Wide Open Race for Title Seen in NW Conference

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

The Northwest Conference basketball family is looking forward to perhaps the closest pennant scramble in years as the six members get set for combat in first round games.

The College of Idaho Coyotes, who have dominated the NWC in recent campaigns with their Elgin Baylor, R. C. Owens, Bill Kundrat and Max Sanchez, look as if they've returned to the level upon which their adversaries have resided during the golden Coyote years.

The Coyotes swept the title last year with an 11-4 record. Linfield and Pacific University finished in a tie for second with 9-6 marks. Lewis & Clark had an 8-7, Willamette 5-10 and Whitman 3-12.

Linfield and Pacific have lost big stars from their squads of last season also. Gone from Roy Helser's Wildcats are Don Porter, the great scorer, and Dave Sanford the rugged forward. Pacific has lost All-Conference Danny French, center Gene Deshler, forward Bill Bacon and coach Harv Roloff.

Although they have added flashy replacements, none are expected to be nearly as efficient this season as were those they are succeeding.

Looking at each squad:

LEWIS & CLARK: Coach Eldon Fix' Pioneers could be the outfit to take over the roost held by College of Idaho. Fix has such returning capables as 6-6 Loren Michelsen, 6-5 Don Ward, 6-1 Cliff Shelton, 6-0 Joe Boutin and 6-0 Duane Brady. He can add to these such as 6-7 Max Gerlt, 6-5 Roger Fleck, 6-3 Gene Tankersly, 6-0 Joe Johnson, 5-11 Roger Williams and the Stempel brothers, Bill and Ron, both at 6-1. Also notable is the December record compiled by the Pioneers. There were twice as many wins as there were losses.

LINFIELD: Roy Helser's Wildcats cannot be expected to be as tough as they were last season, but could get considerable results from other returnees Ralph Harms (6-4), Russ Kofford (6-2), Bill Machamer (6-1), Dick Brown (5-11), Ron Van Dolah (6-2), John Huggins (6-3) and Larry Hermo (5-8). Newcomers include 6-5 Glenn Williams, 6-4 Bill Hughey, 6-8 Carl Goetze, 6-3 Terry Woods, 5-7 Jack Riley and 5-8 Ken Trathen.

WILLAMETTE: If Johnny Lewis can get the necessary results from his big senior, 6-7 Neil Causbie, and consistent outside shooting by newcomers Ed Grossenbacher (5-10), Dick Hartley (6-2), Ron Holt (6-4) and Jim Thompson (6-3), the Bearcats could be right up in there. Holdovers Vic Backlund (6-2), Keith Driver (5-9), Don Hoy (6-1), and Ron Taylor (6-0) will see plenty of service. For the first time in a number of seasons, Willamette appears to have good reserve strength and ramblers who can make Lewis' pet fast-break style click.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY: Vic Adams is the new mentor at Forest Grove, and inherited lettermen Ron Barendse (6-2), Don Brenneman (6-0), Bob Gehrts (5-11), Jerry Kalapus (6-5), Don Adams (5-11) and Tom Bourgeous (6-4). He's added newcomers Dick Smith (6-1), Bill Caldwell (6-4), Wendel Neihbur (6-6), Bill Braun (5-11), Bill Thorpe (5-11) and Orin Perkins (6-1). The Badgers didn't have a good December record, but may get much better once Adams' new system sinks in.

COLLEGE OF IDAHO: With the veteran J. A. (Babe) Brown at the helm, the Coyotes can be a capable outfit despite losing so many standouts. But they have it to prove. Roger Judd at 6-0, Dave Burton at 6-3, Bob Bement at 6-1, Dick Zury at 6-0, Bob Perkins at 6-0, Gary Moore at 6-1, George Makini at 6-1, Mike Berklan at 6-2 and Don Moore at 5-10 are returnees. Newcomers include 6-7 Julian Lacz, 6-4 Ralph Laca, 6-4 Ralph Aldrich, 6-2 Ed Merritt and 6-3 Dave Ackerman.

WHITMAN: Coach Bob Burgess has only five lettermen in 6-5 Keith Green, 6-1 Max Johnson, 6-1 Bill Greable, 5-10 Ron Parker and 5-8 Bob Becker. New faces belong to 6-5 Bob Chrisman, 6-5 Jerry Baker, 6-2 Robin Beck, 6-0 Mike Cline, 5-11 George McDonald and Dick West and 5-10 Dave Klicker and Max Seachris. Burgess feels that if his new men come through as he hopes they will, Whitman will be tough to beat.

