

# Survey of Living Costs Shows '39 Dollar Worth About 50 Cents Today

By the Associated Press  
Your 1939 dollar is worth only about 50 cents today in buying the ordinary necessities of life, but it buys a lot more in some parts of the United States than in others.

Some products have soared out of all relation with others compared with prewar days. Some cities where living costs were lowest in 1939 pay the most now.

The survey showed: You can eat for less, by and large, in Minneapolis than in most cities.

In most items, half or more of the price increase has come in the last year.

Chicago led the nation, paying the highest present price, 85 cents a pound, and reporting the greatest increase, 66 cents, over 1939.

But while your housing dollar buys only half as much most places as in 1939, in Columbus and San Francisco it buys more than it did in June, 1946.

Present price, 95 cents a pound, and the highest rate of increase over 1939, of 70 cents.

Today's quotations were 52 cents a dozen higher than 1939 in Boston and San Francisco, and only 19 cents higher in Kansas City.

# Pampa News

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## New Dominion Urges End to All Violence

NEW DELHI—The Dominion of India, as its first official act, appealed tonight for cessation of Hindu-Muslim violence in both this country and the Dominion of Pakistan.

"Whatever differences we have must be resolved by peaceful and democratic methods. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's Cabinet declared, 'We are a free people today. Let us act then as free men and women.'"

Great throngs of the dominions' 400,000,000 celebrated joyously their new independence of the British Raj.

In New Delhi, Lord Mountbatten, the last Viceroy of British India, who turned over the reins of authority to the Indians at the last stroke of midnight, was sworn in as the first Governor-General of Hindu India—populated by most of India's 227,000,000 Hindus.

But in the Punjab, the great northern province which is to be split between Pakistan and India, the flames of communal strife still raged. Moslems and non-Moslems—mostly Sikhs and Hindus—fought to the death and whole sections of the capital city of Lahore were ablaze.

Four Jew Extremists Are Arrested by Czechs  
PRAGUE—Rude Pravo, Communist organ, reported today that Czechoslovak Police at Karary Vary (Katlabed) in Bohemia had arrested four Jewish extremists on charges of bringing explosives to the SPA, where a world Zionist Congress is in session.

410 Cases Whooping Cough Are Reported  
AUSTIN—Four hundred ten cases of whooping cough were reported in Texas this week, bringing the total for this year to 16,801, the State Health Department reported today.

THE WEATHER  
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU  
5:30 a.m. today 64  
8:30 a.m. 65  
11:30 a.m. 70  
2:30 p.m. 75  
5:30 p.m. 80  
8:30 a.m. 85  
11:30 a.m. 87  
2:30 p.m. 91  
5:30 p.m. 94  
Tent. Max. 91  
Tent. Min. 66



## Jurors Read Passionate Love Notes

SANTA ANA, Calif.—(AP)—The lurid love letters of two collegians charged with murder today were in the hands of a jury that scanned the passionate missives for a possible motive for the yacht blast slayings of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Overell.

## U. S. Firmly Rejects Soviet Demand Relative to Peace Treaty for Japan

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The United States has rejected firmly a Soviet demand that the job of drawing up a peace treaty for Japan be left to the Big Four Pacific powers—The United States, Britain, China and Russia.

Moonshiners Continue To Build Own Stills  
AUSTIN—Moonshiners continue to build stills each month in Texas.

Confession to Mediate Paraguayan Civil War  
PETROPOLIS, Brazil—(AP)—Delegates to the Inter-American Defense Conference agreed at a preparatory session today to support mediation efforts in the Paraguayan civil war, a delegation member said upon leaving the closed meeting.

# 11 Arabs Killed in Attack

TEL AVIV, Palestine—(AP)—Eleven Arabs were killed today in a bomb and gun attack on their shanty six miles from Tel Aviv. Hagana, the Jewish underground defense organization, announced it had "executed" seven of these in reprisal for brigandism.

A Hagana communique said the dynamited house was headquarters "for the brigandism which has been responsible for recent attacks on Jewish settlements."

The toll of dead and wounded mounted steadily in the bloody racial clashes between Jews and Arabs in the area of all-Jewish Tel Aviv and its neighbor city, all-Arab Jaffa.

Two more Arabs were found stabbed to death in the Sheik Murad quarters of Jaffa, and another Arab watchman was found dead near Ramatgan in the Tel Aviv area.

