

## More Food Supplies Will Be Marketed

### Heavy Farm Output May Reduce Prices

WASHINGTON (INS) — The agriculture department predicts that larger food supplies will be marketed for civilian use during the remainder of the summer and fall than during the same period last year.

The department, in its report on the "national food situation" released today, said food prices are likely to average a little below those of recent months because of heavy farm output.

Significant features of the more abundant food supply will be increases in pork, veal, lamb, turkey, eggs, processed fruits, fresh

vegetables, and rice.

The department said the only major item which will be shorter in supply this fall is lamb and mutton.

Most of the increases were attributed to the greater output following favorable prices for most commodities a year ago.

The survey predicted also that per capita consumption of food probably will average slightly higher than in 1953.

It said consumption increases are expected for the following items: beef and veal, poultry, eggs, butter, shortening, cheese, canned and frozen fruit juices, frozen vegetables and dry beans. Because of short supplies of pork during the first half of 1954, consumption for the year is expected to average lower than in 1953.

The department said that approximately the same amount of food products from farms is being used by U. S. armed forces as last year. Exports likewise are about the same.

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### New Sales Tax In District Of Columbia

WASHINGTON (INS) — Most district of Columbia residents will get their first taste of a new sales tax today. The tax, which actually took effect Sunday, is expected to add 8.5 million dollars to the district treasury.

### Decatur To Have New Church



MEMBERS OF THE Decatur Church of Christ are shown above taking part in the ground-breaking ceremony for the new church, which was held recently. The new building, 36 by 70 feet, is located at the corner of Twelfth and Washington streets.

David Slagle, pastor of the new church, is a ministerial student at Cincinnati and will become resident pastor as soon as he completes his seminary work. He resides in Decatur on week-ends. The building will be completed some time late this fall or winter, according to present plans. The foundation is now completed and lumber is at the location for further construction work.

### HOUSING BILL (Continued From Page One)

year, reduces FHA down payments from the present 15 and 20 percent rates to a formula requiring five percent cash on the first \$9,000 of value on a new home with an extra 25 percent on the

excess over \$9,000.

In addition, FHA buyers are allowed 30 years to repay their loans—about 10 years longer than previously—and the ceiling on home loans insured by the agency is increased from \$16,000 to \$20,000.

Under the new terms, a new \$9,000 home can be purchased with \$450 down instead of \$950, a \$12,000 dwelling with \$1,200 instead of \$2,400, a \$15,000 house with \$1,950 instead of \$3,000 and a \$20,000 home with \$3,200 instead of \$4,000.

### Syngman Rhee Opens Convention Of VFW

#### Urges U. S. Pursue Course Of Firmness

PHILADELPHIA (INS) — Syngman Rhee, president of the Republic of Korea, called on the United States Sunday night to pursue a course of firmness, strength and courage against the Soviet Union to retain the confidence of other free nations.

The 79-year-old Korean, keynote opening the 55th national encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Philadelphia, said the reason final victory was not won in Korea was because "We were afraid of World War III."

He added in his address at Convention Hall that "The atomic bomb is a powerful weapon but we cannot permit its existence and possible use to make slaves of us all without a struggle."

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Arch-Bishop of New York, who spoke before Rhee, said the United States cannot hope to survive Communist conquest "except by unified strength, resolute vigilance and by prayer."

"We dare not be lethargic or indifferent to Communist infiltration, aggression or sabotage in the

United States," he warned. "Half-way measures are not sufficient to meet and combat Communism."

Paul Harvey, nationally-known news commentator, will address the opening business session today, replacing Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), who will be unable to attend because of the senate debate over the Flanders resolution to reprimand Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Vice President Richard M. Nixon is scheduled to speak at tonight's banquet. He will receive the VFW Bernard Baruch award.

### Mechanic Confesses To Strangling Bride

#### All-Night Quarrel Ends In Slaying

PHILADELPHIA (IN) — A 45-year-old automobile mechanic has confessed that he ended an all-night quarrel with his bride of four weeks by strangling her with her own brassiere in a north Philadelphia rooming house.

Capt. David Roberts, homicide squad head, said that Frank Gerard Bannister surrendered at city hall Sunday morning and confessed murdering his wife, Mrs. Lenore Coffey Bannister, 45, early last Saturday morning.

Bannister refused to talk about the killing for about three and one-half hours after surrendering, but, according to Roberts, finally blurted out: "I may as well tell you. I killed her."

The officer quoted Bannister as saying he went into a fury when his wife mentioned the name of an old girl friend, grabbed what he thought was a stocking and wound it tightly about her throat. He did not know he used a brassiere until he read it in a newspaper, Roberts said.

After the murder, Roberts said, Bannister visited several taprooms, slept a couple of hours at a center city hotel and then toured several more bars. He decided to surrender when he awoke Sunday morning.

Roberts said a written statement was being prepared for Bannister's signature. He said he would be booked on a murder charge and would be taken before a magistrate today.