Opening action is set for Saturday, January 5, when Pacific plays at Lewis & Clark. The weekend of January 11-12 finds Willamette and Linfield getting together, while Lewis & Clark is at College of Idaho and Pacific at Whitman.

Ray Spars Briskly In Last Ring Drill

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson rung out the old year by battering sparmate Lee Williams today in his final boxing drill for Wednesday's middleweight title defense while his opponent, Gene Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah, confined his training to road work.

Robinson switched operating to trainer Harry Wiley's gym in Harlem after doing road work at his Greenwood Lake, N.Y., camp. The idea of the extra sparring session, according to George Gainford, his head advisor, was "to show the public he is fit."

"We want to assure Mr. Fullmer that he will walk into the Madison Square Garden ring Wednesday night," said Gainford whose charge has been known to miss an engagement now and then.

Late for Workout

Robinson arrived late for the workout with a blue beret set jauntily on his head. He talked briefly with reporters and then went to work.

"I have no ailments," he assured the writers. "I thought I was in good shape before I had the virus and I think I'm in good shape now."

As for Fullmer, Robinson commented: "I have had the pleasure of watching Mr. Fullmer in a few rounds with Bobby Boyd. They tell me he is something like Rocky Graziano only Rocky depended more on one punch. They say he's rough and strong."

Better Shape Now

When somebody mentioned Jake LaMotta's name, Robinson quickly said, "I sure hope he (Fullmer) is not as strong as Jake."

Wiley said he thought Robinson might be even better for this date Wednesday than for the original date Dec. 12 when he came down with a virus attack and had to ask a postponement.

Ernie Braca and Harold (Killer) Johnson, Robinson's co-managers, said they planned to ask "strict enforcement of the rules against butting and low punching."

Good Show by Sugar

"Fullmer charges in head down," said Johnson. "I never saw him do any intentional butting. But it's just a conflict of styles."

Robinson, appraised of these plans, said he knew nothing about them. "This is the first I heard of it," he added.

In the ring Robinson stunned Wiliams a middleweight from Augusta, Ga., with a straight right in the first round and shook him up twice in the second round with right uppercuts.

Always ready to put on a show, Ray deliberately hit Williams after the final bell and then hugged him. During the sparring, Robinson nodded to friends at ringside. His camp crew said he boxed 115 rounds for the fight.

Awards Go To Redlegs

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31 (AP) — Gabe Paul and Birdie Tebbetts of the third-place Cincinnati Redlegs today were named the major league executive and manager of the year by The Sporting News. Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees won the top player award.

The national baseball weekly said in the past two years members of the pennant-winning teams, the New York Giants in 1954 and Brooklyn Dodgers in 1955, swept all three selections.

It said the third-place finish of the Redlegs in the National League was largely due to the combined efforts of vice-president and general manager Paul and Tebbetts and helped produce a record Cincinnati attendance of 1,125,928.

The top minor league awards from the newspaper for individual accomplishment in 1956 went to:

Steve Bilko, first baseman of Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast League, player of the year.

Bowl Teams In Wild Tilt

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bowl because of an NCCA probation) and has lost three games, while Syracuse is considered "second choice" for visiting team—Navy turned down an invitation.

Brown, Swink Top Backs

The crowd is going to be watching Jim Brown, Syracuse's all-America halfback, the most. The huge negro, weighing 222 and able to run 100 yards in 10.2, is probably the biggest hurdle a TCU team ever faced.

Leading the purple legions again is Jim Swink, the kinetic guy who was All-America last year and made a garrison finish this campaign to make All-Southwest conference. Swink heads a trio of ball-carriers that are giving Coach Ben Schwartzwalder as much concern as Brown is giving TCU's Abe Martin. Swink, Buddy Dike and Ken Wineburg gained 665, 658 and 598 yards respectively.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

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. . . Just thought mebbe you'd like to look over what happened in that one, and be reminded of a few pertinent facts.

First and possibly most important of all, note that Ken Ploen, the quarterback who became such a mighty in the Iowa attack as the season progressed, and upon whom the Hawkeyes will be counting mostly today, did nothing more in that first game than throw three passes, one of which was intercepted. Randy Duncan, the regular quarterback early in October has since been replaced by the magnificent Ploen . . . Note also that Iowa did not score against the Staters on the ground. Two passes did it, and their receivers were left uncovered in the OSC end zone . . . OSC scored on one pass play and on a 49-yard run by Lowe, through the vaunted Iowa defense . . .

