddenly replaced as chief of state security by Ernest Wollweber and his 100,000 police agents were put under control of the Interior Ministry.

It was the biggest Communist shakeup in the East German republic's 4-year history.

Rumors were that Zaisser would either be possessed a direct pipeline to Lavrenty P. Beria, had now forfeited his liberty because of his generation-long friendship with the purged Soviet police boss.

Unconfirmed reports said Wollweber, in taking over Zaisser's office, immediately began a drastic investigation of all Zaisser's staff, seeking scapegoats who failed to weed out "Fascist provocateurs" in Soviet zone industry before the June 17 revolt of workers.

Zaisser, who has served Russia as a military man for 18 years, was summarily relieved as security minister yesterday and the ministry itself was reduced to a secretariat and incorporated in the Ministry of the Interior.

Both Zaisser and his chief aide in the Security Ministry, Communist Erich Mielke, have vanished at least temporarily from public view in the continuing governmental crisis.

However, the rumors that Zaisser has been jailed—spread mainly by anti-Communist organizations with headquarters in West Berlin—were discounted. As several officers had deserted from the East German army last week, Erich said that Zaisser is more likely to make a comeback as minister of the interior, controlling both the secret police apparatus and the 125,000 men in the People's Army.

Will Stoph, present interior minister and member of the Communist Central Committee has been under fire because many German troops were proven "politically unreliable" in fighting strikers in June rebellion. As a member of June rebellion, Zaisser and the Central Committee, Zaisser had outranked him in the party.

Mute Child Found Safe

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. Casey Bowers never stopped praying that their five-year-old mute child, missing for two days, would be found alive and unharmed.

And last night their prayers were answered.

A group of teen-agers, who were among hundreds searching for little Emma Bowers, came upon her sitting near the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks less than two miles from her home.

The child walked away from her farm home, 50 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, Wednesday wearing only a pair of bloomers. When she was found she had lost the bloomers but a medical examination showed that she was not harmed except for scratches.

Her father, a lumber worker and farmer, said Emma tried to tell him she wanted some ice cream when she was safely in bed at the Connellsville Hospital.

"She'll get it as soon as the doctors say it is all right," the happy father said.

One of the searchers, PFC. Anthony Cwyniak of the state police, said: "It's a wonder that she is alive. She was only two miles from home but how she got that far in these terrible forests I'll never know."

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Siamese Twin Girls Born

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Siamese twin girls born in Lafayette Wednesday were reported "in good condition" last night at New Orleans Foundation Hospital.

The twins, daughters of Mayor and Mrs. Ashton Mouton of Lafayette, were brought here to determine whether they can be separated by surgery. They are joined at the lower part of the spine.

Catherine, Anne, weighed six pounds. Carolyn, Anne, weighed five and one-half.

talked to taxi drivers, ministers of the gospel, waiters, ministers of the gospel, waiters, senators...

"Nearly everybody knows more about something than Tobey does," Tobey had been a farmer a n d in the insurance and banking business before he got into politics.

He was governor of New Hampshire in 1923-30, after which he won election to the U. S. House and, in 1936, to the Senate. He was re-elected in 1944 and again in 1950. His term would have ended in 1957.

He was a member of the U. S. N. H. conferences which formulated plans for the establishment of the World Bank and Monetary Fund.

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Lightning Kills Girl, Hits Others

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Three young schoolgirls are recovering today after being stunned by lightning which killed a 12-year-old playmate.

The lightning bolt crashed into a group of picnicking children at Crandon Park, killing Gloria Flynn and injuring Sandra Gochman, 11; Marilyn Stevens, 12, and Roxane Bildner, 9.

Richard Tindall, life guard standing nearby, was stunned when he passed between his legs but he recovered and aided the injured.

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