

Living Cost Dips Sharply In December

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The cost of living registered its sharpest monthly dip in four years in December, mainly because of lower food prices. But cold weather is expected to send food costs up again this month.

This was reported today by Robert J. Myers, deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. He said the December drop of two-tenths of 1 per cent was the greatest monthly decline since 1958 in the department's consumer price index.

Myers said the December decline was twice as sharp as the usual drop for the month. This trimmed the price index to 105.8 per cent of the 1957-59 average both for December and for the year as a whole.

The commissioner said the hard freezes, particularly in the South and the Southwest, were expected to cause a "substantial jump" in food prices during January.

He indicated this meant the over-all cost of living probably would rise about two-tenths of 1 per cent or back to the November level of 106 per cent.

Food prices fell six-tenths of 1 per cent in December. This was due largely to substantial reductions in prices of fresh fruits, poultry and pork before effects of harsh freezes were felt.

Oranges dropped 13.5 per cent because of earlier prospects for good production. Myers said they now are expected to rise sharply because of recent severe freezes in Florida.

The over-all price index last month was three-tenths of 1 per cent below the all-time high reached last September. The food price section, at 103.5, was 1.2 per cent below the September peak but 1.5 per cent higher than in December, 1961.

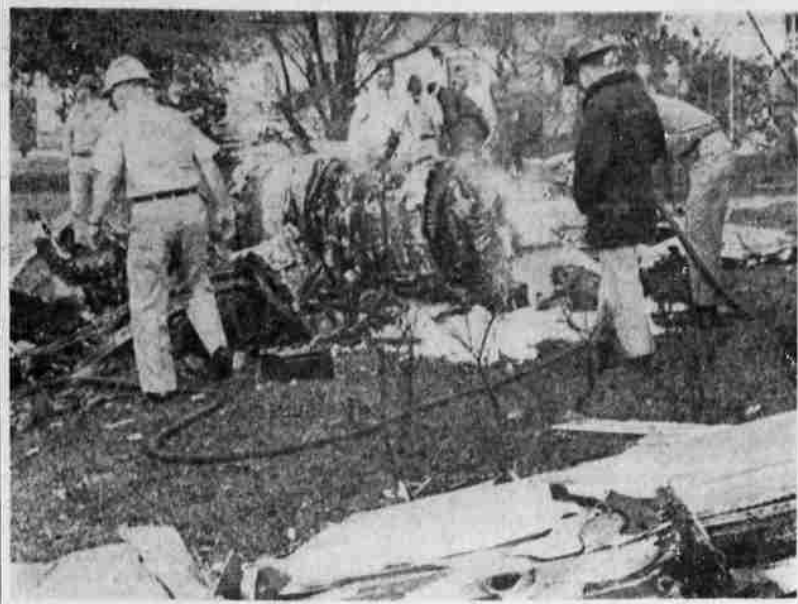
Myers said in this connection that the United States "has had rather substantial success in dealing with inflation." He said U.S. prices had risen only 4.6 per cent over the past four calendar years and only 13 per cent since 1953.

By contrast, he said, prices rose 43 per cent in France, 30 per cent in Britain, 28 per cent in Japan, 23 per cent in both Italy and India, 17 per cent in Germany, and 13 per cent in Canada.

Prices of items other than food were unchanged in December.

Spending earnings for the average factory worker rose to a new high in December with small increases in both the manufacturing work week and average hourly earnings contributing to the gain.

The weekly take-home pay for a factory worker with three dependents was \$96.72, up from the previous September high of \$96.45. A single worker took home \$79.02, compared with \$78.76 in September.



WRECKAGE CHECKED—Firemen and Air Force officials probe the wreckage of an Air Force F84 fighter jet after it crashed in Tampa, Fla., Thursday. The pilot, 1st Lt. Robert L. Harlan of Tampa, parachuted to safety before the plane fell in a residential area. Three civilians suffered minor injuries. —UPI Telephoto

Community Calendar

MONDAY
ORDER OF RAINBOW GIRLS, No. 57, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Scottish Rite Temple.

