

New Boom Predicted By Bank Economists

California's rate of economic growth, which had slowed down noticeably during the past couple of years, should pick up again slightly in 1966, according to bank of America economists.

At the same time, the rest of the nation should continue its five-year-old economic expansion, with relatively stable prices despite the sharp increase in federal defense spending in connection with Viet Nam, the bank predicted in its 1966 "Economic Outlook" just published by the economic research department.

The military build-up in Viet Nam is not expected to provide substantial stimulus to the state's aerospace-electronics industries, but it should provide a boost to other sectors of the California economy, such as transportation and wholesaling, shipyards, and in areas around training bases. Passage of the pay increase for military personnel and federal civilian employees should also aid the rise in state incomes.

All of this will provide a basis for continued growth in a wide variety of trade and service industries, the Bank of America report states. In addition, local and state government employment increases to meet the rising demands for educational, medical and related services, also are expected. Only in the construction field, the report predicts, will employment likely decline below year-ago levels.

RETAIL SALES in the state also should push to new record levels, and there is a possibility of some further moderate reductions in unemployment in California. Agricultural activity in 1966 should continue to provide a stimulant to the state economy, Bank of America predicted. However, it said, further mechanization spurred on by recent sharp increases in labor costs, is expected to accelerate the long term downward trend in total California agricultural employment.

For the nation as a whole, the bank report predicted that next year's expansionary forces should take on a slightly different pattern than in the past year, with the most substantial change being an increase of federal spending due to the conflict in Viet Nam.

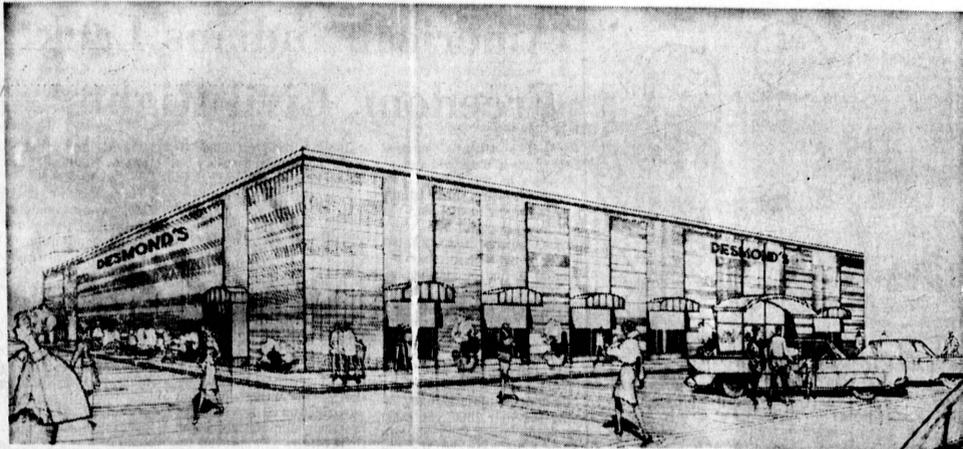
THE BANK economists were optimistic about the chances of inflationary forces being contained despite a declining unemployment rate and higher utilization rate of the nation's productive resources than at any time since mid-1957.

"The approach to a full employment economy need not necessarily result in sharply rising prices," the report states. It further points out that continued strong growth

in the labor force and the boost to productive capacity will stem from new plant facilities coming into line in 1966 should more than meet the growth in demand.

Nationally also, the bank economists predict a consumer spending to rise at a slightly slower pace than in 1965 due to a leveling off in durable goods expenditures, also sales to be only slightly less than in 1965, and the balance of payments deficit next year to be close to this year's total, unless overseas lending and investment restraints become more stringent, or the foreign trade surplus turns out to be larger than now anticipated, causing a smaller overall deficit.

Consumer instalment credit outstanding in 1966, it says, is likely to increase by about \$5.4 billion, compared to the record \$8 billion rise in 1965.



DUE IN MARCH . . . The new 16,000-square-foot Desmond's, the 15th in the Desmond organization, now under construction at Carson Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, is scheduled to be opened in March, according to Fred B. Huesman, president. The firm of Burke, Kober & Nicolais has designed the new Del Amo Fashion

Square store. When completed, it will include separate men's and women's apparel shops, a Campus Hall for young men, individual men's furnishings and sportswear sections, and a complete footwear department.

