

lecturers \$5,502 (32.1 per cent). For all staff, including a small group of ungraded professors, the 1959-60 median was \$8,035, up 6.2 per cent over 1958-59, 16.3 per cent over 1957-58, and 29.5 per cent over 1956-57.

A more detailed analysis of salaries at these and thirteen other institutions will be available in two or three months in the DBS publication "Salaries and Qualifications of Teachers in Universities and Colleges, 1959-60."

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### GERMAN EXPERTS IN OTTAWA

From October 28 to November 6, representatives of the German Ministry of Defence conferred in Ottawa with representatives of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Department of Defence Production.

The German delegation was headed by Brigadier General J. Steinhoff, Chief of the Operations Division of the German Air Force.

The object of the meeting was to examine closely the Lockheed CF104 aircraft, which had been ordered for the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Lockheed F104G, which had been ordered for the German Air Force. By this detailed examination, especially of the complex equipments to be installed, it has been possible to standardize many features, with resultant savings and the creation of more efficient methods with respect to mutual military, technical, industrial and economic aspects.

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### CONSUMER INDEX

Canada's consumer price index advanced 0.7 per cent from 127.1 to 128.0 during September and October 1959. Although all five group indexes contributed to this current movement, a further seasonal increase of 1.5 per cent in foods accounted for most of it. Increases in the other four component groups averaged 0.3 per cent.

The rise in the food index from 122.4 to 124.2, as in the July-September period, was largely seasonal, and placed the October 1959 index less than 1 per cent above the October 1958 level. A sharp seasonal gain in egg prices, which normally occurs in late summer, combined with the usual seasonal price advances for fresh tomatoes and lettuce. Milk prices increased a cent a quart in some Ontario cities, to produce the first price change in this item in nearly two years. While potato prices were lower, they remained above October levels of recent years. Other fresh vegetables were off slightly, and beef and pork prices were steady.

A rise of 0.6 per cent in the clothing index from 109.8 to 110.5 reflected prices of new season's lines of women's and girls' winter coats and girls' snow suits, up from last season's year-end levels. Some small price increases occurred in other lines and footwear prices continued to edge upwards.

The household operation index increased 0.2 per cent from 123.1 to 123.4. Appliance prices were mixed as new models started to appear on the market. Refrigerators, electric stoves and irons were lower with washing machines and vacuum cleaners at somewhat higher levels. Price changes on furniture were attributable to prices rising from previous months' sale levels. Price increases also occurred on such household items as light bulbs, soap flakes, dishes and brooms. The "other" commodities and services index was up 0.2 per cent from 135.2 to 135.5, following slight scattered increases.

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### U.K. - CANADA ATOMIC TALKS

Senior officials of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority and of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited met in Chalk River from November 9 to 11, at the Seventh U.K. - Canada Technical Policy Conference.

These annual meetings are part of the continual close liaison and co-operation between atomic energy scientists and engineers in Canada and the U.K. The highlights of the previous year's work are discussed in full and frank opinions are expressed on the proposed future programme in both countries. Experiences are exchanged on the U.K.'s graphite moderated, gas-cooled power reactors and on Canada's heavy-water moderated systems. Of special interest at the recent conference was the U.K.'s work on the preliminary design of a steam-cooled, heavy-water reactor.

A.E.C.L. has two engineers working with the U.K.A.E.A.'s Industrial Group at Risley on this advanced reactor conception, and a liaison officer in London to maintain close contact with the U.K.A.E.A. In addition to a liaison officer at Chalk River, the U.K.A.E.A. has ten other U.K. staff members working there on various phases of joint programmes. Another U.K. engineer is working with the A.E.C.L. Nuclear Power Plant Division in Toronto.

The U.K. delegation of fourteen scientists and engineers visiting Chalk River was headed by Sir John Cockcroft, formerly Authority Member for Scientific Research but now a part-time Member and Master of Churchill College, Cambridge. Also in the group was Sir William Cook, the Authority Member for Development and Engineering.