The Palestine government, announcing new security measures in attempts to halt the conflict, said "there is no reason whatever to suppose that the riots are part of a concerted plan or that various outbreaks which occurred in the last few days are anything more than a series of disconnected incidents confined to the limited area where Arabs and Jews live side by side."

Seven other bodies were recovered from the debris by authorities. Hagana's communique said it had found the house "which was the headquarters for the brigandism which has been responsible for the recent attacks on Jewish settlements in the Plains of Sharon and for the attack on the Pan Hawi Cafe (on the Yarkon River) Sunday night."

At the cafe 20 men, described by Jewish sources as Arabs, killed four Jews and injured 10 others. "Our soldiers executed the leader of the brigands and then executed six of his men found in the house," the communique said.

On the continuing racial strife near the boundary of Tel Aviv and Jaffa, two Arabs were found stabbed to death near the Hitkva quarter in the same area where two Jews were killed yesterday. One Jew was found shot to death in the Saba Solony, 12 miles north of Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

The new killings brought the toll of dead since Sunday to at least 27—17 Arabs and 11 Jews. Forty Arabs and 11 Jews have been wounded seriously and about 50 Arabs and Jews have been hurt.

Officers Capture Illegal Shortening  
LAREDO—(AP)—Customs officers here have 14,000 pounds of lard on hand.

Hearing Slated on Tidelands Leases  
AUSTIN—(AP)—A two-day public hearing on policy and formulas for creation of 25-year leases now held on Texas tidelands will be held by the State School Land Board Sept. 15-16.

We Saw...  
Frank Smith, Pampa's genial Chamber of Commerce Prexy, just back from Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other California points, Frank says the family and he enjoyed their vacation very much, but in true Chamber of Commerce fashion, says there is no place like Pampa.

## Mexican Coast Being Battered By Hurricane

TAMPICO, Mexico—(AP)—A tropical hurricane bowled with destruction 100-mile winds southeast of here at noon today, seven hours after it struck the coast.

The strike of the storm hit Tampico with winds of 100 miles an hour registered before weather instruments were destroyed.

At noon, however, the wind had dropped to steady 40 mile gale, with some gusts of higher velocity.

No casualties were reported, and damage to this oil capital so far has been slight.

Communications in the path of the storm are meager, and information is difficult to obtain.

The full force of the hurricane is expected to become apparent later in the morning.

A U. S. Weather Bureau report at Brownsville earlier had said the storm "definitely" was moving inland.

Waves 15 feet high rolled into Tampico beaches. Small lakes and rivers were rising. Visibility was low.

Movable objects swirled down deserted streets.

Several hours after the storm struck, the wind decreased slightly to 36 miles an hour.

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## High Ranking Officers Poisoned at Dinner

