

Economic Director Lists Four Factors For Unemployment Rise

Four factors are responsible for the rise of unemployment in Southern California, which in March reached 261,100, according to Morris Pendleton, regional director of the Committee for Economic Development.

He listed them as:

1. Halted materials for production and expansion are impossible to obtain.

2. Unrealistic price control decisions continue to choke business activities.

3. War surplus disposal questions cause uncertainties in production and sales plans, and

4. Housing and business building shortages destroy the normal mobility of labor.

At the same time, Pendleton gave the following breakdown of the overall unemployment figure: Los Angeles County: 218,000, 10,000 higher than the figure for February which showed a 10 percent gain over January. San Diego County: 29,400, greater by 10,000 than the number idle three months before. San Bernardino-Riverside counties: 13,700, reflecting a 13.6 percent increase over the unemployment in those two counties in February.

Pendleton also reported that unemployment relief payments in Southern California exceeded \$3 million dollars for the week ending March 28, with \$1,225,000 paid to returned servicemen and \$2,311,000 paid to civilians.

"These payments," he said, "reflect the steady upward trend in unemployment, which our organization is going to combat."

"The Committee for Economic Development is working with labor and community leaders now to develop an action program to make more job opportunities by attacking the causes of unemployment."

Northern Firm Suffers Coal Curtailment

Columbia Steel Company, subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, today notified the Mountain Fuel Supply Company of Salt Lake City, that it will be forced to curtail the supplying of coke oven gas to that company immediately because of the threatened national coal strike.

The gas, which is produced as a by-product of Columbia's coke oven operation at Ironton, Utah, is supplied to residents and commercial users in the communities of Provo, Springville and Spanish Fork, Utah, through facilities of the Mountain Fuel Supply Company.

Columbia Steel Company officials pointed out that they have only enough coal on hand for fifteen days of operation if the plant was to be maintained at the usual operation of seventy-five coke ovens a day. In order to continue supplying gas to the residents of this area for the maximum length of time, Columbia's coke oven production will be cut down immediately to thirty-six ovens a day, which should extend the production of gas, on a reduced scale, to approximately thirty-one days.

Further reduced production of gas is highly probable in the event the coal strike is of long duration. In this event, Columbia officials pointed out, it may be necessary to reduce operations to eighteen ovens a day in order to barely maintain the coke ovens. At this rate of operation, the ovens could be kept heated for approximately fifty days but no gas would be available for public use. It was pointed out that this drastic step would be taken only as a final resort to protect the coke ovens from irreparable damage.

"If the coal strike lasts in excess of fifty days, we will be forced to close down our coke ovens completely," Columbia officials stated. "This means the ovens will crack while cooling and will have to be entirely rebuilt at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars. It would also require approximately a year to rebuild providing supplies are available." During this time residents of the three Utah communities would be without gas, Columbia officials said.

Bank Will Retain Specialist For Veterans' Loans

Following the recent U. S. Government order directing building materials into channels for construction of homes for veterans, Bank of America has announced a statewide program to retain more than 1,000 members of its staff as specialists in veterans loans under the newly liberalized G. I. Bill.

In addition, each of the bank's branches is to have a veterans' counselor to whom veterans of World War I may turn for information on loans and other matters of interest to them.

Declaring that "the veteran is getting a break in housing at last," Bank of America officers point out that the recent amendments to the G. I. Bill "took out the hocus focus, eliminated the red tape, and streamlined the procedure."

It was further stated that under the new regulations the Bank of America is prepared to make loans to veterans on homes costing up to \$10,000 without a down payment, provided the veteran complies with the requirement of sufficient income to take care of the payments, and appraisal shows that the property is priced in line with present day cost factors.

Sugar Stamp 9 To Be Used For Canning

Persons needing canning sugar should NOT apply to their local price control boards or to the district office for applications; according to Edwin A. Poehmann, who is in charge of sugar rationing for the OPA in Southern California.

All that is needed, Poehmann pointed out, is to present Spare Stamp No. 9 to the grocer and receive your five pounds of canning sugar. All ration book holders, he said, should have this stamp, which is contained in Ration Book No. 4 or their sugar book.

"Persons who use their canning sugar now, for some other purpose, may regret it when rations," Poehmann warned. "Sugar is still far from plentiful and must be used sparingly."

COLORED LIGHTS

Colored light approach angle indicators have been installed on three of the runways at Idlewild airport. The unit has three beams. The top one is amber and indicates that the plane is too high for a proper approach. The middle one, green, indicates the plane is on the proper approach angle. The lowest light beam, red, indicates the approach angle is too low. The device is particularly effective in assisting the pilot in the 80 to 100 feet of an instrument approach.

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Spivey Appointed Assistant Director Of Columbia Steel

C. T. Spivey has been appointed assistant director of industrial relations of Columbia Steel Company, William A. Ross, president, announced today.

Spivey, who has been associated with the United States Steel Corporation since his graduation from Stanford University in 1937, has served in numerous capacities of industrial relations work for the steel corporation.

He started as an industrial engineer at the Pittsburgh Works of Columbia Steel Company. In 1940 he was selected to direct the company's industrial relations activities in the state of Utah, and in 1943 was transferred to the Government-owned Geneva Steel Works to supervise this new project's industrial relations program. He returned to Columbia Steel Company last year.

State Employers Are Urged To Use Facilities Offered

An invitation to California employers of from one to three persons to use the facilities of Department of Employment field offices to assist them in filling out unemployment insurance tax returns and wage reports, was issued today by T. H. Mugford, Chief of the Division of Accounts and Tax Collections.