Statistics on that first game favored the Hawkeyes, who are favored to take today's classic. Rushing yardage was 226 to 158 for Iowa. The Hawkeyes completed 4 passes in 14 attempts for 66 yards. Oregon State threw 9 times and completed 5 for 97 yards. First downs, which mean nothing, were 15 for Iowa, 9 for OSC. What is important is the fact that Iowa engineered 59 rushing plays during the game, while OSC was limited to 34. The Hawkeyes thus controled the ball more than did the Beavers.

Much Has Changed Since That First One

Net yardage again favored Iowa, 271 to 236. Iowa lost three fumbles, OSC two. The punting averages were 37 yards for the victors, 34 for the losers. And, finally, Oregon State was penalized 78 yards, Iowa 35.

Much has been accomplished by both teams since that October 6 game, and each has improved greatly. Which makes the facts, figures and result of that clash as worthless as a ticket to watch it from a 50-yard line perch. Oregon State didn't have Ploen to contend with then. On the other hand, OSC's Earnel Durden carried the ball only one time that afternoon.

What happens today may in no way resemble that which came about on October 6 at Iowa City. Especially the final score. We still think Oregon State will get 'em this time . . .

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Rose Bowl Clash Today

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ready for. He runs a new offense every year," Tommy continued. "Tomorrow will be a new year."

The weather remained foggy today but better weather was promised for the 2 o'clock kickoff (Pacific Standard Time), with more than 100,000 eyewitnesses expected to jam the bowl for the 11th meeting in the Big Ten-PCC series.

Game on Radio, TV

The game will also be televised and radio broadcast nationally by the National Broadcasting Co.

Evashevski will lead off with Ken Ploen quarterbacking his wing-T offense, and Don Debrino at left halfback. He said he will not decide until game time whether right half and full will be manned by Bill Happel and Fred Harris or the erstwhile second stringers, Mike Hagler and John Nocera.

Across the line from left to right will be Jim Gibbons, Alex Karras, Frank Bloomquist, Don Suchy, Bob Commings, Dick Klein and Frank Gilliam.

Francis at Tailback

Oregon State's backfield at the start will be Joe Francis at the key tailback position in the Prothro single wing attack. Earnel Durden will start at right half, Gerry Laird at the blocking quarterback spot and Tom Berry at fullback.

From end to end it will be Norm Thiel, All - America John Witte, John Sniffen, Dick Corrick, Jim Brackins, Dave Jesmer and Bob Grant.

Lewis Happy With Results

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game against Nevada. The Bearcats trailed 42-17 at the end of the first half in that game. In the second half, Willamette outscored Nevada but lost 79-55.

All of the game uniforms were lost when one of the team member's car caught fire and was destroyed before the uniforms could be removed from the luggage compartment. The fire occurred when a tire blew out in California and flames suddenly started in the rear of the auto. All players abandoned the car but were unable to go back after any luggage because of danger from a possible explosion of the gas tank.

Besides the uniforms, personal belongings of Don Hoy, ace Bearcat guard, and Paul Edwards, team manager, were lost.

Lewis said that because of the good impression made by Willamette, the Bearcats may get an invitation to the tourney again next year. Freshman Ed Grossenbacker and senior Don Hoy were named on the all-star teams of the tourney.

Willamette now takes an eight day rest before returning to practice Jan. 7 in preparation for their Northwest Conference opener with Linfield Jan. 11.

Tide Table

TIDES FOR TAFT, OREGON
January, 1957

(Compiled by U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.)

	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Time	Height	Time	Height
1	1:24 a.m.	5.4	6:14 a.m.	2.9
	12:05 p.m.	7.2	7:16 p.m.	-0.7
2	1:37 a.m.	5.5	6:55 a.m.	2.9
	12:42 p.m.	7.0	7:50 p.m.	-0.5
3	2:30 a.m.	5.6	7:37 a.m.	2.8
	1:19 p.m.	6.7	8:21 p.m.	-0.2

SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST

By hal sharp

BOBCAT HUNTING TACTICS

WHEN HOTLY PURSUED BY A HUNTER WITH ONLY A COUPLE OF HOUNDS, A BOBCAT, FLOUNDERING IN DEEP SNOW OF THE NORTH, TIRES QUICKLY, MAKING THE CHASE A SHORT ONE.

