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Public Aid In Germany Staggering

By BRACK CURY

BONN, (AP)—Western Germany is shelling out public aid to almost 13,000,000 persons—or one out of every four in the population.

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The crushing burden of social welfare nicks the west Germans for 52 per cent of all tax revenues and 22 per cent of the national income. These costs are rising. The number of aged eligible for pensions is growing. The endless flow of destitute refugees from the Communist east goes on.

From a population of 48,000,000, more than 1,300,000 Germans now are jobless. More than 250,000 live in barracks or the ruins of bombed buildings. Some 20 per cent of the population draws pensions of one type or another.

These are some of the hard

facts of German life backing the German claim that their taxes and social charges are higher than in any other European country.

The federal government's annual report says social welfare is costing the country 17,800,000,000 marks (\$4,094,000,000).

This includes: 7,345,000,000 marks (\$1,689,000,000) for unemployment insurance, 1,250,000,000 marks (\$287,500,000) for pensions, 9,205,000,000 marks (\$2,117,000,000) for payments to war victims housing, food subsidies and assistance to isolated Berlin.

REFUGEES PROBLEM

The social burden is almost as great as the entire federal budget. The federal government cites this heavy burden as an argument against increasing west Germany's financial contribution to western defence, despite sensational increases in industrial output and foreign trade.

Some 9,000,000 refugees have crammed into overcrowded west Germany since 1945—and they still flock in at the rate of 1,000 a day.

Most are penniless. Many are too old or too sick to work. Many depend on government handouts to keep alive.

Aside from the aged and the refugees, Germany's pension burdens extend to the families of 3,500,000 war dead and 2,000,000 war maimed people.

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Sees Need For Hotel

Full Advantage of Tourist Possibilities Not Taken—

Railway Official Enthusiastic

With more and more tourist visitors coming to Prince Rupert and prospects that their number this season will be the greatest yet, Allan Griffin, district passenger agent for Canadian National Railways with headquarters in Vancouver, sees more adequate hotel accommodation here as a pressing need. Now that more frequent service is being provided by the railway in the way of trains and buses, Mr. Griffin thinks that tourists would commence staying over here for longer visits if the accommodation were available. "One way things are now, visitors are nervous that they might not be able to get accommodation at all."

"And couldn't the railway do something itself about a hotel here?" Mr. Griffin was asked. That was a question which was out of his jurisdiction, he replied.

Mr. Griffin said that the response to the six-days-a-week train service on the Prince Rupert-Jasper line of the railway was gratifying. It was being well patronized now and "we are confident it will grow," he said.

The passenger official also expected that the bus service between Prince Rupert and Smithers would win popularity as an alternative daylight run to the trains.

Mr. Griffin anticipates the possibility of tourist travel into Tweedsmuir Park area from Burns Lake receiving more attention on the part of tourist visitors.

"And all this new traffic and business centres on our port of Prince Rupert," admitted Mr. Griffin with comment in keeping with the new and friendly attitude toward this port and line which has been so apparent of late among Canadian National officials.

Mr. Griffin and William Cruickshank, general agent, passenger department at Prince Rupert, are making the round trip to Ketchikan on the Prince George today. Returning this evening, Mr. Griffin will proceed by train to Jasper enroute back to Vancouver.

Preventive Dental Clinic, PTA Accomplishment, Starts

Another accomplishment of the Prince Rupert Parent-Teacher Associations is the children's preventive dental clinic which came to fruition yesterday.

Emanating from the Parent-Teacher Council, a committee has been at work and their first reward came yesterday when 18 Grade 1 children visited the three dentists in town and received their first examination.

The regular sessions will be held each Wednesday forenoon with the children being elected at their respective schools and taken to the dentists.

Six children are being given treatment as far as possible in each three-hour session. Some require less time than others.

'Open Day' At Borden Street

Visitors Find That "Three R's" Are As Soundly Done As Ever

"Open Day" at Borden Street School in connection with the observance of Education Week was again a notable success with 120 parents in attendance including several men. Visits were made to the different classrooms where the parents say their own children and the teachers at work and also had an opportunity to see the work of other children on display.

"I wish I were back at school now," said one parent. "Things are more attractively done than when I attended school," and the speaker agreed with the teacher who remarked that the "Three R's" were just as soundly done as in the old days.

"Oh, I know that, for my boy can do things I am sure I could not have done at his age."

The parents visited rooms generally and this was perhaps done to a greater extent than in previous years, probably due to the "more at home" feeling of the parents as a result of recent years and the "open day."

Visitors signed the Visitors' Book as they were welcomed to the school by Grade Six girls.

The varied displays of hand work and practical art were favorably commented upon by the parents and the creative originality of the pupils was the subject of much admiration.

In connection with "open day" a tea was put on by the Parent-Teacher Association under the general convensership of Mrs. A. Logan, president. Cashiers were Mrs. A. J. Dominato and Mrs. H. J. Marchant. In charge of the kitchen were Mrs. Lineham, Mrs. Ridsdale and Mrs. E. Thompson. Serviteurs were Mrs. A. B. Brown, Mrs. A. Oglvie and Mrs. George Cook. Presiding at the tables and pouring were Mrs. A. S. Nickerson and Mrs. R. Greissel.

The room was tastefully decorated with white and green trimmings and the table carried out the St. Patrick's motif with shamrocks. Outly designed hats also featuring the shamrock provided attractive headdress for the ladies.

Co-op Officials Here for Meet

To participate in the annual meeting of Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association, several officials arrived yesterday from Vancouver. They included T. H. Sorenson, general manager of the Fishermen's Co-operative Federation; J. Donaldson, president of the Federation; G. T. Greenwell, general manager of the Fishermen's Co-operative Association of Vancouver; H. Blake, Association delegate; A. V. Hill, director of membership relations of the Federation, and Robert Donaldson, a representative of the University of British Columbia extension department working with co-operatives.

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	Dill Pickles 39c Aymer, 24-oz.	Cherries 2 for 47c Sweet, Henley's, 15-oz.
	Corned Beef 47c Hemel	Apple Juice 29c Sunrype, Clear, 48-oz.
	Eastern Haddies 24c Select, 14-oz.	Letter Tablets 39c 150 Sheets
		Sockeye Salmon 46c Paramount, 1/2's

SHIPS AND WATERFRONT

US Coast Guard Hemlock departed early yesterday after spending a day on the pontoons of Prince Rupert Dry Dock. The vessel damaged a propeller, likely on a watersoaked log, said Lt. Commander Glatz, the captain. Outside the three-mile limit, the vessel's closest port of aid was Prince Rupert.

CNSS Prince George arrived yesterday at 10 a.m. on her regular scheduled voyage with 62 passengers out of Vancouver, 30 of whom disembarked here.

G. E. Moore, local fisheries inspector, who has been on a trip to Vancouver on departmental business, returned to the city on the Prince George yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert have been revisiting the past few days, and to Seattle on the Prince tonight.

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Cattle Import Ban Remains

VICTORIA—Hon. H. R. Bowman, minister of agriculture, states that there is no immediate intention of relaxing the ban on importation of British Columbia live and dressed cattle. The minister had been earlier reported as saying there might be early lifting of restrictions.

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