



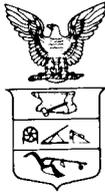
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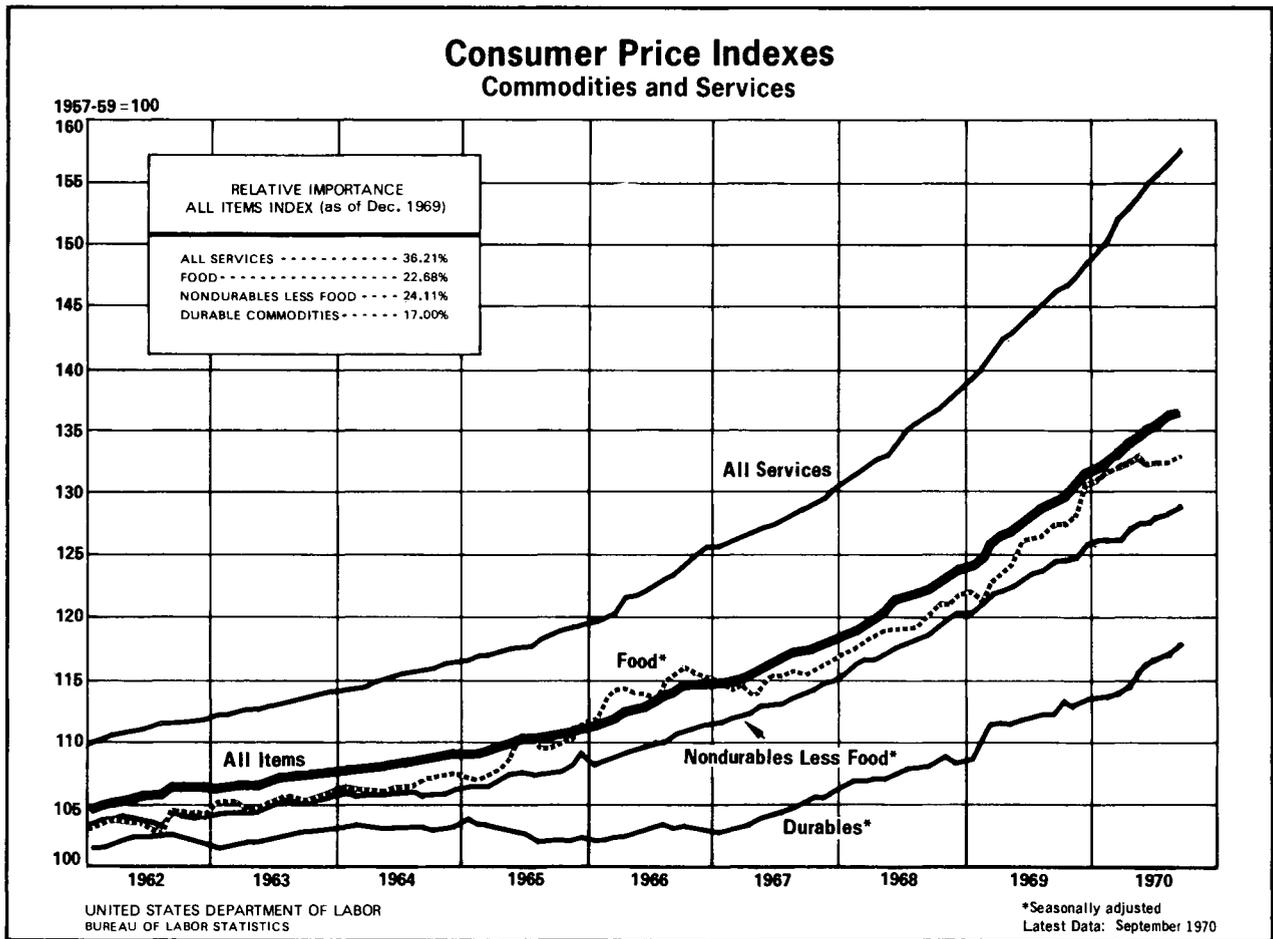
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 percent in September to 136.6 percent of its 1957-59 base. Higher prices for consumer services accounted for about 50 percent of the increase. Price increases for apparel and houses were also important factors in the September advance.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the September increase was 0.5 percent, the same as rates recorded in April and May but more than the average monthly increase of 0.3 percent in June, July, and August. After seasonal adjustment, food prices rose following a slight decline in August and prices of nonfood commodities advanced at a faster pace. The increase in prices of consumer services was the same as in August.

During the 3-month period ending in September, the CPI rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.2 percent. In the first two quarters of this year the rate of increase was 6.3 percent and 5.8 percent, respectively. The rate of increase in prices for food and consumer services in the third quarter was about the same as in the second but considerably less than in the first quarter. However, the increase in consumer services in the third quarter was still at an annual rate of over 7 percent. Prices of nonfood commodities increased somewhat less than in the second quarter but more than in the first quarter.

For perspective, seasonally adjusted and unadjusted monthly percent changes in the index and some of its major components over recent months are given below.

Summary of Month-to-Month Percent Changes

Month	All Items		Food		Commodities less food		Services ^{1/}
	Unadj.	Seas. Adj.	Unadj.	Seas. Adj.	Unadj.	Seas. Adj.	Unadj.
October 1969 -----	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.9	0.5	0.3
November -----	.5	.5	.7	1.1	.3	.2	.5
December -----	.6	.6	1.4	1.3	.1	.4	.7
January 1970 -----	.4	.6	.6	.4	-.2	.3	.9
February -----	.5	.5	.6	.8	.2	.1	.7
March -----	.5	.4	.1	.2	.3	.2	1.1
April -----	.6	.5	.3	.3	.7	.6	.7
May -----	.4	.5	.3	.4	.6	.6	.5
June -----	.4	.3	.2	-.4	.4	.4	.6
July -----	.4	.3	.5	.1	.1	.2	.5
August -----	.2	.2	.1	-.1	.1	.2	.6
September -----	.4	.5	-.1	.4	.7	.6	.6

^{1/} Percent changes for services are based on unadjusted indexes since these prices have little seasonal movement.

Food

Food prices declined 0.1 percent in September. This was less than the normal decline of 0.5 percent from August and reflected, to a large extent, less than seasonal declines in prices of some fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly apples, grapes, onions, and carrots. Lettuce and celery prices increased contraseasonally.

Dairy products and other food at home rose more than seasonally. Egg prices increased about 6 percent more than usual after a large decline in August. Large price increases were also recorded for milk, coffee, and baby food.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, prices of meats, poultry, and fish declined for the fourth consecutive month in September; the drop was contraseasonal. Beef, pork, and poultry declined because of increased holdings in cold storage and reports of ample pork supplies in the near future.

Commodities other than food

Prices of nonfood commodities rose 0.6 percent in September after seasonal adjustment, compared with increases of 0.2 percent in July and in August. The larger rise in September stemmed primarily from nondurable goods other than food which increased 0.5 percent after seasonal adjustment, an increase larger than the 0.2 percent average monthly advance that prevailed in the preceding 3 months. About three-fourths of the September rise resulted from a large seasonally adjusted increase in prices of apparel commodities. Although all types of apparel contributed to the rise, prices for women's and girls' apparel, up 1.2 percent seasonally adjusted, had the largest influence on the index. Winter apparel items were introduced at higher prices than last season. Higher prices were also recorded for many year-round women's items.

