The National Outlook

Changing Sentiment In Washington

By Ralph Robey

Administration leaders are changing their attitude on the current business downturn. The change may not be complete, but it clearly is in process.

It will be recalled that at the beginning of the year it was the contention of the Administration that the forces of recovery would soon get us back on the upgrade.

This conclusion was reflected in the President's State of the Union Message, in his Budget Message, and in his Economic Report. Since then it has been re-stated in one way or another by almost every Cabinet Member. In a word, that was the official position of the Administration, there was no real deviation from it.

It still may be the official position of the Administration. At least it has not been repudiated. None the less, two events of the past few days make it appear that the number of persons holding such a view is declining.

First was the introduction of a resolution in the Senate by Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson. It had the endorsement of the majority of the Senate, including eighteen Republicans. It stated that Congress thinks there should be a stepping-up of expenditures on civil and military programs for which appropriations have been made. Back of this resolution had been a whole host of bills, from both sides of the aisle, providing for larger spending for roads, houses, watershed development, and just about everything else anyone could dream up.

Some of these bills, and some of those sponsoring the resolution, unquestionably were motivated by political considerations. That, however, does not provide a complete explanation. Some of the bills and some of the motivation reflect a genuine conviction that it is time government stepped in with positive action.

Second, two days after the resolution was introduced the President sent a letter to the Republican Minority leader of both the Senate and House. This letter, it was explained, was not an answer to the Johnson resolution, but it pretty well served that purpose.

In his letter the President took a side-swipe at "the sudden upsurge of pump-priming schemes, such as setting up of huge federal bureaucracies . . ." Then Mr. Eisenhower summarized what the Government has done up to this time and what it proposes to do. Among the latter are the following:

1. Accelerate where practicable the construction of projects for which appropriated funds are available.

2. Increase appropriation requests of $186 million for certain "water resource projects".

3. An additional $200 million has been released for the stimulation of moderate priced homes.

4. Within a few days the Congress will be requested to amend the Highway Act to suspend certain expenditure limitations. The amount involved is $2.2 billion for the calendar years 1958-61.

5. The military department has been instructed to place all possible contracts in labor surplus areas, with first priority to small business.

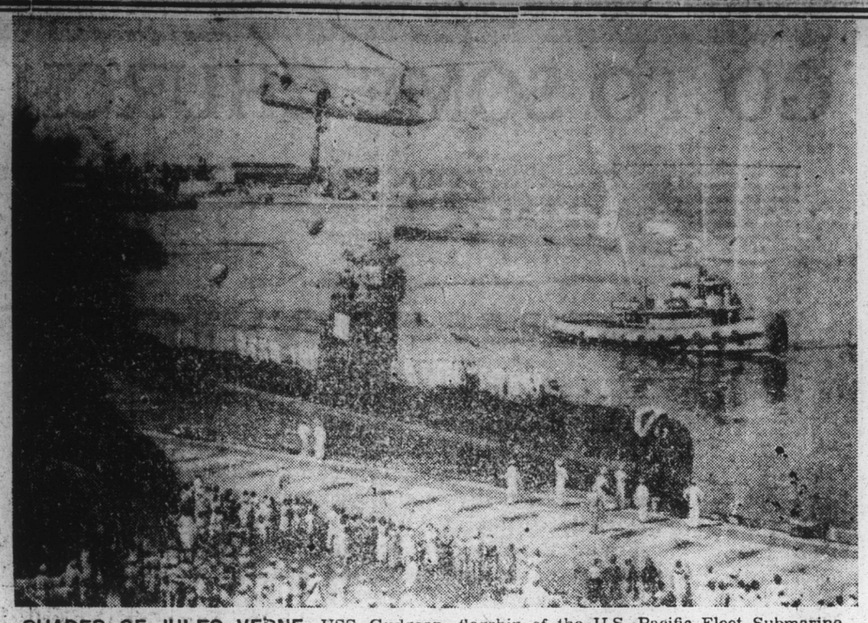
6. A program is under way to make funds available for more veterans homebuilding.

