

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
The government reports today that living costs remained unchanged in March.  
How come?  
This answer is given:  
**LOWER FOOD PRICES IN MARCH OFFSET INCREASED COST OF OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES.**

Let's give a little credit where a LOT of credit is due.

The food industry is one of America's most EFFICIENT industries. It operates on a very narrow margin of profit. Through its super-markets and its other efficient devices for distribution, it moves a vast volume of business.

This it is enabled to hold food prices down while prices of other goods and SERVICES rise.

The politicians claim credit for everything that is good. The truth is that efficient modern business is entitled to credit for a lot of the good things of modern life.

Going on with the cost of living story—

H. E. Riley, price chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, says the cost of living index has moved within a range of only two-tenths of one per cent during the past nine months.

He adds—  
Is the longest period of stability of record.

Going on with the story—  
Because of this nine-month period of stability, 1,350,000 American workers whose wages are geared to the index will not receive any cost of living pay boosts.  
Sounds bad, doesn't it?  
But—  
Let's look at the doughnut and not the hole. WHILE THEY DON'T GET AN UP IN WAGES, THEY DON'T HAVE TO TAKE AN UP IN LIVING COSTS.

More statistics:  
According to the Department of Commerce, HALF of the nation's families had incomes above \$5,000 in 1958. (By way of comparison, it should be added that only FIVE per cent of the nation's families had incomes of \$10,000 or over.)

That brings into interesting focus a statement just issued by Tax Foundation, Inc., a non-partisan, non-political tax research organization.  
Tax Foundation points out that the current federal budget of 77 billion dollars will cost an average family with an income of \$5,000 about \$796 in federal taxes.

That isn't hay.  
And, one must remember—  
Federal taxes are only a PART of the tax burden. The total tax burden includes local and state taxes. It's little wonder that modern prices are high.

When half the families in America have to pay that much taxes, prices have to be high. Taxes are a part of the cost of doing business, and so have to be added to prices.

## Reich Aide Loses Case

BONN, Germany (AP)—Herbert Blankenhorn, for many years Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's personal diplomatic troubleshooter, was convicted today of slandering a lesser official.

A Bonn court gave him a suspended prison sentence of four months and ordered him to contribute 3,000 marks (\$714) to the German Red Cross.

Walter Hallstein, president of the European Common Market Commission, was acquitted of the same charges.

Blankenhorn now is West German ambassador to France. The cabinet will discuss the case Thursday.

The accusations were filed by Hans Strack, a longtime official in the West German Economics Ministry. He claimed that Blankenhorn and Hallstein in 1952 forced his dismissal by reporting an unconfirmed statement that he had accepted a bribe of \$5,760 for getting a government contract from an Egyptian firm.

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**PUPPETS**, those funny fellows that dangle from strings and are manipulated by clever boys and girls and sometimes grownups too, will be seen on the Variety Show program at Pelican School Friday, April 24. Curtain time for the PTA show that will include some square dancing by the Merry Mixers, music by a barbershop quartet and numerous other numbers will be 8:15 p.m. A transistor radio, automatic coffee maker, camera and \$50 grocery certificate will be given away. "Puppeteers," left to right, are Mike Linville, Jimmy Pex, Lester Thurman, Nikki Harrison and Juanita Zabaza.

## Robot Viewed As Explorer Of The Moon

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI)—Plans for robots which will explore the moon in advance of man were outlined today by a top scientist of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Dr. A.R. Hibbs of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory here said the main problem in the project is figuring out "how to get a lot of information with the simplest equipment."

The 34-year-old chief of JPL's research section is one of a nine-man "working group" recently appointed by NASA "to conduct major long-range scientific exploration of the moon's surface and environment."

Two kinds of robots probably will be used as the main lunar explorers in the program, Hibbs said—"sophisticated lunar satellites and instrument payloads that are soft-landed on the moon."

