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CIVILIAN JOBS SET RECORD; 61,296,000 NOW AT WORK

Washington.—The number of people employed in civilian jobs in June hit 61.296,000, over 1,000,000 above the levels for last year, and a new record-breaking figure in the nation's employment history, according to reports of the Census Bureau.

The continued business boom and the pressure of high living costs contributed to boost employment to the record totals. The effect of rising prices may be noted by the fact that the bureau reported a rising proportion of women entering the labor market during 1948.

The June figure on civilian employment reflected a startling one-month upswing of 2,636,000 jobs. With schools out, youngsters swarmed into the labor market.

Most of them hit it just right. Farm employment neared its summer peak at 9,396,00 for June, and non farm employment hit an unprecedented 51,899,000 total.

Some youngsters—chiefly teenagers, the bureau said—missed an immediate connection, with the result that unemployment went up along with employment. The rise was 423,000 and the total of jobless reached 2.184,000, highest since July last year.

The backbone strength in labor demand lay in the business boom. Some government experts spoke of prospective labor shortages when the youngsters go back to school in the fall.

The bureau's figures on job holders included about 2,500,000 who weren't actually at work because of vacations, illness, strikes, bad weather, and temporary layoffs.

They covered everyone working for pay, hope of profit, or for family benefit leaving out housewives.

Total civilian employment in June cracked the previous record, set in July last year, by 1,217,000, and left the one-time goal of 60,00,000 jobs far behind. While unemployment also was up during June, it was 371,000 below a year ago.

U. S. COST FOR WORLD GROUPS PUT AT OVER

Washington—The United States contributed \$103.504,788 to the United Nations and 45 other world groups to which it belongs during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, the Senate Committee on Executive Expenditures has announced.

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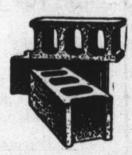
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