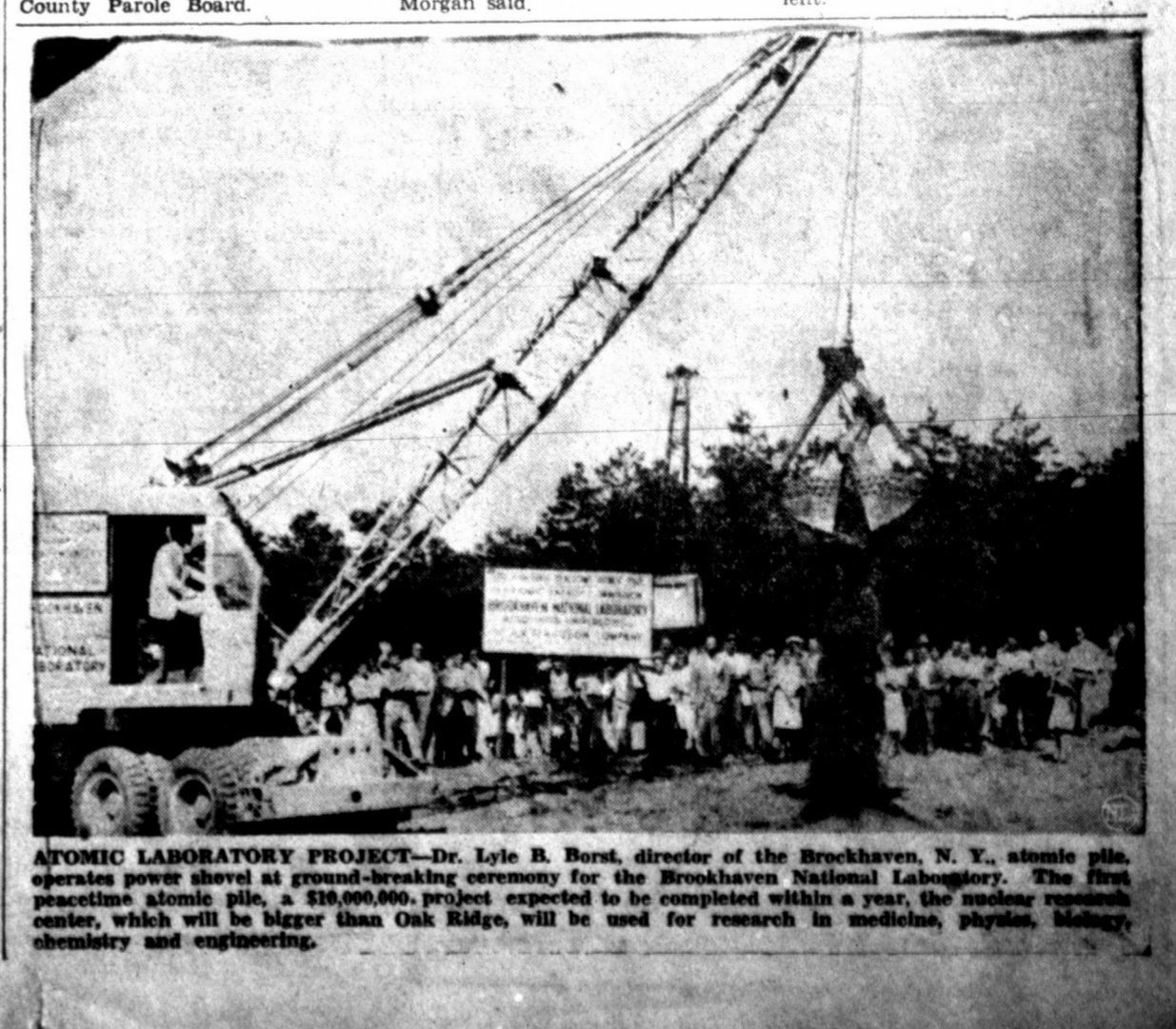
RANGOON—(AP)—An attempt to poison high ranking officers of the military "Volunteer Organization" of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League was made last night during a dinner party, officials said today.

## Regular Session of HST Cabinet Held

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman met with his cabinet for nearly an hour today in their regular Friday session.

## ATOMIC LABORATORY PROJECT

Dr. Lyle B. Borst, director of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, N. Y., atomic pile, operated power shovel at ground-breaking ceremony for the Brookhaven National Laboratory. The first pacelike atomic pile, a \$10,000,000 project, expected to be completed within a year, the modern research center, which will be bigger than Oak Ridge, will be used for research in medicine, physics, biology, chemistry and engineering.















# DEATH of a DOLL

By Hilda Lawrence

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THE doorbell rang, a series of sharp, clear rings. He jumped. Dr. Kloppel gave him a disapproving look and went to answer it, mumbling to himself. When he returned he had Bessy and Beulah. "I thought I told you to phone," Mark said coldly.

"Wait," Beulah advised. She advanced to the table, holding a paper garment bag at arm's length. Mark said, "Dr. Kloppel, these are my friends. And I suppose this bag holds the suit?" He drew it out, carefully.

Dr. Kloppel carried the mugs over to the bookcase. He refilled them with his back to the room and added two glasses of sherry to the tray.

"Oh, thank you," Bessy said before he turned around. "We didn't phone," Beulah said, "because the place was near Hope House where I said it would be all along. So we simply came. Tom the Cleaner and Dyer. A European peasant of some sort, and a grandson with the same accent and so on. We had no trouble at all. I get along with peasants."

"What's this?" Mark fingered the slip of paper pinned to the lapel. It was an oblong of pale pink with a serrated edge, and had obviously been torn from a pad. He frowned at the penciled scrawl. The peasant's code for Ruth Miller, electric blue, two-piece. Wiggle wiggle, 2 dash 8277. He hung the suit on the back of a chair. "Cleaner's ticket," he decided.

"On Hope House paper?" Dr. Kloppel asked pleasantly. "Hope House?" "Telephone pad. One on every floor, hanging beside the phone. He saw Mark's face and added hastily, and in time, "Ladies present!"