Gasoline prices increased 0.8 percent in September; a return to normal price levels in Los Angeles accounted for all of the rise. Fuel oil and coal prices increased 1.1 percent primarily as a result of rapidly increasing fuel requirements of utilities. Newspaper prices continued to advance, partly because of increases in labor and newsprint costs.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, prices of durable commodities rose 0.7 percent and resulted in a third quarter increase of 1.1 percent. At an annual rate the third quarter increase was 4.6 percent--considerably less than the 8.1 percent increase in the second quarter but more than the 3 percent rate in the first. Rates of increase in prices of houses and new cars accelerated in the third quarter but prices of used cars declined, resulting in a lower third quarter rate of increase for durables. Continued large increases in prices for houses and a sharp seasonally adjusted increase for new cars were major factors in the rise in durable commodities in September. Adjusted new car prices increased as concessions offered by dealers to purchasers increased far less than usual. Used car prices dropped 1.4 percent, but largely as a result of sharp declines in prices of older cars. New cars and newer model used cars showed only slight price decreases probably because of an anticipated reduction in supply relative to demand caused by the auto workers' strike. Prices for tires increased 1 percent as major tire manufacturers increased their prices. Prices for household durables averaged 0.2 percent higher as appliances edged up slightly with mixed price changes and other household durables rose 0.3 percent.

Services

Charges for consumer services, up 0.6 percent, rose at about the average monthly rate of the past 5 months. Service prices in early 1970 posted increases as large as 0.9 and 1.1 percent. The slower rate prevailing since May reflects smaller price increases for medical care services, transportation services, and household services other than rent.

Transportation services rose 0.8 percent in September because of large increases in auto insurance rates and for 3 out of 5 categories of public transportation.

The rate of advance in prices of household services has been accelerating for the last 3 months. In September, mortgage interest charges, property taxes and insurance, rents, and maintenance and repair services all were up noticeably. Medical care services continued to increase significantly, but not as much as earlier in the year; much of the rise in charges for medical care services since the first of the year has been due to increased demand for these services under insurance plans. Prices for recreational services rose at a faster pace than in August; movie admissions and film developing charges continued to increase substantially and prices of piano lessons registered a sharp rise.

Seasonally adjusted monthly percent changes in the index and some of its major components for the past 6 months are given below:

	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>April</u>
Consumer Price Index:						
All items -----	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Commodities -----	.6	-.1	.2	.2	.5	.6
Food -----	.4	-.1	.1	-.4	.4	.3
Apparel commodities ----	1.0	.5	-.1	.4	.2	.2
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	.3	.0	.6	.1	.3	.9
Durables -----	.7	.3	.2	.6	1.0	.3
Services <u>1/</u> -----	.6	.6	.5	.6	.5	.7
Rent -----	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2
Household services less rent -----	.8	.7	.6	.4	.6	.9
Transportation services-	.8	.2	1.0	.6	.4	.6
Medical care services --	.6	.7	.7	.7	.5	.8
Other services -----	.5	.5	.3	.7	.6	.7

1/ Percent changes for services are based on unadjusted indexes since these prices have little seasonal movement.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

About 70,000 workers will receive cost-of-living wage increases based on the Consumer Price Index for September. About 26,500 workers in the aerospace industry, including 16,500 employees of McDonnell Douglas Corporation, will receive increases of 8 or 9 cents per hour based on the changes in the index since September 1969. Another 18,000 mechanics with United Airlines will get an annual pay adjustment of 6 cents per hour. Based on the change since June 1970, 2 cents more per hour will be given to about 13,000 employees of Eastern Greyhound lines. The remaining 12,500 workers, from various industries, will receive increases ranging from 1 to 5 cents on monthly, quarterly, and annual changes in the national index.

Approximately 9,000 other workers, whose escalation review is tied to the September index, will not receive an adjustment because they have already reached the maximums stipulated in their contracts.

A NOTE ABOUT CALCULATING INDEX CHANGES

Effective with the February 1970 release, and continuing thereafter, percent changes expressed as annual rates will be computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in the index points because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The following example illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes:

Index Point Change	Percent Change
September 1970 CPI (1957-59=100)	136.6
less August 1970 index	<u>136.0</u>
Index point difference =	0.6
	Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period:
	$\frac{136.6 - 136.0}{136.0} \times 100 = 0.4$

Effective with the July 1970 release, and continuing thereafter, seasonally adjusted percent changes in the U.S. All Items Index will be based on seasonal adjustment factors and seasonally adjusted indexes carried to two decimal places. This procedure will help to eliminate rounding error in the percent changes.

TABLE 1. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, September 1970

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to September 1970 from:		
	September 1970	August 1970	June 1970	September 1969	1 month ago	3 months ago	1 year ago
All items -----	136.6	136.0	135.2	129.3	0.4	1.0	5.6
All items (1947-49=100) -----	167.6	166.8	165.9	158.6	-	-	-
Food -----	133.3	133.5	132.7	127.5	-.1	.5	4.5
Food at home -----	128.2	128.6	128.0	123.6	-.3	.2	3.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	130.6	130.1	128.2	123.0	.4	1.9	6.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	130.1	131.0	130.2	129.0	-.7	-.1	.9
Dairy products -----	131.3	130.8	130.2	125.5	.4	.8	4.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	131.0	135.0	139.4	126.8	- 3.0	- 6.0	3.3
Other foods at home -----	118.0	116.1	113.3	110.5	1.6	4.1	6.8
Food away from home -----	157.4	156.8	155.3	146.7	.4	1.4	7.3
Housing -----	137.8	137.0	135.6	128.6	.6	1.6	7.2
Shelter 1/ -----	148.4	147.2	145.6	136.1	.8	1.9	9.0
Rent -----	124.6	124.2	123.4	119.7	.3	1.0	4.1
Homeownership 2/ -----	157.8	156.2	154.4	142.6	1.0	2.2	10.7
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	118.2	117.7	116.2	113.3	.4	1.7	4.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	124.3	122.9	121.2	118.1	1.1	2.6	5.2
Gas and electricity -----	116.8	116.4	115.3	112.0	.3	1.3	4.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	123.6	123.2	122.8	119.0	.3	.7	3.9
Apparel and upkeep 4/ -----	133.6	131.5	132.2	128.7	1.6	1.1	3.8
Men's and boys' -----	134.8	133.2	134.2	130.0	1.2	.4	3.7
Women's and girls' -----	129.4	125.6	126.8	124.6	3.0	2.1	3.9
Footwear -----	148.6	147.9	147.7	142.3	.5	.6	4.4
Transportation -----	131.0	130.6	130.6	123.6	.3	.3	6.0
Private -----	126.6	126.4	126.7	120.5	.2	-.1	5.1
New cars -----	103.1	103.5	103.8	99.5	-.4	-.7	3.6
Used cars -----	127.4	129.2	132.0	121.4	- 1.4	- 3.5	4.9
Gasoline -----	117.8	116.9	117.6	117.7	.8	.2	.1
Public -----	173.3	171.0	167.8	150.3	1.3	3.3	15.3
Health and recreation -----	145.7	145.1	143.7	138.4	.4	1.4	5.3
Medical care -----	167.6	166.8	164.7	157.6	.5	1.8	6.3
Personal care -----	131.7	131.3	130.2	127.3	.3	1.2	3.5
Reading and recreation -----	137.7	137.1	136.1	131.6	.4	1.2	4.6
Other goods and services -----	138.8	138.1	136.7	131.3	.5	1.5	5.7
Seasonally Adjusted:							
Food -----	132.9	132.4	132.4	-	.4	.4	-
Apparel and upkeep -----	133.3	132.6	132.1	-	.5	.9	-
Transportation -----	131.7	130.6	130.3	-	.8	1.1	-
Special Groups:							
All items less food -----	137.8	136.9	136.1	130.0	.7	1.2	6.0
All items less medical care -----	134.8	134.2	133.4	127.6	.4	1.0	5.6
Commodities less food -----	123.8	123.0	122.8	118.7	.7	.8	4.3
Commodities -----	127.0	126.6	126.2	121.7	.3	.6	4.4
Nondurables -----	131.0	130.5	130.0	125.8	.4	.8	4.1
Nondurables less food -----	129.1	127.8	127.7	124.4	1.0	1.1	3.8
Apparel commodities -----	133.0	130.6	131.4	128.1	1.8	1.2	3.8
Durables -----	117.3	117.0	116.7	111.6	.3	.5	5.1
Household durables -----	108.6	108.4	108.2	106.2	.2	.4	2.3
Services -----	157.7	156.7	155.0	146.0	.6	1.7	8.0
Services less rent -----	164.9	163.8	161.9	151.7	.7	1.9	8.7
Services less medical care -----	153.5	152.5	150.9	141.8	.7	1.7	8.3
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	149.3	147.9	146.3	132.1	.9	2.1	13.0
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	116.0	115.3	113.7	108.4	.6	2.0	7.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	141.1	139.9	138.1	130.9	.9	2.2	7.8
Medical care services -----	184.2	183.1	180.6	172.2	.6	2.0	7.0
Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar							
1957-59=\$1 -----	\$0.732	\$0.735	\$0.740	\$0.774	-.4	- 1.1	- 5.4
1939=\$1 -----	.355	.356	.358	.375	-	-	-

