

Cost of Living Index Moves Toward Increase in Bonus

For the seventh month in a row the official cost-of-living index moved higher during August, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announced Monday, and unless there is a decline in the figure reported next month for Oct. 1 hundreds of thousands of Canadian workers will be entitled to higher cost-of-living bonuses after Nov. 15.

And higher bonuses, officials in charge of wartime economic controls have said, would probably mean the beginning of the end for price control by starting an inflationary spiral.

At Sept. 1 the cost-of-living index was 119.4 compared with 119.2 at Aug. 2, the Bureau of Statistics reported. For the seven months of upward trend in the index, the gain has been 2.5 points, with monthly advances ranging from 0.3 to 0.5 points.

The wartime increase in the index has been 18.5 percent, at present cost-of-living bonuses are based on a total increase of 17 percent, on a basis of 25 cents a week or one percent of weekly earnings for each one percent of increase, depending on salary category of the worker. Thus the

maximum bonus now is \$4.25 a week or 17 percent.

The bonus payments are not changed unless the index has altered one full percentage point since last adjustment. Thus, if there is a drop of more than 0.5 percent, between the Sept. 1 and Oct. 1 figures, the bonus payments will remain unchanged.

At the present index figure, however, the maximum bonus would be \$4.82 1/2 a week or 18.5 percent of earnings. For the majority of workers who received the bonus for the first time in August, 1942, the bonus would be increased from 60 cents or 2.4 percent a week to 97 1/2 cents or 3.9 percent.

Last December, the counteract rising living costs and overcome the need for higher bonuses— which, in turn, raise costs of production and increase the pressure on the price ceiling—the Government instituted a system of bonus payments to reduce the price to the consumer of various staple foods, milk, tea, coffee, oranges and lemons were affected in that move.

The increase in the cost-of-living index during August was caused by small increases for foods, home furnishings and miscellaneous commodities.



COMPLETE CO-OPERATION.
Yeoman Third Class Caroline Edler, of the U.S. Waves, getting a little help with her tie from Ordinary Seaman George Carey, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. She is aboard H.M.C.S. Pathfinder, R.C.N.V.R. training ship out of Hamilton, Ont., where she was a guest of honor during a recent visit to Canadian Wrens.

Jap's Diary Reveals Stark Story Of the Beheading of U.S. Flyer

By C. YATES McDANIEL.
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Oct. 4.—(P)—The beheading by the Japanese of a captured American aviator was disclosed in all its stark details today as Allied headquarters made public a diary from a Japanese soldier at Salamoua, New Guinea.

The execution, carried out according to the "Samurai" code of the Japanese, occurred last March. Verbatim translations of extracts of the diary, dated March 29, said:

"We all assembled at headquarters where one of the crew of a Douglas shot down by anti-aircraft March 18 was brought under guard.

"The prisoner (sub-lieutenant first class Komai) told us he had been decided to execute him and he was accorded a Samurai's death.

"We were assembled to witness the execution. The prisoner was given a drink of water outside the guard house. The chief surgeon, Lieutenant Komai and a platoon commander bearing a sword came from the officers' mess.

"The time has come. The prisoner of war totters forward with his arms tied. His hair is cut close.

"I feel he suspects what is afoot, but he is more composed than I thought he would be. Without more ado he is put on a truck and taken to the place of execution.

"The prisoner sits beside the chief surgeon and about 10 guards accompany him. The noise of the engine echoes along the road in the hush of twilight. The sun has set and columns of clouds rise before us.

"I glance at the prisoner and he seems prepared. He gazes at the grass, now at the mountains and sea.

"At the execution ground Lieutenant Komai faces the prisoner and said: 'You are to die. I am going to kill you with this Japanese sword according to the Samurai code.'

"The commander's face is stern. Now the time has come. The prisoner is made to sit on the edge of a water-filled bomb crater. The precaution is taken to surround him with guards.

"When I put myself in his place the hate engendered by this daily bombing yields to ordinary human feelings.

"The Tai commander draws his favorite sword, the famous 'Osa-mune'. The sight of the glittering blade sends cold shivers down the spine. First he touches prisoner's neck lightly with sword.

"Then he raises it overhead. His arm muscles bulge. Prisoner closes his eyes for a second and at once the sword sweeps down.

"Swish—it sounds at first like noise of cutting but is actually made by blood spurting from arteries. The body falls forward.

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Helen C. Caldwell; Miss Wilma R. Burrill; Miss Mary Young; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. O'Leary; Miss Theresa O'Rourke; Anonymous; Mr. and Mrs. Y. Lockhead; Roger Saint-Denis.

Journal classified ads are having wonderful results in selling houses. A well written ad under Houses For Sale will sell it.

ANOTHER SEA MONSTER: GANANOQUE, Ont., Oct. 5.—Jacob Raft and I. Schorning, of Clayton, N.Y., had visions of another Loch Ness monster when crossing the St. Lawrence last week. Investigating, they found a horse paddling easily and certainly along, headed determinedly for the United States side.

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Council also approved payment of \$200 as legal fees to Paul A. Boivin, K.C.

Mayor Brunet reported the arrival in the city of 10 carloads of softwood provided through an agreement with the wood controller. After December 1 it will be possible to obtain hardwood.

The mayor had been notified that contrary to reports there was not going to be any increase in the price ceiling on fuel wood.

Edgar Gauthier was appointed by council to supervise wood cutting operations on the Federal District property on Gatineau Point road. Hull residents cutting wood on that property will be charged 50 cents per cord by the city, the fees to be used to cover the salary of the supervisor.

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