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The Economic Report

The President's Economic Report, presented to Congress a few weeks ago, based on the findings of his Council of Economic Advisers, clearly hedges its bets on 1957. The report says:

"How economic activity will move in the coming months cannot confidently be forecasted."

How right that is! That vague counsel matches the best two-faced responses of the old Delphian oracle. However, it is about the only safe comment such an agency can make in times like the present.

The President's report goes to a joint congressional committee for review. We doubt, however, if the committee can come up with any better prediction on the course of business in 1957 or arrive at any firm agreement on policies the government should pursue.

The major concern now is over the threat of inflation. President Eisenhower called for private as well as government efforts to maintain a stable dollar. Non-government economists, however, think the government is not doing all it should do to curb inflationary forces.

Meantime the bite of higher interest is getting a grip. In recent weeks the Treasury offered one-year certificates on a 3 1/2 percent interest basis and a 3 1/4 year note on a 3 1/4 percent basis. This is the highest rate for government borrowings, with two exceptions in the last 25 years.

What we are going to see in 1957 is this: traffic in both directions. Inflation will be on the march; so will deflation. Those lines of endeavor which are the most popular or the best protected will prosper; others will suffer under the grind of competition, as the lumber business does now.

Deviating Compass Led to Discovery of Fabulous Iron Ore Deposits in Siberia

By JOSEPH ALSOP KOUSTENAY, Siberia, Feb. 11.—Over the centuries, limitless, snow-clad plains of this strange land of western Siberia, a young pilot was flying about six years ago towards this place, which was then a lonely railroad town of about 30,000 people.

that will trim profits. When the year ends, it will be rated as one of fair prosperity, with a note of hopefulness for improvement in 1958.

Campaign Spending

The last report of political expenditures made to the Senate elections committee, covering the period Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 1956 shows that Republican committees spent \$16,496,888 and Democrat committees \$10,035,193.

These are not complete by any means because reports do not include direct spending for candidates for state and local offices. They do show how big is the spending orgy for election of a President and members of Congress.

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We see that Adlai Stevenson is going out on the mashed potato circuit again. He did that after the 1952 election, attending countless fund-raising banquets to help mop up the party deficit. He is billed now for a Democratic \$50-the-plate dinner at San Francisco this week.

Lots of talk about reforms on the money end of campaigns, such as limiting number as well as size of individual contributions. In these days campaigning for office is frightfully expensive, what with television, airplane travel, hired help, etc.

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This, said the Ministry, "is your new job." That was in

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decision. Finally, when the fires got too hot, McKay did hold over at a meeting with the statehood committee in Anchorage.

The situation is much different now. The Republican party made quite explicit in its 1956 platform approval of statehood for Alaska.

In this connection it is only fair to report the marvelous job done under McKay's administration in rehabilitating the Alaska railroad, owned and operated by the government under Interior responsibility.

Just like this Monday morning's Statesman, I am glad that Admiral Radford, chairman J.C.S. has reassured the Senate that "there is no danger in the foreseeable future of any overt Soviet attack on the Middle East."

Time Flies FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago Feb. 12, 1947 Mrs. James T. Brand, wife of the Oregon supreme court justice now in Nurnberg, Germany, to act as a trial judge in Nazi war crime cases, expressed hope she could "find sea-legs somewhere just before boarding the Gen. M. B. Stewart."

25 Years Ago Feb. 12, 1932 Miss Elizabeth Waters, of Salem, will appear in a personal concert recital at Boston, Miss Waters who two years ago was given a scholarship from Perry Mansfield school of the dance also took special work in the Denishawn school.

40 Years Ago Feb. 12, 1917 The Washington junior high school honor roll for scholarships has been increased nearly one-third over the last time the roll was announced.

Schrunk Plans Traffic Board PORTLAND, Feb. 11.—Plans for establishing a city bureau of transportation and traffic were disclosed by Mayor Terry D. Schrunk today.

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS 1. What is wrong with this sentence: "I am free of all obligations and my future career should be interesting."