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.
 2/ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.
 3/ Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.
 4/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

Note: Index applies to month as a whole not to any specific date.

TABLE 2. Consumer Price Index--The United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, All Items most recent index and percent changes from selected dates.

Area 1/	Pricing Schedule 2/	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	August 1970	June 1970	September 1969
		September 1970					
U.S. City Average -----	M	136.6	167.6		0.4	1.0	5.6
Chicago -----	M	133.8	168.7		.5	1.7	5.2
Detroit -----	M	136.0	167.6		.5	.6	5.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	136.2	169.7		1.4	1.7	5.1
New York -----	M	143.4	172.8		.6	1.3	7.4
Philadelphia -----	M	139.8	171.6		1.4	2.0	6.7
		July 1970				April 1970	July 1969
Boston -----	1	139.5	172.8			1.2	5.6
Houston -----	1	133.7	164.7			.6	5.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul ----	1	136.7	169.1			1.2	6.8
Pittsburgh -----	1	134.6	165.8			1.7	5.4
		August 1970				May 1970	August 1969
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			127.9		0.7	5.5
Cleveland -----	2	135.6	168.3			1.0	6.5
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ----	2			128.3		.9	5.9
Milwaukee -----	2	131.2	165.6			.9	5.9
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) -	2			121.8		.7	5.0
Seattle -----	2	134.6	169.1			.5	3.9
Washington -----	2	137.8	165.9			.8	5.4
		September 1970				June 1970	September 1969
Atlanta -----	3	134.9	167.0			1.0	4.9
Baltimore -----	3	137.2	170.2			1.5	5.2
Cincinnati -----	3	132.6	161.4			1.1	5.7
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) --	3			123.9		.5	4.9
Kansas City -----	3	138.5	171.4			.4	5.4
St. Louis -----	3	136.2	169.0			1.6	5.4
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	138.9	176.3			1.0	4.6

1/ Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago where the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas are used. Area definitions are those established for the 1960 Census and do not include revisions made since 1960.

2/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all cities; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

- M - Every month.
- 1 - January, April, July, and October.
- 2 - February, May, August, and November.
- 3 - March, June, September, and December.

Note: The Consumer Price Index cannot be used for measuring differences in living costs among areas; it indicates price change within areas. Estimates of differences in living costs among areas are found in the family budgets.

TABLE 3. Consumer Price Index--The United States and selected areas ^{1/} for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups percent change from August 1970 to September 1970

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.6	1.4
Food -----	.1	- 1.2	- .2	.4	- .1	.2
Housing -----	.6	.7	.4	1.3	.3	2.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.6	4.5	3.0	1.7	3.6	4.5
Transportation -----	.3	- .6	.5	4.7	- .1	- .4
Health and recreation -----	.4	.8	.1	.0	.5	.8
Medical care -----	.5	1.3	.6	- .2	.7	.1
Personal care -----	.3	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.4	.6	.3	.2	.6	.2
Other goods and services -----	.5	.6	- .2	.0	.5	(2/)

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

^{2/} Not available.

TABLE 4. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers for selected groups, seasonally adjusted

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: September 1970	
	September 1970	August 1970	June 1970	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago
Food -----	132.9	132.4	132.4	0.4	0.4
Food at home -----	127.8	127.3	127.7	.4	.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.9	129.1	129.9	- .9	- 1.5
Dairy products -----	131.2	130.8	130.2	.3	.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	134.5	132.5	135.5	1.5	- .7
Other foods at home -----	117.1	115.5	115.6	1.4	1.3
Fuel and utilities ^{1/} -----	118.3	117.8	116.3	.4	1.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	124.9	123.8	122.7	.9	1.8
Apparel and upkeep ^{2/} -----	133.3	132.6	132.1	.5	.9
Men's and boys' -----	134.4	133.9	134.2	.4	.1
Women's and girls' -----	128.9	127.4	126.7	1.2	1.7
Footwear -----	148.6	148.0	147.6	.4	.7
Transportation -----	131.7	130.6	130.3	.8	1.1
Private -----	127.2	126.5	126.4	.6	.6
New cars -----	106.2	105.2	104.4	1.0	1.7
Commodities -----	127.0	126.3	126.2	.6	.6
Commodities less food -----	123.9	123.2	122.8	.6	.9
Nondurables -----	130.7	130.2	130.0	.4	.5
Nondurables less food -----	128.8	128.2	127.7	.5	.9
Apparel commodities -----	132.6	131.8	131.3	.6	1.0
Durables -----	117.9	117.1	116.6	.7	1.1

^{1/} Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service now shown separately.

^{2/} Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

TABLE 5. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, September 1970 index and percent changes from June 1970

