

1955 Business Conditions Seen Good for United States, Canada

World Looks To American Labor To Set Example, Mrs. FDR Says

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse, the controversial Oregon Senator who bolted the Republican party to become an Independent, was scheduled to speak today at the national CIO convention.

Morse's speech was to follow another given by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President, who told the convention yesterday the world looked to American labor to set an example for the working man.

Mrs. Roosevelt told the CIO's 16th annual convention the goals of labor were a shorter work week, improved wages and a guaranteed annual wage.

Turning to Communism, she said:

"Communism must be fought not only by greater military and economic power, but by the example we give of how we handle our problem at home."

Danger of Communism

She said the real danger of

Communism is the "type of development which enslaves the mind and body," and that it can only be fought with "a greater belief in democracy."

The former first lady said America needs to return to the attitudes which made the new deal and the fair deal possible.

She said she frequently has been asked if she felt the country would be better off if it returned to the days of the New Deal, which was the brainchild of her late husband.

Mrs. Roosevelt said that while it was not necessary to return to the days of the New Deal, "it is necessary to return to the attitude of the New Deal."

She was introduced to the convention by CIO President Walter P. Reuther, who described her as "the finest lady of the world."

Prior to Mrs. Roosevelt's speech, the convention unanimously approved a report from

its committee on ethical procedures recommending adoption of an administrative code to prevent corruption in handling of welfare funds.

Welfare Program Offered

The committee offered the convention an eight-point program designed to end any abuses of welfare funds running into billions of dollars.

"It would be nothing short of tragedy if the dishonesty of a few were to obscure the monumental contribution of these health, welfare and security funds to the lives of people who work," declared Arthur J. Goldberg, director of the Standing Committee on Ethical Practices.

Goldberg said it was up to the CIO to police the administration of these funds before such policing was taken from the union's hands. He declared instances of abuse within the CIO were isolated and limited to a few local situations.

New York — (U.P.) — The United States and Canada are in for an extremely good business year in 1955.

That is the opinion of business leaders in every section of the country and in widely diversified industries.

There is virtually unanimous agreement that 1955 will be better than 1954 and that the business surge which began in the autumn will mount with steady but not spectacular momentum.

Forecast From Leaders

The forecast came from leaders in farming and livestock, home construction, steel, retail merchandising, banking, textile manufacturing, the stock market, factory production, shipping, mining, airlines and railroads.

Reasons for this economic renaissance included population growth, release of new products, improved conditions in Europe and South America, more liberal credit terms, national defense demands and the impetus furnished by such booming industries as housing.

Electronics was singled out by the president of the National Association of Manufacturers as the industry with the brightest future. The West Coast, the Southwest and the Rocky Mountains were the areas of greatest optimism.

Textiles Cautious

Textiles are weak spots. The textile industry is cautious. Some farm products may find rough sledding. But the overall picture from the viewpoint of the businessman is very good.

This is a summary of opinions from eight sections of the country and Montreal, Canada: Chicago—Sylvester J. Meyers, president of the Chicago Board of Trade: The general outlook for Midwest farmers in 1955 appears to be quite favorable. With a few notable exceptions such as eggs and poultry, farm product prices reversed their downward trend during the past year and in some cases are now higher than a year ago. Farm price levels are closely related to the general level of the economy as a whole and since we appear to be headed into a period where business activity will be relatively prosperous and stable, agricultural income should remain at a good level.

Steel Demand to Continue

Pittsburgh—Ernest T. Weir, chairman of the National Steel Corp.: "I expect the present strong demand for products of the steel industry will continue during the final month of the year. I also anticipate that for the steel industry and business in general, 1955 will prove to be a somewhat better year than 1954."

Denver—Joseph Ross, president of Daniels & Fisher department stores: Optimistic over the present and future of the Rocky Mountain area economic situation. He foresees a tremendous long range future as requirements of industry and national defense demand more and more of the area's natural resources.

Dallas—Fred Florence, president of the Republic National Bank: Says 1954 will go down as one of the best business years in our history. There has been a definite slackening in many lines of business but the readjustment seems to be well behind us and we are now looking at another period of healthy growth in the months ahead.

Indications Move Upward

Detroit—John S. Coleman, president of Burroughs Corp.: There seems to be a general agreement that the economic recovery which began in the fall will continue. All important indicators have been moving upwards. It seems certain that business activity will be at a high level in 1955.

New York—Edmund W. Tabbell, partner in the stock exchange firm of Walston & Co.: Believes the stock market has generated enough momentum to carry its advance into 1955 to an all time high. He sees the Dow Jones industrial average getting into the 425 territory, a record high.

