

Economists See Little To Cheer About in March Report

British Parliament Hears De Gaulle on Disarmament

London—UPI—President Charles de Gaulle told the combined houses of British Parliament today France would be "happy" to quit developing atomic bombs as soon as the other world powers destroy their nuclear weapons. "Peace can only be attained if the general fear of annihilation is first removed," the visiting French leader told a rare joint session of the House of Lords and Commons. Usually only the Queen speaks to a joint parliamentary session.

rejected the attacks on West Germany made by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev during his recent tour of France. **Germany With West** "The peace France and Britain are striving to build should not widen divisions or poison wounds... including those suffered by the Germans, who were yesterday our enemies but today are a vital part of the West and our common ally," he said. In slow, deliberate French, de Gaulle delivered an eloquent plea on behalf of world disarmament.

France, he said, "wishes above all for stocks of nuclear weapons to be destroyed, the installations where they are to be made to be used for different purposes, the rockets and aircraft carrying them, as well as the fixed or floating bases from which these vehicles of death can be launched, to be placed under surveillance."

Churchill Hears Speech Turning to the summit conference which will take place in Paris next month, the French president said he had a "rational hope" that some understanding on critical issues might be worked out between East and West. "I declare that at this important juncture France stands shoulder to shoulder with Britain," he told the parliamentary assembly.

Sir Winston and Lady Churchill were in de Gaulle's audience at Parliament. There were murmurs of "hear, hear" when the French President praised Sir Winston—the only time his speech was interrupted. De Gaulle received a tremendous ovation at the conclusion of his speech. The applause was so loud and prolonged that he appeared almost embarrassed.

Stocks Gain Support In Early Dealings

New York—UPI—The stock market met strong support in the early dealings today. Industrials were up more than 3 in their average during the first 30 minutes. Rails and utilities also gained. Brokers said it was evident in Wednesday's sharpest run-up in a month that not only the routine trader but the institutional-type investor had stepped up his operations.

Crown Zellerbach	44 1/2
Curtiss Wright	20 1/2
Dow Chemical	92 1/2
Du Pont	22 1/2
Eastman Kodak	110 1/2
Firestone	37 1/2
General Electric	94 1/2
General Foods	105 1/2
General Motors	47 1/2
Georgia Pacific	50 1/2
Graham Packaging	23 1/2
Greyhound	23 1/2
Gulf Oil	31 1/2
Homestake Mining	42 1/2
Idaho Power	40 1/2
I. B. M.	46 1/2
Int. Paper	117 1/2
Johns Manville	54 1/2
Katy	47 1/2
Kennecott Copper	78 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	23 1/2
Montana Power	25 1/2
Montgomery Ward	40 1/2
Nat'l Biscuit	31 1/2
New York Central	24 1/2
Pac Gas & Elec	32 1/2
Penn. R.R.	123 1/2
Penn. RR	14 1/2
Radio Corporation	71 1/2
Richfield Oil	40 1/2
Safeway	30 1/2
Sealed Air	36 1/2
Shell Oil	30 1/2
Soco Mobil Oil	38 1/2
Southern Co.	46 1/2
Southern Pacific	26 1/2
Standard California	43 1/2
Standard Indiana	41 1/2
Standard N. J.	44 1/2
Sun Mines	61 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulfur	75 1/2
Texas Pac Land Trust	17 1/2
Transamerica	28 1/2
Trans World Air	14 1/2
Tri-Continental	35 1/2
Union Carbide	27 1/2
Union Pacific	27 1/2
United Aircraft	34 1/2
United Air Lines	27 1/2
U. S. Rubber	54 1/2
U. S. Steel	85 1/2
Youngstown S & T	118 1/2

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—UPI—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 828.31, up 6.12; 20 railroads 144.89, up 0.99; 15 utilities 88.61, up 0.09, and 85 stocks 207.01, up 1.53. Sales Wednesday were about 3,450,000 shares compared with 2,840,000 shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	49 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	94 1/2
American Can	27 1/2
A. T. & T.	89 1/2
Anaconda Copper	51 1/2
Armco Steel	63 1/2
Bendix Aviation	67 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	46 1/2
Boeing Air	24 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	29 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	55 1/2
Continental Can	43 1/2

Dips Possible in Reports on Jobs, Sales, Income

Washington—UPI—Government economists predicted today there will be little to cheer about in their reports on business in March. The reports on jobs, income, sales and production, to be released in about 10 days, are expected to show little improvement and possibly some dips.