MARK smoothed the paper, held it to the light, read the penciled scrawl a half dozen times.

## Panhandle News

PANHANDLE — (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Roland and children, John Harvey, Jerry and Judy Marie, Anson, are visiting in the home of Mrs. Roland's brother, Wayne Driskill and family. They will also visit another brother, J. W. Driskill and family in Claude.

Mrs. J. A. Best of Claude visited her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Weiser, and family the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cunningham of Amarillo visited her sister, Mrs. George Held and nephew Emerald Held and family, recently.

Mrs. Fannie Williams has returned from a two weeks visit with relatives at Fort Smith, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hood visited friends in Borger Monday evening.

Delegates from the local Lions Club to Lions International at San Francisco gave their reports at the meeting on Tuesday noon. Moving pictures taken of the convention also shown. Those making reports were O. Z. Light, M. C. Davis, Richard and other points of interest were said Orr, and J. C. McCollough.

You can't force Russia any more than Russia can force us. If it is going to be a matter of force and propaganda, we both lose.—Sen. Elbert Thomas (D) of Utah.

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## In Hollywood

By ERSKINE JOHNSON  
NEA Staff Correspondent  
(Johnson on KPDM Monday thru Friday, 2 p.m.)

**HOLLYWOOD**—Larry Parks, who did "The Jolson Story" like Jolson never did it in real life, has at last bared his claws and teeth in a fight to the finish with Columbia studio. He wants a fair shake and he's going to court to get it.

I think Larry is right in suing the studio, which let him sit and cool his heels after his performance as Al Jolson. It's too bad he didn't sue long before now. Too many actors fail to stick up for themselves, and their careers go right down the drain.

Now that the studio is in the black on their investment in the Larry Parks personality, they should give him a further break. Letting him hold a coat for Rita Hayworth will never make him famous. This is one Hollywood trial I'm

going to watch with a great deal of personal interest. I'll let you know what happens when the final score is in between Harry Cohn's boys at Columbia and Larry. May the best man win, and I think that the best man is Larry Parks.

**BETTER THIS WAY**  
Night-life in the old west: For a scene in Bob Hope's new picture, "Paleface," Jane Russell goes to bed wearing a very sheer, filmy nightgown. Strapped around her waist she will have a belt and holsters filled with two big sixguns. Incidentally, how come Bob Hope was able to stay up to 4 a.m. watching Danny Thomas' act in a Chicago night club on the day before he reportedly collapsed from a bad case of sunburn poisoning?

George Raft is mixing all fan magazine stories about his recent front-page troubles. One of them was to have been titled, "The Gripes of Raft."

Susan Peters, Hollywood's hard-kick girl, gets 36 wardrobe changes to keep her clothes-happy in "The Sign of the Ram." All of the gowns have been designed for wheel-chair appeal, and Susie will buy them after the film's completion.

It's still Lana Turner and Tyrone Power—as torrid as the California weather. . . Mark Stevens is helping Hedy Lamarr forget John Loder. He rushed up to Lake Tahoe, after Hedy went into a near nervous collapse when a prowler tried to enter her cabin.

**STARDOM FOR AVA**  
As I've been predicting, Ava Gardner is due for a terrific build-up at M-G-M. Her next film will be "Wanted," opposite Van Johnson. That's a break for Van. . . Kathryn Grayson and Johnny Johnston finally have set the date. They'll be married in Carmel, Calif., on Aug. 21, and vacation in Canada.

Frank Sinatra obviously has had a change of heart about fellow workers since his front-page headlines. After completing "The Kissing Bandit," he gifted the Earl Carroll likes entertainment

even on the high seas. He's having a baby grand piano installed on his yacht, a reconverted navy crash boat.

Postwar note: Only one percent of the men in movie crowd scenes now are in uniform. During the war uniformed extras went to nearly 80 percent to Federal positions.

The salaries for Engineering Aid positions are \$3,021 and \$3,397 a year. The positions to be filled are located in Washington, D. C., and in nearby Virginia and Maryland. The Coal Mine Inspector positions pay \$4,149 and \$4,902 a year and are located throughout the coal mining sections of the United States. Full information and application forms may be obtained from the Commission's local representative, Mrs. Belthroe, at the local post office or from most first and second-class post offices or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

## Engineering Jobs in Civil Service Open

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