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles - Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	136.6	133.8	136.0	136.2	143.4	139.8
Food -----	133.3	133.4	133.1	128.8	137.3	133.3
Food at home -----	128.2	130.4	130.1	122.7	129.2	127.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	130.6	135.5	126.4	129.5	126.9	132.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	130.1	132.5	140.2	119.2	131.7	125.0
Dairy products -----	131.3	139.5	138.3	129.6	123.8	140.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	131.0	127.7	120.8	131.7	138.2	128.9
Other foods at home -----	118.0	117.7	116.6	107.9	120.4	113.8
Food away from home -----	157.4	147.0	149.6	150.6	170.5	165.8
Housing -----	137.8	131.1	137.5	142.9	143.2	140.2
Shelter -----	148.4	138.5	150.9	155.2	152.3	153.5
Rent -----	124.6	117.8	(2/)	127.2	(2/)	128.7
Homeownership -----	157.8	148.6	159.4	164.6	163.2	160.1
Fuel and utilities -----	118.2	113.1	107.6	114.4	117.2	117.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	124.3	116.2	114.0	-	128.6	127.3
Gas and electricity -----	116.8	113.1	108.1	124.8	115.2	110.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	123.6	121.3	115.6	119.9	135.3	126.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	133.6	128.8	128.8	131.6	143.0	142.6
Men's and boys' -----	134.8	127.4	130.3	132.8	145.2	137.8
Women's and girls' -----	129.4	125.8	121.2	135.7	139.0	134.7
Footwear -----	148.6	143.1	148.5	139.3	149.5	159.9
Transportation -----	131.0	134.4	122.8	136.2	143.0	141.5
Private -----	126.6	127.5	119.6	131.4	135.5	134.3
Public -----	173.3	178.6	147.2	163.1	177.5	180.2
Health and recreation -----	145.7	141.6	149.8	135.3	154.5	150.1
Medical care -----	167.6	176.9	183.8	162.5	177.4	183.7
Personal care -----	131.7	131.8	(2/)	121.9	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	137.7	120.3	136.4	117.5	153.5	133.5
Other goods and services -----	138.8	135.2	132.4	128.7	148.1	146.3
Percent changes from June 1970 to September 1970						
All items -----	1.0	1.7	0.6	1.7	1.3	2.0
Food -----	.5	-.1	.7	.8	.4	.7
Food at home -----	.2	-.8	.3	.7	.2	.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.9	1.5	3.3	3.1	1.4	2.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.1	-1.5	.8	.1	.2	.3
Dairy products -----	.8	.5	-.1	1.0	.4	2.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	-6.0	-7.4	-6.7	-3.6	-7.0	-5.9
Other foods at home -----	4.1	3.5	4.6	3.1	5.8	5.1
Food away from home -----	1.4	2.4	2.1	.9	.8	.9
Housing -----	1.6	2.0	.6	1.9	1.3	3.2
Shelter -----	1.9	2.2	.7	2.4	1.7	5.6
Rent -----	1.0	3/ .7	(2/)	3/ .6	(2/)	3/ 1.0
Homeownership -----	2.2	2.6	.8	2.6	2.4	6.3
Fuel and utilities -----	1.7	2.1	.0	1.3	1.1	1.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	2.6	1.6	.0	-	1.0	.7
Gas and electricity -----	1.3	1.8	.0	2.3	2.2	.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	.7	1.3	.4	.7	.5	-.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.1	3.9	1.6	.7	3.1	3.3
Men's and boys' -----	.4	2.7	1.1	-.4	-.3	.8
Women's and girls' -----	2.1	6.8	2.8	2.2	7.5	7.5
Footwear -----	.6	1.9	.7	-1.0	.6	1.5
Transportation -----	.3	2.4	-1.0	4.7	-.1	-.6
Private -----	-.1	.0	-1.2	4.8	-.4	-.7
Public -----	3.3	14.7	1.0	1.5	.9	.6
Health and recreation -----	1.4	1.9	1.1	.4	1.8	3.2
Medical care -----	1.8	2.9	2.5	.4	2.3	4.6
Personal care -----	1.2	1.6	1/	.2	1/	1/
Reading and recreation -----	1.2	.5	.0	.3	1.9	2.9
Other goods and services -----	1.5	2.3	.9	.7	1.0	3.0

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TABLE 5. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, September 1970 index and percent changes from June 1970--Continued

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu (12/63=100)	Kansas	San Francisco	St. Louis
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	134.9	137.2	132.6	123.9	138.5	138.9	136.2
Food -----	131.7	137.7	130.1	124.8	138.4	128.8	139.0
Food at home -----	127.4	131.4	125.8	121.3	133.8	122.3	134.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	121.6	135.9	126.3	116.0	138.1	124.4	140.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	128.3	133.6	131.2	126.6	135.1	123.5	137.3
Dairy products -----	127.7	131.6	125.5	119.5	146.2	125.4	146.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	137.2	138.6	129.6	122.1	128.7	125.3	139.2
Other foods at home -----	123.1	119.2	115.5	116.5	123.2	111.7	114.4
Food away from home -----	147.0	164.8	152.3	135.5	154.7	157.5	158.5
Housing -----	140.7	135.8	127.7	129.2	134.9	151.1	129.0
Shelter -----	149.0	144.2	132.2	140.6	141.5	168.1	135.3
Rent -----	120.4	119.9	110.9	128.1	113.6	157.0	114.4
Homeownership -----	157.7	154.4	142.3	149.1	153.3	173.4	140.9
Fuel and utilities -----	115.3	114.9	117.7	100.8	128.6	109.3	117.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	126.2	160.1	-	-	-	120.1
Gas and electricity -----	112.1	105.2	113.8	100.3	132.4	116.0	121.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	132.5	132.0	118.7	112.8	119.3	122.3	123.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	134.0	140.1	138.3	125.0	144.1	136.6	134.8
Men's and boys' -----	135.1	144.3	142.0	115.4	144.7	134.2	132.1
Women's and girls' -----	128.2	131.9	129.7	135.6	143.0	133.4	137.4
Footwear -----	143.3	166.5	164.5	121.1	156.6	143.6	144.9
Transportation -----	122.9	130.0	131.5	112.1	130.0	130.5	135.3
Private -----	118.7	126.8	124.9	116.6	124.7	131.0	130.5
Public -----	162.0	143.9	190.3	90.5	196.5	134.8	178.8
Health and recreation -----	142.6	143.8	144.2	124.2	152.6	141.1	148.6
Medical care -----	168.6	187.1	174.0	136.9	170.1	163.6	159.3
Personal care -----	136.2	133.6	130.2	117.6	134.6	137.8	139.9
Reading and recreation -----	136.8	135.5	135.8	116.7	147.9	123.6	142.2
Other goods and services -----	122.7	124.6	131.6	124.7	147.7	136.3	148.1
Percent changes from June 1970 to September 1970							
All items -----	1.0	1.5	1.1	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.6
Food -----	.5	.7	.3	.8	1.1	-.2	1.7
Food at home -----	.0	.8	.1	.2	1.1	-.7	1.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	.3	2.3	2.3	.3	2.1	-.1	2.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.8	-.6	1.2	-.2	.0	-1.8	.5
Dairy products -----	.1	2.8	-.1	.8	2.6	2.0	5.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	-4.2	-3.8	-6.6	-1.8	-4.0	-6.4	-2.3
Other foods at home -----	3.8	5.2	3.7	2.4	4.9	3.7	3.2
Food away from home -----	1.6	.2	1.3	2.3	1.1	1.6	1.9
Housing -----	.9	2.6	1.2	.2	.4	.8	.9
Shelter -----	.9	4.1	.7	.1	.8	1.1	1.0
Rent -----	.8	1.2	.8	1.3	.8	1.5	.4
Homeownership -----	.9	5.2	.5	-.8	.7	.9	1.1
Fuel and utilities -----	.0	.3	4.7	.3	.0	-.2	-.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	1.8	16.6	-	-	-	-.4
Gas and electricity -----	.0	-.3	.4	.5	.0	-.3	-.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.1	.6	.9	.7	-.3	.2	1.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.0	1.4	2.0	3.1	2.2	3.0	2.5
Men's and boys' -----	1.4	1.7	-.1	1.1	4.9	4.5	1.9
Women's and girls' -----	3.5	2.8	4.8	6.5	.7	4.2	3.2
Footwear -----	.3	.5	1.4	.4	1.5	.4	2.5
Transportation -----	.6	-.3	.8	-.4	-1.8	1.3	2.3
Private -----	.6	-.5	-.8	-.6	-2.0	.8	1.2
Public -----	.2	.8	12.2	.2	.5	10.5	12.5
Health and recreation -----	1.6	1.6	1.4	.3	1.2	1.4	1.6
Medical care -----	.9	2.4	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.0
Personal care -----	4.4	.2	.7	.9	.7	.6	1.1
Reading and recreation -----	1.8	1.0	1.3	.3	1.2	1.4	.3
Other goods and services -----	.4	2.3	1.9	-.8	1.4	1.0	3.9

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.

2/ Not available.

