

Fear Living Costs Will Climb Due To Steel Price Increase

Truman Aids Warn of Wide Effects on U. S.

Claim Moral Victory In Economic Battle

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WASHINGTON, July 30 (U. P.)

President Truman's top economic advisers said today the new steel price increase would be felt "all the way through" the nation's economy.

They conceded that Mr. Truman had lost his battle to stall steel and coal price boosts at this time. But they claimed a moral victory.

They said the hikes could have been higher—and would have been except for Mr. Truman's "moral suasion" campaign from April to his mid-year economic report last week urging that prices be kept down.

The \$5 a ton steel boost announced yesterday by the two giants of the industry, U. S. Steel and Bethlehem, sealed Mr. Truman's defeat. Most of the other big steel producers and almost all of the major coal operators had already raised tonnage rates.

These increases will raise almost every cost of production, one White House source said. "They will go all the way through the economy. We can only wait and see and hope that moderation will be the rule so that some of the rise will be absorbed."

This informant disclosed that Mr. Truman had no plans to establish a new defense line at the manufacturing, distributing, retail or consumer level to halt price rises.

Government economists hoped the price rise would spread slowly. They said higher steel prices would probably affect construction of big commercial buildings first. They thought automobile producers might absorb all or most of the higher cost with the same holding time for producers of hundreds of other consumer items using steel in lesser quantities.

Living Cost to Rise
One economist felt the inflationary lift of the steel price rise would communicate itself to non-related items. He predicted it would push the cost of living still higher.

Chairman Edward G. Nourse of President Truman's council of economic advisers said that his three-man board would have no comment on the steel price boosts. Mr. Truman told congress last week that "price boosts now in pivotal areas of the industrial field can only add to inflationary forces."

"Another general surge of price inflation would have only one result—the sharp recession which it is to everyone's interest to prevent," he added.

Mr. Truman's advisers are said to feel, however, that the rise is much less than it could have been. If it spreads slowly and in moderation, the nation may get much needed time to run at top production before another wave of price round brings another crisis.

Most big labor contracts have been signed and have six to eight months to run before they can be reopened on wages, it was pointed out.

Chairman Irving S. Olds of U. S. Steel's board of directors said the new price rise does not allow for higher wages to coal miners. If these were figured in, he said, it would increase steel production costs another \$1.50 a ton.

State OK's New Bridges, Highways

\$3 Million Worth Of Bids Awarded

The state highway commission today announced acceptance of low bids on \$3,248,848 worth of bridge and highway construction projects.

Bids on two contracts, calling for paving of segments of road 67 between Red Key and a point near Portland, were rejected by the commission because they exceeded the state engineers' estimates.

Several of the 15 bids approved by the commission still must be approved by the federal public roads administration before contracts are let and all bids are subject to check and verification.

Projects Listed
Following is a list of projects and low bids:

Substructure for new bridge on U. S. 36 over Wabash river at Montezuma, \$421,823.55 by Robert H. King, Danville, Ind. Bids on this bridge were rejected twice previously because they were in excess of engineers' estimates.

Two bridges on new U. S. 30 over Bl. Joseph river and Spy Run creek at north edge of Ft. Wayne, \$316,238.57 by Rieh-Riley Construction Co., Goshen, Ind. It also was the first time in three tries that satisfactory bids were received on these two structures.

Bridge on state road 13 over Deeds creek 1.6 miles south of Piercetown and concrete retaining wall along state road 116 at Markle, \$35,241.45 by John R. Gates, Ft. Wayne.

Rebuilding and widening bridge on state road 144 over Young's creek just west of Franklin, \$49,402.58 by DeBolt Construction Co., Richmond, Ind.

Superstructures for two bridges on state road 256 over Muskatuck river west of Austin, \$154,447.33 by Ben Hur Construction Co., Indianapolis.

Three bridges on state road 39 over Thompson, Dressler and Emmet ditches in Pulaski county, \$90,417 by Rieh-Riley Construction Co. of Goshen.

Additional repairs to rolling lift bridge on Indianapolis blvd. (U. S. 20) over Indiana Harbor canal in East Chicago, \$17,864.68, by George Kruttschnitt Construction Co., Winamac, Ind.

Local Firm Gets Bids
Relocating and construction 2.9 miles of U. S. 50 and state road 37 from east fork of White river to intersection of 18th and M sts. in Bedford, Calumet Paving Co., Indianapolis, \$613,106.52.

Grading and structures for relocation of 2.3 miles of state road 59 from 3 miles north of Carbon northward through Mansfield, Tri-State Construction Co., Indianapolis, \$122,860.21.

Re-locating and surfacing 5.6 miles of state road 75 from U. S. 40 to one mile northeast of Coatesville, Ind.

Legionnaires Plan Torchlight Parade

Procession Begins At 8:30 P. M. Saturday

The 29th annual convention of the Indiana department, American Legion, will include a torchlight parade of the Forty and Eight through downtown streets Saturday at 8:30 p. m.