Canadian Future Bright

Montreal—H. L. Roscoe, vice president of Noranda Mines, Ltd.: Foresees a tremendous future for Canada because of its natural resources and capital now being pumped in.

Los Angeles — Terrell C. Drinkwater, president of Western Airlines: Expects air traffic company's recent survey showed in 1955 to surpass 1954. His the general business outlook in the 12 Western states and the provinces of Alberta, Canada, is optimistic and encouraging.

San Francisco—D. J. Russell, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad: Population in the eight states served by Southern Pacific has grown 50 per cent since 1940 and he predicts another 23 per cent growth from 1950 to 1960.

Mailman Declares Postcards Uninteresting

Whitehall, Wis. — (U.P.) — Henry J. Aleckson, retiring after 28 years as a mailman, has confessed what some people have suspected that mailmen sometimes read postcards.

"Most of them aren't interesting," Aleckson said.

Sen. Watkins Scoffs At Third Party Talk After McCarthy Break

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), scoffed today at the possibility any Republicans, except perhaps the "lunatic fringe" would form a new political party around Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

He made that comment to reporters after reading Wednesday's news conference remarks by President Eisenhower about McCarthy's break this week with the administration.

Mr. Eisenhower termed the GOP a party of "progressive moderation" and said if any persons want to form a new party it is their own business.

Direct Reply Refused

He refused to be drawn into any direct reply to McCarthy who accused the President Tuesday of a "shrinking show of weakness" toward Communism at home and in Asia.

Although the Wisconsin Republican said he wants to work within the GOP "at the present time," he immediately became a center of speculation as the possible leader of a third party.

"I can't see any genuine Republican leaving the party because of this (GOP dispute over McCarthy)," said Watkins. "Some of the lunatic fringe might leave but they never really belonged to the party in the first place. They just establish themselves wherever they think they can get the most attention."

Monroney Comments

From a Democrat, Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney of Oklahoma came this comment:

"If Senator McCarthy chooses to form a third party and the votes are ever counted, it will be surprising to find how few but how noisy this McCarthy fringe of the Republican party really is."

Watkins headed the special Senate committee which recommended McCarthy's censure. That case ended last week when the Senate voted 67 to 22 to condemn McCarthy on two counts for his conduct toward Senate committees.

Back Stairs: Fried Mush for Ike

United Press White House Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — Backstairs at the White House: Fried mush is President Eisenhower's favorite breakfast food. His mother used to make the best fried mush in all Abilene, Kans., and her son has never lost his taste for it. Unfortunately, he has reached that point in adulthood where he has to watch his waistline and he can't plow into platters of mush and syrup as he once did.

Mr. Eisenhower may not know it, but one of his illustrious—and departed—predecessors in the armed services thought there was not much to being president.

Admiral George Dewey said in 1900, "I am convinced that the office of the president is not such a very difficult one to fill,

his duties being mainly to execute the laws of Congress."

There are time today when the President feels that some of the laws and regulations with which he has to work are about as up-to-date as what Admiral Dewey said at the start of the century.

Mr. Eisenhower searches constantly for archaic practices which were quite reasonable 50 years ago, but hopelessly old-fashioned and burdensome today. He has discovered that too often, paper work forced on a president is the result of 19th Century tradition rather than 20th Century practicality.

Knowing this to be true and trying to do something about it has paid off to some extent for Mr. Eisenhower. Members of his staff say that as a result of reforms instituted under this ad-

ministration, the chief executive has to cope with considerably fewer routine documents than either President Truman or Roosevelt.

But the President, himself, feels that a chief executive still must spend too much time with legalistic trivia.

What would the President like for Christmas? Almost anything that would be appropriate for his house at Gettysburg. At least that's the word among his close friends. What about a tankful of live bass for his pond? A little bulky for Christmas wrapping, but nonetheless appropriate for the farm.

Loch Lomond, the largest lake in Scotland, is only one to five miles wide, but about 23 miles long.

Congress Expected To Again Reject UMT Proposal

Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman Dewey Short of the House Armed Services Committee predicted today that the new Congress again will reject Universal Military Training.

However, the Missouri Republican hinted he has relaxed somewhat his own long-standing opposition to UMT, and that he might vote for it under some conditions. Short led a successful house fight against UMT in 1952.

Faces Long, Hard Fight

Other House and Senate sources agreed the administration's new and "modified" UMT plan faces, at best, a long hard fight. There was at least a possibility it would not get serious consideration.

A general outline of the new plan was announced last week. Assistant Defense Secretary Carter Burgess was due on Capitol Hill this afternoon to get in the administration's first licks for the program with congressional leaders.

Continuation of Draft

The plan calls for continuation of the draft, with about 20,000 men to be called each month for two years military service, and for initiation of a new training plan under which 100,000 young men yearly will get six months training plus extended duty in the active reserves.