Ann Landers Says

Letters From Home Aren't Best Prose



Dear Ann Landers. Every college student away from home will thank you if you print this letter.

Mail is very important to us, and we know it is important to our parents, too. But what do THEY write about? Here is a sample of a letter I received yesterday: "Aunt Edna had a pain in her side last night. She thought it was appendicitis but it passed over. Uncle Gordie brought us six dozen fresh eggs from his farm this morning. The eggs he brings us are very small and rather brownish in color. I like the white eggs better but he never brings us those. The bulb in the street light by our house burned out. I wonder how long it will take the city to notice it."

This is news? We appreciate any support you can give us. —TIED OF READING NOTHING

Dear Nothing. So what do you want? The inside word from the Pentagon, the State Department and the White House? A letter from home lets you know your folks are thinking about you. If your mother happens to be a Willa Cather, you're lucky, but most mothers are just ordinary people who write as best they can. So be grateful and quit beefing.

Dear Ann Landers: A Group Meetings Rated Success

More than 23,000 Torrance parents attended group conferences and back-to-school nights this fall, according to Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent, educational services.

Included in the total attendance of 23,469 were 6,496 parents who participated in the high school back-to-school nights and 17,973 parents who visited the elementary schools.

neighbor had surgery six weeks ago. It was nothing serious but she made a big thing of it.

This woman's doctor is a family man and well thought of in the community. His car has been parked in front of her house about three times a week since the operation. I wonder if this sort of attention is necessary. Most patients go to the doctor's office for post-operative check-ups, don't they?

I'm not saying that anything is going on but I have discussed this with a few friends and it seems to us that these

New Copies Of Master Plan Ready

"A Master Plan for Higher Education in California, 1960-1975" has been reprinted and is available to the public, Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh announced today.

Unruh is chairman of the Joint Committee on Higher Education of the California State Legislature.

The report, a blueprint for higher education in the state, has been out of print in recent years. It was reprinted under the auspices of the Joint Committee, which is conducting a study of the organization and financing of higher education in the state, including a review of the master plan.

Prepared in 1960 by representatives of the University of California, the state colleges, the junior colleges, and private institutions in the state, the Master Plan forms the basis of public policy toward California higher education.

Copies may be obtained from the Legislative Bill Room, Room 215, State Capitol, Sacramento. A fee of \$2.25 per copy, plus tax, is required to cover the costs of printing and mailing.

two are letting themselves in for a lot of unnecessary gossip. Should I talk to my neighbor and tell her she is injuring the doctor's reputation as well as her own? —PERSON WHO MEANS WELL

Dear Person: I'm all for cutting down on gossip and I suggest you start with yourself. Mind your own business and get your jollies some other way.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have not gone anywhere by ourselves since 1961. We were married seven years before our twin sons were born and of course we were thrilled. But when a mother stays home with two active boys, night and day for three years, she gets over the thrill. At least I did.

My husband will not allow me to hire a sitter. He says people who have children should stay home or take their children with them. He is forever showing me articles about kids who are delinquent because their parents didn't pay enough attention to them.

Please give me a hand before I wind up on the funny farm.—ON THE EDGE

Dear Edge: Parents need an occasional evening away from their children and the kids need it, too. (Once every two weeks is not too often.)

If your boys don't learn to adjust to people outside the family they'll have difficulty when they start school.

Tell your husband for me that one extreme is as bad as the other.

What is French kissing? Is it wrong? Who should set the necking limits—the boy or the girl? Can a shotgun wedding succeed? Read Ann Landers' bookies, "Teen-age Sex—Ten Ways to Cool It." Send 50 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. © 1965, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate.

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CHILD HEALTH MONTH . . . January will be observed in the Los Angeles County Library System as "Child Health Month." William S. Geller, county librarian, has announced. Special health displays, such as the one shown here, will be set up in more than 90 branch libraries. This exhibit is being inspected by 4-year-old Patty Wong, who gets some help from (from left) Supervisor Frank G. Bonelli, Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, director of the county's Intensive Vaccination Program, and her mother, Mrs. Pui Ching Wong.

Serves on New Advisory Board

Dr. Vincent J. Rounds, who maintains offices in Redondo Beach, has been named to the Advisory Board of Marymount College at Palos Verdes.

