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Business Outlook Bright

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Another business scare seems to have vanished in air. Once more the economists are flying their brightest flags; some even profess to see fair economic weather clear through 1931.

This year, of course, there's been no serious downturn in business activity like that in 1929. The biggest storm warning was the unemployment figure, which kept mounting until February it hit better than 4,600,000.

There was talk of 5,500,000 out of work by fall, and higher totals later. The great labor federations were getting ready to demand huge public works programs to take up the slack.

Now it's all different. Unemployment has fallen to around 3,000,000. Actually, more than 2,700,000 additional workers are employed today as compared with gloomy February. But the U. S. labor force is growing swiftly, and many of those who have found jobs are new workers.

The Federal Reserve board has just struck a cheerful note. It foresees continued heavy demand for automobiles, homes, and the durable products that go with the home—furniture, iceboxes, stoves, and the like.

If the board is right, and it has a lot of company in this forecast, the solid basis exists for maintenance of high level business activity for many months.

Does all this mean we can stop worrying about a depression? We have shrugged off so many false scares since the war ended that no one could be blamed for thinking maybe we can stay out of trouble for a long time.

And perhaps we can. Some ex-

perts point out that the foundation for much of this encouraging growth of business lies in two fundamental facts: the marked increase in population, and the still greater rise in the number of new family units.

It is this latter, especially, which helps account for the unprecedented demand for housing and household goods. New homes are being formed at an almost unbelievable pace. And the end of the upward trend is far out of sight in the future.

Yet, with all this healthy growth, we still ought to exercise reasonable caution in viewing the future. Prospects are good, yes. But we have to remember that the economic system we live by is a delicate machine with many interlocking parts. A breakdown anywhere can spread rapidly to other places.

That doesn't mean we shouldn't maintain our optimism. It simply means we should be on the watch for signs of maladjustment, should move in quickly to repair the damage before it can hobble the whole economy.

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Congress Chat

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Not long ago I told of appearing before a committee to urge that the import tariff on plywood not be reduced. I have just learned that the Administration is attacking the people who earn their livings in our plywood industry on still another front.

The ECA (European aid organization) has just announced that it is purchasing millions of feet of Douglas fir plywood logs for shipment to Korea. Our northwest plywood industry already as difficult enough in obtaining sufficient high grade plywood logs for its own use. What this latest administration move means is loss of jobs for many people who make plywood. I and other northwest Congressmen have voiced vigorous protests against the combination policy of aiding foreign plywood production—even by furnishing logs which we need—and at the same time proposing a reduction in tariff rates to allow plywood made from those logs to undersell our producers on the American market. We have so many "do-gooders" running our government policies now that I have little hope of our protests being heeded.

For 16 years, except for three years just before the war, Congress has annually passed legislation postponing the deadline for the completion of required assessment work on mining claims. The practice started in the depression days of the '30s. During the postwar readjustment period I have supported such "moratorium" legislation. Last year the House and Senate Committees extended the moratorium with the explicit understanding that there would be no further extensions. It seems to me present conditions may warrant a return to the normal application of the mining laws. But the past winter has been unusually bad. The snows are deep in the mountains where hundreds of claims are located. Preventing the work from being done this spring. Also many claim owners have become so accustomed to letting the work go that hundreds of claims might go by default if it was required that assessment work be brought up-to-date by the end of June this year. Accordingly, I supported a compromise proposal put through the Senate by Senator Cordon—to extend the time for completing the work just 90 days—to October 1. Following a Public Lands committee hearing at which I spoke at some length in support of the Cordon bill, it was favorably reported. The bill carries an amendment providing that assessment work for the present and coming year may be done at the same time. I assume the House will pass it but that remains to be seen.

Apparently the Administration has abandoned the idea of attempting to pass the whole package of socialized medicine legislation this year. It is still endeavoring, however, to get some portions of it passed piecemeal. In this connection it might be interesting to note that the British Minister of Health recently reported that in its first full year of operation the cost to the British treasury (U. S. money) of Britain's medical plan was \$17.65 for each man, woman and child—over and above the regular payroll contributions. Just multiply that by 150 millions and you can figure for yourself what it would cost here if we were on

the lower British income basis. Speaking of population figures—40 out of every 100 persons are on the public payroll (Census Bureau report). In 50 years, government employment has increased more than 325 percent. No wonder we are paying such enormous tax bills.

Operational plans indicate the station will be managed by Mrs. Helliwell, with Del McKay serving as program director and Lon Hunt as sales manager. All are stockholders in the Umpqua Broadcasting corporation. Other stockholders include Donn Radabaugh, president; Don Helliwell, vice-president; Margaret G. Hunt, secretary-treasurer; and Edith Radabaugh. The new station will have a radio dial number 1240 K.C.

