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A boost in building permits in November, for a total of 27 against only five in the same month last year, brings the total value of construction work authorized in the city thus far in 1943 to \$355,815, \$170,000 higher than the 1942 total. Of this total \$344,000 was for new buildings, mainly dwellings. There were 20 such last month, a series of defense homes at an average cost of \$5500.

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## Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Michigan continues to hold the national spotlight in today's home front battle against inflation. First it was President M. Brown who sponsored the price-fixing bill for the Administration while he was a member of the United States Senate. Brown is an able politician, and his rise to leadership is a proof of his talents. But when he ran for re-election, he was defeated by the Michigan Farmer. Then Brown became the nation's price administration. Fixing and controlling prices when the national income is almost twice the value of all available merchandise is a tough job at its very best. Brown knew it. He said "No" to the President repeatedly until he finally submitted to the appointment on the war-time responsibility of obeying our commander-in-chief. And with the aid of selective subsidies he was moderately successful in "holding the line" for three or four months and thus keeping the cost of living from further rises of the inflation spiral.

In the meanwhile, the Michigan farm revolt which resulted in Brown's defeat at the 1942 polls has continued—and, in fact, has actually increased in intensity. The gap between farmer and worker has widened. This is interesting for a state which has received a greater percentage of government war contracts than any other state in the nation. It merely reflects the extreme difficulty which Governor Kelly experiences in trying to deal with both farm and labor groups on matters of this kind. The milk situation was a recent illustration. This widening gap between farm and city labor has been due, perhaps for one reason more than

any other, to the conviction of the farmer that the Administration has been failing to carry out its policy with respect to labor, while being unwilling to give the same favored treatment to the farmer. That industrial wages have risen far beyond the cost of living prices paid for beyond the comparative earnings of the farmer is the firmly held belief of the average Michigan farmer today. The city workman, paying perhaps 70 cents a dozen for fresh eggs, forgets that the farmer may receive only about one-half of this amount despite high feed costs.

Also to illustrate how complex this inflation problem has become the action of the House at Washington in deferring food subsidy is being interpreted by competent observers there as a coalition protest by southern Democrats and northern Republicans against a Fourth Term. And there you have the emotional situation of today's economic action—a negative action that leaves the basic problem of inflation still unsolved.

Responsibility for the particular vote can be argued indefinitely, like which came first—the chicken or the egg? The farmers' revolt, based chiefly on a belief of economic inequality, has come a congressional revolt on a 1944 political issue. That food subsidies are inflationary to the degree that they are financed by the U. S. Treasury and hence are payable out of taxes of some kind, is a fact. And that the middle-class—the so-called white collar folk—would be hurt worst of all is also generally admitted. Try to reconcile these statements!

What then is the solution—if any? Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, who enjoys a national reputation for sound leadership, believes that the basic trouble lies in the Washington policy of trying to control wages by Presidential directives and prices by legislative restrictions. The two like oil and water; they won't mix and won't work.

Senator Vandenberg is of the opinion that we should follow the example of England and Canada in linking together wages and prices, even at this late hour in a war that for us has gone more than two years. If the Administration were required to hold wages along with prices, then the John L. Lewis type of irresponsible labor leader—and he is in a minority—could be restrained from raising the consumer's pocketbook in the form of higher pocketbooks that have already followed the granting of higher wages to the coal miners. Then the cost of living could be stabilized through limited and selective food subsidies, and the expense of these subsidies would be far less than the cost of higher prices which become, in reality, hidden taxes. And since the government itself is the greatest consumer of commodities today—food or munitions—the public would materially benefit through a brake on the national indebtedness. So goes the logic.

"Cost-plus" has made the manufacturer inclined to be indifferent. If the government grants higher wages, the extra production cost comes out of his pocket—the government pays it. The higher the costs, the higher the profits—except for the profits reclaimed through excess profit tax or confiscation.

This combination of cost-plus profits and wages—one being dependent upon the other in an endless cycle—is another invitation to inflation, and it is probably one of the prices we must pay in conducting the hazardous business of a war.

Senator Vandenberg has pointed out that unless something is done at Washington with wisdom and courage—putting national interests ahead of selfish interests—a lot of Americans are going to be badly hurt when inflation gets out of control.

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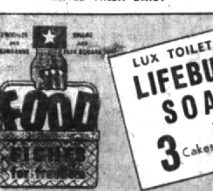
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