

Slight Decline In U.S. Housing Construction Viewed Next Year

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Prentice-Hall in its 1960 outlook for industry and commerce foresees a record year in 1959 with practically all lines rising, and making their best showing in the first half.

Late in the year, the firm finds prospect of some slowing down.

In line with other recent forecasts this one places gross national product at \$501 billion to \$510 billion, a rise of 5 to 7 per cent. It looks for a 1 to 2 per cent rise in the cost of living and a tiny change in wholesale prices.

About the only place where a decline is anticipated is in housing starts, but overall construction is expected to set a record high.

Among the records anticipated are steel, construction, chemical and plastics, textiles, retail trade, electric utilities, electrical equipment and electronics, rubber, tobacco, apparel, appliances, home furnishings, meat and poultry and paper and paperboard.

Second Best Year For Autos

Automobile production is expected to attain its second best year. Coal is expected to make a

good gain. So are the railroads. The service looks for a rise over 1958 of about 8 per cent in advertising and publishing.

Agricultural equipment faces curtailed volume, with farm income slated to decline.

Good gains are looked for in beverages, with distilled spirits up 15 per cent after a 25 per cent rise in 1958.

Cuts in housing are expected to trim shipments of lumber, cement, plumbing supplies, brick and tile, but surging industrial construction will bolster the 1960 outlook for structural steel, glass and paint, Prentice-Hall says.

All packaging segments are predicted on the upbeat in 1960. Dairy products are expected to rise with milk, butter, and cheese leading an upturn in prices.

Further increases in 1960 are looked for in drugs and toiletries. Growing population and higher incomes are seen aiding food processors. Natural gas sales, up 10 per cent in 1959, are expected to duplicate that rise in 1960.

The first half of 1960 is expected to be the best. The second half may see some resistance to the recovery.

The tight money squeeze, says

Prentice-Hall, "will eventually topple the Wall Street Bull market."

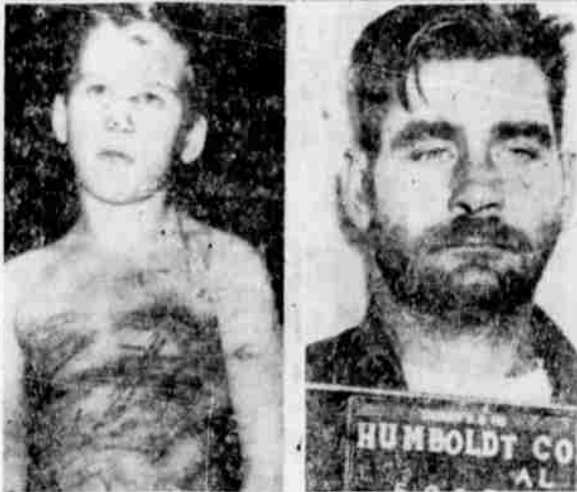
"Also that's likely to push the 1960 business boom—ripe for topping out in any case—into a moderate decline, running into 1961.

After this slowdown, Prentice-Hall expects another raw auto, housing, consumer durables, capital goods, and stock market boom—marking the start of a big new business upsurge for the surging sixties.

The firm injects a warning that applies to the coming year and beyond.

"We still haven't found the answers to the double threat and challenge that continue to cloud the promising long-term outlook."

"The unchecked threat of chronic creeping inflation could eventually force devaluation of the dollar. And the challenge of Russian and Chinese Communism on an economic, political, scientific, and—possibly—military rampage has yet to be squarely confronted."



SEVERE PUNISHMENT — Michael Kramer, 8, (left) shows the criss-crossed scars which resulted from the brutal beatings his father (right) gave him for telling a lie. Kramer, 39, a 170-pound Miranda, Calif., logger, whipped the boy for two days with a plastic clothesline. He has been placed in solitary confinement in the Eureka, Calif., jail on charges of inhuman punishment of a child.

Nazarene Church Children Will Present Program

The title of the Christmas Sermon which the Rev. Lawrence Abba will deliver at the Church of the Nazarene, will be, "Call His Name Jesus." Rev. Abba will deliver the sermon during a unified service this Sunday with the Primary and Junior Departments of the Sunday school. The service will start at 10 a.m. Boys and girls are asked to be present by the regular time of 9:45.

The boys and girls will be presenting their program under the direction of Mrs. June Abba and Mrs. Vee Fager. There will be recitations and different classes will present readings. There will be an Angel Chorus made up of the following girls: Sherri Abba, Sharon Botting, Reta Bradley, Joyce Herron, Karen Nunn, and Glenda Stout. Miss Carolyn Alexander is the pianist for the service.

At the close of the service, treats will be given children present and the young people of the church will take treats to shut-ins who are unable to attend the service.