WHERE THERE IS LITTLE OR NO SNOW BUT PLENTY OF BRUSH, A FAST PACK OF HOUNDS MAY BE FORCED TO CHASE A BOBCAT FOR HOURS BEFORE THEY KILL OR TREE HIM. IN THIS KIND OF HUNTING, HUNTERS ARMED WITH SHOTGUNS USING BB OR NO. 2 SHOT, WAIT AT A STAND WHERE THE CIRCLING CAT WILL PASS.

OSC Coach Still Irked

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selling for as much as the price of a football ticket, $5.50, and if you're real lucky you can park your car in someone's empty lot or driveway a mile away from the parade route for $3.

Almost 2000 hopeful Oregonians are taking in the formal alumni-booster dinner tonight at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles. We missed that one purposely as we wish to feel healthy tomorrow.

It may not develop into the individual battle that developed in the Oregon State-Stanford game between John Witte and John Wiggin but another such scrap could easily exit between the same All-American Witte and Iowa's Alex Karras tomorrow. Both are great tackles and both are almost identically the same size, Witte at 6-2 and 232, Karras as 6-2 and 233. Both are proficient at the collegiate mat sport, also. Karras is the Big Ten heavyweight champion and Witte hopes to nab that same laural in the PCC next spring.

Rugged Bowl Tilt Expected

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Clemson gave no indication that they were planning any changes in strategy. Howard noted, however, that a broken thumb which kept his quarterback, Charley Bussey, from passing in some regular season games now has healed.

Quarterback Boyd Dowler, who throws from the Colorado I formation, and left halfbacks Bob Stransky and Howard Cook, who pitch from the single wing, are all accurate passers. Bussey is the only man who has passed for Clemson.

Beaten 35-0 by Oregon in its opening game, Colorado has shown much improvement and lost only one other game, to Oklahoma. And the Buffaloes forced the National champions to come from behind to win that one, 27-19.

Gal Diver Top Athlete

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Mann, Arlington, Va., and Walter Reed S.C., Olympic 100 - meter butterfly champion and world record holder in the event, 55 firsts and 693 points; Olympic weightlifting champion Tommy Kono, Sacramento, Calif., 43 and 492; Charles (Chuck) Darling, of the Phillips Oilers and member of the Olympic winning basketball team, 39 and 439, and Bill Yorzyk, Olympic 200-meter butterfly champion from Northampton, Mass., and the New Haven S.C., 17 and 211 points.

2nd Woman to Win

Mrs. McCormick, mother of a nine-months old boy, and wife of the Olympic women's diving coach, Glenn McCormick, became the second woman ever to win the prized Sullivan Trophy. Olympic swimming champion Ann Curtis was awarded the prize in 1944.

The massive, silver trophy is presented annually by the Amateur Athletic Union to "the amateur athlete, who, by performance, example and good influence, did most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship during the year."

Only five days ago, the 5-4, 128-pound blonde star, was named female athlete of the year in the annual Associated Press poll.

TSU Favored In Bowl Tilt

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 31 (AP)—Texas Southern University, co-champion of the Southwestern Negro Conference, was a touchdown favorite for its second game of the season against Prairie View A&M in the 29th annual Prairie View Bowl tomorrow.

A crowd of 17,000 is expected at Public School Stadium.

It will be the fourth time for the two teams to meet in the annual bowl game, with each team having won twice.

Texas Southern, with a 9-1 season record, defeated Prairie View, 13-7, during regular season. Prairie View had a 4-5 record.

Probable starting linemen for TSU are John White and Hollis Felder at ends, Chester Roy and James Thompson at tackles, Lero, Calhoun and William Evans at guard, and James Williams at center.

A. T. Durley will be the quarterback, with Ernest Lang and John Felder at halfback, and big Lloyd Gardley at fullback.

Prairie View's backfield will include James Rickett at quarterback, William Stell and Calvin Scott at halfback, and Clemin Daniels at fullback.

In the line for the Panthers will be Heron Tibbs and Eugene Lewis at end, Charles Broussard and David Brown at tackle, Ruddis Hitchins and Grentris Hornsby at guard, and Theodore Guller at center.

