



**PILINGS ICED**—Inverted mushroom shaped pilings along Chicago's lakefront continue to grow as bitter cold covers the area. Chicago has not yet had temperatures below zero, but in the last few months it has been mostly below freezing. —(UPI Telephoto)

# Economy Said Rolling at Record Rate Despite Failure of Predicted Boom

Washington—(UPI)—The economy is rolling along at a record rate but not picking up much speed.

Government economists stressed today that business conditions are good and may look a shade weakish only in comparison to earlier predictions that the steel settlement would catapult the economy into a new boom.

No boom exists now nor is one on the horizon, economists agreed. But they pointed out that overall industrial production, individual incomes and spending are at record highs.

**Officials Not Alarmed**

Top officials said they were not alarmed over the sharp drops in the stock market since the beginning of the year.

Treasury, White House and Federal Reserve officials all maintain that the noticeable ebb in business enthusiasm since early January is both understandable and possibly a good thing. They believe disclosure of a planned budget surplus of \$4,200,000,000 in fiscal 1961 did a lot to damp down inflation psychology and swing investors from stocks to bonds.

"Stocks in general were overpriced because of fears of inflation," a Treasury official commented. "Now with this budget surplus they're not so sure" about stocks.

**Too Much Boom Talk**

He added, taking a view that can be heard in many government agencies, "All that December talk about a boom had us worried. The thing couldn't have sustained. Now we have a steady rate of sound growth. I don't know anyone who sees us moving into a recession."

Official reports for February now being prepared are expected to show small changes in most business indicators with no real improvement or brightening in the job situation. Unemployment insurance

statistics for February "don't show weakness and they don't show the strength that we would like to see," a Labor Department expert commented.

With employment a bit over four million and nearly a million new job seekers expected for 1960, economists have said there will have to be some sizeable pickups in business activity to prevent unemployment from climbing even higher.

Administration sources say they will expect the arrival of warmer weather to trigger a spurt in factory work and construction, creating many new jobs and trimming the jobless total.

These sources are sticking by President Eisenhower's prediction that total output of goods and services will rise to a record 510 billion dollars in 1960.

Top level Administration economists in general are more outspokenly optimistic than other experts who are inclined to wait-and-see what spring brings.

One of the big question marks in the current situation is inventories. At the turn of the year forecasters looked

for heavy restocking of steel and manufactured goods to give the economy a big lift, at least for a few months.

But the inventory rush has failed to come on quite as strong as predicted. One reason is quick revving up of steel output to a high level when the mills resumed production in November. Another is that businessmen are taking a little more time about rebuilding inventories.

**Decline in Orders**

Another disquieting item is the decline in new factory orders in January. While one month does not make a trend, the dip in new orders did nothing to brighten the business outlook, a Commerce Department official noted.

Financial economists discounted talk that consumer debt, which rose by a \$6,460,000,000 in 1959 to a new high, is stalled. "It's as easy to get disturbed about consumer debt now as it was a year ago," one expert said. "There's no magic in any particular level." In January consumers boosted their indebtedness to \$31,356,000,000, but the increase was lighter than in most months of 1959.

Tied closely to consumer

credit is new car sales, up this year but not nearly so much as the industry's late 1959 estimate of 6,500,000 new domestic cars for 1960 must be shaded to 6,000,000 or a trifle less, still a bit better than 1959.

One of the new government reports is expected to show a significant increase in planned business spending for new fac-

ories and equipment. One Administration economist expressed confidence on the basis of talks with businessmen that capital spending might jump to 35 billion dollars or higher this year from less than 33 billion dollars last year.

## Back Stairs: A Personal Triumph

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
UPI White House Reporter

Washington—(UPI)—Back stairs at the White House:

President Eisenhower, once again in the well-ordered calm of the White House, can look back on his South American trip as a personal triumph. He was hailed by vast crowds and heartily praised in the Latin American press.

There were, however, a great many things about the trip that the President probably does not know even to this very day. These are little aspects of human existence that for the most part are kept from him in order not to add to the burdens of his office.

**Charges High**

Gauging hotel keepers charged some of his working staff more than their federal per diem, meaning that if they ate decently or had any laundry done, the cost came out of their salaries.

A non-White House official but still a prominent federal servant made quite a name for himself in several South American hotels for bawling out the help.

