



WHAT'S THAT? — A surprised David Finnx is greeted by a strange sight aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth as the ship arrived in New York. The cello was left by a music student who removed his jacket and cap and placed them on the instrument case. (UPI Telephoto)

Business Conditions Offer Fodder for Debate by Presidential Candidates

Washington — (UPI) — Will the presidential candidates get mileage out of business conditions between now and election day? Here are the prospects:

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the Republican nominee, can point to record production, incomes and jobs. But Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Democratic nominee, may find political ammunition in unemployment — which he considers high — and in persistent pockets of poverty in some areas.

The contenders are likely to find themselves campaigning in this kind of economic situation: overall business activity rising slowly, without much pep but also without any great danger of deep depression.

Possibility of Recession

That is the way most economists see the economy for the rest of 1960. Some experts say there is a possibility of a recession — a downturn in total output of goods and services — in the first part of 1961. Others expect continuation of the gradual rise.

Best bets now are that total outputs will rise from the record \$505 billion annual

rate reached in the spring to a \$515 billion rate by the end of the year. Most of the \$10 billion pickup is looked for in the fourth quarter, with high production of 1961 model autos a major booster.

Unemployment, which normally dips to a seasonal low in October, is expected to decline well below four million by election day. Nixon has said that unless the jobless total "moves over 4.5 million it does not become a significant issue in the minds of a great many people." Nevertheless, Nixon is likely to pledge efforts to improve the jobless situation.

Kennedy believes unemployment is high for a supposed period of prosperity. It was 4.4 million in June, or 5 1/2 per cent of the labor force. Economists expect seasonal declines for July, August, September and October. But the experts, and employers surveyed by the labor department, do not anticipate any cut in unemployment greater than the seasonal pattern.

Democrats also like to contrast this year's 5 per cent unemployment rate (so far) and 1959's 5 1/2 per cent rate with

the 1955-57 average of 4.3 per cent.

Working for Nixon and the Republicans is the fact that output and incomes are higher than ever before. But Democrats are sure to remind the voters of the two business recessions since Eisenhower became president in 1953. The administration's tight money policies brought on the slumps and dangerously cramped the nation's economic growth, Democrats say.

The Democratic platform pledges a 5 per cent growth rate and "an end to the present high-interest, tight-money policy."

Nixon, asserting that there is no one best rate of economic growth for all circumstances, has said he favors "maximum sustainable" growth.

Inflation is another vote-getting issue each candidate hopes to make the most of. Kennedy's view is that the Eisenhower administration failed to keep prices from rising while it saddled businessmen, taxpayers and consumers with higher interest rates. But Nixon defends the Eisenhower record on inflation as better than former President Truman's.

The two candidates are most sharply divided in principle over government spending. Kennedy charges Eisenhower put budgetary considerations ahead of the nation's needs. The Democratic platform promises or implies heavier federal spending for defense, schools, housing and other programs.

Nixon is understood to be less economy-minded than Eisenhower, although he backs the President's fervent belief in "fiscal responsibility." The Republicans answer to Democratic spending proposals is a disavowal of "government intervention" in the private economy. Instead of spending, the federal government should stimulate private enterprise and state and local government to do the job, Republicans say.

Both candidates favor balancing the federal budget in good times. The Democratic platform pledges to do this with existing tax rates. But Kennedy aides say higher taxes may be one of the "sacrifices" the Senator has said he would ask of the American people. Campaign pressures probably will force him



FINN TWIN SUBDUED—Round two of the "Flying Finn Twins" case features George Finnx fighting with authorities who drag him off to jail to serve 15 days on an old traffic warrant. Earlier in the week officers gaged in a similar fight with Charles Finnx whom they arrested in error, thinking that Charles was George. (UPI Telephoto)

to be more specific.

Nixon has spoken of tax reform and reduction next year — but only as a possibility, not as a certainty. He said in May he would not during the campaign unqualifiedly promise a tax cut.

Neither candidate has come out yet with a specific, overall tax program.

