

TODAY'S BUSINESS MIRROR

Businessmen Find Record of Congress Is Mixed Blessing

By SAM DAWSON

New York, Oct. 20 (AP)—Businessmen who were so gloomy when the 81st congress was elected less than a year ago find today that on the whole its bark was worse than its bite.

But, as the first session moves to a wrangling, uncertain close, many businessmen find its record, at best, a mixed blessing. Many of the things they dislike most merely are put off until January. Businessmen were not united, either. Few were the measures before congress that didn't find businessmen appearing on both sides of the issue.

Congress failed to fulfill businessmen's worst fears of a year ago. For example, congress didn't repeal the Taft-Hartley law, or increase taxes. And it side-tracked health insurance, the Brannan farm plan and social security extension, all of which had bitter opponents in the business world. But most of these issues are likely to come up again in January.

Huge appropriations for foreign aid and both American and European rearmament made for less of a drop in exports and in factory and mill orders than businessmen had been braced for this year. However, these same appropriations mean continued high taxes. Some companies

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Rivers and harbors projects designate \$1,250,000 for the Columbia at Bonneville; \$150,000 for the lower Columbia and the Willamette below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland; \$850,000 for Coos Bay; \$400,000 for Depoe Bay; \$100,000 for the Umpqua river; \$35,000 for Yaquina bay and harbor.

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Dayton — The Krowledeen Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Ernest Budge. There were four tables of bridge at play and the special guests were: Mrs. Clark Foster, Mrs. James Penland, and Mrs. Harold Frink. The high score of the evening was held by Mrs. Carl Mitchell, and Mrs. Foster was second high. Mrs. Clete Gell was low. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Charles Carr.

wonder whether their gains as suppliers equal their loss as taxpayers.

Most of congress' acts tended to brake deflation or to promise future inflationary pressures. And their sum total—higher expenditures and lower tax collections—led the treasury to deficit financing, which many regard as the most inflationary item of all at the present time.

The public in general, however, appeared to lose interest in threats of future inflation, despite some warnings these were increasing, and to concentrate on signs that deflation was being held in check.

Just who will gain and who will lose by individual measures—in dollars and cents, without questioning their political or moral benefits?

Most firms with goods to export feel that the Marshall plan extension will help keep world trade moving. Everyone with taxes to pay will contribute his bit to it. The majority of those directly engaged in exporting and importing hope to gain by the extension of reciprocal trade agreements, but some domestic manufacturers see costly competition in their own particular fields. Most exporters deplore the need to continue export controls as an expensive nuisance.

There are one trillion feet of timber standing in the three west coast states—Washington, Oregon and California.

Silverton PTA Asks Hobbies

Silverton—Mrs. Gordon Van Cleave, publicity chairman of the annual PTA hobby show to be given at Eugene Field auditorium the evening of Friday, October 28 and the afternoon and evening of Saturday, October 29, is reminding the local public of the types of hobbies that will be appreciated for display.

Promise is made that all exhibits will be protected from pilferers during the night of Friday and at all times during the show hours.

For type of hobby sign-up, exhibitors are asked to call Mrs. E. L. Henkel or Mrs. Chester

Bergerson who will serve as registration board for all entries. Registration must be made before security to exhibitors can be definitely assured. Of the thousands of kinds of hobbies listed by Mrs. Van Cleave, she is submitting a few of the unusual that are always appreciated. Among these are any type that could be classed under the head of natural history, woods, plants, seashells, fossils, rocks, minerals, butterflies, birds eggs, etc.

Collections of buttons, dishes, any type of miniatures, dog or horse images, dolls, hymn books, Bibles, post cards, stamps, valentines, shoes, coins, scrap books, or hundreds of types of which the general public is not aware. Fancy work, hand craft, pictures, or other individual group displays will be welcomed.

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