Speaking Out

Gis Resolutions And Predictions

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Dear Editor:

The beginning of the new year is always a time for looking forward - for making resolutions and predictions

Here are my new year's predictions, for what they are worth. But don't hold me to them. I will be glad to be wrong about some of my 'best gu

TAX REFORM

It won't make it. Here is what will happen. The Senate will pass a tax reform bill sometime next spring. It will be closer to the President's original proposals than the House version passed a few weeks ago.

A House-Senate con ference committee will finally work out a com-promise - that will win the reluctant support of the President

Congressional leaders of both parties will also support the compromise. But the power of the special interests and others who are not paying their fair share of taxes will be too great

The House will vote down the compromise - showing again that the special interests have gained even more power in the Congress than our two political parties combined. GRAMM-RUDMAN

Deficit reduction set in concrete? Probably not. It will be a big disappoint-ment for all of us.

Congress and the President will work out ways to "postpone" its requirement for a balanced budget. Gramm, Budget budget, Gramm-Rudman, like all the other magic solutions, won't work unless Congress and the President really resolve to

run this country in a fiscally responsible mann That still has not

happened. TEXTILES

The President will yield to the tremendous pressure from this region to help owners and workers adapt to changing times. A revised, scaled-down, textile bill will pass both houses and be signed by the President next summer just in time for the fall elections.

In the meantime, as the value of the dollar declines, the downturn in the textile business will not be as steep in 1986. But workers will keep on losing their jobs to foreign competition and to modernization in our own mills.

THE RUSSIANS We'll keep on talking to them. President Reagan enjoyed the summit in Gene

Dealing with domestic problems will be tougher and more frustrating for the President this year. With all that pressure at

home, the allure of sure favorable attention at the summit will be irresistible. Look for an extra minisummit right before next November's election. The price of this meeting may be real concessions to the Russians – and those of us who have urged the President to begin meeting with them may begin to call for caution next year. That would be some turn-

around for everybody. PAC's AND UNFAIR **CAMPAIGN PRACTICES**

Attempts to slow down American political system by special interest groups will fail this year. So will proposals to curb negative ampaigning. In 1986, PAC money will

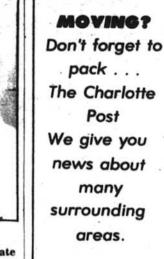
finance the dirtiest, most negátive political

campaigns ever. It has already begun in North Carolina. As a result, there may be a strong drive for real campaign reform in 1987.

I will be talking more about these predictions on the "One on One" TV show on Thursday, January 2, on **Cablevision Channel 3.**

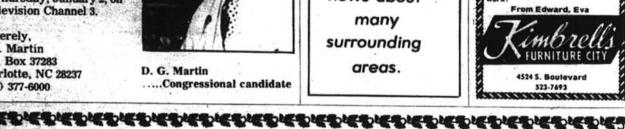
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