

# Food And Clothing Boost Living Costs

OTTAWA (CP)—Higher prices for food and clothing helped Canada's cost of living to a record level at April 1. The consumer price index moved to 125 from 124.8 at March 1.

The bureau of statistics reported today prices for food, foodstuffs, adult clothing, housing and other components that make up the index.

The index—yardstick of urban living costs—based on 1949 prices equalling 100. At April 1 it was 27 points above the index for the corresponding date in 1963—a 12-month gain of two per cent.

Its rise during March followed an increase in industrial wages during February. The index of average industrial wages and salaries at March 1—last available—was 195.1 compared with 186.1 a month earlier and 197 a year earlier.

This index, based on 1949 levels equalling 100, represents an average of total wages paid firms employing more than 15 persons in a wide range of industries.

**FOOD COSTS UP**

Five of the seven components in the consumer price index were higher during March—food, housing, clothing, health and personal care, tobacco and alcohol. Declines showed in transportation and recreation segments.

The food index was up a half-point from the previous month to 131.8 on the strength of higher costs for fruits, beef, poultry, coffee, milk, ice cream, food, soda crackers, macaroni, shortening and some vegetables.

Lower prices were noted for sugar, bread, cookies, eggs, a cut in vegetables and some cuts of meat.

The housing index rose to 117.3 from 117.0 in February.

Clothing went to 119.1 on

higher prices for men's and women's wear, piece goods, footwear and accessories. Prices for children's wear were lower.

Generally higher costs for food, fuel, fees, dentists' charges and optical care boosted the health and personal care index to 165.4 from 165.4.

Higher liquor prices in West-Canada and New Brunswick boosted the tobacco-alcohol index to 119.5 from 119.4.

Lower subscription rates for some magazines more than outweighed increased newspaper prices in some cities. This dropped the reading-recreation index to 151 from 152.3.

Lower prices for new cars offset higher prices for motor oil in some cities to lower the transportation index to 122.8 from 143.

## Bareheaded Craze For Men Makes Hatters Close Doors

TORONTO (CP)—The bareheaded craze for men that began in Canada just after the Second World War has driven one of Toronto's oldest hatters out of business.

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Harold Applebath said, "We've been able to find this hatless craze for some years but now we've just run out of steam."

The closing of the store will mark the end of four generations of Applebaths in the hat-making business. Harold's son, Gordon, 34, also works at the store. The building, on downtown Yonge Street, will probably become part of an office complex, Mr. Applebath said.

The company at one time owned four stores in Toronto, but the number was reduced to three in 1954, two in 1960 and to one two years ago. Declining sales figures tell the tale: In 1912 the company grossed \$112,000 from hats

alone and raised the figure to \$187,000 by 1919. The peak was reached in 1946—\$300,000—and then the decline set in.

**WATCHED THE HATLESS**

"I used to stand in the store in the summer and watch all these hatless people walk by," Harold Applebath said, "and get sick to my stomach."

"I am sad and disillusioned about the whole thing."

The Applebaths have serviced royalty along with sports and political figures.

King Edward VII was a customer of the Yonge Street store as were many past premiers of Ontario and cabinet ministers.

The store began after L. J. Applebath gave up a selling career to open a fur store. He began selling straw boaters to make ends meet and found that business boomed.

The elder Applebath came to Canada from England in 1833.

Harold Applebath said he has no immediate plans for the future.

"I hope to make enough out of this so that I won't have to make any plans," he said.