The key to the plan's prospects in Congress appeared to lie in the method of selecting the 100,000 men to be called for training only. This has not been disclosed officially. Earlier suggestions that the choice be made by lottery ran into a stone wall of congressional objections.

Ruse Used To Flee Jail in South Dakota

Miller, S. D. — (U.P.) — William McManus slipped out of the county jail with a bar of soap.

He asked guards for the soap and when the sheriff's mother-in-law brought it to him he pushed past her and ran out.

FULL HOUSE

Norwalk, Conn. — (U.P.) — John Yunches, 17, was charged with reckless driving after police reported he had 18 passengers. The officers said that in addition to those inside, several were on the running boards and hood, one on a spare tire and two on the roof.

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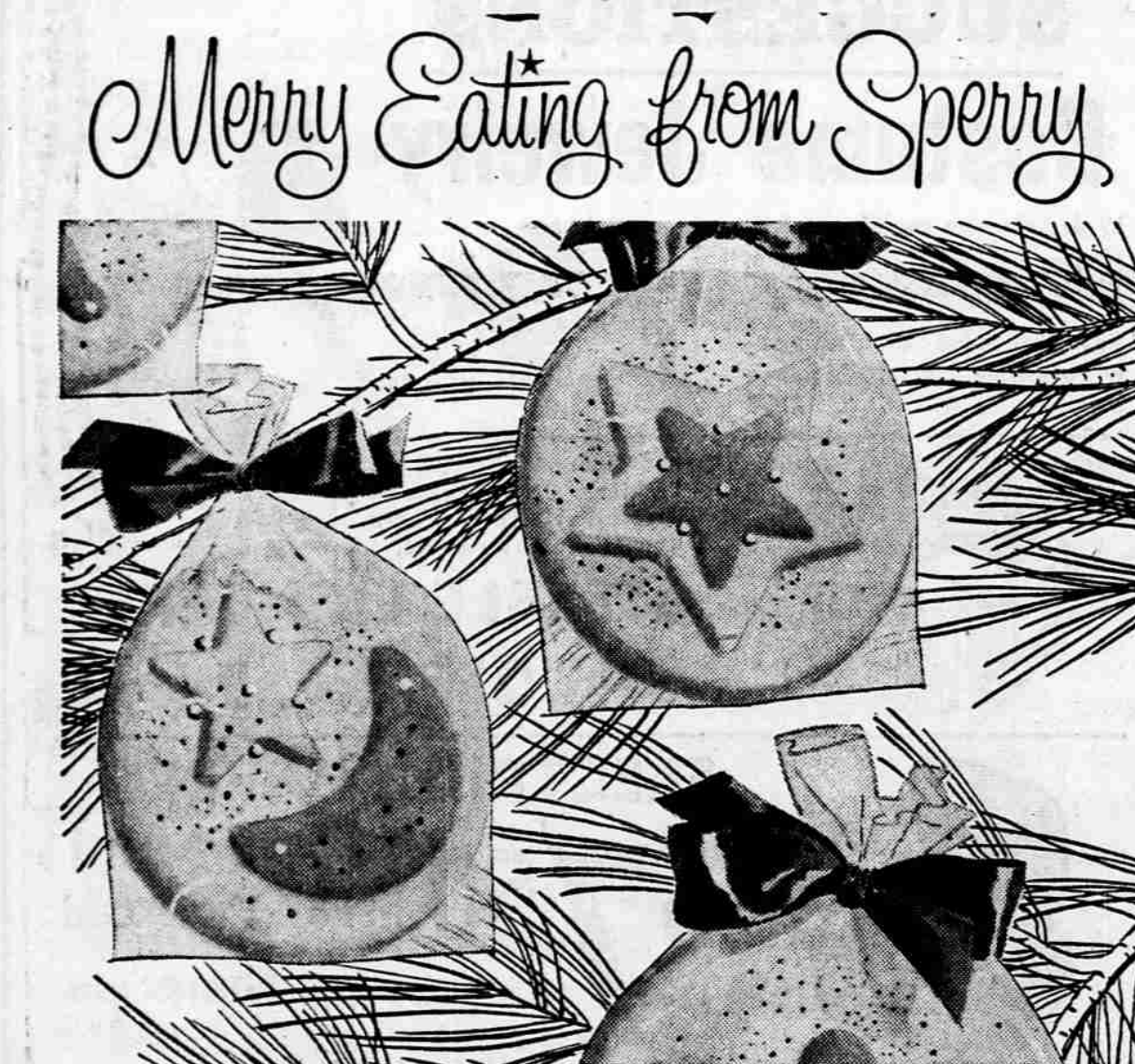
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