

### Expert Says Business Dip Healthy For U.S. Economy

By SAM DAWSON  
HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—The modest dip in business and industrial activity may be bitter-tasting medicine but it should do us good. That is the opinion of Jesse H. Jones, who will celebrate his 80th birthday Monday.

The onetime head of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., who lent billions to business, said in an interview: "This dip hasn't gone far enough yet to hurt. It's a healthy thing and a little overdue."

Jones, who still sticks close to his job as builder, publisher and banker, said it's past time for America to climb off its slits of boom and debt.

He thinks that if it doesn't, the

economy may be heading for a sharper tumble.

One still—as the man who held federal posts under Presidents Wilson, Hoover and F. D. Roosevelt sees it—is the great boom in production for defense and for overseas allies and the building of industrial capacity to a level over and above what the American civilian economy needs.

The other slits—as seen by one who is called "the greatest money lender of all times"—is the huge total of debt at all levels: governmental, corporate and personal. An economy striding too high on debt worries many others also.

"You can't go on forever spending more than your income without courting bankruptcy," Jones warns.

"I'm not an optimist for the country's economy as a whole, because its slits are too high. We should come down a bit."

"Houston is better off now than some of the cities in the North," he says. "It probably will stay that way and not be as badly hurt, no matter how business goes nationally."

Texas counts on the oil and gas industries, and a reasonably steady demand for their products, acting as a recession insulation. They say that their other industries are well diversified, and still growing.

Industrial production here is off perhaps 2 or 3 per cent from the peak, Jones estimates. This compares with a Federal Reserve Board estimate of 10 per cent drop for the entire country.

Retail trade here is off by 2 per cent, according to official figures, but Jones estimates the drop is closer to 4 per cent.

"It's caution, not a recession here," he says.

Customers are waiting to see what's coming. Soft good sales are holding up well. But there had been some drop in appliance purchases. This could be because consumers are waiting for promised excise tax cuts before buying. Better auto sales are reported in the last two weeks.

Commercial construction goes on. Home building picked up in March. But Jones shakes his head over the amount of government backed mortgages involved. There have been few defaults on loans so far, bankers here say, although collections have been poor on some loans made for repairs.

Industrial expansion plans are untrimmed, but bankers believe that spending this year will be more for new equipment than for new factories. A lot of old tools must be junked, they reason, if firms are to stay competitive in a buyer's market.

More men are out of work here than this time last year, but the rise in unemployment is not enough to be all serious, Jones believes. Unskilled labor is affected most.

Drought has hurt badly, especially in the western part of Texas. Cotton farmers complain of lower prices, but the grocer says that last three weeks people have been better about paying their bills—and he's more optimistic now that Texas isn't in for a bad time.

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8:15 Chet Huntley ABC  
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### Highway Meet To Be Held

MACDOEL—W. G. Hagelstein of Dorris will be spokesman for Butte Valley residents' ideas on reconstruction of the highway over the Dorris hill. Chairman W. L. Clement of the Butte Valley Farm Center announced at the group's meeting Tuesday night at Macdoel.

Hagelstein will preside at the public highway meeting called by the Farm Center and the Dorris Grange for Wednesday, April 7, at the Dorris City Hall.

Senator Randolph Collier of Yreka and J. W. Trask, Redding state highway engineer, will be present to tell the state's plans for the Dorris hill and to hear Butte Valleyites ask that the hill grade be cut down.

Clement read a letter from the highway division outlining their projected work on the hill to widen the road to four 12-foot lanes. A possible 18-inch cut may be made on top, but the highway division believes the wider cut will let enough sunlight in to keep the north slope free of ice.

Hagelstein told the group he will welcome any suggestions from Butte Valleyites on solving the Dorris hill road problem and he urged a good turnout at the road meeting.

The Dorris banker, in a short talk on potatoes and the spud market, lauded Butte Valley spud men for their clean ground and good potatoes. He urged them to take every precaution to keep their fields free of potato diseases.

Fred Fleck, agricultural appraiser from the county assessor's office, talked on the duties of the assessor and told how important soil equalization is in order to make a proper valuation of the farming areas.

Deputy Assessor Joe Noyer, now working in Butte Valley, said he kept office hours each Friday and on Saturday forenoons at the Dorris City Hall to help taxpayers.

Jess Langdon of the soil conservation service showed slides of experiments with grasses on the land utilization project and also on several farms that are trying out new grasses and grass mixtures. He gave a short talk on fertilizer analysis.

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### Pete Smith Leaves Metro After Long Movie Career

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Next week a guy named Pete Smith will clean out his desk, pack a carload of Oscars and other awards, tour some of his old haunts on the MGM lot and then check out of the studio for the last time.

Thus will end—temporarily perhaps—a 41-year show business career. The last half of it has been spent in providing belly laughs for movie fans via the Pete Smith shorts. For this, he was given a special Academy Award last Thursday night.

Jut-jawed, wry-voiced Pete is 61, and he doesn't look it. But he says he has been in ill health during the last year and has always returned to work before recovering completely. Since the MGM retirement plan has gone into effect, he can live comfortably. As in many retirements, his wife was the one who campaigned for it.

"For years, I fell back on the old cliché, believing I would die with my boots on," he said in his MGM office. "But then I decided to rely on another cliché and quit while I'm ahead. My shorts are still the most popular in the live-action field and have been for 11 years.

"If I may belabor still another

him? Plenty of fishing, his favorite pastime. Three-D photography, another pet hobby. Writing on a couple of book ideas on rainy days. And if he feels like it, he'll consider some of the many offers he has had from both movies and TV.

"But I don't think I'll ever be a producer again," he refused. "I am primarily a writer and a narrator. It is the producing end of the business that provides the trouble. Especially if you take a certain pride in your work and try to bring pictures in under schedule."

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