Gilbert Gelhausen, Evansville, is the unopposed candidate for the office of grand chief de state of the Forty and Eight. The election will be held at the convention which will open Saturday. Joe F. Lutes is grand parade marshal and James C. Ahern and Ray Grider, commashala. Mr. Gelhausen, when elected, will succeed Harold Hanes, Cedar Lake.

Candidates Listed
Candidates for other posts are: Fred Patterson, Lafayette, for chief de train, north, and William Conners, Vincennes, for chief de train, south. For chemist, Arnold Hunt, Greenfield; Harry Barr, Rockville; Harold Tibbals, Garrett; George Hayes, Marion; Sam Pence, Goshen, and Walter Stansbury, South Bend.

Roy Amos, Goshen, is candidate for re-election as treasurer, and Phil E. Clements, Indianapolis, candidate for re-election as commashala. Mr. Clements has completed his 21st year as corresponding officer of the Indiana Forty and Eight.

Grading and structures for about 6.5 miles of new State Road 37 from 8 miles north of Bloomington to 3 miles southwest of Martinsville (two contracts). Ralph Meyers Contracting Co., Salem, Ind., was low bidder on both at \$485,504.51 for southern segment and \$290,142.86 for northern segment.

Widening approximately 15 miles of State Road 29, between New Bethel and Shelbyville (two contracts). Middle West Roads Co., Noblesville, Ind., was low bidder on both jobs at \$108,203.20 for segment near New Bethel, and \$106,964.05 for segment near Shelbyville.

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Slashes Wife, Slain in Court

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 30 (U. P.)—Mrs. Ida Mae Bourbonnais, 39, was recovering today from knife wounds she received yesterday during a courtroom brawl. In the slaying, her estranged husband was fatally shot by a constable.

The woman was appearing in justice of the peace court with her husband, Jesse James Bourbonnais, 40, an Indian.

The outbreak occurred immediately after Justice Otis James ordered Bourbonnais bound over to district court for hearing on a complaint filed by his wife, seeking to have him placed under \$5000 peace bond.

On the hearing of the decision, Bourbonnais whipped out a broken safety razor blade and slashed his wife on the abdomen and throat.

Constable Cecil Barker jumped up and opened fire with his revolver. Bourbonnais died en route to a hospital.

Save on License Plates
SACRAMENTO, Cal. (U. P.)—California cars will wear their II license plates for five years starting Jan. 1, 1949, under a new law enacted by the state legislature. The plates will not carry a date and a small insignia will be issued each year.

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Chase Fire 1/2 Hour To Put Out Blaze

RANKIN, Ill., July 30 (U. P.)—A street department truck which was towing a cart of tar caught fire yesterday.

The driver steered the truck to a fast clip up and down village streets so the wind would blow the flames toward the back of the truck. A pedestrian saw the driver's plight and called the fire department.

The fire department took up the chase. It took firemen nearly half an hour to catch up with the truck and put out the blaze.

Quiz China on Attitude Toward U. S. Business
NANKING, July 30 (U. P.)—The American fact-finding mission headed by Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer has asked the Chinese government for a frank statement on its attitude toward American businessmen, it was reported reliably today.

American commercial interests here have complained that the government of Chiang Kai-shek blows hot and cold in its dealings with foreigners.

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Death Penalty Of Hoosier Upheld

Iowa Court Says Local Man Must Die

DES MOINES, Iowa, July 30 (U. P.)—An Indianapolis man held little hope today for reprieve from a death sentence imposed for the 1946 slaying of an Iowa reformatory guard during an escape attempt.

The Iowa supreme court upheld the conviction of Louis Hofer, 35, Indianapolis, who is scheduled to be hanged Dec. 10, 1947, for beating to death Guard John Hinz, 49, with a clawhammer, and using Hinz's auto to escape.

The court denied an appeal from the death sentence and ruled that a district judge at Cedar Rapids did not err in submitting to the jury the question of whether certain written confessions were voluntary.

A jury of eight women and four men convicted Hofer on a charge of first degree murder. Hofer's companion, Charles Larson, was convicted on a charge of second degree murder and sentenced to serve 99 years in prison.

Hofer was serving a 25-year sentence for robbery when he and Larson tried to escape on June 12, 1946. They were captured two days later.

Admit Felling Indo Mercy Plane

BATAVIA, July 30 (U. P.)—The Dutch admitted today that Dutch pilots shot down a DC-3 plane which was carrying medical supplies to the Indonesian capital of Jogjakarta.

Dutch pilots mistook the American-made transport for a Betty or Helen-type Japanese bomber, a Dutch communiqué said.

The announcement added that the medical plane was hedge-hopping in evasive action when it was spotted. Indonesian reports said nine occupants of the plane were killed and another injured when two Dutch fighters shot it down near Jogjakarta. The dead included a British woman, wife of one of the British pilots.

At Brookside—Brookside, George Washington, Morris Square, Oak Hill, Spades.

At Camp Sullivan—Camp Sullivan, Belmont, Cornelius, Lockfield, Northwestern, Rader and Udel.

At Cokeman—Cokeman, Arnolda, Lentz, Riverside.

At Fall Creek—Fall Creek, Broad Ripple, 48th & Indiana, 61st & Broadway, School 86, School 91, Tarkington.

At Finch—Finch, Greer, Keystone, Ringgold, Southside.