Mugford pointed out that the returns and reports became due from this group of employers, which totals more than 180,000, for the first time on April 1. These were the smaller employers, who previous to January 1, 1946, were exempt from provisions of the unemployment insurance tax if they employed fewer than four individuals.

"While the contribution forms are not complicated," Mugford said, "nevertheless, employers are invited to consult with the field offices of the Department if they have any problems in completing the returns."

"Prompt filing is urged, as penalty and interest charges attach if the returns are not filed by the end of April, according to provisions of the unemployment insurance act."

Naval Reserve For Peacetime Being Formed

Under the guidance of Captain Selden G. Hooper, USN, District Director of Naval Reserve, plans have been formulated for peacetime Naval Reserve organizations to be established in principal cities within the Eleventh Naval District.

As soon as adequate armories and other facilities have been obtained, one or more divisions of Naval Reserves will be established in the following cities: California: Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, San Diego, San Bernardino, New Mexico: Albuquerque, Arizona: Phoenix Tucson. Later, units may also be established in California at Bakersfield and Santa Ana.

Present post-war navy plans, as outlined by Captain Hooper, call for the establishment of 47 Ready Reserve divisions within the Eleventh Naval District. Each division will be composed of about 15 officers and 200 enlisted men. Groups of two to eight divisions will comprise a battalion under the command of a reserve officer. A Brigade commander will be assigned later.

The Ready Reserve, with a maximum national strength of approximately 25,000 officers and 175,000 men, will be maintained in a high state of training and will be available for immediate mobilization.

TOWNSEND CLUB FEATURES NOVEL PROGRAM

The Townsend Club of this city will present a pot luck dinner tomorrow night at 6:30 o'clock, according to James Sellers, president. The dinner will take place in the Young Men's Bible class.

At a recent meeting of the club a musical program was enjoyed. Mrs. Don Moskos, Carolyn Mitchell and Carol Clark, participated in the program with the Accordionettes, who are comprised of youngsters of eight years of age and under. They were, Janeen Colombo, Joan Blackman, Norma Meadows, Donna Evans, Bebe Marie Babcock, Cathryn Clouse and Fred Dissel.

Songs and dances by Yolanda Goldsmith, pupil of the Three Arts Studio.



AERIAL GOVERNOR . . . Breakfast with the family in Sacramento and off to the office, with time out only for luncheon and a speech in Los Angeles at noon before returning home for the evening, is becoming a familiar schedule on the daily calendar of Governor Earl Warren as his campaign for reelection progresses. His busy appointment pad for the coming weeks includes speeches in cities throughout California and to keep up with them and keep his daily work-sheet clear too, his Honor just takes to the air. Above, Governor Warren is met at the Pacific Air Lines plane by Tom J. Cunningham, his Southern California campaign manager.

Restaurant Price Gouging Reported By OPA

Restaurant price gouging averaging 45 percent in the Southern California area was reported by Edwin Sadler, Southern California District OPA Price Board Executive.

OPA investigators checked 1,836 restaurants—about 12 percent of the total number of restaurants in the Southland—and found numerous violations during the investigation, which was launched because of many complaints that prices were going up throughout the whole area, Sadler stated.

Some 609 restaurants have upped prices above the legal price on old items, while 876 were found charging excessive prices on new items, the survey showed.

Three hundred and twenty restaurant operators were found in violation of price posting regulations, while 285 others were found to have discontinued most of their low and medium priced meals in favor of meals in the high price brackets.

Scout And Cub Leaders To Meet In Lomita

April 22, all Scout and Cub leaders of Torrance will meet for a dinner and round table discussion in Lomita, according to Richard Sinclair, cub master. This will be in conjunction with other leaders from the Harbor District with a new plan for organization proposed for the meeting.

Those planning to attend are to contact Sinclair at his residence, 2326 Sonoma st., or call Torrance 956-M.

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Minced Clams 10-oz. 29¢
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Long Spaghetti 1-lb. 14¢
Globe A-1 Pasta 1-lb. 11¢
Spaghetti Dinner 1-lb. 23¢
Tenderoni 6-oz. 9¢
Spaghetti Dinner 6-oz. 31¢

MEAT AND MUSHROOM SAUCES

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Spaghetti Sauce with meat 6-oz. 10¢
Sauce 6-oz. 10¢
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Cashews Rose Brand 7-oz. 63¢
Spanish Peanuts Rose Brand 8-oz. 23¢
Target Popcorn 10-oz. 16¢

BEVERAGES

Edwards Coffee 1-lb. 27¢
Oycltine 8-oz. 34¢
Grape Juice Punch 16-oz. 27¢
Grape Ade 46-oz. 43¢

How to prepare old-time meat favorites

There's nothing like one of these old-time meat favorites for satisfying hearty appetites and bringing words of praise to the cook. Most of them are easy on the budget, too.

LAMB SHOULDER POT ROAST
Sprinkle a 3-pound lamb shoulder with salt and pepper and roll in flour. Brown in melted shortening in a Dutch oven or deep kettle with 1/2 cup of water. Add 2 cups of hot water, a medium-size onion thinly sliced and a bay leaf. Cover and cook slowly about 3 hours or until tender. Add more water if necessary. Serves 6 to 8.

SWISS STEAK
Allowing about 1/2 pound for each person, have steak cut 1 to 2 inches thick. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and roll in flour. Brown in melted shortening in Dutch oven or heavy frying pan. Add 2 cups of water, cover, and cook slowly for 2 1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Add more water, if necessary, to make the desired amount of gravy. Serve with fluffy mashed potatoes.

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