These examples involve only federal employees and are quite aside from a few painful and unpleasant experiences endured by the large press entourage following the President.

**More Planning Needed**

What is involved, however, is the fact that a President of the United States cannot keep the type of fast and crowded schedules Eisenhower sets for himself without a lot of persons suffering.

The alternative, of course, would be to write the schedules of the President's heroic trips with just a little more thought given to the living conditions and the working hours of the vast staff required to keep him in business.

**No Complaint Voiced**

The White House staff to a man would never voice a word of complaint to the President himself. They would collapse first, and they do. They are intensely loyal to Eisenhower, they willingly sacrifice personal health and comfort to keep his show on the road and most of them, fascinated by their front row seats in history, wouldn't trade jobs for anything.

But just now, they're awfully tired.

## Gleed Addresses Prospect Banquet

**Staffer Collapses**

For example, it is most unlikely he knows that:

A member of the White House staff, overworked night after night during the trip, collapsed flat on his face unloading baggage from the President's plane in Puerto Rico and had to be hospitalized.

Another member of the White House working crew had to be hospitalized for much the same reason, exhaustion complicated by a painful intestinal block that wasn't helped by this person missing all semblance of regular meals and getting only an hour or two of sleep each night.

**Hunger Amidst Plenty**

A high-ranking member of the President's staff went foodless in one of the more distinguished places of South America for nearly 24 hours while lavish banquets were served only a few feet from where this person was working.

Several of the President's Secret Service protectors were seized by violent stomach cramps caused by tropical dysentery, yet they remained on the job and endured the absolutely incredible working hours caused by

Prospect—The annual father and son Scout banquet was held at Beckie's cafe at Union Creek recently with 41 scouts and visitors attending.

Darl Gleed, district Scout executive from Medford, spoke on 50 years of Scouting, mentioning the 6 million Boy Scouts in the world today and also the 126 million boys of Scout age who are not Scouts. Many of these boys are behind the Iron Curtain.

His message challenged both Scouts and executives to bigger and more far-reaching efforts.

Jim Grigsby, also of Medford, showed the film from the 1957 Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge. Boys from Prospect who attended were John Rogers, Mike Burrill, and Herbert Wheeler.

Bill Roberts, Prospect's advancement chairman of Troop 19, served as judge of the court of honor. Second class Scout awards were presented to Billy Hunt and Richey Larson and Rex Boothby received a merit badge for stamp collecting.

**FAMILY MOVES**

Butte Falls—Mr. and Mrs. James Capello and daughter have returned to make their home here once again. They formerly resided in the Shady Cove area. James is the son of the Red Capellos.

Eagle Point—Master Sergeant and Mrs. Earnest Humble and daughter Sherri of Moses Lake, Wash., and Mrs. Humble's mother, Mrs. Vina Dodge of Medford, visited relatives at the Charles Hanscom home in Eagle Point recently. Sgt. Humble and family are former Eagle Point residents and are leaving soon for New Jersey where he will leave for Madrid, Spain for three years duty. Humble enlisted in the Air Force in 1943.



## Trees . . .

By JOHN GRIBBLE  
(Editor's note: The following comments on trees, particularly those adaptable to street use in Medford, have been prepared by John Gribble, well-known retired forester, and will be run in a series during the "tree planting season" here, now under way.)

Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) chosen for Jasper st., (Stewart to Melrose—plant 60 to 80 feet apart); Murphy Road—(South Barnett) and on Olympic—50 to 60 feet apart). The red maple is native of Newfoundland and to Florida, west to west Minnesota, Iowa and Texas.

The buds are clustered, forming beautiful crimson flowers in March and April. Seed keys spread their wings at a narrow angle, suspended from slender stalks. In May these keys are red and very showy. The leaves are 3 to 5-lobed, 2½ to 5 inches long. In summer the leaves are a dark lustrous green, petioles often red. In autumn the red maple is a gorgeous red and yellow.

Trees must be planted at proper spacing to allow for best development and full beauty of the tree. They must be planted back from intersections, 25 feet from curb to permit proper vision of traffic on streets. This tree will probably be used more extensively on other streets. Two or three of these trees are across Eighth st. from the southwest corner of the Library park. Two are in the parking in front of 619 West Fourth st., about opposite Peach st. Watch them and other eastern maples develop their spring beautification, and then note their autumn dress of red and yellow.

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