At Highland—Highland, Christian, Ellenberger, Spring, Willard.

At Hill—Hill, Bethel, Douglas, Planner House, Meikel & Wyoming.

At Riley—Riley, Eagle, Garfield, Hawthorne, Indianapolis, Kansas & Meridian, Rhodus.

The public will be admitted free to the shows. No new entries of dogs will be accepted.

Judges tonight will be: Coleman—Mrs. Bert McCammon, Mrs. Gale Snyder, Mrs. Martha Schell.

Fall Creek—T. P. Burke, Miss Thelma Lyons, Elgin Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilk.

Riley—Mrs. Ed. Lish, H. M. Riner, Mrs. Guy Obyer, Charles Allen.

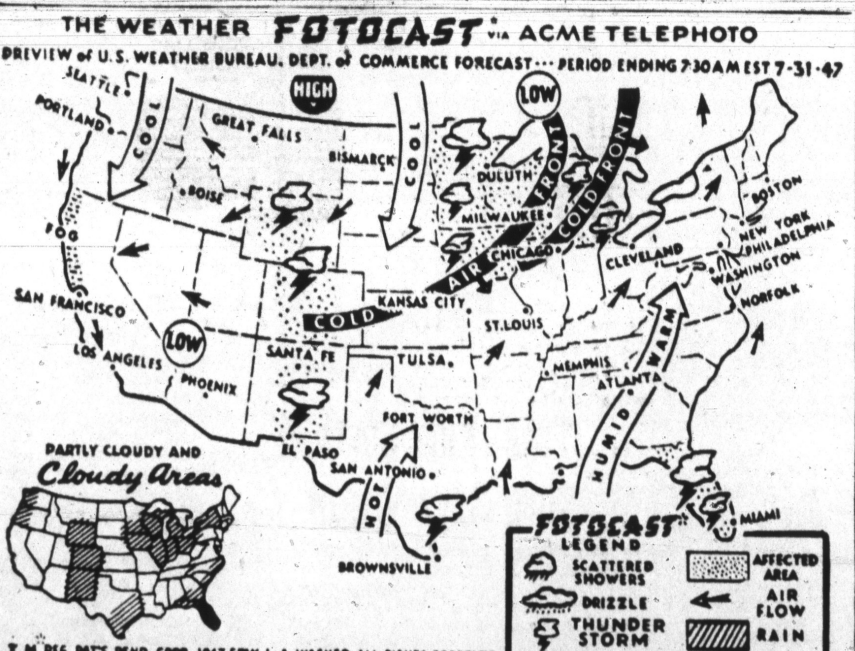
Finch—Mrs. Donald Edson, H. D. Case, Mrs. Emma Lou Vise.

Highland—Mrs. Fred Klepper, Mrs. Howard Harrington, Miss Lola Pfeiffer.

Brookside—Mrs. Herman Haldeman, Alice L. Ash, Miss Louise Schulmeyer.

Hill—Mrs. Earl Stumpf, Mrs. H. Howie, Mrs. A. V. Meade, Arthur Taylor.

Camp Sullivan—Mrs. Harold Naegle, Mrs. Mildred Orrid, Miss Elsie Clark.



THE WEATHER FOTOCAST via ACME TELEPHOTO
PREVIEW OF U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, DEPT. OF COMMERCE FORECAST... PERIOD ENDING 7:30 AM EST 7-31-47

is expected to climb to the upper 90s and over 100 degrees in the central and southern Plains States and the Southwest. It will be coolest in the northern Rockies and the Northwest where afternoon readings will be in the 80s.

Showers and thunderstorms will develop in the warm, moist air along the Gulf coast, the east slopes of the Rockies and in the Lakes region. (Warm, moist air will build up into tall thunderheads and release storms in the affected areas during the coming 24 hours.)

Skies will be partly cloudy in and near the stormy areas. The rest of the U. S. will be clear except for an overcast over southern Florida. (See inset map.)

Tomorrow morning's minimum temperatures will be in the low 60s in the central and southern Plains States and the Southwest. Minimum readings will be in the 60s in the central and southern Plains States and the Southwest. Minimum readings will be in the 60s in the central and southern Plains States and the Southwest.

Forecasters say the month of July will end with thermometers recording temperatures of 90 degrees or higher over most of the U. S. Highest readings will be in the 90s from southern New England to Texas and Florida, also in the northern Plains. The mercury

Official Weather
UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU
—July 30, 1947—
Sunrise... 5:43 Sunset... 8:00
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a. m. .00
Total precipitation since Jan. 1... 22.86
Deficiency since Jan. 1... 39.14

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

City	High	Low
Atlanta	81	67
Boston	82	68
Chicago	84	72
Cincinnati	80	64
Cleveland	88	76
Denver	84	60
Evansville	88	76
Fort Worth	88	76
Indianapolis (city)	100	78
Kansas City	105	83
Los Angeles	88	76
Memphis	88	76
Minneapolis	88	76
New Orleans	88	76
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Pittsburgh	88	76
San Antonio	88	76
San Francisco	88	76
St. Louis	88	76
Washington, D. C.	88	76

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