Youth Nabbed in Salem As Eastern Murder Suspect

SALEM, June 22.—(P)—The description of a wanted fugitive in a Salem newspaper led to the arrest of Charles Johnson, 19, Wednesday in connection with a murder charge in Philadelphia, Pa.

Johnson is charged with robbing and murdering Thomas Rispoli, 51, in Philadelphia May 28. Rispoli was known to be carrying a large sum of money at the time of his death.

Salem police arrested Johnson in East Salem after being informed that a man answering his description, including a tattooed "mother" on his arm, was staying in that area. Local police had been informed he was in the northwest.

Johnson denied knowledge of the crime upon his arrest.

FISHERMAN'S LUCK

OKLAHOMA CITY, (P)—Fisher's luck has returned a lost billfold to Ralph L. Vance Jr., 30, who dropped the wallet a year ago in Lake Hefner here. Robert Charles Cantwell, 12-year old caster, hooked the billfold yesterday—water-logged and misshapen—and returned it. Vance happily reports the cards, clippings, and snapshots are in good shape. But the money—only an imprint remains.

Ride 'Im, Cowboy!



In the Day's News

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2. Branding as war criminals

Officials of the first government to use atomic weapons. After that they dusted off their hands and went on record "to express a conviction that the Soviet government will continue to pursue its constant policy of PEACE and FRIENDSHIP among the nations within the United Nations, and elsewhere will DEFEND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY."

During the discussion, speakers attacked U. S. and British policies as "imperialist and aggressive." America and Britain, these speakers said, are using atomic energy FOR WAR. Russia, they added, has mastered atomic energy FOR PEACEFUL, CREATIVE USES ONLY.

BUSHWAH!

Of course it's bushwah. All propaganda is bushwah.

BUT you must have noticed that while Russia is preparing for war with every ounce of energy she possesses, she is talking peace out of the other side of her mouth. While we prepare for hot war, all our diplomats are talking about THE COLD WAR WE ARE FIGHTING.

DID you ever hear of Pavlov's experiments in conditional reflexes?

It's a long story and it sounds like a dry subject, but this is the long and the short of it: Pavlov discovered that by ringing a certain bell at a certain time he could eventually make a dog's saliva and digestive juices flow EXACTLY AS IF HE HAD PLACED FOOD BEFORE THE DOG.

The dog, in time, came to associate the sound of the bell with the idea of food, which the dog WANTED very much.

SO what?

I think the Russians are adapting Pavlov's idea to their propaganda. They are ringing the peace bell. At every opportunity they accuse us of scheming for aggressive war.

They are hoping that in time they will condition people's reflexes so that when they hear the Russians talk they will THINK OF PEACE and when they hear us talk they will THINK OF WAR.

Since everybody wants peace (exactly as Pavlov's guinea-pig dogs wanted food) that will tend to turn the sympathies of millions upon millions of people toward Russia rather than toward us.

I'm afraid we're playing Russia's game. We talk constantly of the "cold war" we're fighting. We tell of the staggering weapons we're creating (bombs that will track down their target as a dog tracks down a rabbit, for example).

I think we ought to talk more about peace and less about war. We have to go on preparing for war, of course. But let's not talk so much about it. So far as war preparations are concerned, let's just saw wood and say nothing. When he coined the phrase: "Speak softly and carry a big stick," Theodore Roosevelt said something.



Until recently I did rather well in keeping up with the letters I have enjoyed so much; it has been my intention to answer each one by mail, rather than in this column. But lately I must admit I have lagged in a way that makes me wish to apologize to the writers of letters in a little packet on my desk not yet answered. Please excuse the delay—I'll get caught up one of these days.

Letters from readers have meant a great deal to me: encouragement and inspiration. It is an odd thing that although I go to Eugene so often, and to Roseburg less, in fact seldom, I feel more "at home" in Roseburg and feel I know many more people in Roseburg than in Eugene. This is mainly because of your many letters. Only one, I am glad to say, has taken exception to anything I have written—at least only one has put it in a letter. I quoted that one.

(From a writer who felt I was "misled" on the idea of "world brotherhood." He evidently felt I don't have a common Father.) During the 23 months this column has been in the News-Review there has been only one anonymous letter and that was sincerely written by one who I'm sure didn't understand that I would not use her name, or identify her at all if she wished to have the letter confidential. (Please, "A Neighbor" send me your full name and address. Your letter was so interesting, but how am I going to answer it if you are identified only by a postmark?)

I was looking over some old letters from readers the other day, and I came to one which seemed sad at the time: "I think perhaps you were writing of people who still have a lamp lighted . . . There are so many of us whose lamp is nearly in darkness because we have failed to tend the wick, understanding. I loved the poem of the Umpqua Valley . . . My fondest dreams all came true there and only since I have been away have I had tragedy, illness and death."

