

# This Guy Says Gals Indifferent To Mink

NEW YORK (AP)—There's something seriously wrong with America's chorus girls, veteran nightclub owner Murray Weinger said today.

They don't care much for champagne. They hate late hours. They are indifferent to mink coats and they'll yawn in your face if you mention movie scouts.

Weinger spent three vain weeks scouring New York for movable ornaments to decorate his Copa City club in Miami Beach this winter.

He's practically scraping the bottom of the peach basket and still doesn't have half the line-up he needs.

Television is what changed things for him.

"Girls used to give me a Diamond Jim Brady welcome when I came to town as little as three years ago," Weinger moaned.

"Now the real pretties don't even answer my telephone calls."

Whoever said the average chorine can't pass in arithmetic just never



met a modern example, Weinger said.

"Television variety shows pay these kids \$125 for one performance and a few rehearsals," he said.

"At Copa City we've been paying \$85 for 12 shows a week, six days a week."

Weinger announced he's showing his pay scale up to \$100 to meet the competition and cutting his line-up of beauties to square things with the budget. Last year he had 21 hoofers and four statuesque show girls. This year, tired business men will have to rest their eyes on 12 dancers and that's that.

"In addition to the salary, we have to provide a lot of extras such as maid service, a season's beach passes and sun-tan lotion and free steak dinners six nights a week," Weinger said.

He pointed out that many of the blandishments he used to rely on have gone up the flue. For instance, time was when a Manhattan show girl got a glint in her eye at the mere mention of a place where movie scouts gathered. Now they just shrug, because a Hollywood starlet contract isn't worth much more than a couple of TV per-

# Food Prices At New High Last Month

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government said today that big increases in the cost of fresh fruits and vegetables pushed average retail food prices to a new all-time high last month.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that retail food prices rose more than one per cent — one of the highest jumps in months — between Oct. 29 and Nov. 15.

As of Nov. 15, the retail food index stood at 231.2. This was 131.2 per cent over the base period of 1935-39 and 14 per cent over the pre-Korean level.

**FOOD BIG ITEM**

Because food prices are the biggest factor in the government's overall cost of living index, the index is almost certain to show another rise when the figures come out next month. The index already is at a record high.

Price Stabilizer Michael V. DiSalle gave advance warning yesterday that the nation may expect even higher prices.

He told the joint congressional "watchdog" committee on defense production that it would be dangerous to remove any price controls because the BLS index has shown a steady rise in living costs during the past two months.

"The dangers of inflation and speculation are too severe to permit unnecessary risks," DiSalle said in a memorandum to the committee.

**HIGHER CEILINGS**

The Office of Price Stabilization meanwhile paved the way for higher prices by authorizing manufacturers and processors to seek higher ceilings on thousands of products including coal, clothing,

formances per week.

Cupid used to be a good lure. At least nine of Weinger's girls have married millionaires!

"I used to be able to guarantee at least two tables of Texas oil men or Cuban plantation owners," he said. "I still can, but it suddenly means nothing."

He brought that last point up with several of this year's prospects, but the results were notably flat.

"I get my proposals from those gents by mail, now," said one sweet little thing. "I'm papering my closet with 'em."

Weinger is desperate.

"I'm now interviewing prospects who don't know how to dance," he said. "That's about as far as I can go."

meat, mink, canned foods, cigarettes, liquor, drugs and cosmetics. The order was issued under the Capehart amendment to the controls law.

The BLS retail food survey, made twice a month, includes samplings of prices in Washington, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, New York, Richmond and San Francisco.

Fruits and vegetables averaged 4.7 per cent higher during the first half of November, largely because of a 7.8 per cent increase in prices of fresh produce. The largest increases were reported for green beans, which rose 44 per cent, and cabbage, up 35 per cent. Prices of lettuce, carrots, potatoes and apples also jumped.

Dairy products were up 2.2 per cent, led by an average 4.0 per cent jump in milk prices.

Smaller increases were reported for eggs, sugar and sweets, cereals and beverages.

Meats, poultry and fish dropped a bit, largely because of a 7.9 per cent decline in the price of pork. However, lamb and chicken prices were slightly higher than in October.

A six per cent drop in hard prices was responsible for an overall decrease in prices of fats and oils.

Retain enough ewe lambs in the flock each year to replace those that die and those that are culled for old age, unsoundness and low production.



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