Wolgamott Victor

MT. ANGEL, Dec. 31 (Special)—Wolgamott's defeated M&M Plywood, 67-52, in a non-league basketball game tonight between two City League teams. Fred Beyer with 20 points was high for the game. Wolgamott's led at halftime, 39-24.

Wolgamott (67)		(52) M & M
F. Beyer (20)	F	(3) Corey
Wachter (2)	F	(2) Miotke
Bonley (14)	C	(19) Stephenson
C. Beyer (12)	G	(18) Bates
Platz (13)	G	(8) Ruef

Reserves scoring: Wolgamott—Turin 8.

Inside TV

Hope's Alaska Trip Filled With Danger

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 31—STARR REPORT: The word from Bob Hope's Alaskan junket is that Hope, Ginger Rogers, Jerry Colonna, Mickey Mantle and a lot of other people came as uncomfortably close to death as one would care to come—but none of them knew it until the danger was over.

Bob and his troupe had taken off from Anchorage en route to Fairbanks, where the temperature was a fast 47 degrees below zero. You read it right the first time — 47! When the plane got over Fairbanks, the pilot had to circle the field for 45 minutes, explaining to his passengers that the field was temporarily fogged in with what is known as ice fog. The truth of the matter, which the pilot wisely didn't explain until they had landed, was that he couldn't get the landing gear down! It had frozen, and it took the crew 45 minutes to get it loose.

Once safely back in Anchorage, where it was only around five below, it took another three hours to get their states-bound plane ready for the trip. At the end of the second hour of waiting, it was cheerfully reported to them that "three of the four engines are now working." And two-thirds of the way back the pilot had to cut his air speed down. Reason: running low on gas.

Any time you think a star's life is a bed of roses, ask Bob Hope and the people who went with him.

STARRDUST: Gale Storm is now back at work on her "Oh! Susanna" film series following the birth of her little girl, Susanna Jo.

Hal Roach, Jr., is working on a deal to film a series with Ralph Bellamy titled "Guns of Destiny," to be syndicated. His new "Blondie" series is all set to start on NBC in January, with Arthur Lake and Pamela Britton.

There's a country-type musical on the planning boards as a spectacular for Elvis Presley.

NBC is keeping its fingers crossed and writing a script for a spectacular based on Lysistrata, with the writer tailoring it specifically to the talents of Marilyn Monroe and Katharine Hepburn. Tentatively penciled in for next November, it will be produced and directed by John Huston.

Perry Como's Christmas show took the shoelaces right off of Jackie Gleason's "Honeymooners," scoring a Trendex rating of 35 to Gleason's 16.9. That's the worst beating Gleason has ever taken.

SHORT SHOTS: Jim Davis and Peggie Castle, who starred together in a lot of "Stories of the Century" TV films, will be costarred in an "O. Henry Playhouse" episode, "After Twenty Years."

Producer Hal Wallis still insists he'll make "Sad Sack" at Paramount with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Jerry still insists he'd love to do the picture, but without Dean. Dean has yet to be heard from on the subject. If I know Jerry, however, there will be no more Martin & Lewis pictures, "Sad Sack" or no "Sad Sack."

Desilu will turn out $21,420,000 worth of TV film in 1957, $15,645,000 of which will be earmarked for its own productions.

There's a man down in Texas who claims he has seen 6,822 movies in the past 24 years. That adds up to 14 months of solid movie watching and it is my suspicion that the man is crazy. Why, even I don't watch that much television.

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Stocks Hit High Early This Year But Back Away

By ED MORSE

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market hit an all-time high early in 1956, then backed away from it.

After a year's trading, the general level of prices was not much different than it was toward the end of 1955.

The biggest question on Wall Street was whether the great seven-year bull market had run out of gas or was just taking a breather. By year's end there was no definite answer.

To those who follow stock market charts it looked as if the market would move up, and down within a trading range for a while. They noted it has bounced up from the "floor" four times and hit the "ceiling" — or close to the April high — three times.

Whether some big new development would break the market out of this range one way or another, nobody dared predict.

In contrast to the raging bull market of 1955 with its irresistible upward surge in the prices of common stocks, 1956 was a year of caution.

Turnover Declines

The comparative figures on trading volume indicate this plainly. In 1955 an average of nearly 2,600,000 shares changed hands each day. In 1956 the turnover was around 2,200,000 shares daily.