EWAUNA TOASTMISTRESS, 7:30 p.m., meeting, Winema Hotel.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP, 7:30 p.m., "No-um Organum," city library.

CDA, NO. 1295, 6:30 p.m., annual potluck dinner, Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Husbands or escorts only.

KLAMATH COUNTY DAIRY WIVES, 12 noon, no host luncheon, Willard Hotel.

TUESDAY
BUTTE VALLEY FARM CENTER, 8 p.m., meeting, Macdoel School. Bring pie.

WEDNESDAY
AAUW ARTS GROUP, 10 a.m., home of Mrs. Frank Johnson, 1946 Manzanita.

Navy Information Team Visits Oretch Jan. 30

College men interested in obtaining commissions in the field of Naval Aviation will have an opportunity to talk with members of the Aviator Information team from Seattle's Naval Air Station at Oregon Technical Institute on Jan. 30.

The team members will tell students how they may gain commissions as naval aviators through the Naval Aviation Cadet (NAVCAD) and the Aviator Officer Candidate (AOC), pilot or non-pilot, training programs. They will also counsel young men on other military programs and service obligations.

The Naval Aviation Cadet program is open to young men 18 to 25 years of age who have at least 90 quarter-hours or 60 semester-hours of college work.

The Aviator Officer Candidate program is open to college graduates between 19 and 26 years of age. This program covers pilot training, non-pilot training (navigator, bombardier, radar interpreter), aviation ground officer and air-intelligence.

Cadets are commissioned after successfully completing 18 months of flight training at Pensacola, Fla. College graduates receive their commissions after the first four months of pre-flight training.

Lon H. Winn Jr., CSC, local Navy recruiter, said the team will be available in the Student Union Snack Bar between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Flight aptitude tests will be given at 6 p.m. for those interested in qualifying. Tests may also be taken during the day, if desired. There is no obligation in taking these tests. "Those who qualify may take the physical in Seattle at a later date. Transportation is furnished by the Navy."

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
TRAFFIC
 Jan. 25, 1963
 Robert Edward Huff, no vehicle license (exp), guilty plea, \$5 fine paid.
 Berle Eldred Stephens, disordered stop sign, guilty plea, \$15 fine paid.
 Monty Joe Buckley, violate basic rule, guilty plea, \$25 fine paid.
 Gerald Wayne Jessup, improper right turn, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.
 Freddie Lee Charlton, failure to drive right side of highway, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.
 L. P. Williams, Ketchikan, disordered traffic signal, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.
 Artie Junior Ayers, violate basic rule, \$15 fine paid.
 Orville Edward Vaughn, improper right turn, guilty plea, \$10 fine paid.
 Joseph Roman Marton, Jr., excessive motor noise, guilty plea, \$15 fine paid.

MISDEMEANORS

Harold Brown, whose true name is Howard Brown, hunting prohibited hours, trial without jury. Found not guilty.
 John Doe, whose true name is John Doe, whose true name is John Doe, petit larceny, dismissed on motion by district attorney. Car has been recovered.

FEELONIES

John Doe, whose true name is John Doe, taking and using automobile without authority, dismissed on motion by district attorney. Car has been recovered.
 John Doe, whose true name is John Doe, larceny, dismissed on motion by district attorney. Car has been recovered.
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MUNICIPAL COURT

Lincoln David, disorderly conduct, \$25 forfeit.
 Charles Hood Jr., drunk, \$10 or 10 days.
 Stanley Hood, drunk, \$25 forfeit.
 Kenneth T. Johnson, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
 Gertrude Leah Harvett, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
 Leo Patrick Davis, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
 Eugene Lynn Beck, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
 Raymond Jackson, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
 Linda Lorena Merrill, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
 Clayton Schultz, drunk, \$25 forfeit.

STAR GAZER

DATE	PLANET	ASPECT	MEANING
JAN 27	SUN	CONJUNCT	GOOD
JAN 28	MERCURY	OPPOSITE	GOOD
JAN 29	VENUS	TRINE	GOOD
JAN 30	MARS	SQUARE	GOOD
JAN 31	JUPITER	TRINE	GOOD

ARMED FORCES NEWS

LARRY BELL
 of 3118 Crosby Avenue, returned with other members of "D" Company, Third Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division recently to Okinawa after 10 weeks of training at Fuji Maneuver Area, Japan.