He estimated it would take up to five years to get these vehicles into operation.  
"With a lunar satellite orbiting 200 to 300 miles from the moon, we can tell what the moon's surface is made of," he said. "We can measure the different kinds of radiation emitted by a fraction of the moon's rocks to tell whether the rocks are made of basalt, silicate or something else."

The instrument packages, first of which will be immobile, will radio back to earth information which may tell the age of the solar system and how it was formed.

"The moon's surface hasn't changed for five billion years," Hibbs said. "There's no 'weathering' such as we have on earth."

## Abdominal 'Pain' Was Old Wound

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Malcolm U. Pitt Jr., junior high school principal, entered a hospital with severe abdominal pains. An ulcer, he figured.

X-rays were taken. No ulcer. It was a calcified carbide slug nestled below the liver, vintage 1944, Normandy invasion.

The doctors decided to leave it there, a historic memento.

## Weather

Northern California—Fair with variable high cloudiness through Thursday; possibility of a few light showers in the mountains; fog and low clouds along the coast; little change in temperatures. Coastal winds variable, 8-15 miles an hour.

Klamath Falls and vicinity—  
Mostly fair through Thursday.  
Highs 60-68; low tonight 30-36.  
High yesterday 69  
Low last night 33  
Precip. last 24 hours—trace  
Since Oct. 1 4.36  
Same period last year 14.34

## Living Cost Status Quo

WASHINGTON (AP)—The cost of living, as measured by the government, held unchanged in March.

The Labor Department announced today its consumer price index stayed at 123.7 per cent of the 1947-49 average, completing the longest period of relative price stability on record.

The index has not fluctuated by more than two points in the past nine months, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said, and now stands two-tenths of a point below the all-time high of 123.9 per cent touched last July and again in November.

In March, falling food costs offset higher prices for some other items in the family budget.

At the same time, the spendable earnings of factory workers reached the highest level in history.

Their actual buying power set a record for March. It stood 7 per cent higher last month than a year ago because of rising hourly rates and longer hours worked, on the one hand, and stability, meantime, of the cost of living.

Some 1,350,000 workers whose wages are subject to adjustment in line with consumer price changes will receive no increases since March living costs remained stable. About 900,000 of these are railroad workers. The rest are in electrical and aircraft industries.

Food prices dropped four-tenths of one per cent last month, a movement contrary to the usual seasonal trend.

## Solon Offers Rights Bill For Labor

WASHINGTON (AP)—Contending some workers need more protection within their labor unions, Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) proposed today what he called a labor bill of rights.

He offered his proposal as an amendment to the Kennedy labor regulation bill, which survived intact its first two floor tests Tuesday.

In a prepared speech, McClellan said the Kennedy bill "does not adequately meet the needs of union members for the protection of their rights. It does not afford adequate sanctuary to the exploited and oppressed."

Urging passage of an effective bill, he said the "invasion of unionism by thugs and hoodlums has gone much further and is more extensive than you think."

McClellan, chairman of the Senate Labor-Management Committee, proposed that labor unions be required to write into their constitutions and by-laws a series of provisions designed to assure the rights of individual members.

It was the first of a series of amendments he said he will propose in an effort to cure abuses of union power his committee has uncovered.

McClellan has emerged as the leader of senators who want to add far-reaching provisions to the measure.

Two Republican advocates of such a move, Sens. Barry Goldwater (Ariz.) and Carl T. Curtis (Neb.), said they would follow McClellan's lead in their efforts to amend the measure.

## Ordeal Told By Captive

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—A man, held captive in his automobile for 20 hours by four escapees from a mental hospital said "They told me they'd kill me if I didn't play along."

Henry J. Landry was forced to drive from his home town, Ashburnham, Mass., north to the Canadian line and then west across New York by four youths he picked up as hitchhikers.

"They had knives out all the time," he said. "Most of the way, it seemed one of them was pressed into my side."

Landry, 52, a furniture designer, jumped from his car when he stopped for gas in suburban Amherst, N.Y., Tuesday.