Yet in the hour which she thought so "dark" she was very close to a happiness undreamed of at the time she was writing: for a few months later there was a joyous announcement: "I am to be married shortly to such a wonderful person! I know we shall be so happy!"

The important thing to remember in a discouraged moment is that it may well be the last, courage-testing hour "before the dawn of a brighter tomorrow."

Bullets, Stones Hit Truck Of Men At Struck Plant

MORRISTOWN, Tenn., June 21.—(P)—Three or four cars' worth of workers at the strike-bound American Enka Corp. rayon plant were struck by bullets in a barrage of stoning and gunfire early today, a company spokesman reported.

No one was reported injured. The violence occurred as the last of a night shift of some 55 workers left the plant after midnight.

Six bullet holes were counted in the cars, the spokesman added. Meanwhile, both the company and striking CIO textile workers union contend the other has offered to settle the 12-week-old walkout, but little progress appears to have been made.

The strike began March 28 with 700 CIO strikers asking an hourly wage hike the union calls 23 cents and the company says equals 70 cents. The average wage now is \$1.35.

Amputee Vet Accused Of Assault With Metal Hook

MARLBORO, Mass., June 22.—(P)—An amputee war veteran was charged in district court with assault with a dangerous weapon because he allegedly struck a man with the metal hook which serves as a hand.

Charles Rocheford, 35, who lost a hand in the war, was granted a continuance. The complainant, John J. Finan of Hudson, was charged with disturbing the peace.

Hood River Voters Turn Down Special Tax Levy

HOOD RIVER, June 22.—(P)—Only 18 percent of the city's voters turned out Tuesday in rejecting a special tax levy proposal. By 238 to 82 they rejected a \$29.751 levy that would have been used to build a one-truck fire department building on the heights, repair streets, buy a street sprinkler, and put in restrooms at the new memorial park.

GMC Of Canada, Auto Union Sign 5-Year Contract

TORONTO, June 22.—(P)—The General Motors corporation of Canada and the C. I. O. United Auto Workers union have signed a five-year contract providing for an annual three-cent-an-hour wage increase. The agreement also provides for \$55-a-month pensions and welfare benefits.

The union estimated that the wage increase and other clauses would swell pay envelopes by 14 cents an hour for the first year, with the increases climbing to more than 26 cents at the end of the five-year period.

The agreement is subject to approval by 6,500 union members in the company's plants at Oshawa, Ont., and Windsor, Ont.

Besides the wage increase, the new contract provides:

1. Progressive reduction of the work week from 44 to 40 hours during the five-year period.

2. Increased life insurance, accident and sickness benefits under the company plan at no additional cost to workers. The company will share the cost of hospitalization and surgical care for employees and their families.

3. Three weeks paid vacation annually for employees with 15 years or more service.

4. A five-cent-an-hour general wage increase for all non-productive workers. The union estimated 45 percent of those employed at Oshawa were in this category.

5. Continuance of quarterly adjustment of wages in line with changes in the cost of living as determined by the Canadian dominion index.

6. Arbitrators to have the right to alter penalties imposed by the company in cases of individual violation of contract terms.

Judgments Awarded In 4 Circuit Court Cases

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly ordered four judgments by default in circuit court proceedings Wednesday.

Paul W. Barcus, D. R. Fritz and R. Parsons, co-partners doing business as Barcus Sales and Service, were awarded \$260.59 in a suit brought against Kenneth A. Olson.

Coastal Adjustment Bureau, Inc., was awarded \$268.94 in a suit against Sigle (Slim) Tabor and Mrs. Sigle Tabor, his wife.

Irvin Logging Co., Inc., were ordered to pay \$885.13 to the State Unemployment Compensation commission for sums due the plaintiff commission's fund.

M. N. Cox, doing business as Professional Credit Service was awarded \$508.95 from Phers Nelson and Hazel Nelson.

In an action, filed Wednesday, the State Unemployment Compensation commission sued John C. Taylor and Goth Bozarth, doing business as T and B Logging Co., for \$53.06, allegedly due for unpaid contributions to the fund.

New Pastor Sets First Service At Camas Valley

Wesley Durland, recently appointed as pastor of the Camas Valley Methodist church, will hold his initial service Sunday, June 25, at 11 a.m. in the Camas Valley church.

The new pastor, appointed at the Oregon conference of Methodists held in Portland last week, served last year as pastor of the Dundee Methodist church. He was a student at Willamette university and also attended the University of Oregon, Lewis and Clark college and Linfield college.

He is married and has a seven-week-old daughter.