At 7 p.m. Sunday, the Jr. High and High School department will present a Christmas Pageant, "Stranger in Bethlehem." The public is invited to these special services. The youth choir will sing carols and anthems and after the service they will go carolling. Mrs. Bette Blakeney is director of the pageant. Mrs. Hazel Wilcox is pianist and Miss Carolyn Alexander is organist for the Sunday Evening pageant.

Light In Darkness Title Of Sermon

"A Light in the World's Darkness" will be the title of the Rev. Louis M. Samson's sermon at The First Presbyterian Church at the morning worship service on Sunday. The Sacrament of Baptism will be held and new members will be received into the fellowship of the church.

The choir will sing "Carol of the Sheep Bells" by Kountze and "Christmas Day," a fantasy on old carols, by Holts with solo voices being Mrs. Lyle McMullen, Warren Good, Mrs. Harlow Speckhart, Mrs. Thomas Cook, Douglas Eustace, Lyle Johnson, Mrs. Forrest Masters, Max McGlasson, and Lewis Stilwell.

As an offertory number the quartet will sing "No Candle Was There and No Fire" by Lehmann. Members of the quartet are Max McGlasson, Lewis Stilwell, Warren Good and Lyle Johnson.

Immediately following the morning worship service, Westminster Guild will sponsor a coffee hour in Richardson Parlor so that members of the congregation may honor the choir and welcome new members. At 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

TO TRY SANTA BLASPHEMERS

PONTIAC, Mich. (UPI)—Two construction workers will be tried Jan. 3 on charges of calling Santa Claus a dirty name. Herbert Holdsworth and James C. Dunn were arrested after 7-year-old Kenny Green told his mother he heard them saying bad things about Santa. The men pleaded innocent to charges of using obscene language.

The Church School Christmas Worship service will be held with the pageant "Come to Bethlehem" being presented following the service. Junior High Fellowship will go carolling.

On Thursday, Christmas Eve, there will be a candlelight worship service in Richardson Parlor at 7 p.m. This will be a family worship service.

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U.S., Canadians Reach Pact On Columbia River Sharing

WASHINGTON (UPI)—American and Canadian officials have worked out a basic plan for an "equitable" sharing of waters from the mighty Columbia river, it was learned today.

The International Joint Commission, the agency charged with drafting a set of principles for development of the vast Columbia Basin, declined to reveal details of the plan.

But it was reliably reported that the two nations will split Columbia waters about 50-50.

In a terse announcement Wednesday, the IJC said only that representatives of both sides have agreed on a set of principles to

govern joint development of the river.

Details of the final agreement are expected to be announced simultaneously by the United States and Canadian governments within the next month, possibly in one or two weeks.

A Commission spokesman said that in the statement of principles the two nations agreed on an "equitable sharing of Columbia water."

He said IJC representatives from both sides concurred in the apportionment and the governments were expected to follow suit.

The IJC spokesman said that one of the factors which helped break the year-long deadlock was a clarification of the Peace river situation in British Columbia.

A Swedish industrialist, Axel Wenner-Gren, has proposed private development of the Peace river which flows primarily in British Columbia. At first it was feared that the Wenner-Gren project might detract from development of the Columbia river in British Columbia and thus reduce amount of Columbia river water which could be used jointly by the U.S. and Canada.

However, the IJC spokesman said the feeling now is that the Columbia could be developed in all of Canada regardless of what happens to the Peace river. Further, he said the premier of British Columbia and the government of Ottawa both "strongly support" full development of the Columbia in British Columbia as well as in other parts of Canada.

The spokesman said the Peace river clarification was an "important factor" in helping the Commission, which held three days of meetings here this week to arrive at the "equitable" sharing plan.

"It was clear this week that there no longer was a question of choosing between the two rivers in British Columbia," the spokesman said. "The Commission knew that both could be developed without detriment to either country."

10 Years Ago Franco's Regime Was Blacklisted By Americans

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In Madrid, President Eisenhower will be conferring with a regime which less than 10 years ago was on the black list of almost every nation.

The Francisco Franco regime has come back a long way in the intervening years, and it may be assumed that the Eisenhower visit will be used by the Spanish government as an instrument to hasten its full return to the family of nations.

On his 11-nation tour, the President has been visiting capitals of widely varying political creeds. In each, the final communique summing up his visit has been the result of a careful selection of words.

The Spanish communique will be no less carefully prepared.

In Spain, the opposition to Generalissimo Franco is allowed few opportunities to speak.

Franco Opposition Muffled

But it has found voice to say it hopes that any words from the U.S. President will be addressed to the Spanish people and not to

Franco alone.