The 10 weeks consisted of live firing exercises and cold weather training climaxed by a three-day regimental-size field problem held at the base of historical Mount Fujiyama.

Army Pfc. James F. Hicks, 21, whose wife, Jennett, lives at 3002 Alamo Drive, was assigned to Headquarters Battery of the 26th Artillery Group at Fort Lawton, Wash., Jan. 11.

Hicks entered the Army in October, 1962, and was last stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., where he received basic training.

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Refugees From Cuba Cry For Joy At Freedom

PORT EVERGLADES, Fla. (UPI)—A shipload of 1,113 refugees from Communist Cuba arrived Friday, seasick and somber until their new freedom took hold. Then they cried and sighed for joy and were sped to reunions with loved ones.

"I'm free at last!" sobbed the wife of a ransomed Cuban invasion prisoner as she embraced him at a mass reunion in Miami, where the refugees were taken in buses after debarking from the cargo ship Shirley Lykes.

"I'm just so happy to be back in this wonderful democratic country and to be out of Cuba that I can't help myself," cried Enrique Torres, 62, as he and his wife went through health and immigration processing at dockside. Tears streamed down the old man's face.

Stories of Hardship
 As they streamed off the black-hulled freighter and prepared to board a line of buses waiting to take them 29 miles south to Miami, the refugees told more stories of hardships, terror and anti-Castroism in Cuba.

It was the biggest single group of exiles released by Fidel Castro from his Communist island, and brought to more than 3,400 the

number of refugees who have come here since the ransoming of 1,113 Cuban invasion prisoners before Christmas.

Most of the refugees aboard the 495-foot Shirley Lykes were relatives of the invaders.

Seventeen of the passengers were ambulance cases, and these were first off the vessel.

The other exiles were unsmiling as they streamed down three gangplanks. But inside the processing center and boarding the buses for Miami their spirits changed, and at the stadium in Miami there was a wildly emotional scene as relatives broke from a waiting crowd of some 4,000 to embrace long-separated loved ones as they stepped from the buses.

Children See Father
 "Poppy," shouted three children of invasion brigade member Rando Jimenez in unison as they bounded off a bus with their mother and spotted their father in the crowd.

Jimenez, one of the brigade members helping control the welcoming throng as he waited for his family, had not seen his wife and children for over a year. He grabbed his 5-year-old daughter, hoisted her to his shoulders and

walked off with his arms around his wife and two sons.

The refugees left behind them all their worldly belongings except what each of them could carry in one small suitcase.

"Thank God! Thank God!" said one elderly woman boarding the 495-foot freighter in Havana Thursday, as she knelt to embrace four of her grandsons.

"No," said a member of the Cuban Red Cross at the head of the gangway. "Thank Fidel Castro."

Red Cross, immigration, health and other federal authorities waited to process the refugees debarking from the ship, put them on buses and speed them 29 miles south to Miami, where a mass welcome awaited them in the city baseball stadium.

Another Flight Scheduled
 A Pan American World Airways DC6B was to fly another load of prisoner ransom supplies to Havana, and return sometime in the afternoon with about 100 more refugees.

It was the fourth such flight in the past two weeks.

The refugees coming to Florida increased to about 3,200 the total number permitted to leave Cuba since just before Christmas, made to transport the load of exiles.

The Shirley Lykes, donated to the Red Cross by an association of steamship lines to carry a load of ransom goods to Cuba, sailed for Havana a week ago carrying some 7,000 tons of medical supplies and foodstuffs.

The exodus of exiles from Cuba started Dec. 23-24 with the release of the invasion prisoners, who were flown to Florida. On Dec. 27, the vessel African Pilot returned from the first sea-borne ransom run to Cuba, carrying 922 invaders' relatives.

In the past two weeks, three plane-loads of Cubans and Cuban-Americans, totaling about 275 people, have arrived from Cuba.

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On The Record

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