7. The Secretary of Labor has been requested to present a "proposal which would enable eligible unemployed individuals to receive weekly benefits for a longer period than is now permitted under state laws and thus enable them to continue to seek jobs with a greater measure of security." The most common State limitation on unemployment compensation at present is 26 weeks. It is reported the President will recommend that Congress enact Federal legislation to standardize and increase this to 39 weeks.

There are too many open ends in this program to put a definite dollar amount on it, but unquestionably the total would run into billions. And bear in mind this is just the new program—new in the sense that it covers, according to the President, only items which have been specifically developed since February 12.

It it worth noting, too, that President Eisenhower ended his letter with this sentence: " . . . other programs and measures are under study and, as circumstances may require, will be administratively set in motion or proposed to the Congress."

Clearly this is not a program, nor are those the words, of an Administration which is still convinced the current recession will end soon of his own accord.



SHADES OF JULES VERNE—USS Gudgeon, flagship of the U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarine Force, gets an all-out welcome as she makes port at Pearl Harbor after traveling around the world in a sailing time between ports of 80 days. She's the first American sub to make such a journey. Everyone not needed at the controls is topside to get a fireboat-squirting, whistle-tooting welcome as a helicopter overhead drops 30 pounds of blossoms over the sub. Elapsed time of the cruise was 150 days, including time out to participate in various maneuvers. Total mileage for the round-the-world portion of the trip: 23,111 miles.

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Peach Growing Increasing: Wilbur Privott of Center Hill community added his name to the list of new peach growers in Chowan County last week. Mr. Privott is setting approximately one acre to peaches. He has been given information and demonstrations on proper setting and pruning the young trees. Mr. Preston Dail of Ryland community has informed us that he plans to make a setting next fall.

Henderson Nixon of Rocky Hock community has set approximately 100 peach trees and 100 apple trees. He has been given a demonstration on clipping the young trees for proper development.

There is a wonderful opportunity for increased fruit growing in Chowan County. Both the soil and the climate are well adapted for fruits acclimated to this area. Prospective and interested growers must remember and determine to do certain things if these fruit plantings are to be successful.

Trees must be properly spaced, apple and pear trees 40 feet apart, each way, peach trees 20 feet apart each way and grape vines 15 to 20 feet apart. Trees must be properly set and pruned for proper development, pruning must be done each year. Trees must be properly fertilized. A careful spray schedule must be followed to control insects and diseases when the trees come into bearing. Proper varieties must be selected in order to get desired quality and the desired length of harvest season.

The county Extension office has bulletins, spray schedules and complete information for distribution. Extension agents will give demonstrations on setting, pruning and other practices necessary. All we ask is that growers call on us for such information and services.

The shrinking dollar seems to command universal respect without regard to its purchasing value..

Mrs. Roosevelt To Speak In Norfolk

The pubic is cordially invited to attend a lecture to be given by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at the Center Theatre in Norfolk Wednesday night, April 9, at 8:15 o'clock.

Mrs. Roosevelt is chairman of the American Association for United Nations Board of Governors and spends much of her time touring the country speaking and explaining the purposes of the United States to American audiences.

Her subject for the Norfolk lecture will be "The United Nations and its relation to the Soviet Union." Having recently been to Soviet Russia, her comments will be timely and interesting to Tidewater Virginia and nearby North Carolina counties. Guest cards for admission to the theatre may be obtained from the Chairman, Spring Program Committee, P. O. Box 3533, Norfolk 14, Va.

Firemen Answer 11 Calls In February

Fire Chief W. J. Yates reports that during February Edenton firemen answered 11 alarms, five of which were in Edenton and six out of town.

For the Edenton fires the firemen were out 7 hours and 30 minutes and 5 hours and 30 minutes out of town. They were on the air one minute for the Edenton fires and 1 minute and 5 seconds out of town. Seven miles were traveled for the Edenton fires and 116 miles out of town. Hose laid was 2,550 feet in Edenton and 1,550 feet out of town. Ladders were raised 160 feet in Edenton and none out of town.