In 1955 there were days when volume soared to four, five and seven million shares. In 1956, the biggest day's volume was 3,900,000.

Traders and investors had plenty to be cautious about. Overall, it was a fine year for American business despite some spotty aspects in the economy such as the steel strike and the falloff in auto sales. The big overall statistics, such as gross national product, were higher than in record-breaking 1955. But the year was festooned with news events of a disconcerting nature.

It was Eisenhower's heart attack which sent the market plummeting in the fall of '55. It regained its old high in December only to back away later that month and continue its pessimistic mood as 1956 got under way. From the January low, however, it began a slow rise capped Feb. 15 by an advance based on a favorable medical report concerning Eisenhower. His announcement Feb. 29 that he would run was the signal for an old-fashioned, 1955-type advance. Within two sessions the previous all-time high was bettered.

By April 6 a new bull market high of $191.50 was reached in the Associated Press average of 60 stocks compared with the 1955 high of $181.50.

Rumblings from the Middle East, fears of a raise in the discount rate and selling to pay income taxes tripped the advance. Then on April 12 the Federal Reserve Board acted, hiking the discount rate in one of the various anti-inflationary moves the government took in 1956. Tight money and high interest rates were to inhibit the market most of the year.

GM Closing Hits Hard

But the market rebounded, almost but not quite reaching the all-time high May 4. Within a week, news that General Motors would close all its plants for one day hit the blue chips hard. On May 14 the Russian announcement of a cut in military forces supplied another downward push. The news on June 8 that Eisenhower had suffered an attack of ileitis battered down prices in the worst session since the post-heart attack days in October '55.

The market then began a slow, painful recovery aided by a favorable medical report on the President and the reaffirmation of his candidacy July 10. The long steel strike which began June 30 failed to stop the advance of steel, motor and rail shares. The rise topped out, on Aug. 2—again almost, but not quite, reaching the April 6 historic top. It looked as if a ceiling had been established.

Egyptian seizure of the Suez Canal at the end of July was moderated by a steel labor settlement, so far as stock prices were concerned. But the Suez crisis was to go from bad to worse.

The Demcoratic victory in Maine last September was a further depressant to the "Eisenhower market."

By year's end an old Wall Street maxim was all too clear: "The market is not a one-way street."

Boom in U.S. Expected to Set More Records

By L. A. BROPHY

NEW YORK (AP)—Will Americans continue to enjoy good times in 1957?

Yes, said the evidence as 1956 ended.

There may be a slowdown after the first six months in the massive economic forces that have been rolling prosperity across the natios, but there is pretty general agreement that 1957 may see new economic records set.

But war is seen as the principal threat to continued happy days for everyone, with the vexations of inflation, an irritating gadfly.

These things are seen as keeping life in the business boom:

1. Increased government expenditures because of the world turmoil.

Higher Wages Assured

2. Built-in elements that will bring higher wage levels. Many longterm labor contracts provide for yearly increases.

3. Continued rise in the level of the nation's gross national product (the sum total of all goods and services.)

4. Continued strong buying power.

5. Expansion by industry for new plants and facilities.

Some of the expected economic gains, especially in the gross national product, undoubtedly will be due to inflation. In other words, perhaps half of the possible rise in GNP may be accounted for by rising prices, not actual production.

More Money in Pocket

But does inflation worry the average person? Apparently, not so far. He has more money in his pocket and certainly feels more prosperous. He complains about prices, but continues to buy.

The real danger would be a massive dose of rising prices. That does not seem to be indicated.

Informed government officials say there is no present prospect that President Eisenhower will ask Congress for any such legislation.

Credit Under Study

A potential brake may be established on consumer credit. That subject is being studied now and the Federal Reserve Board is in process of compiling a report. If any such thing is done, it likely will take the form of standby authority.

So, you could find it a little tougher in 1957 to buy that new car, dishwasher or house on the cuff.

MOMMY — By THE MOSSLERS

"Aren't you glad you stuck to straight ginger ale last night? Now, you have a nice clear head to help me with a million odd jobs today!"

New Year Finds Atom Industry Speeding Up

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—The new year finds the peacetime atomics industry speeding up to meet a double challenge — Russian and British threats to U. S. leadership, and the possible entry of the government into A-power production.

In spite of solid progress in 1956, the year raised crucial questions which 1957 may resolve: Is the private nuclear power industry going fast enough? Or should the government build atom-fueled electric plants with the taxpayers' money?

