END OF SOME FOOD SUBSIDIES SET TENTATIVELY

A tentative time table for withdrawal of a number of wartime subsidies on food was announced last evening by Stabilization Director John C. Collet.

Mr. Collet said in a statement that the removal of remaining subsidies will be regulated to avoid an overall increase in living costs. "Financial interests" of production also will be given equal consideration, he added.

Two wartime subsidies—on butter and peanut butter — already have been cancelled. Retail prices on those items went up as a result.

Food subsidies during the fiscal year will cost the Government an estimated $1,798,000,000. Agriculture Department estimates on some of the items include canned and frozen vegetables, $39,200,000; dairy production, $534,000,000; flour production payments, $190,000,000; slaughter of livestock, $535,400,000; payments to feeders of sheep and lambs, $36,000,000; and payments to feeders of beef cattle, $40,000,000.

Mr. Collet said elimination of some subsidies would mean higher retail prices for commodities affected. In other cases, he added, retail prices will not be increased.

In the withdrawal of the butter and peanut butter subsidies, he said that resulting retail increases had been "more than offset by declines in the retail prices of potatoes and some other items".

The tentative schedule which he gave for cancellation of some subsidies follows:

Canned grapefruit juice — the subsidy expires automatically with the selling of the 1944-45 crop and will not be renewed on the 1945-46 crop.

Vegetable shortening— to be terminated not later than Dec. 1, 1945.

Cheese — to be terminated not later than Feb. 28, 1945.

Pork— the roll back subsidy of $1.30 per 100 pounds will be terminated not later than March 31, 1946; the remaining pork subsidy, currently 40 cents a hundredweight, will be terminated not later than June 30, 1946.

N.A.M. URGES EARLY END TO PRICE AND OUTPUT RULE

Presenting to Congress the conclusions resulting from "three years of organized reconversion thinking," the National Association of Manufacturers this week urged the ending of all Office of Price Administration price controls no later than Feb. 15, 1946, and the accelerated removal of all wartime controls on production.

Witnesses before the special Congressional Committee on Post-war Economic Policy scored the Administration's policy of encouraging wage rises while simultaneously maintaining strict price control, labeling it "an inconsistency which can only further the delay already developing in reconversion."

The official recommendations of the N.A.M.'s Reconversion Council, representing an industrial membership employing four out of every five workers in manufacturing plants, contrast significantly with labor's front-paged programs. Their fundamental thesisis that:

"The problem of reconversion is the problem of freedom. The Reconversion Council proposes that the Americansystem of free enpicy ment, free production and free markets be re-established and facilitated in America."

Under this system the manufacturers advocate "the re-establishment of free collective bargaining between employers and employees" adding that "employers are expected to make as much profit as possible, subject to the rules of fair competition." Explaining this statement, the N.A.M. says:

"The presence of profit for employers is the workers' only guarantee of employment and wages. Profit is far more important to workers than to owners, however falsely they are now persuaded to the contrary. The wages and salary payments to workers in America since the turn of the century have been 12 times as large as the dividend payments to corporate stockholders.

"There can be no prospect of productive employment unlcs there is prospect of wages for employers in supplying the tools of production and organizing manpower and machinery to produce what customers want at prices they are willing to pay."

The official recommendations were presented by N.A.M.'s Council Chairman, Robert R. Wason, President of Manning Maxwell & Moore, Inc. The Committee headed by Representative William M. Colmer (D) of Mississippi, also heard John Airey, President ofbe King-Seeley Corporation.

The principal concern of government, according to N.A.M. should be "assuring free and fair competition — among workmen for jobs, and among employers for markets.

"We can have as much unemployment as the Government is willing to cause through restrictions, and as the people are willing to pay for in taxes and deficit spending which is a defer[illegible] tax. Such government payment for unemployment is a charge on the earnings as well as on the savings of all the people with jobs."