"I ran right into traffic and across the street and into a man's office," he said. "I shouted 'I'm being kidnapped' and that was it. He called the police and it was all over."

Police quickly rounded up the four. They were charged with kidnapping and taking a stolen car across a state line. The four were identified as Carl Kasper, 22, and James Robinson, 24, of Athol, Mass.; Frederick Ahearn, 16, of Chelmsford, Mass.; and Roland Cole, 17, of Gardner, Mass.

## Strike Calls Halt To Rome Traffic

ROME (AP)—Bus and street car drivers struck today and threw Rome's normal morning rush hour into snail-paced chaos.

The 24-hour walkout supported a demand for higher wages. It was one of a series, but the first scheduled to last a full day.

The transit workers threatened another 24-hour strike for Sunday.

## Ballet Star Sent Home; Mate Sought

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Freed from a Panamanian jail, British ballerina Margot Fonteyn flew to Miami today, but she refused to discuss charges against her husband of plotting a revolt in Panama.

The government expelled her after holding her for 24 hours in a comfortable jail cell while the National Guard hunted for her Panamanian husband.

A little over an hour after arrival in Miami, Dame Margot boarded a flight for New York. Reporters who met the ballerina received dimpled smiles but virtually no answers to their questions.

Several telephone calls from London were awaiting Dame Margot and she took them in an airport office.

Just before the takeoff for New York, she finally replied to a question as to her future plans. She said she would open June 2 in the Ballet Undine at Covent Gardens in London. She added that she didn't know just when she would leave New York.

The 39-year-old dancer carried two pieces of luggage containing ballet costumes, and her husband's wrist watch.

Asked about charges that her husband, Roberto Arias, was implicated in a plot to overthrow the government of President Ernesto de la Guardia, she said she knew nothing about them.

Arias, a Panamanian, is a former ambassador to Britain. Police are hunting for him. Officials claim he brought an armed band ashore Sunday night.

At first, on her way into customs, Dame Margot denied her identity.

Later, coming out, she was in good humor and greeted reporters with a dimpled smile. But she was no more talkative than before.

She just shook her head when she was asked if she was mistreated in Panama, if she knew her husband's whereabouts, or if she was worried about him.

Neither would she say where she planned to go now.

Asked if she would return to London, she replied: "Yes, but I don't know exactly when."

## Plant Pickets Withdrawn

Pickets have been withdrawn from the city's sewage treatment plants at Lake Ewauna.

Local 191 of the Plumbers Union had established pickets at the newly completed plant when it developed that they had three grievances stemming from Saturday plumbing work reportedly done by H. G. Carl who is constructing the primary treatment plant, and an assistant who was not a qualified plumber.

City Manager G. S. Vergeer Sr. met with the local representatives earlier last week and worked out a possible settlement whereby H. G. Carl would contribute \$150 to a local organization.

Carl refused to accept the offer and referred the matter to the AGC, Association of General Contractors.

Following a meeting Tuesday afternoon, the local union agreed to withdraw its pickets in the interest of public health and sanitation. They will continue negotiations directly with the H. G. Carl Construction Company.

Meanwhile, Vergeer indicated that the sewage treatment plant would be thoroughly tested and should be placed into operation soon, thus completing a project that began several years ago with the people authorizing an \$800,000 bond issue to replace main trunk interceptors and build a primary treatment plant.

Following the approval of the bond issue, the state sanitary authority ruled that a secondary treatment plant must be constructed also. The city applied and was granted federal fund assistance in the building of the secondary plant.

Completion of the plant gives the city a complete conventional primary and secondary treatment plant that is equipped to serve a capacity in excess of 30,000 people.

## Fidel Pleased With Welcome

NEW YORK (AP)—Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba, "pleased and impressed" by an enthusiastic welcome from New Yorkers, calls on the United Nations today.

At the halfway mark of a tour to "promote Cuba" among Americans and Canadians, Castro told reporters that the noisy welcome by some 20,000 New Yorkers—largely made up of the city's big Latin-American colony—"pleased and impressed me."