Cold Responsible Unusually cold and snowy weather last month is responsible, according to the experts. They also cited slow-downs in steel and auto production. Economists and top policy makers, such as Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson, say publicly that with most economic activity at or near record highs, business is good.

But they acknowledge privately that business growth in the next six months or so cannot be foretold until results for April and May are in hand. **Outlook Would Be Gloomy** How business fares this month and next will make or break forecasts for a spring spurt. Without a spurt the economic outlook for the next half year will be pretty gloomy.

Top administration officials are aware that there has been a lack of pep in the economy in recent weeks. They think it would be premature to conclude this means a recession or that business needs a boost from the government. They say basic review of government policy will be necessary only if the economy worsens markedly.

ANTI-RED BILL Washington—UPI—Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) introduced a bill Wednesday that would oust federal employees who refused to answer questions about Communist activities.

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ON SECRET HONEYMOON—Helress Gamble Benedict and Andre Perumbeanu, shown above, honeymooned secretly today after they were married at a secluded cabin near Hendersonville, S.C. Friends who attended the wedding said they did not know the location of the couple's honeymoon hideout. —(UPI Telephoto)

Gamble Benedict on Secret Honeymoon

Hendersonville, N.C.—UPI—Helress Gamble Benedict and Andre Perumbeanu honeymooned secretly today in a 10-minute, single ring ceremony on the lawn of an isolated log cabin lodge by a justice of the peace. Gambi, 19, nearly collapsed in hysteria after the ceremony, alternately laughing and crying. **Wears Simple Frock** The millionaire bride was married in a simple blue and white frock. She wore no veil and carried neither flowers nor Bible. Andre, 35, wore a single-breasted, two-button blue suit and a borrowed shirt several sizes too large for him.

The couple "kissed at least 50 times" at the lakeside lodge in the Blue Ridge Mountains before hopping into a waiting automobile to begin their frantic honeymoon flight still fearing the socialite's grandmother-guardian would block their union with some last-minute legal maneuver. Rebuffed by legal technicalities in their attempt to marry Wednesday in Dillon, S.C., the couple fled across the border to obtain a license and marry. **No Waiting Period** North Carolina requires only a blood test as a prerequisite for marriage. There is no waiting period. They had a close call when it was discovered that a judge in Dillon had Gambi's birth certificate. One of the couple's friends flew back to Dillon Wednesday morning and obtained a photostatic copy of the document. Without this evidence as proof of Gambi's age, the marriage again would have been balked.

Floods in Brazil Kill at Least 33

Rio De Janeiro—UPI—Floods in northeastern Brazil have killed at least 33 persons and left thousands homeless and in some cases starving, reports from the ravaged area said today.

Property damage in the eight northeastern states affected by the floods is expected to run into the millions of dollars. Rivers in Piaui and Alagoas states were reported still rising, but in most of the affected areas floodwaters were receding.

Southerners in Last Ditch Move on Civil Rights

Washington—UPI—Southern senators staged a last-ditch fight today for a modification of the civil rights bill which even administration supporters conceded might have merit and speed passage of the measure. Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), leader of the Southern bloc, said the disputed section would "discriminate against white voters" because they could not register as late as some Negroes.

Russell called the provision, written into the bill by the House, a "monstrous" section which demands correction. He told newsmen he thought his plea would "appeal to the sense of fairness of the Senate if they understood it." **Expedite Final Action** The Senate scheduled a vote today on an amendment by Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) to eliminate the voting referendum section of the bill. Ellender's proposal was expected to be defeated. Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) said he would confer with Attorney General William P. Rogers about Russell's arguments. He said any modification "would take the steam out of the debate" and expedite final action on the bill.

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Sweetland Cites Ballot Blunders

Milwaukee, Ore.—UPI—State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukee) today called the attention of Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. to what he called a "serious and expensive blunder" in the Democratic party ballot.

Sweetland said Gene Conklin, Pendleton, was erroneously listed as a candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention from the state-at-large when he was in fact a candidate from the 2nd Congressional District comprising Eastern Oregon.

Sweetland telegraphed Appling that all the ballots should be reissued and those on the presses corrected. He suggested that to minimize the cost to the state of reprinting ballots in many counties, further printing should be halted and erroneous ballots already issued should be recalled.

GROWTH EXPECTED

New York—United Nations experts predict Central America's population will double in the next 30 years.

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