3/ Change from July 1970.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
September 1970 Indexes and percent changes from August 1970

Area ^{1/}	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	133.3	128.2	130.6	130.1	131.3	131.0	118.0	157.4
Atlanta -----	131.7	127.4	121.6	128.3	127.7	137.2	123.1	147.0
Baltimore -----	137.7	131.4	135.9	133.6	131.6	138.6	119.2	164.8
Boston -----	138.5	132.3	133.9	138.4	126.6	139.9	118.8	165.9
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	127.9	125.3	116.9	129.2	127.5	121.9	125.4	143.2
Chicago -----	133.4	130.4	135.5	132.5	139.5	127.7	117.7	147.0
Cincinnati -----	130.1	125.8	126.3	131.2	125.5	129.6	115.5	152.3
Cleveland -----	131.8	128.6	126.1	132.6	135.2	131.3	117.6	150.5
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	127.3	122.7	121.2	129.3	127.0	118.4	116.2	144.8
Detroit -----	133.1	130.1	126.4	140.2	138.3	120.8	116.6	149.6
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	124.8	121.3	116.0	126.6	119.5	122.1	116.5	135.5
Houston -----	134.4	127.1	134.0	124.5	132.4	134.4	116.0	165.2
Kansas City -----	138.4	133.8	138.1	135.1	146.2	128.7	123.2	154.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	128.8	122.7	129.5	119.2	129.6	131.7	107.9	150.6
Milwaukee -----	129.2	125.5	122.5	130.0	130.4	123.3	117.2	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	132.5	127.7	126.9	128.6	139.6	125.0	120.7	154.4
New York -----	137.3	129.2	126.9	131.7	123.8	138.2	120.4	170.5
Philadelphia -----	133.3	127.2	132.5	125.0	140.5	128.9	113.8	165.8
Pittsburgh -----	128.7	125.2	129.3	130.7	121.1	126.4	117.5	151.2
St. Louis -----	139.0	134.2	140.2	137.3	146.9	139.2	114.4	158.5
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	123.0	119.4	116.5	132.3	117.4	107.4	113.4	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	128.8	122.3	124.4	123.5	125.4	125.3	111.7	157.5
Seattle -----	131.0	124.3	119.7	127.0	133.1	125.6	115.4	158.6
Washington -----	136.1	128.3	126.2	127.1	128.8	135.5	122.6	164.2
Percent changes August 1970 to September 1970								
U.S. City Average -----	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.7	0.4	-3.0	1.6	0.4
Atlanta -----	.0	-.2	-.3	-.6	.2	-2.6	1.7	.8
Baltimore -----	-.1	.0	.4	-1.1	1.5	-1.4	1.9	-.4
Boston -----	-.4	-.6	-.4	-.4	.0	-4.3	1.6	.5
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	-.4	-.6	1.1	-.5	.1	-5.5	1.4	.4
Chicago -----	-1.2	-1.6	.1	-2.0	-.4	-6.8	1.7	.4
Cincinnati -----	.0	-.2	.2	-.2	.6	-2.4	1.3	.6
Cleveland -----	-.1	-.2	1.2	-1.3	.5	-2.2	2.0	.1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	-.1	-.2	3.1	-1.1	.2	-1.7	.3	.4
Detroit -----	-.2	-.2	1.8	-.6	.5	-3.3	1.4	.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.4	.2	-.1	-.2	.2	.3	.6	1.2
Houston -----	-.2	-.4	-.4	-1.5	-.5	-.3	1.6	.3
Kansas City -----	.0	-.1	.2	-.5	.1	-3.4	2.3	.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.4	.3	.5	-1.0	.9	1.0	1.4	.3
Milwaukee -----	-.6	-.8	1.9	-1.5	-.2	-6.2	2.0	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.1	.0	.4	-.4	.1	-3.1	2.5	.0
New York -----	-.1	-.3	-.4	-.2	.0	-3.8	2.4	.2
Philadelphia -----	.2	.2	2.5	-.5	1.3	-3.7	2.1	.5
Pittsburgh -----	.0	-.1	.5	-.8	.2	-3.1	3.2	.2
St. Louis -----	.8	.8	.4	-.7	4.7	-.9	1.6	1.0
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	.2	.2	.4	-1.0	.3	1.0	1.5	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	-.7	-1.1	-1.4	-2.4	-.9	-1.4	1.5	1.1
Seattle -----	-.2	-.3	1.2	-1.9	-.4	-1.3	1.9	.1
Washington -----	.0	-.2	-.3	.0	.0	-.4	-.2	.3

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

^{2/} Not available

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
September 1970 Indexes and percent changes from selected dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to September 1970 from--		
	September 1970		August 1970		September 1969
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	133.3	132.9	-0.1	0.4	4.5
Food away from home -----	157.4	-	.4	-	7.3
Restaurant meals -----	157.4	-	.3	-	6.9
Snacks 1/ -----	137.4	-	.3	-	8.9
Food at home -----	128.2	127.8	-.3	.4	3.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	130.6	-	.4	-	6.2
Flour -----	113.8	-	.2	-	2.3
Cracker meal 1/ -----	140.0	-	.3	-	11.3
Corn flakes -----	135.2	-	2.6	-	4.5
Rice -----	115.0	-	.0	-	1.9
Bread, white -----	137.8	-	.7	-	7.0
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	128.4	-	.5	-	5.6
Cookies -----	107.4	-	-.2	-	6.3
Layer cake 1/ -----	122.2	-	.2	-	8.0
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	119.9	-	-.5	-	5.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	130.1	127.9	-.7	-.9	.9
Meats -----	134.7	132.4	-.8	-1.0	1.2
Beef and veal -----	136.8	135.0	-.3	-.5	1.3
Steak, round -----	130.0	128.8	.8	1.0	1.5
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	125.7	-	-1.6	-	-2.0
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	131.4	-	-1.3	-	-1.1
Rump roast 1/ -----	124.9	-	.7	-	2.3
Rib roast -----	144.6	142.9	.4	-.5	-.9
Chuck roast -----	128.4	127.1	-.5	-.6	.9
Hamburger -----	142.7	141.1	-.9	-1.1	1.3
Beef liver 1/ -----	122.0	-	.8	-	3.6
Veal cutlets -----	175.5	174.8	.2	.3	7.8
Pork -----	133.7	129.3	-1.6	-1.8	.0
Chops -----	137.1	132.3	-2.0	-1.3	-.4
Loin roast 2/ -----	144.6	-	-1.2	-	1.1
Pork sausage 1/ -----	148.1	-	-1.1	-	-1.0
Ham, whole -----	121.3	120.0	-3.7	-5.4	-.4
Picnics 1/ -----	134.6	-	-.4	-	-.7
Bacon -----	137.3	130.9	-1.0	-1.4	1.3
Other meats -----	136.2	135.4	-.7	-.7	2.7
Lamb chops 1/ -----	142.8	-	.2	-	2.2
Frankfurters -----	134.2	132.2	-2.0	-2.1	-.9
Ham, canned 1/ -----	129.3	-	-2.0	-	5.5
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	139.6	-	-.1	-	2.5
Salami sausage 1/ -----	130.5	-	-1.1	-	2.8
Liverwurst 1/ -----	133.7	-	.5	-	4.5
Poultry -----	93.8	-	-1.9	-	-8.0
Frying chicken -----	91.8	89.1	-2.1	-2.6	-11.6
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	107.2	-	-1.2	-	-5.8
Turkey 1/ -----	115.2	-	-1.4	-	8.8
Fish -----	146.0	146.3	1.0	1.2	10.4
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	126.3	-	-.4	-	4.4
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	158.7	158.5	.8	.8	14.5
Tuna fish, canned -----	131.0	-	1.6	-	14.0
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	135.7	-	2.0	-	9.3
Dairy products -----	131.3	131.2	.4	.3	4.6
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	127.4	127.0	.6	.3	3.7
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	135.4	-	.4	-	4.6
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	130.9	-	1.1	-	4.9
Milk, evaporated -----	134.1	-	.6	-	8.1
Ice cream -----	104.8	-	-.2	-	4.7
Cheese, American process -----	158.0	158.2	-.2	-.1	6.1
Butter -----	121.5	121.6	-.1	-.4	2.7

