

ECONOMY

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The cost of living index rose only one tenth of one percent during January - the smallest monthly rise in four years - a White House spokesman citing the report as evidence ^{that} the administration's economic policies are showing good results. The price of meats, fresh fruits and vegetables declined instead of rising as they usually do in the winter months. Used cars sold for less - and the cost of clothing dropped for the first time since last summer. ^R Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns ^{today} told Congress that the administration's policies are restoring vigor to the nation's economy - though he added wage and price increases must be controlled if inflation is to go away. ^R In Miami Beach, Labor Secretary James Hodgson told the AFL-CIO Council that President Nixon has no intention of imposing wage and price controls over the entire economy at this time. Though, Hodgson added, he ~~might~~ ^{may} take such action to

**inflation in the construction industry if labor
agement failed to act voluntarily.**

Heavy fighting continues tonight in Indo-China - with the South Vietnamese base twelve miles inside Laos coming under Communist attack even as reinforcements move westward along Highway 9 on a relief mission. Field reports say North Vietnamese troops have cut the highway in two places - lacing it with mines. Blazing Communist anti-aircraft fire drove ~~away~~ ^{off} helicopters trying to evacuate the wounded. At least seven U.S. helicopters reported lost over a two day period. Elsewhere in Laos, to the north, Communist troops overran government positions - while reports from Cambodia say ~~the~~ Communist gunners are stepping up their harassment of traffic on Highway 4 - Phnom Penh's link to the seaport of Kom Pong Som.

In Washington, Senate Democratic leader ~~Mike~~ Mansfield called the Allied offensive in Laos "a gamble which may not be worth the risks involved." He questions how it could lead to further U.S. disengagement, adding, "in my opinion, we may well be up against a stacked deck in Laos." To this, Republican Senate leader Hugh Scott replied - "The Laotian campaign would not widen the war but ~~would~~ would constrict it, putting an end ~~at~~ to Communist sanctuaries that should have been destroyed four years ago.

ZIONISTS

An attempt was made to burn three Soviet diplomatic automobiles in Washington suburbs early today. Only moments later, news agencies received anonymous phone calls - describing the car burnings ^{as} ~~the~~ part of the "war for liberation of Soviet Jewry." No injuries were reported in the three fires - though the cars sustained some damage. The Soviet Embassy called it another "act of terrorism" against its representatives ~~in the United States.~~ ¶ In New York, a militant Jewish defense league denying responsibility for the arson ~~and~~ ^{did} called for a mass sit-in demonstration at the White House on March 21st, to bring President Nixon's attention to the plight of Soviet Jews. - ~~so said~~ spokesman.

The Israeli Ambassador to the United States

returned home today - reportedly to examine what was termed "a positive peace offer" by Egypt. Ambassador Rabin saying also he was returning to discuss current relations with the United States, though he denied reports of a rift with Washington. Diplomatic reports in Jerusalem say the United States is pressuring Israel to set a timetable for withdrawal from Arab lands occupied since the Sixty-Seven war.

STUDENTS

After in Ankara, Turkey, Riot police ^{have been} battling seven hundred students on the campus of ~~Hacettepe~~ ^{the} University - the students defending their dormitories with pistols, dynamite and gasoline bombs. A crowd of more than a thousand Turkish civilians watching the battle from behind police lines - and cursing the students as "damn Communists." At least fifteen policemen and two ^{have been} students reported ^{casualties} ~~lost~~ in five hours of fighting. - ^{It was all} touched off by a police decision to search the dormitories for weapons.

AGNEW

Vice President ~~Spive~~ Agnew, ^{today} delivered an

address on revenue sharing, in Indianapolis, ~~today~~ -

~~saying~~ ^{he said} At the start ~~that~~ he would "obey and respect"

an Indiana State legislature resolution that prohibits

him from playing golf in Hoosier-land. "However, ~~the~~

^{the} Vice President ~~added~~, "~~There are some loopholes.~~"

~~He~~ then produced a basketball - dribbled it a couple of times and passed it to Indianapolis Mayor Richard Lugar.

ORANGE JUICE

We are told an

~~The great~~ orange juice invasion is taking

Paris by storm - changing the eating habits in a land

where gourmet dining is a national pasttime. The

^{it seems} French [^] have just discovered orange juice; and some ^{are} calling [^]

it the biggest U.S. success ~~■~~ story to come out of

France in recent years. [¶] On the Rue de Levis - ^{Just about} ~~possibly~~

^{number one} the ~~best~~ [^] food shopping district in Paris - a clerk points

to bottles of Florida orange juice on a shelf and happily

tells you - "tres populaire." In Parisian super markets

these days, one can find several American products, such

as boxes of long grain rice, canned soups and pop-in-the-

oven-cheese-cake. - ^Q But the number one best seller is

the [^] nectar of Florida sunshine the French ^{now} are [^] drinking

at a rate of more than a million gallons a year.

AUTOMOBILES

G M Chairman James Roche says he's sticking by his recent prediction that the auto industry will sell nearly ten million new cars in the United States this year, basing his forecast on what he calls "tangible indications" of a sales upturn - among them the fact that consumers last year underspent by more than three million dollars the portion of their income that normally goes for new cars.

And speaking of autos, Dr. George Basalla of Delaware University - in a lecture at ^{The} Smithsonian tells us that men sometimes become emotionally involved with mechanical devices - such as their cars. Said he -

"the great American ritual of washing and waxing automobiles is essentially a sexual pastime." ^{Now now} ~~And~~ Dr.

[^{The Univ. of Delaware prof - Warren} Basalla] even suggests that some men find it difficult to

distinguish between a car and a ^{young woman!} ~~human female~~ ^{Does}

How mixed up can a prof's get?
~~That mean some men tend to think of autos as women~~

TUCSON

You can count on the fingers of one hand the number of days a sporting event is rained out in Tucson, Arizona, but that's what happened to the one hundred ten thousand dollar Tucson Open Golf Tournament. It started raining there Tuesday night and the showers continued intermittently until early today - strange weather indeed for Tucson - says Frank Soltys of the University of Arizona. The golfers ^{there at the foot} ~~had to stay indoors~~ of the Catalina Mts. say, ~~yesterday, but they were out on the links today playing~~ ~~eighteen holes.~~ They'll make up for ^{the} lost time on Sunday by playing thirty-six. - ~~which means walking around the~~ ^{That means 10 miles of golf} ~~in a day - and of course without benefit~~ ~~course for a total of six miles~~ of electric carts!