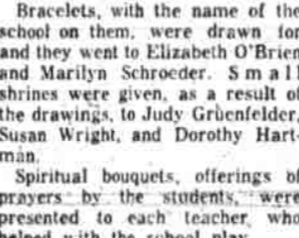
Demos Ask State Election Chief Appointment COOS BAY, Feb. 11.—The state Democratic Central Committee meeting here yesterday, called for appointment, rather than election, of the state's chief election official.

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SCHOOL REPORTER

By LOUISE SCHROEDER Students at Sacred Heart Academy were treated by the faculty Friday for their cooperation in recent school play ticket and patron selling contest.



At an assembly in the afternoon, prizes were awarded to the high sellers in the school. They are Joyce Wise, junior; Kay Collins, sophomore; and Elizabeth O'Brien, junior.

Charles LeRoy Armstrong, Dallas, was sentenced to three months probation on three separate criminal charges Monday in Marion County Circuit Court.

Judge Duncan ordered the three sentences to be served concurrently. Armstrong was sentenced on two counts of check forgery after trial convictions on both.

Dallas Road Mishap Hurts Pedestrian DALLAS, Ore., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Helen Logan of Los Gatos, Calif., received a sprained knee and other body injuries when struck by a car as she walked across Main Street here today.

Utah Student Teachers at Salem Schools Three girl student-teachers from Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah, have begun a five-week practice teaching stint in Salem elementary schools.

Granddaughter Of Founder of Stayton Dies LEBANON, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Dell L. Shellberg, 81, a granddaughter of the founder of the city of Stayton, died Sunday at a Lebanon hospital after an illness of four months.

Woman Stays Critical After Mate's Attack CONCORD, Calif., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Eleanor Wilson, formerly of Imbler, Ore., remained in critical condition today at Kaiser Hospital with six bullet wounds.

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East Salem Development Plan to Be Aired Tonight

Two proposed developments adjoining Southern Pacific Railroad tracks in East Salem will claim the attention of the City Planning Commission in what is expected to be a short meeting tonight.

Art Wall, manager of Westwood Products cabinetmakers, in which he points out that the north half of the location formerly occupied by Reinhold and Lewis, wood products manufacturers, at 500 S. 21st St. is zoned residential, preventing expansion in that direction.

The committee asked a two-week layover at the last meeting because of difficulty in determining the line between Simpson Street and a bordering Railroad right-of-way.

Another matter tabled at the last meeting is not expected to be ready for action today. A petition for rezoning property on the east side of North Church Street between Union Street and Mill Creek from residential to commercial was tabled for a committee study on a possible need for a new classification of zone to serve as a "buffer" between residential and business areas.

Planning Commission heads said the committee has not completed its study but will probably give an informal "progress report" tonight.

For Longer Periods A main value of the new system, said Myers, is its ability to keep the attention of pupils for longer periods—and consequently step up the speed of the learning process.

Myers said audio-visual techniques are capable of keeping attention of pupils for as long as 25 minutes, compared to 10 minutes under usual conditions.

Myers estimated that youngsters receiving the teaching innovation benefit by an additional 25 minutes more of reading each day.

It was emphasized by the school official that the pupils now getting this new aspect of teaching, receive it in addition to normal classroom reading procedures.

Phonics Returned Myers said phonics (sounding of letters and words—is retained in all classrooms. He said some parents have the mistaken impression that this aspect has been dropped.

While first dealings with the new system have proven highly satisfactory, Myers said no decision on general adoption is planned until first grade pupils using it have been observed through the second grade. In the second grade they return to entirely conventional teaching practices.

At this point, the audio-visual approach can be considered purely supplemental to the conventional procedures that have been proven which have stood the test of years.

Myers said schedule in the 17 classrooms included in the audio-visual experiment calls for usual story presentations, use of the screen, a physical education break, then to work books and distribution into groups.

Benson Says Prices Paid to Farmers Up SPOKANE, Feb. 11.—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said tonight prices received by farmers have been running 5 to 7 percent above a year ago.

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