It was almost midnight Tuesday when he wound up the last official event in a 14-hour schedule that included three speeches, lots of handshaking and police-led scrimmages in and out of his hotel headquarters and other places.

In his first full day in New York, the 32-year-old lawyer-revolutionary also said:

1. His government might set a date next month for elections, but the actual date is another matter.

2. He may not seek the presidency when the elections are called.

**HEARING SCHEDULED**  
SALEM (AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner Jon C. Hill said Tuesday a hearing will be held here May 11 on the request by Portland General Electric for an increase in rates of \$5,190,000.

## World News In Brief

**UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL**  
HERTER — Washington—Christian A. Herter sworn in as secretary of state.

**TIBET** — Kathmandu, India—Tibetan refugees give new accounts of Communist atrocities.

**CASTRO** — New York — Fidel Castro visits U.N.

**LABOR** — Washington — Sen. McClellan urges Senate to approve "bill of rights" for union members to sharpen labor reform measure.

**MARGARET** — Rome — Princess Margaret and Queen Mother received by Pope.

**COL** — Washington — Monthly cost of living report shows little change for March.

**STRIKE** — Henderson, N.C. — Fresh violence feared at cotton mills following attacks on non-striking night shift workers.

**TERROR** — San Quentin — Surrender of two prison fugitives ends six-hour reign of terror for woman hostage.

## Assembly Vetoes Measure Abolishing Death Penalty

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—The Assembly refused today to reconsider doing away with the death penalty.

On a roll call of 40-26 the lower house turned down Assemblyman Lester A. McMillan's move to resurrect his measure to declare a moratorium on capital punishment.

The Los Angeles Democrat started out with a bill to do away with the death penalty. In the face of opposition, he amended it to declare an eight-year moratorium.

But the Assembly Tuesday turned the bill down on a vote of 43-35.

McMillan today offered to retain the death penalty for certain offenses and to increase the minimum term a prisoner would have to serve before he could be paroled.

But Assemblyman Thomas J. MacBride (D-Sacramento) said the measure still was unacceptable because a killer of a child, or the

slayer of a grocer or liquor store owner would escape the gas chamber while the killer of a prison guard would be liable to execution.

McMillan had hoped to revive the bill by adding amendments to permit the death penalty to be inflicted on murderers who killed a second time, on those who killed in the course of a kidnapping, or convicts who assaulted prison guards.

McMillan said if the Assembly would permit him to revive his bill he also would amend it so that any person eligible under present law to be executed would have to serve at least 20 years in prison before he could be paroled.

Under terms of the bill as it was voted down, the minimum term was fixed at 10 years.

Two years ago, McMillan was successful in winning lower house approval of a bill similar to the form in which he wishes to amend his present measure. The vote then was 43-29 but the Senate killed it in committee.

Debate on the capital punishment measure lasted an hour and a half with the main argument centering around the issue of whether the death penalty is a deterrent to crime.

McMillan claimed there had been no increase in crime rates in the 38 nations and nine U. S. states which have abolished the death penalty.

But opponents of the bill said prison guards, detectives, police officers and district attorneys were convinced the fear of execution deterred many criminals from killing their victims, particularly in robberies.

Other developments in the legislature:

**VOTE:** An Assembly committee with a minimum of debate killed proposals to let the people decide if 18-year-olds should have the right to vote. The committee originally had planned a plebiscite of high school seniors and junior college students to see if they wanted voting rights but the project was abandoned because of cost.

**BILLBOARDS:** A bill by Sen. John F. McCarthy (R-San Rafael) to restrict roadside billboards suffered some crippling amendments but finally won approval of a Senate committee and went to the floor.

**FLU RELAPSES:** Held serious

"Relapses following cases of the current flu are more serious than the first attack in many cases," was the statement this morning of Dr. S. M. Kerron, Klamath County public health officer.

"We first advised parents to keep their children at home one day after temperatures had returned to normal," he said. "Now, we urge that youngsters who have had the flu be kept at home for two or three days after the disease appears to have run its course."