**CANADA PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE Motor Carrier Act (P. E. I.) and of the Motor Vehicle Transport Act (Canada)

and

IN THE MATTER OF the application of the undersigned persons for licenses to operate as intra-Provincial carriers and/or extra-provincial carriers under the said Acts.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Public Utilities Commission has appointed THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FIRST day of MAY, A. D. 1964, at the hour of Ten O'Clock in the forenoon at the National Film Board Theatre, Dominion Building, Charlottetown, as the time and place for consideration of the applications of:

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Fredericton, N. B.
- Frederick W. MacKay  
R. R. No. 1  
Pictou, N. S.
- Clyton Ford Wilson  
R. R. No. 2  
Cornwall, P. E. I.
- John E. Morrison  
Ocean View, P. E. I.
- William Heath Bowley  
141 Bedford Avenue  
Parkdale, P. E. I.

for license to operate motor vehicles as extra-provincial undertakings and intra-provincial operators for the carriage of goods over the several routes as set out in their several applications. And an application for extension of intra-provincial and/or extra-provincial operating rights by:

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Cornwall, P. E. I.
- Smith Transport Limited  
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Toronto, Ont.
- Canadian National Transportation Limited  
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Montreal, P. Q.

Information concerning the routes applied for and particulars of service to be rendered may be had on application to the Commission. And any person having any objections to the granting of a license to any of the above named applicants shall advise the applicant and the Commission in writing at least ten days before the date of the said hearing, stating the reasons for such objections.

DATED at Charlottetown this 4th day of MAY A. D. 1964.

(MRS.) R. DORIS PURSEY  
Clerk  
The Public Utilities Commission

## French Gov't Will Ignore Locomotive Sale To Cuba

PARIS (Reuters)—A French foreign office spokesman said today the government has no intention of intervening to stop the sale of French railroad locomotives to Cuba.

The French announcement of the deal earlier in the day was followed by a protest from Washington.

A state department spokesman said the U.S. expressed its

serious concern in discussions with French officials in both Paris and Washington.

The French spokesman was questioned at a press conference on a \$4,000,000 contract which the engineering firm of Brissoneau et Lotz signed for the supply of 20 diesel-electric locomotives, with an option on 10 more.

Answering a question, the spokesman said: "No, the French government has no intention of interfering with the ordinary course of trade in this case."

**NOT IN AGREEMENT**

Asked whether he was aware of the fact that the state department spokesman in Washington said last week that U.S. allies had been asked too abstain from delivering locomotives to Cuba, he replied: "It happens sometimes that allies are not in full agreement on everything."

Although President de Gaulle pledged France's unqualified support to President Kennedy in the Cuba blockade crisis of 1962, the French government has shown no inclination to join the United States trade boycott now in progress against Premier Castro's regime.

The locomotives Brissoneau will supply are 820-horsepower models designed to ease the condition of Cuba's railroads where, according to an official Cuban estimate, only one-quarter of the locomotives operating in 1959 are still usable.

Deliveries will start at the end of this year or early in 1965, a Brissoneau spokesman said.

## Negro Gang Being Sought

NEW YORK (AP)—The fatal stabbing of a white woman shopkeeper in Harlem has spurred police investigation of reports that a gang of Negro youths, dedicated to crime and attacks on whites, has been formed.

The slaying of Mrs. Margit Sugar, 45, in her second-hand clothing store last Wednesday appeared to be unprovoked. Coupled with the deaths of three other whites in Harlem recently

It gave rise to reports of a racial vendetta.

The New York Times quoted an unidentified source Wednesday as estimating the size of the gang at 400 and saying the youths had been trained by assistant members of the Black Muslim sect. Other published reports have placed the size at 60 to 80 members.

Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Zym declined to confirm or deny that such a gang exists. He said police would have some statement "until we have something on which we can take some action . . . until we really know what we are talking about."

**RETURN BODY TO WEST**

BERLIN (AP)—The body of a young West German, who the Communists said was killed when he tried to attack East German border guards, was returned to West Berlin Wednesday. Police said the body had four bullet wounds. East Berlin forces brought the body of Adolf Philipp, 20, through the Red wall.

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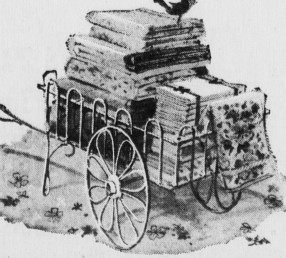
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