Rev. Mr. Durland said the 11 a.m. worship service will be held every Sunday, thus being added to the scheduled church services held regularly at Camas Valley.

Indiana Pastor Will Deliver Sermon Here

The Rev. Allen A. Kohler of Frankfort, Ind., will be the pulpit guest here Sunday when he delivers the sermon at the 11 a.m. service at the First Presbyterian church.

Rev. Mr. Kohler, a native of Denver, Colo., is serving his sixth year as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Frankfort. He has held two other pastorates during his ministry and is present chairman of the National Missions and Ministerial Relations committee in the Presbytery. For six years he has taught at Camp Kosciusko high school, young people's conferences in the Middle West.

Title of Sunday's sermon is "The Flow of the Master's Spirit," and Rev. Mr. Kohler is using the Scripture, Mark 1:1-31.

Drives 15 Years Without License; Law Catches Up

NEW ALBANY, Ind., (P)—Indiana's driver's license law finally caught up with Peter A. Weaver, 78.

Picked up after a minor accident, Weaver couldn't produce a driving permit and he was fined \$20.75 in a justice of the peace court.

The Floyd county farmer admitted he had been driving for 15 years, trying all the while to get a license.

The license examiners wouldn't give him one, he complained.

Fat Contract Given Voice In 'Alice In Wonderland'

LOS ANGELES.—(P)—A British girl heard but not seen in an American movie is signed to a seven-year contract as a salary ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 a week.

Twelve-year-old Kathryn Beaumont provided the voice for Alice in "Alice in Wonderland." A superior judge approved her contract with Walt Disney's studio, recommending that she buy a \$50 government savings bond each week out of her salary.

Her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Beaumont, agreed. Her father, Kenneth Beaumont, radio actor, is now in London.

ECA Chief Says Red Citadel Is Beginning To Get Shaky

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
Is the citadel of Communism beginning to get shaky?
Foreign aid Administrator Paul G. Hoffman voiced the belief before the state governors' conference at White Sulphur Springs that tensions are building in Russia and her satellites. He declared that "once the Communist world starts to crack it can disintegrate very rapidly indeed."

That isn't a new thought for this column, but it's good to get the viewpoint of a high official whose business it is to keep a finger on the pulse of Communism. Mr. Hoffman holds that "the free world can win out in this battle with the Kremlin."

"I am assured by the positive knowledge that tensions do build up in a dictatorship," he told the governors. "A dictatorship is only successful when it is dynamic and expanding. Once you stop that forward movement—and that we have had some success with—the mechanism is subject to strains."

"The very fact that Russia must hold between 12 and 15 million of its citizens in forced labor camps is striking evidence of strain. Moreover, the tensions between Russia and her satellites are being constantly taunted by the Kremlin's planned policy of helping itself to the cream of satellite production and giving back little."

"We have witnessed a dramatic break-away in the case of Yugoslavia. The story may be repeated again, and once the Communist world starts to crack it can disintegrate very rapidly indeed."

The only places where Communism has had marked success are where it has been backed by military force and secret police. That is quite as true in Russia as among the satellites. The spread of the Redism hasn't been spontaneous, on the whole. It has been imposed, although it has had the support of fifth columnists among the citizens of the countries which it has absorbed.

Daily the evidence piles up of widespread revulsion against the Red rule in such unwilling satellites as Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary. Daily refugees are fleeing into the western countries, and thousands more would follow but for the fact that they would be leaving behind relatives who would be subject to persecution.

Have Had Success
Meanwhile, as Mr. Hoffman says, "we have had some success" in "stopping the forward movement of Communism. As a matter of fact the Red advance has been halted altogether in Europe along the front formed by the satellite countries."

Moreover, the gains achieved by the Communist parties in countries like Italy and France has been

largely nullified. In the great industrial Ruhr of western Germany, where the Reds had shown much strength, Communism has taken a terrific beating in the current election. The Ruhr is the most populous state of western Germany and is comprised largely of miners and steel workers.

Small wonder then that the foreign aid administrator should find optimism in the situation. Small wonder, also, that he should declare that "our goal is not to win World War III, but to prevent it."

We can prevent war by strengthening the defenses of the western world and maintaining unity among the Democracies.

Some day we may have peace based on a universal desire for it. But as things now stand peace depends on the western nations maintaining the balance of military and industrial power which they now hold.

That may sound crude, but it's a fact which we must accept and act upon. Russia will not undertake a major war against the odds which now oppose her. Should she be able to reverse that balance the picture might change.

VAGRANTS JAILED

Robert Wayne Palmer, 21, and Albert Leslie Smith, 22, both of Phoenix, Ariz., were sentenced Wednesday by Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes to serve 15 days in the county jail on charges of vagrancy.

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