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TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
September 1970 Indexes and percent changes from selected dates--Continued
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to September 1970 from--		September 1969
	September 1970		August 1970		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	131.0	134.5	-3.0	1.5	3.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	139.8	145.9	-5.2	2.2	3.6
Apples -----	171.9	166.7	-5.6	12.3	-1.5
Bananas -----	92.9	90.5	-1.7	-1.7	-6.7
Oranges -----	142.0	131.6	1.6	-1.7	7.5
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	89.8	-	-9	-	-2.5
Grapefruit -----	208.8	175.3	-2.1	-5	1.4
Grapes 3/ -----	152.1	188.9	-17.1	4.7	10.4
Strawberries 3/ -----	(3/)	-	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Watermelon 3/ -----	(3/)	-	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Potatoes -----	153.7	158.6	-15.5	-6.8	6.4
Onions -----	147.2	147.5	-10.5	.8	5.9
Asparagus 3/ -----	(3/)	-	(3/)	-	(3/)
Cabbage -----	145.8	165.3	-9.2	-5.2	7.5
Carrots -----	115.9	119.2	-7.1	1.5	-9.7
Celery -----	119.8	127.3	1.7	9.8	-2
Cucumbers 1/ -----	100.2	-	-6.3	-	-10.3
Lettuce -----	178.0	189.6	19.1	22.0	36.1
Peppers, green 1/ -----	136.5	-	-6.1	-	-7.6
Spinach 1/ -----	117.5	-	.9	-	-4
Tomatoes -----	98.0	132.8	-18.1	-7.9	-5.0
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	120.1	-	.7	-	2.7
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	109.6	-	1.3	-	2.8
Pears, canned 1/ -----	109.3	-	1.0	-	1.0
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	106.2	-	1.0	-	4.3
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	91.6	91.9	-7	-1.0	-7.8
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	94.3	-	-7	-	1.1
Beets, canned 1/ -----	118.5	-	.5	-	4.8
Peas, green, canned -----	124.8	-	1.5	-	1.5
Tomatoes, canned -----	139.2	-	.9	-	12.2
Dried beans -----	121.7	-	.1	-	-2.6
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	113.7	-	.6	-	5.8
Other food at home -----	118.0	117.1	1.6	1.4	6.8
Eggs -----	112.1	107.0	8.6	6.3	-1.5
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	112.4	-	.3	-	10.0
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	105.3	-	.6	-	2.9
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	138.0	-	.0	-	11.7
Sugar and sweets -----	133.6	-	.3	-	6.0
Sugar -----	122.7	-	.4	-	5.4
Grape jelly -----	133.1	-	.2	-	6.7
Chocolate bar -----	135.4	-	.1	-	7.0
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	111.2	-	.4	-	4.4
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	119.4	-	.8	-	15.1
Coffee, can and bag -----	109.9	-	1.1	-	26.9
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	117.8	-	1.3	-	13.5
Tea -----	107.0	-	.4	-	4.9
Cola drink -----	165.2	-	.1	-	5.4
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	132.3	-	.7	-	7.2
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	111.0	-	.4	-	3.8
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	111.8	-	.3	-	5.9
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	102.3	-	.2	-	4.3
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	124.9	-	.6	-	6.6
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	111.3	-	.2	-	2.2
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	93.2	-	-7	-	.5
Baby foods, canned -----	115.8	-	1.6	-	2.8
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	118.1	-	.4	-	4.9
Pretzels 1/ -----	111.4	-	.3	-	3.5

1/ December 1963=100.
2/ April 1960=100.
3/ Priced only in season.
4/ July 1961=100.

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups September 1970 and percent changes from selected dates

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to September 1970 from:	
		September 1970	August 1970	August 1970	September 1969
Housing -----		137.8	137.0	0.6	7.2
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----		148.4	147.2	.8	9.0
Rent -----		124.6	124.2	.3	4.1
Homeownership costs <u>2/</u> -----		157.8	156.2	1.0	10.7
Mortgage interest rates -----		149.5	149.2	.2	8.2
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	142.6	141.4	.8	9.4
Property insurance rates -----		155.2	155.6	-.3	3.8
Maintenance and repairs -----		154.3	153.2	.7	7.3
Commodities <u>3/</u> -----	Dec.63	120.6	120.7	-.1	3.3
Exterior house paint -----		121.9	122.1	-.2	3.7
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	115.1	115.5	.3	1.8
Services -----	Dec.63	152.8	151.2	1.1	8.8
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		203.8	200.1	1.8	13.4
Reshingling house roof -----		173.7	170.9	1.6	7.6
Residing house -----	Dec.63	140.6	140.0	.4	5.7
Sink replacement -----	Dec.63	155.2	153.1	1.4	10.5
Furnace repair -----	Dec.63	156.3	155.5	.5	9.5
Fuel and utilities -----		118.2	117.7	.4	4.3
Fuel oil and coal -----		124.3	122.9	1.1	5.2
Fuel oil, #2 -----		120.3	119.2	.9	4.2
Gas and electricity -----		116.8	116.4	.3	4.3
Gas -----		123.6	123.6	.0	5.9
Electricity -----		109.8	109.0	.7	2.8
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		105.5	105.3	.2	1.8
Residential water and sewerage services -----		158.7	158.7	.0	9.2
Household furnishings and operation <u>4/</u> -----		123.6	123.2	.3	3.9
Housefurnishings -----		112.7	112.4	.3	2.5
Textiles -----		116.8	116.1	.6	1.4
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		123.1	119.2	3.3	2.8
Curtains, tailored, polyester -----		110.4	113.7	- 2.9	- 1.4
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton -----		117.6	117.2	.3	.6
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		128.0	127.8	.2	2.8
Pillows, bed, polyester, acrylic, or kapok -----	Dec.63	107.4	104.5	2.8	- 1.3
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	115.4	115.4	.0	4.9
Furniture and bedding -----		126.9	126.5	.3	3.3
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser -----	Mar.70	101.6	100.9	.7	(5/)
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		129.4	129.0	.3	3.6
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	123.6	122.8	.7	3.9
Dinning room chairs -----	Mar.70	100.5	100.2	.3	(5/)
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	119.3	119.3	.0	3.9
Sofas, dual purpose -----		122.5	123.7	- 1.0	3.1
Bedding, mattress and box springs -----	June.70	99.9	99.6	.3	-(5/)
Aluminum folding chairs <u>6/</u> -----	June 64	(6/)	111.3	(6/)	(6/)
Cribs -----	Dec.63	121.3	121.5	-.2	3.6
Floor coverings -----		107.1	107.3	-.2	.1
Broadloom, carpeting, manmade fibers -----		103.4	103.9	.5	- 1.4
Vinyl sheet goods -----		114.8	114.0	.7	2.7
Vinyl asbestos tile -----	Dec.63	113.8	113.8	.0	4.1
Appliances <u>7/</u> -----		87.3	87.3	.0	1.5
Washing machines, automatic -----		92.7	93.1	-.4	1.9
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.7	81.4	.4	.5
Refrigerator-freezers -----		87.7	87.5	.2	2.2
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		101.1	101.1	.0	3.1
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	102.7	102.7	.0	3.1
Air conditioners, window type <u>6/</u> -----	June 64	(6/)	101.6	(6/)	(6/)
Room heaters, electric, portable <u>6/</u> -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	108.8	108.7	.1	4.3
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, chinaware -----		140.3	140.5	-.1	4.5
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	122.0	121.9	.1	1.8
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	121.9	121.4	.4	5.1
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type <u>6/</u> -----	June 64	(6/)	119.8	(6/)	(6/)
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	101.7	101.5	.2	- 2.0
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		111.3	111.0	.3	3.6
Paper napkins -----		139.8	140.4	-.4	8.7
Toilet tissue -----		129.9	130.0	-.1	7.6
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		191.0	189.5	.8	9.1
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	143.9	142.7	.8	6.1
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	.0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	153.2	152.3	.6	7.4
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	135.1	134.3	.6	3.7
Washing machine repair -----	Dec.63	146.0	144.5	1.0	8.6

