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The Slump

While no editor can claim to be an economic prophet, nor would any intelligent one attempt to do so, it would seem that there are some encouraging signs on the economic horizon—pertaining to the 1960-61 slump.

It is now generally admitted that we are experiencing the fourth recession in twelve years. Since last spring the economy has taken a steady slide downward, though not a heavy one.

The economic experts differ on what 1961 will bring. However, in the last few weeks and months a greater number of economists have forecast an upturn in the U. S. economy later in the year.

There are several factors which any student of history and any good newspaper man will recall which could give justification for optimism.

In the first place, the last slump, that in 1958, came after the period of heavy business expansion, when spending for business expansion and new plants was sharply curtailed. The economic rise in the last few years has not been as rapid as that prior to 1958, and spending has been trimmed to a lesser degree.

Secondly, inventories and stocks were trimmed more sharply in a sharper slump in 1950 than has been the case in the 1960-61 dip. Business inventories do not seem to be so low today that they can be cut sharply at this time. In fact, inventories have been reduced steadily and, in many cases, they will not be reduced further.

Thirdly, it will be recalled in the 1958 recession defense spending was being curtailed and this contributed to the slump. The opposite is true today. Defense spending is almost certain to increase in the Kennedy administration. For these reasons, then, there seems to be some justification for the belief that the slump will come to an end and an upturn occur in 1961.

Self-Employed Are Required To File 1960 Tax Return

The period January 1 to April 15, 1961 is tax return filing time. The Norfolk Social Security district office wishes to remind the self-employed that filing of a 1960 tax return is required if the net profit from any trade or business or a combination of businesses is \$400 or more, regardless of whether any income tax is due. This is true no matter how old or young you are, and even if you are receiving social security benefits.

If the net profit is over \$400, the only self-employed persons exempt from filing a return for social security purposes are medical doctors. Ministers are also exempt if they have not signed a waiver certificate electing coverage under the Social Security Law. The only group that may file returns if the net profit is less than \$400 are farmers with

Kennedy's Test

The new President, John F. Kennedy, will face many tests in his years at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. To be realistic one must break the two major spheres of activity down into their proper parts.

First, Kennedy will face the test of running the most powerful democracy in the world at a

The tax return is filed with Internal Revenue Service and the self-employed obtain social security credit when a part of the tax return is sent by Internal Revenue to social security. The self-employed person is given credit for four quarters under social security for each year for which a tax return is filed if the net profit is \$400 or more.

By filing tax returns self-employed persons are providing for social security benefits when they reach retirement age, 65 for men, 62 for women, and for disability benefits if they become disabled before reaching retirement age. They also provide for survivors benefits for their widows and children in case of death.

Mr. Kennedy, however, as the leader of the Democratic party, almost necessarily must be part politician. For he heads a party composed of extreme elements on both sides of the political spectrum. To reconcile differences and push through a program without permanently splitting his party is a delicate undertaking. And he knows this well because he is an ex-member of the U. S. Senate, where these differences were clearly contrasted.

A forecast must include the probability that the first months of 1961 will bring about the most harmonious days of the new party and new administration. As the division lines harden and as the President must make decisions, he will gradually disenchant people. His critical task as a politician is to avoid alienating so many by 1964 that he will not be re-elected. This may prove to be as hard as running the world's greatest democracy.

Church To Show Film Friday Night

An unusual documentary type film will be shown Friday night at 7:45 o'clock at the Assembly of God Church, located at 715 W. Grubb Street, Hertford.

The film is titled "Teenage Drug Addiction." This 25 minute full color picture was filmed in a section of Brooklyn known as "Juvenile Jungle" and portrays actual teenage drug addicts as they go about preparing, selling and using drugs.

Produced by a youth organization called "Teenage Evangelism" this film brings to the audience actual scenes of teenage boys making marijuana cigarettes. These are dramatic scenes of young men "drilling" needles into their arms for a "Mainline" fix of heroine.

The local showing is free to the public. Teenagers are urged to see this film especially. The Rev. Albert Eller extends a welcome to local residents.

Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind. —Shakespeare.

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Sunday School Lesson

CHRIST SATISFIES LIFE'S HUNGER

International Sunday School Lesson For February 5

Memory Selection: "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst."—John 6:35.

Lesson Text: John 8.

Our lesson today is written to help adults realize that the salvation provided in Jesus Christ can meet the deepest needs and hungers both of individuals and society, alike.

The story we are reading in the Bible today is a recounting of another of John's signs. It is not told for its miraculous element, but for its sign value—what it means about Jesus. John, here, represents Jesus as One who brings us inner peace, even amid storm. Jesus comes to us lovingly in our darkest hours, amid the pain and confusion of human woe, and all is peace and light.

Among the many fundamental truths suggested in this recounting are the blessings of simple, daily food; of Jesus' concern for the hungry; the joy of eating together in Jesus' fellowship; the unlimited generosity of God; and the power of God to do so much with so little.

Therefore, undeniably, Jesus is the Bread of Life, the One who satisfies our many and varied human hungers, and the One who nourishes our inner lives.

"I am the Bread of Life," Jesus said. "He who comes to me shall not hunger."—John 6:35.

Time was when all of the many wonders and advantages of this modern age we live in (and which we take so much for granted these days, somewhat thoughtlessly) were unknown.

Then came a dim awareness of the potentialities of man harnessing the mysterious powers of the Universe; and the slow but steady evolution of man's knowledge to the point we have reached today. And yet, with all the benefits of this immeasurable evolution at our fingertips, are we happier as we go through life? Have we a sense of security? All too often our answer to this question must be "No."

This is true because although modern science gives us not only more new approaches to joy, it also gives us new opportunities to bring about disaster. Truly, if the messages about the Wine of Life, the Water of Life, and the Bread of Life were needed all those centuries ago, they are needed today a thousandfold.

As we traverse our mortal span, we are beset by hungers; we hunger for food, from the cradle to the grave. No food—no life. We hunger for love; we hunger for recognition.

John does not analyze our hungers. He gathers them all together into one all-absorbing need. The need for Christ.

If one utterly absorbs the Spirit of the crucified Christ, his hungers are satisfied, and he is nourished into eternal life. So John brings to us the words of Jesus: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven, and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world in my flesh."

In Chapter 6, verse 63, John says: "It is the spirit that gives life." The true believer must accept the life of sacrificial love, keep company in spirit with the crucified Lord, and live, himself, as nearly as is possible, the kind of life Jesus lived.

If he does this, an inexhaustible spiritual life is his for the asking. Inner hungers vanish, life becomes an outgoing service that is unattended by the thought of self. Play becomes a joyful relaxation from duties done in gratitude to God. The urge to belong, which is inherent in every one of us, is changed into, and satisfied by, fellowship with God's other dedicated servants.

All this John has made very clear in these verses. There is no way of mistaking John's appeal—that if we believe, we may have life in Christ's name. Dare we turn a deaf ear?

(These comments are based on outlines of 156 International Sunday School Lessons, originally compiled by the International Council of Religious Education, Inc., and revised by the International Council of Christian Education, Inc., 1957.)



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In Church you can discover prayer—the bridge which leads to God's world.

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