In Edenton 67 volunteer firemen responded and 126 out of town. Property involved in Edenton was $224,800 and out of towon $47,000. Estimated damage in Edenton was $22,826, most of which was caused by the Providence Baptist Church fire. The out of town damage was $6,550. Insurance in town was $172,000 and $26,000 out of town.

The firemen extended four courtesies during the month, had two stand-by calls for lot burning and refilled two fire extinguishers.

And Ink Wins

Young Husband—It seems to me, my dear, that these pancakes are rather heavy.

His bride—Then I'm afraid you are a poor judge, for the book says they are light and feathery.

Minutes Of Board Of Public Works

Edenton, N. C., March 7, 1958

The Board of Public Works met this day in regular session at 5 P. M. Members present: Philip S. McMullan, chairman, Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., A. B. Harless, W. M. Wilkins and Sidney S. Campen.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

Motion was made by A. B. Harless, seconded by W. M. Wilkins and duly carried that $350 be transferred to the General Fund for use by the Fire Department in holding a district fire department meeting in Edenton on April 8th providing the Town Council approves.

Motion was made by Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., seconded by A. B. Harless and duly carried that Electric and Water Department bills in the amount of $48,882.20 be paid as follows:

Electrical Equipment Co., $2,596.26; M. G. Brown Co., Inc. $31.41; Thurston Motor Lines $8.55; Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc., $593.00; Bunch's Auto Parts, $15.87; Norfolk Southern Railway, $529.17; Electrical Equipment Co., $383.43; Tidewater Supply Co., $46.81; Edenton Construction Co., $61.50; Line Material Co., $168.86; Graybar Electric Co., $401.18; Railway Express Agency, $3.67; Virginia Electric & Power Co., $11,015.62; Morris Machine Works, $102.92; Ray Sturgill & Associates, $7.57; Butler Blue Print Co., $1.80; Jefferson Island Salt Co., $208.00; Edenton Ice Co., $254.70; General Creosoting Co., $814.34; East Carolina Supply, $28.50; Byrum Hardware Co., $3.70; Williamston Office Supply, $8.80; Ray Sturgill & Associates, $1,326.00; Sinclair Refining Co., $177.65; American Public Power Association, $8.00; The Chowan Herald, $37.90; Edenton Office Supply, $3:70; Coastal Office Equipment Co., $65.00; Addressograph Multigraph, $50.00; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., $25.55; Barbara Farless, $5.00; Leon Harris, $3.00; Early Miller, $30.00; Postmaster, $100.42; C. N. Keeter, $2.00; Wm. F. Freeman, Inc., $574.73; R. D. Cole Manufacturing Co., $20,504.00; O. O. Walker, $8,353.60; general salaries paid for February, $4.010.59; total, $52,892.79.

Received from current, water and merchandise, $22,687.98.

Disbursements in excess of receipts, $30,204.81.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

ERNEST J. WARD, JR.,
Clerk

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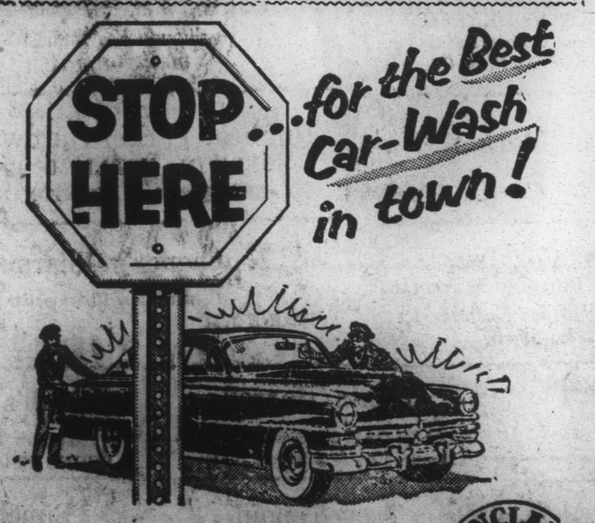

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—also—
Robert Vaughan in
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