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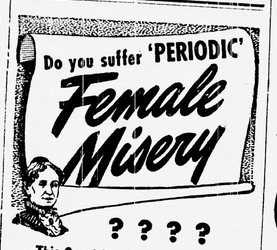

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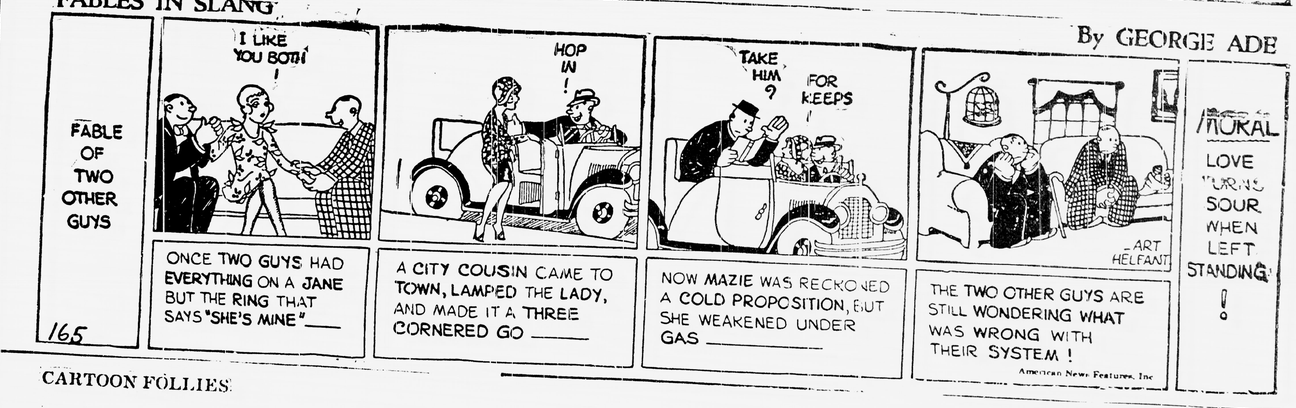

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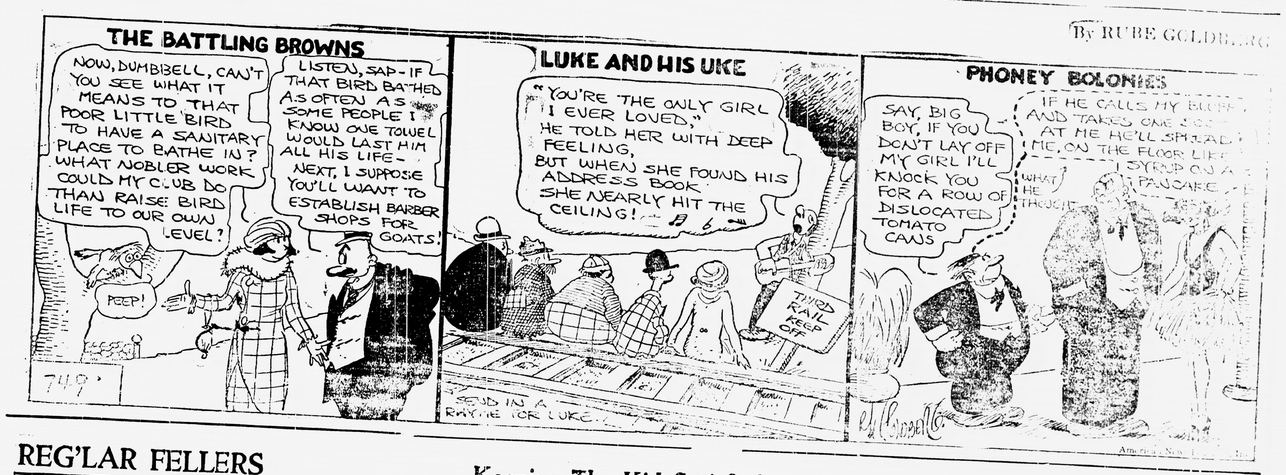