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(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to September 1970 from:	
		September 1970	August 1970	August 1970	September 1969
Apparel and upkeep 8/ -----		133.6	131.5	1.6	3.8
Apparel commodities -----		133.0	130.6	1.8	3.8
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		129.9	127.2	2.1	3.7
Men's and boys' -----		134.8	133.2	1.2	3.7
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester -----		150.6	(6/)	(6/)	4.6
Suits, year round weight -----		162.8	159.6	2.0	5.4
Suits, tropical weight 6/ -----	June 64	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Jackets, lightweight -----	Dec. 63	124.6	124.9	.2	.5
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----		132.7	130.8	1.5	2.9
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		123.5	123.5	.0	7.2
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		118.8	118.7	.1	1.6
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		128.1	127.4	.5	4.0
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton -----		126.5	125.8	.6	3.9
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		134.9	134.7	.1	3.3
Socks, cotton or stretch nylon -----		123.3	122.7	.5	1.4
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton -----	Dec. 63	116.0	115.2	.7	2.9
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 6/ -----	Dec. 63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	Dec. 63	130.5	130.9	(6/)	6.5
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		132.0	130.9	.8	3.6
Undershorts, cotton -----		131.6	131.5	.1	2.1
Women's and girls' -----		129.4	125.6	3.0	3.9
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		141.6	(6/)	(6/)	4.1
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton 6/ -----	Dec. 63	137.5	(6/)	(6/)	1.6
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 6/ -----	Dec. 63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers 6/ -----	Sept. 61	141.0	(6/)	(6/)	9.0
Skirts, cotton or polyester blends 6/ -----	Mar. 62	(6/)	125.8	(6/)	(6/)
Blouses, cotton or polyester blends -----		130.4	130.2	.2	6.3
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		159.5	158.6	.6	4.6
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		152.4	(6/)	(6/)	8.2
Slips, nylon -----		114.5	114.7	.2	2.3
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot -----		114.6	114.4	.2	4.3
Girdles, manmade blend -----		122.0	121.9	.1	2.1
Brassieres, nylon lace -----	Dec. 63	129.0	129.0	.0	5.0
Hose, nylon seamless -----		99.0	99.3	.3	.2
Anklets, or knee-length socks, various fibers -----	Dec. 63	120.5	119.3	1.0	1.8
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec. 63	112.3	111.8	.4	3.0
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec. 63	122.8	120.3	2.1	7.0
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton, or polyester blends -----	Dec. 63	120.3	(6/)	(6/)	.4
Skirts, wool, wool blends or acrylic 6/ -----		124.1	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dresses, cotton or polyester blends -----		129.6	130.7	.8	5.3
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton 6/ -----	Dec. 63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Slips, polyester blends -----	Dec. 63	108.1	107.8	.3	.4
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 6/ -----	Dec. 63	131.7	(6/)	(6/)	10.5
Handbags, plastic -----	Dec. 63	117.2	117.2	.0	7.6
Footwear -----		148.6	147.9	.5	4.4
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		146.1	144.7	1.0	4.3
Shoes, work, high -----		144.9	144.7	.1	4.7
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		157.2	156.2	.6	4.2
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec. 63	128.6	127.7	.7	5.2
Shoes, casual -----	Dec. 63	137.9	137.7	.1	6.4
Houseslippers, scuff -----	Dec. 63	130.6	129.5	.8	3.3
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		147.9	147.9	.0	4.6
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec. 63	122.6	123.1	.4	3.1
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec. 63	138.0	138.5	.4	2.9
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		105.3	105.4	.1	1.3
Yard goods, cotton or polyester blend -----		128.0	125.3	2.2	3.9
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec. 63	103.9	103.9	.0	1.2
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		136.8	136.7	.1	3.6
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec. 63	114.6	114.4	.2	3.0
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec. 63	131.1	130.6	.4	6.2
Tailoring charge, hem adjustment -----	Dec. 63	134.6	134.3	.2	6.4
Shoe repair, women's heel lift -----		128.0	127.8	.2	4.0

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(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent Change to September 1970 From:	
		September 1970	August 1970	August 1970	September 1969
Transportation -----		131.0	130.6	.3	6.0
Private 9/ -----		126.6	126.4	.2	5.1
Automobiles, new -----		103.1	103.5	-.4	3.6
Automobiles, used -----		127.4	129.2	-1.4	4.9
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		117.8	116.9	.8	.1
Motor oil, premium -----		145.4	144.3	.8	4.5
Tires, new, tubeless -----		120.9	119.7	1.0	3.3
Auto repairs and maintenance 10/ -----		145.6	144.8	.6	7.7
Auto insurance rates -----		186.4	184.0	1.3	14.2
Auto registration -----		140.9	140.9	.0	5.0
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec. 63	135.3	134.7	.4	12.8
Public -----		173.3	171.0	1.3	15.3
Local transit fares -----		192.3	191.1	.6	18.9
Taxicab fares -----	Dec. 63	136.0	135.9	.1	6.7
Railroad fares, coach -----		131.2	121.5	8.0	14.0
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec. 63	122.6	117.9	4.0	9.9
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec. 63	132.5	130.1	1.8	4.3
Health and recreation -----		145.7	145.1	.4	5.3
Medical care -----		167.6	166.8	.5	6.3
Drugs and prescriptions -----		102.1	102.2	-.1	2.8
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec. 63	110.8	110.5	.3	3.6
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec. 63	92.2	92.3	-.1	-.2
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec. 63	112.7	112.3	.4	6.8
Liquid tonics -----	Dec. 63	102.1	101.8	.3	1.2
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec. 63	124.9	124.4	.4	6.8
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec. 63	113.3	113.1	.2	3.8
Cough syrup -----	Dec. 63	118.0	117.7	.3	2.5
Prescriptions -----		90.6	91.0	-.4	2.0
Anti-infectives -----	Mar. 60	61.6	63.5	-3.0	-2.1
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar. 60	116.1	115.1	.9	7.7
Ataractics -----	Mar. 60	90.6	90.6	.0	.9
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar. 60	103.3	103.2	.1	2.1
Cough preparations -----	Mar. 60	119.4	119.1	.3	7.5
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar. 60	100.9	100.7	.2	3.3
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar. 67	106.1	105.9	.2	2.9
Anti-obesity -----	Mar. 67	109.5	108.9	.6	5.7
Hormones -----	Mar. 67	95.0	94.9	.1	1.2
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		169.6	168.7	.5	7.3
General physician, office visits -----		173.2	171.7	.9	8.0
General physician, house visits -----		176.9	176.6	.2	6.8
Obstetrical cases -----		163.1	162.9	.1	6.5
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec. 63	153.7	153.8	-.1	6.7
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec. 63	137.3	136.8	.4	4.3
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec. 63	132.9	132.4	.4	6.7
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		159.7	159.3	.3	7.1
Dentists' fees -----		154.3	153.4	.6	5.7
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		156.4	155.5	.6	6.3
Extractions, adult -----		152.4	151.4	.7	4.9
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec. 63	135.9	135.0	.7	5.4
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		139.8	139.2	.4	5.6
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec. 63	121.8	121.7	.1	2.8
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		295.1	292.5	.9	12.7
Semiprivate rooms -----		292.1	289.3	1.0	13.0
Private rooms -----		283.1	281.0	.7	12.1
Operating room charges -----	Dec. 63	186.4	185.9	.3	10.5
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec. 63	132.8	132.8	.0	6.6
Personal care -----		131.7	131.3	.3	3.5
Toilet goods -----		114.1	114.0	.1	2.1
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		115.1	114.4	.6	1.1
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		129.9	129.1	.6	2.9
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec. 63	109.6	109.3	.3	-1.4
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		102.5	102.2	.3	.4
Face powder, pressed -----		134.2	133.8	.3	5.8
Deodorants, aerosol -----	Dec. 63	96.6	97.0	-.4	1.4
Cleansing tissues -----		116.6	117.4	-.7	7.6
Home permanent wave kits -----		98.3	98.7	-.4	-.9
Personal care services -----		153.4	152.7	.5	4.7
Men's haircuts -----		164.1	163.6	.3	6.0
Beauty shop services -----		142.6	141.8	.6	3.7
Women's haircuts -----	Dec. 63	128.7	126.7	1.6	4.5
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		160.6	160.0	.4	3.9
Permanent waves, cold -----		109.8	109.8	.0	2.6