Republicans staved off the latter proposal, advanced by Democrats in the 84th Congress, but the battle raged on through the election campaign. Democrats accused the administration of a policy of "drift" and Republicans accused Democrats of promoting "socialized power."

Compromise Indicated

But as the campaign oratory died away, there were some signs that the Democrats commanding Capitol Hill, the Republicans in charge downtown, and at least a part of the industry itself were about ready to seek a compromise in the Congress.

As 1956 ended, the privately owned electric utilities were launching a campaign to speed up the private construction of power reactors. The industry hoped this would help persuade Congress and the public that government intervention is not needed.

Reactors Planned

By any past standards, the 1956 achievements of the almost-profitless atomics industry were impressive. Private funds were being invested in A-power development at the rate of 20 million dollars a year. More than a dozen power reactors were in the planning stage for big and small cities. Some construction was in progress.

Six of the announced reactors, costing 200 million in all, were to be wholly privately financed. Another, the government-industry partnership plant at Shippingport, Pa., will start feeding electricity to Pittsburgh mills and homes this year.

The foreign market was opened up. At least 13 sales of research and power reactors to European, Latin American and Far Eastern countries were reported. British sales competition was encountered.

Uranium Output Up

American uranium ore output was pushed up to 13 million tons a year, making this country the free world's biggest producer. A dozen multimillion-dollar uranium mills have been built. It is predicted the number will double by 1958.

Under eagerly sought government contracts the industry was building a fleet of 15 atomic submarines and starting work on an 85,000-ton atomic aircraft carrier and the Navy's first atomic cruiser.

Congress authorized the first atomic merchant ship, a 12,000-ton freight-and-passenger carrier.

Six companies were at work on the development of atomic warplanes.

Foods Preserved

The atomic instruments industry continued to expand rapidly. Radioactive isotopes found new uses in industrial processes and food preservation.

On the atoms-for-peace front, President Eisenhower's 1953 proposal for an international pool of peacetime nuclear materials and know-how made great gains with the government earmarking 40,000 kilograms of U.S. uranium fuel for peaceful uses, bilateral agreements were signed — with Australia, France, the Netherlands and Switzerland—fixing terms by which this country will provide materials and information for power reactors abroad and the statute for an international atomic energy agency was signed. The organization will come into being in 1957, upon ratification by 18 of the 81 signing countries.

In the light of this record, why all the concern over the country's atomic future? Why the quarrel with the view of Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission, who contends private industry is moving ahead just as swiftly as the unfolding knowledge of nuclear science permits?

Strauss' Critics Reply

Strauss' critics reply that most of the projected big power reactors—those which will teach industry how to build plants that can compete in cost with coal and hydro generators — still exist only on paper.

And recent giant strides by the British and Russians, they contend, raise the possibility that one of both of those countries might wrest leadership from the United States in the crucial decade ahead.

Such an outcome, they argue, would be a grave loss of American prestige and an opportunity for Russia to do what this country would like to do —use the peaceful atom to cement friendship and trading ties with the underdeveloped countries.

America's Food Bill 5 Per Cent Over Last Year

By RIPLEY WATSON

NEW YORK (AP)—America's food bill showed no signs of shrinking in 1956.

Paul S. Willis, president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America, estimates the total amount spent on food this year at between 70 and 71 billion dollars. Most of that is the approximately 45 billion spent in supermarkets and corner grocery stores. It also includes food money at institutions, restaurants, roadside stands, milk and bread routes.

The total is about 5 to 6 per cent above 1955's 67 billion and the steady rate of growth means sales of about 73 billion next year, Willis figures. By 1965, he has said, the nation may well be shelling out 100 billion dollars a year for food.

Back in 1939, by way of contrast, the tab for food was a mere 16 billions.

Mushrooming sales of the so-called convenience products, on which the housewife has little or no preparation problem, helped boost food sales. For example, a selection of representative time-saving groceries scored a sales increase four times as large as their unprocessed counterparts in a yearlong test, Willis said.

Fast-growing frozen foods neared the two-billion dollar mark in sales, industry sources said, with an advance of about 10 per cent over 1955.

Prepared foods such as complete dinners, pies and meat pies increased 20 per cent, to 750 million pounds from 625 million.

How about 1957? Indications are retail food store prices will be one to 2 per cent higher.

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