The woman's body was formally identified at the morgue Sunday by her former husband, Charles B. Pletscher Sr., Philadelphia, and a son, Charles Jr., Bristol, Conn. The slain woman also had two daughters by Pletscher, Mrs. Eleanor Isabel Sung, 21, and Nancy, 11 both of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Bannister was divorced from Pletscher in August of 1953 after 26 years of marriage. During their married life the couple lived in Ambler, Pa.

### Wally Ulrich Wins First Major Tourney

KANSAS CITY (IN) — Wally Ulrich of Rochester, Minn., earned his first major professional golf tournament victory Sunday at the Kansas City Open with a 72-hole meet record score of 268.

The youthful-looking pro-received \$4,000 first-prize money.

Also in the big money were Lloyd Mangrum of Niles, Ill., and Gene Littler of Palm Springs, Calif., who tied for second place with 270s, and \$1,950 apiece. Johnny Palmer of Charlotte, N. C., came in fourth with 274 and received \$1,200.

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### Says Reds Resort To Kidnap, Murder

#### Dr. John's Seizure Is Latest Incident

WASHINGTON (IN) — Sen. William E. Jenner, (R-Ind.) said today the disappearance of West German security chief Dr. Otto John indicates Russia considers anti-Communists behind the Iron Curtain as her "Achilles heel."

Jenner said his internal security subcommittee has evidence that "Communism has resorted to kidnapping and even to murder to dispose of those who have repudiated or fought Communism in behalf of the free world."

The latest incident, he said, was the "Communist seizure" of John, who apparently defected to the Reds although many in Europe still believe that he was kidnapped by the Communists.

"Whether by kidnapping or with his consent," Jenner said, "the Kremlin agents have, by this act, gained a whip-hand over the hundreds of defectors in East Germany with whom Dr. John, as head of the West German equivalent of our FBI, was in contact."

The lawmaker commented on the John case in publishing the testimony of Nicolai Khokhlov, a former Soviet secret police captain who surrendered to the west while on a mission to assassinate an anti-Communist leader in West Germany.

Khokhlov, who has appealed to the west to rescue his wife and child from the Kremlin, has named former Soviet ambassador to the U. S. Alexander Panyushkin, as the leader of a Russian terrorist organization.

Jenner said he was "convinced" Khokhlov was correct in saying the Russian people do not want war. He also noted that the ex-Soviet agent testified that religion is not yet dead in Russia and that the people are being "informed and encouraged" despite severe Red restrictions.

The senator also stressed Khokhlov's answer to Jenner's question about the attitude of the Russian people to their Communist government.

Khokhlov said: "The Russian people are and have become very tired. The Russian people want to believe in the possibility of peace. It is very difficult for them. It was very difficult to believe in it while Stalin was alive."

"Now some small hopes have appeared. Whether the hopes will be justified or not will be shown by time, but the Russian people want to believe in it and they want that it would happen."

### DR. SHEPPARD'S

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When Mayor J. Spencer Houk of Bay Village, his long time friend and the first man to be called to the scene of the tragedy last July, told his story of the murder morning, Dr. Sam winced.

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Plans for an atomic locomotive have already been drawn up. As you can see in the picture above, it would look like a conventional engine, except for a 200-ton steel block in the center, which would house the nuclear reactor. It would have the power of four diesels — yet would run for a year on only eleven pounds of fuel.

We point this out merely to emphasize the fact that atomic science is progressing much faster than you may realize — opening up fabulous new fields of opportunity for the American people.

In fact, America is growing and changing so fast that you might well call this our age of opportunity. Just look, if you will, at some of the things that are happening in the U. S. today:

- 1. SOARING POPULATION** — Each month our population increases by enough people to make a Syracuse, N. Y., or a Des Moines, Iowa. By 1960 there will be about 180 million of us. This means new demand for everything people eat, wear and enjoy.
- 2. MONEY AND SAVINGS** — Americans have over twice the spending power today than we had in 1940. And savings have risen from \$68.5 billion in 1940 to an estimated \$250 billion in 1953.
- 3. WE'RE GOING SUBURBAN** — With new suburbs springing up like magic near every city, there's a tremendous demand for houses and everything that goes in them. Not to mention schools, streets, hospitals and shopping centers.
- 4. MORE LEISURE TIME** — Americans are working shorter hours — and today 40,000,000 people have paid vacations. This is a great boon to the hotel and transportation business, to the sport, hobby and entertainment fields.
- 5. \$500 BILLION OPPORTUNITY** — Because we've grown so fast, and because the war halted civilian construction, there is now a \$500 billion backlog of demand for goods and services to build highways,

schools, offices and factories — a backlog that must be filled. (For example, we have to nearly double our school system in the next few years.)

Any way you add it up, America today is a land of phenomenal growth, change and expansion. And in the long run, you're bound to benefit—whether you're a businessman, or a farmer, or a housewife, or an industrial worker.

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