That portion of the world which fought the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis in World War II, has not easily forgotten that Axis submarines and airplanes found haven in Spanish ports and on Spanish airfields.

There has been small basic change in the policies which Franco first instituted when he took power more than 20 years ago, but the world picture has changed drastically. Western defenses against expanding Communism demanded that Spain, regardless of policy or politics, be brought into the Western camp.

The United States began the negotiations which resulted in U.S. air and naval bases on Spanish soil and in vast amounts of U.S. economy to the impoverished nation.

Franco, once bitterly critical of America, now is moving toward better relations. So is West Germany. Spain has been accepted by the United Nations.

Spain still has not been invited to join the North Atlantic Treaty

Nations (NATO) and says she does not want to be, that her alliance with the United States is enough.

Though political unrest appears to be mounting, Spain's chief difficulty is economic.

A year ago Spain was plunging toward bankruptcy because of a too-rapid expansion of industry.

Today, she is embarked on a rigorous campaign of economic stabilization and has been the recipient of more than 400 million dollars in loans.

But the austerity campaign still has not proved itself, and many in business and government are grumbling. Unemployment is on the rise.

Franco is not overly popular with the man in the street, but even his opponents wonder what Spain would do without him.

Obviously, he has no immediate intention of quitting.

The Eisenhower visit underlines the increasing acceptance that Spain is finding outside its borders. In Spain, it is being cited a proof of the correctness of Franco's long-time policies.

Pinocle Party Held By Lodge

Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sister held another card party at the KP hall Saturday evening. Prizes went to the following: Arden Walker, ladies' high; Margaret Hoover, ladies' fourth; George Hoover, men's high; Al Dunham, men's fourth; and Arden Walker, 300 pinocle. The door prize also went to Arden Walker.

Refreshments were served by Inez Runney and Beth Fields. This was the last party to be held until after the holidays. We wish to thank the public and friends who helped make these parties so enjoyable.

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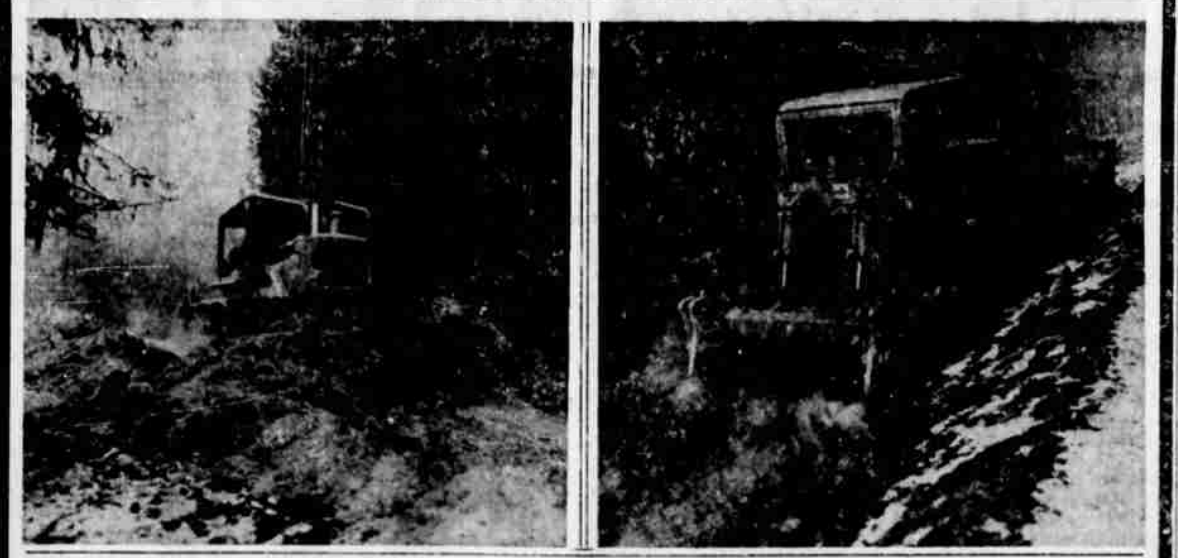
25 years ago, unusual warm weather in the Grande Ronde Valley area was broken by a sudden snowfall that measured four inches. Predictions were that the La Grande area would have a white Christmas.

The E.O.N. basketball team, in an exhibition game here, waited over the Union Towners by 73 to 10. Eastern Oregon Normal Coach Bob Quinn said after the 6's that it was a game that never should have been played.

15 years ago, reports of the Pacific Northwest region being hit by Japanese balloons laden with high explosives were heard. With the finding of a large balloon on the western border section of Montana, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., lifted somewhat the veil of secrecy on the strange "bombardment."

Montana people said it was first believed that the balloons carried Japanese spies.

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