With business neither rousing nor depressingly bad, economics is not likely to displace foreign policy as the major issue of the campaign. But if unemployment lags in coming down from its usual summertime bulge — which will not be known until figures for July, August and September are in — the Democrats may find they have a bonus issue.

Psychiatrist Records Whines, Wheezes, Burps

San Francisco — (Science Service) — Now psychiatrists have a way of recording for future study a patient's grunts, bellows, whines, wheezes and even burps.

The sound of a patient's voice often conveys more information to his psychiatrist than does the words he used. If the patient says "I'm feeling fine, Doctor," but says it in a tearful voice, the psychiatrist will ignore the words and listen to and take note of the tone of voice. Dr. Peter F. Oswald of the University of California School of Medicine here describes a method of recording non-verbal noises in the Archives of General Psychiatry (Aug.).

Probably the most accurate and detailed way of recording these human sounds that are not speech is by speech spectrography, but this method is expensive and requires a highly skilled interpreter, Dr. Oswald points out. He recommends, as a simpler method, one standardized by acoustical engineers for the measurement and analysis of noise.

A microphone is placed in front of the patient's mouth and his sounds are recorded on tape. Then a small segment of the tape is played backwards into a sound analyzer.

The result of the sound analysis is plotted on graph paper to show the frequency (pitch) of each sound and also the volume. Four different kinds of voices were distinguished by the analysis.

First was a "sharpy" voice. This is the kind usually called a nagging, insinuating, querulous tone of voice.

As many people might expect, this kind of voice came mostly from adult women patients. One of the records, however, was made by a 10-year-old boy with a behavior disorder.

A "hollow" voice, the second kind showing up in the records, is often described as a flabby, rattling, quavering voice. Three of these records came from senile men and the fourth from a young man whose brain was injured in a motorcycle collision.

What Dr. Oswald calls a "flat" voice is a smugged, lusterless, hesitant way of speaking.

The fourth kind of voice, called the "robust" voice is the voice known as extrovert, aggressive, and confident. The records of robust voice obtained from professional men and women, some known for their excellence at teachers or lecturers.

Laos Royalists March on Capital

Bangkok, Thailand — (UPI) — Royalist troops were reported marching on the administrative capital of Vientiane in Laos Wednesday to put down a leftist pocket revolt against the pro-Western government.

The counter-attack was being mobilized from Luang Prabang, official residence of King Savang Vatthana, about 140 miles to the north of Vientiane, the reports said.

Prime Minister Tiao Somsanith was believed to be in Luang Prabang helping direct the operation, although most members of his cabinet fell into the hands of the rebels and now are under arrest.

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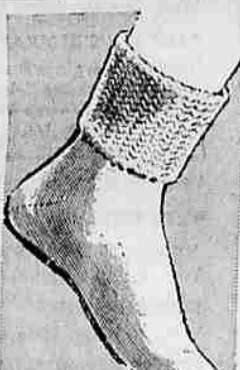
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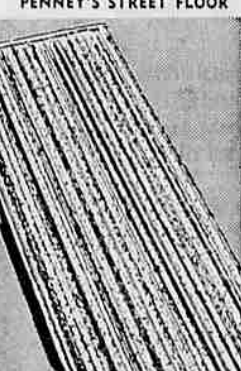
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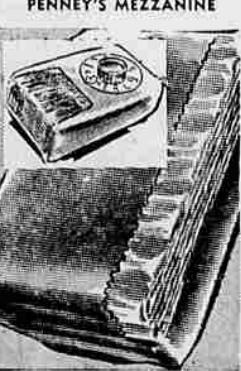
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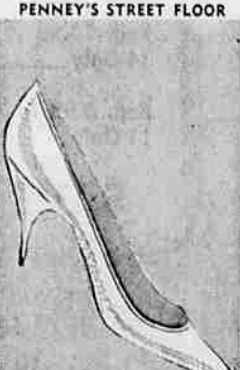
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