"Also," Dr. Kerron said, "and this is important, children should not be permitted to indulge in strenuous exercise for at least one week after returning to school."

Mills, Fairview and Pelican schools still have the greatest incidence of flu cases today, Dr. Kerron said.

The epidemic is slackening in high schools and some have not been hit. Madlin High School, for example, had only eight absent on account of illness on Tuesday.

Dr. Kerron repeated his admonition to stay away from crowds other than school and church, get plenty of fresh air and good, restful sleep as preventive measures to avoid the disease.

## Good Youths Given More News Space

YAKIMA (AP)—Good kids got four times as much news space here in March as the so-called bad kids.

The question "Why don't newspapers print more about the good kids and less about the bad kids?" was raised by H. T. Armstrong, chief probation officer of the Yakima County juvenile court, the Sunday Herald said.

Armstrong's annual report had shown 2,512 cases handled by his court in 1958, an increase of 4.56 per cent over 1957.

"The Yakima Dailies did pay attention to the good ones," the Herald said in an editorial.

A survey of its March issues, the paper said, showed that news about juvenile delinquents was told in 137 inches of space, while "news about the good kids required 435 inches of news space."

"There were also 29 pictures that required 127 inches of additional space. That's a total of 562 inches against 137—a ratio of more than four to one for the good side."

In addition, the newspaper said, 40 columns (360 inches) of news and pictures that high school students turned in about their own activities for the weekly youth page were also carried, as well as youths' sports activities. The favorable news covered a wide range from scholarships and honor rolls to Boy and Girl Scouts and 4-H and FFA groups.

"The Dailies respect and honor the good kids," the Herald said. "They will continue to encourage youth to greater accomplishment by rewarding them with public recognition."

"The problem is—why isn't the good news remembered as long as the news about the bad kids?"

## Meeting Set On Parking

All members of the Klamath Merchants Association are being asked to attend an off-street parking discussion of the group Thursday morning at 7:45 in the Chuck Wagon.

In announcing the meeting, President Frank Kennedy emphasized the importance of the session, and urged everyone possible to be present and give their best ideas to the discussion.

The association heard parking authority W. A. Barr who stopped in Klamath Falls several months ago and addressed the group on the off-street parking problem.

A plan by a merchant group to form an off-street parking district under the auspices of the city council has been held up pending action by the State Legislature on amending the enabling bill passed at the 1957 session.

Acting under the 1957 bill, the off-street parking district had progressed to the official formation stage when it was determined that the state bonding authority would not approve bonds issued under such a district.

Although Barr had been forced to cancel an earlier scheduled appearance in Klamath Falls, he has now informed the group that he will be here for an appearance on Tuesday, May 19.

## Cars Derailed In RR Mishap

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—Two freight trains collided in the Albany yards late Tuesday night, derailling 10 cars and injuring a brakeman.

The brakeman, J. M. Center, was taken to the Albany General Hospital with a head injury.

Southern Pacific officials said both freight trains were heading south, one on the main line, the other approaching from a siding. An investigation has been started to learn what went wrong.

Two diesel locomotives and eight empty gondola cars were derailed. All were in the main line train. In the local freight train on the siding a flatcar of lumber was spilled.



**A 12 LANE BOWLING ALLEY** nears completion in Yreka. Harry Millette will be owner and operator of the new business which is located just south of the city limits. The project will represent about a \$200,000 investment. The building, shown here nearing completion, covers a floor space of about 10,000 square feet. There will be parking accommodations for 150 cars. The alley will feature automatic pinsetters.



**WORK MOVES RAPIDLY FORWARD** on construction of the new Safeway store in Yreka. The modernistic store will feature over 12,000 square feet of floor space, and have parking capacity for 59 cars. Here, foundation work is well underway at the location at 729 South Broadway. The A. J. McMurray Company of Yreka is contractor for the work. Completion date is set for early summer for the building which will cost approximately \$223,000.