

Cost-of-Living Higher: During September the cost-of-living index compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics advanced 1.3 points from 125.5 on September 3 to 126.8 on October-1. The Bureau attributed a major part of the rise to increases in consumer milk prices, although index numbers for five of the six family budget groups were higher. The index had declined slightly the previous month.

The food index moved up from 143.2 at September 3 to 146.5, further seasonal declines in vegetables offsetting part of the rise for milk.

Results of an October survey of rentals increased the index for this group from 112.6 to 113.4. The fuel and light index rose slightly from 107.3, while the clothing index moved up from 129.6 to 130.2 and the index of home-furnishings and services from 128.4 to 128.8. The miscellaneous items series was unchanged at 113.9.

Navy Craft Leave Halifax: In sharp contrast to the wartime secrecy which surrounded movements at the port of Halifax, two Royal Canadian Navy ships left the harbor today in a noisy, colorful ceremony marking the beginning of a peacetime cruise. The aircraft carrier Warrior and the Canadian-built Tribal class destroyer Nootka came down the harbor with sirens screeching, bands playing, pennants flying and sailors lining the decks.

The Warrior is being transferred to the Pacific, while the Nootka will accompany the 18,000-ton carrier as far as the Panama Canal before returning to Halifax. The Warrior will take part in manoeuvres with the cruiser Uganda and destroyers in Mexican Pacific waters before proceeding north. (CP)

Burns Names Assistant Deputy Minister: Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns of Ottawa, former director-general of rehabilitation in the Veterans Affairs Department, has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department. He is succeeded as Director-General by Brig. T.J. Rutherford of Owen Sound, Ont.

Veterans Minister Mackenzie said the work of D.V.A. had increased steadily in recent months with Deputy Minister Walter S. Woods carrying a "very heavy burden" and it had become "imperative that he have an assistant."

Rice Price Ceiling Raised: The Prices Board has authorized price increases in imported rough rice which will be reflected in increases in consumer prices of from three to five cents. The Board said the increases were authorized to offset removal of a subsidy paid to milling companies which had been dropped in keeping with the policy of removing or reducing wartime subsidies wherever possible. The new ceilings also reflect higher prices in the United States, from which Canada at present imports her rice.

Gleanings: The Ontario government has taken over the former army basic training centre at Brampton for use as a reform school in its program to segregate youthful first offenders from experienced law breakers. In the third squatter operation in Montreal within two weeks, 22 members of three veterans' families have occupied a building in Snowdon Junction. John M. Delamere, 36, of Toronto has been appointed Assistant Adjutant General at Army Headquarters, Ottawa, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Maj.-Gen. E.G. Weeks, the Adjutant General, begins a Dominion-wide tour of army establishments at Halifax today. Dr. Simon James McLean, 75, assistant chief commissioner of the Board of Railway Commissioners, died in hospital at Ottawa today.