

# Washington News

Washington, D. C.—The most refreshing news from the capital these days is the prediction of some experts that the economy will experience a major upturn in the next six months.

The economists vary on the question whether this upturn will be caused by action of the new Administration, or hurried by action taken by it. But some believe business will begin to pick up by Spring.

Some of the business magazines are getting into the act. Fortune says a brisk upturn is due in mid-year. U. S. News and World Report says an upturn will be visible in the second half of the year.

These optimistic reports follow government forecasts which have been, generally speaking, discouraging. Unemployment is expected to continue to be a problem. Gold is a problem—the stability of the dollar. Government revenue is to be down from what was expected.

In other words the statistics from government departments have not been optimistic. And in the first three months of the year the recession we are now in is expected to continue unabated. But the Kennedy Administration plans to act in this field.

Depressed areas are to get help. There is to be more housing construction, aid for the elderly and perhaps even a tax cut. This latter possibility is still under study. Al-

so, more money will be spent on defense. This will tend to perk up business.

The basic problem confronting any American government, in analyzing the dollar drain, is the fact that our products are priced out of the market—too high for many foreigners. This has been caused by inflation, unchecked inflation, in the United States in the period after World War II and the Korean War.

The rise in prices has more than offset the advantage U. S. producers had in mass production techniques and labor-saving devices. Until we regain the edge, the dollar drain will continue to be a serious problem.

The Kennedy Administration, then, must try to get American business men on a better competitive footing, compared with foreign producers. And it must attempt to reduce unemployment in the United States and improve business at home. This is a big undertaking but that is the effort which will be made.

The first six months of the year 1961 may provide the answer to what the new Administration will accomplish. If Congress goes along, in the main, with the domestic program of the new President, and if the dollar drain is halted, a firm foundation for progress will have been established.

Progress should begin to become visible after the first three months and if progress has not been made in the first six months of the year, then some Democrats will have been disappointed.

The tax-cut idea is one; which is supported, in principle, by the chief of the new President's economic advisers, Dr. Walter Heller. Dr. Heller believes that lower taxes puts more money into circulation and stimulates business.

It would be ironical if this approach is tried by the Administration which was expected to move in exactly the opposite direction.

## Social Security Facts

Disabled farmers who have not filed a claim for disability insurance benefits may be losing money, according to a recent announcement by Don W. Marsh, manager of the Hickory Social Security Office. The Hickory office serves Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, and Watauga Counties.

Mr. Marsh states farmers were first covered by social security in 1955, so there may now be some farmers who have paid enough social security taxes to qualify.

To get disability insurance benefits a worker must have at least five years of work covered by social security and must be so severely disabled that he can no longer do any type of regular work. Farmers who have paid social security taxes on their net income each year, beginning in 1955 many now be eligible and should contact the Hickory office right away.

Mr. Marsh is concerned that there may be some farmers in this area who are losing payments because they have failed to file their disability claim with the Social Security Office. The Hickory office is located at 216-2nd St., N. W.

### POLICE BUSY

Baltimore, Md.—After a recent heavy snow, police towed away 51 cars illegally on city streets during operation of the city's snow emergency plan.

Police also issued 380 tickets to the autos parked on snow emergency streets, and left there by their owners after the snow emergency plan was put in force.

All in all, it was a busy time for all members of the division on the midnight-to-8 a. m. shift were kept on duty during the morning traffic peak to direct traffic.

### NEW WEAPON

San Antonio, Texas—A night watchman used his index finger to capture a would-be burglar.

Jesus Gonzales, a 60-year-old dry-cleaning plant watchman, spotted an intruder slipping through a window.

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