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, September 1970 and percent changes from selected dates--Continued

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to September 1970 From:	
		September 1970	August 1970	August 1970	September 1969
Reading and recreation <u>11/</u> -----		137.7	137.1	0.4	4.6
Recreational goods -----	Dec.63	100.5	100.2	.3	1.5
TV sets, portable and console -----		80.1	80.0	.1	.1
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec.63	123.1	122.0	.9	6.4
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.4	76.6	-.3	-7.7
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec.63	89.7	89.2	.6	-2.0
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec.63	97.8	97.6	.2	.2
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec.63	81.9	82.0	-.1	-1.9
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec.63	100.3	100.1	.2	.7
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core -----	Dec.63	104.2	104.1	.1	1.0
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec.63	119.3	119.4	-.1	3.9
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec.63	118.4	118.5	-.1	.2
Bowling balls -----	Dec.63	102.8	102.8	.0	3.6
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec.63	111.7	111.1	.5	1.6
Tricycles -----	Dec.63	113.8	113.3	.4	2.0
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec.63	111.9	111.2	.6	3.2
Recreational services -----	Dec.63	139.4	138.0	1.0	5.8
Indoor movie admissions -----		226.7	223.6	1.4	9.8
Adult -----		222.2	218.5	1.7	10.2
Children's -----		242.1	240.7	.6	8.5
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec.63	178.4	176.2	1.2	8.7
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec.63	114.8	114.3	.4	3.5
Golf greens fees -----	Dec.63	145.5	144.8	.5	7.1
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		97.7	97.6	.1	-3.3
Film developing, color -----	Dec.63	119.8	118.4	1.2	1.3
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		168.4	167.6	.5	8.0
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec.63	130.5	130.5	.0	3.3
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec.63	130.9	129.3	1.2	3.8
Other goods and services -----		138.8	138.1	.5	5.7
Tobacco products -----		161.7	160.9	.5	7.4
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		170.4	169.2	.7	7.8
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar.59	162.0	161.3	.4	8.0
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		109.0	109.0	.0	-.5
Alcoholic beverages -----		124.5	123.9	.5	4.5
Beer -----		119.5	119.1	.3	2.7
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		113.4	113.3	.1	2.7
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec.63	120.0	120.0	.0	7.1
Away from home -----	Dec.63	131.7	130.3	1.1	7.1
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec.63	120.7	120.3	.3	3.6
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec.63	110.4	110.2	.2	1.9
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec.63	149.9	149.9	.0	8.0
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		133.7	133.2	.4	4.8
Commodities less food -----		123.8	123.0	.7	4.3
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		126.7	126.2	.4	3.7
Household services less rent -----		164.0	162.7	.8	9.7
Transportation services -----		160.2	158.9	.8	11.3
Other services -----		155.3	154.5	.5	5.5

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.
 2/ Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.
 3/ Also includes pine shelving, furnace air filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.
 4/ Also includes venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.
 5/ Not available.
 6/ Priced only in season.
 7/ Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.
 8/ Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, eektail dresses, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.
 9/ Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.
 10/ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.
 11/ Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

A system of "replicated" samples introduced into the index structure in the 1964 revision permits an estimate of sampling error for the CPI. ^{1/} The table below shows standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual percent changes in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1969 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: the chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error. Data also are shown in terms of the relative error of the standard error of percent changes. The relative errors tend to decrease markedly for successively longer time periods, as expected.

Because the CPI is rounded to one decimal place, some ambiguity may arise in interpreting small index changes. The table below indicates, for example, that a month-to-month change of 0.1 percent in the all-items CPI is significant. Because of rounding, however, a change of this size in the published index might result from a much smaller change in the unrounded value. Hence, any particular change of 0.1 percent may or may not be significant. On the other hand, a published change of 0.2 percent is almost always significant, regardless of the time period to which it relates.

Standard and Relative Errors of Percent Changes in the
CPI Based on 1969 Data

Component	Standard Error			Relative Error		
	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change
All items -----	.03	.05	.07	.07	.04	.01
Food at home-----	.07	.11	.13	.10	.07	.03
Food away from home ----	.08	.14	.28	.13	.08	.05
Housing -----	.06	.09	.15	.10	.06	.02
Apparel -----	.14	.23	.22	.25	.18	.04
Transportation -----	.08	.13	.14	.13	.10	.04
Medical care -----	.13	.19	.36	.24	.12	.05
Personal care -----	.12	.20	.32	.36	.20	.07
Reading and recreation --	.09	.13	.20	.33	.15	.05
Other goods and services-	.13	.20	.34	.25	.14	.08

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1968 data which was included in the CPI report through December 1969.

^{1/} The method of deriving these estimates is described in a paper by Marvin Wilkerson, "Measurement of Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index," Journal of the American Statistical Association, September 1967.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, both families and single persons living alone. It is based on prices of about 400 items which were selected to represent the movement of prices of all goods and services purchased by wage earners and clerical workers. Prices for these items are obtained in urban portions of 39 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) and 17 smaller cities, which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. They are collected from grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments which wage earners and clerical workers patronize.

Prices of foods, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 56 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the 5 largest SMSA's and every 3 months in other SMSA's and cities. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain local transit fares, public utility rates, newspaper prices, fuel prices, and certain other items which change in price infrequently. Prices of most other goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of all wage earners and clerical workers. SMSA and city data are then combined in the total index with weights based on the 1960 populations of SMSA's and cities they represent. Index numbers are computed on the base 1957-59=100, and are also available on the bases of 1947-49=100 and 1939=100.

The national index (the United States city average) includes prices from the 23 SMSA's for which separate indexes are published in this report, as well as from the following additional locations:

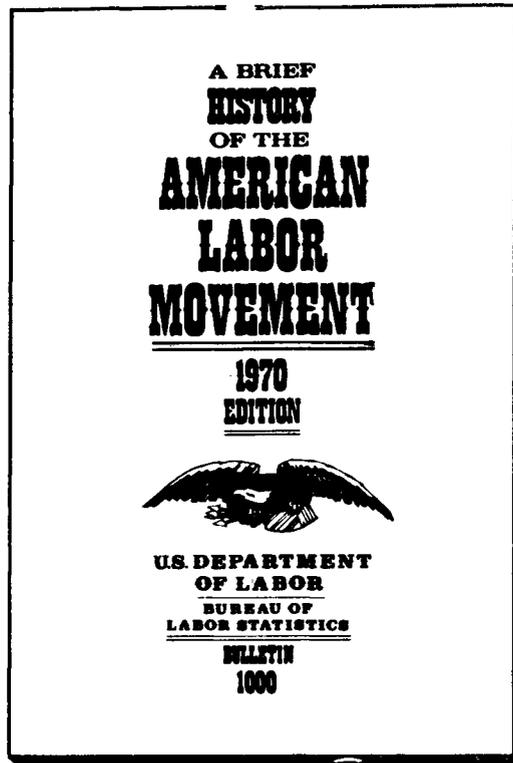
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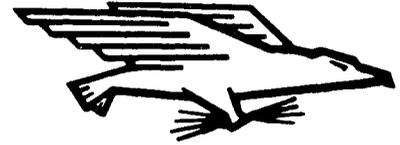
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