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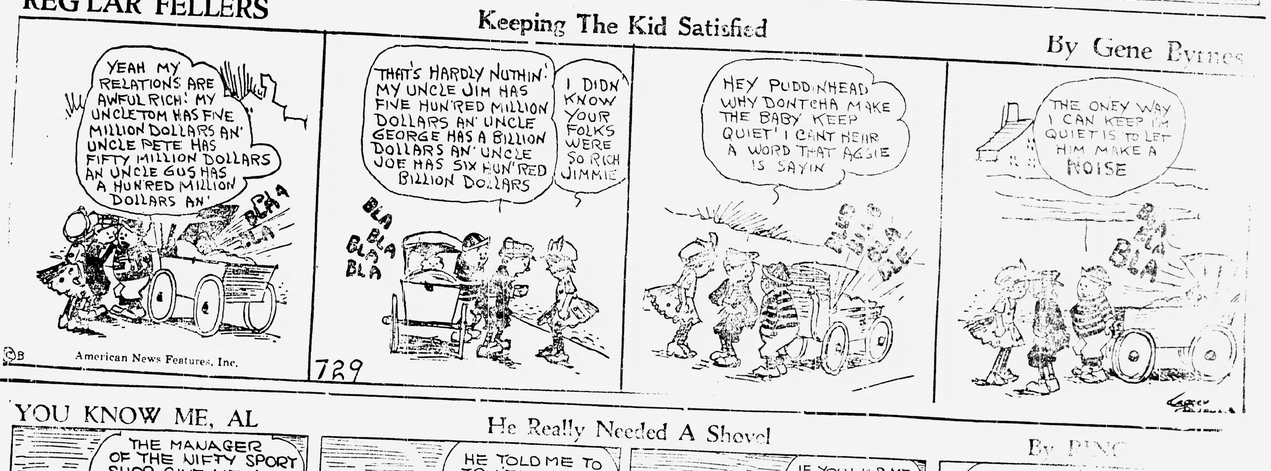

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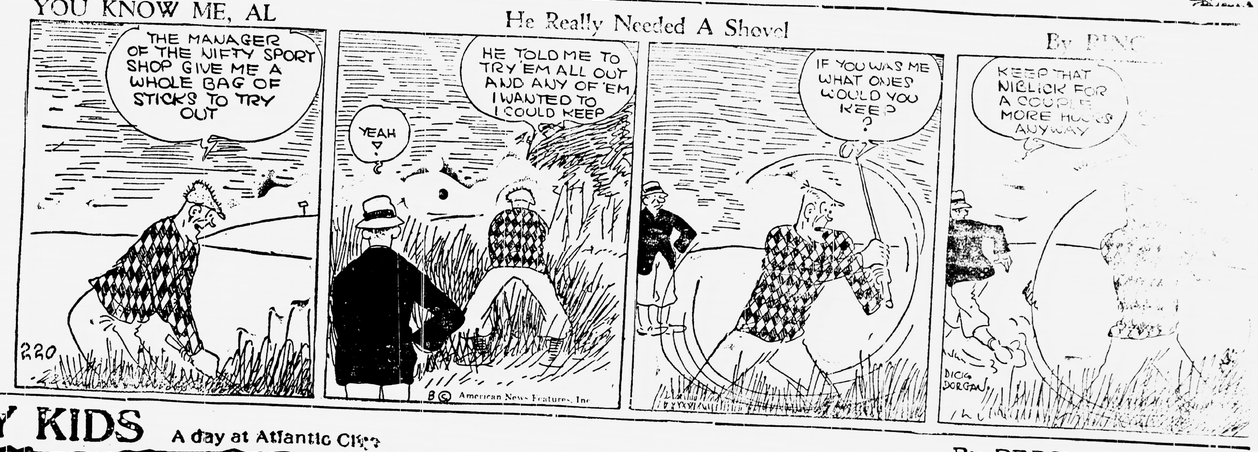

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