County Libraries Observe Child Health Month Here

Protect Your Child's Health Month will be celebrated during January by the more than 90 Los Angeles County Libraries, William S. Geller, county librarian, announced today.

Mom, Dads Complete Math Class

More than 600 Torrance parents have completed a modern math adult education class.

Classes were offered at 24 elementary schools and one high school to help parents understand the change in teaching technique in teaching mathematics.

Last year almost 3,000 parents took the course, which was offered at every school in the district.

PEACE CORP TEST

Placement tests for the Peace Corps will be given Saturday, Jan. 8, at 9 a.m. at the Long Beach Post Office, Third Street and Long Beach Boulevard, and at the Los Angeles Federal Building, 300 N. Los Angeles St.

"The special month-long observance," Geller said, "will feature displays and exhibits calling attention to the many publications available in the county libraries on the subject of child health care."

Such books as "Dr. Spock Talks to Mothers," "How to Keep Your Child Fit From Birth to Six," by physical fitness expert Bonnie Prudden and Walter Sackett's "Bringing Up Babies" are just a few examples of the wide variety of subject material available to parents, he pointed out.

"IN ADDITION," Geller said, "special material explaining the county's Intensive Vaccination Program will be distributed by all the libraries."

"Prepared by the Los Angeles County Health Department, the publication reveals the startling fact," he stated, "that nearly half the children in Los Angeles County under the age of five are not fully protected against diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus and that about 30 per cent are not completely protected against polio."

"IT GOES ON to explain the necessary immunizations children must have to be pro-

ected against these four disabling and often deadly diseases," Geller said, "and lists locations of county health centers where immunizations are given free of charge."

"We hope," he added, "that Month will stimulate parents to become more informed about proper child health care and the tremendous need for prompt and proper immunization."

Teacher Elevated In School

A Hickory Elementary School teacher has been appointed to the post of temporary vice-principal of Riviera Elementary School for the remainder of the school year.

Named to the administrative position is Richard F. Leibovitz, who has taught at Hickory since coming to the Torrance district in February, 1963.

A 1961 graduate of Los Angeles State College, he previously taught in Los Angeles schools.

A Penny for your Thoughts

By HAL FISHER

As we near the end of 1965, I thought it proper to find out what events left the greatest impression on people in the past year. So, while traveling around downtown Torrance I asked several people:

"What do you consider one of the most important events of 1965?"

J. Walker Owens, Cravens Ave.

"Many events come to mind including our successful space ventures, and the Watts riots, but the major event which has taken most of the new space and concerns the largest number of people is our increasing involvement in the Vietnam Conflict."

Edward Sullivan, Cravens Ave.

"Although it wasn't just a 1965 event, I think the Ecumenical Council that ended this year will have the greatest effect on the greatest number of people in the long run. Next in importance would be Viet Nam, U.S. space flights, and the return of flying saucers."

Verl Cunningham, El Prado Ave.

"The student demonstrations at Berkeley. The free speech movement showed that our generation takes great interest in the problems of America. Today's young people are non-static."

Sharon Peace, "D" St., Wilmington.

"The crisis in Viet Nam is the most important event, because it affects everybody in one way or another. Those with a member of their family in Viet Nam are directly affected and the rest of us by the drain on our national economy."

C. E. Quansrom, Winlock Rd.

"In a positive vein I think the most important event was the Gemini Rendezvous. I saw it all on TV and it was an outstanding accomplishment. It was especially amazing that Borman and Lovell could walk after 14 days in space."

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COUNT MARCO

Escalating the Sloppy War

Many wives foolishly think that if their husbands decide to be sloppy they can assert their equal rights and be equally sloppy. "Fair play" is what some of you call it.

What is amusing to me, but sad perhaps to your beasts, is that you yourselves admit to being sloppy. But just let me refer to some of you as slovenly and your voices are loudly raised in self-defense. The more fool you.

This applies to the woman who wrote the following biased sentiments about husbands:

"You make me laugh. I wonder if you ever saw a husband at breakfast, hair uncombed, feet bare, and a good growth of beard? Same way on Sundays and holidays, when he takes his well-earned day off.

"Because he's a man he can

go sloppy, but rain or shine, tired, sick or rested, a woman must always be glamorous and attentive. Hogwash!

"I have myself glamorous at 6 a.m. when he looks like Rock Hudson at 6 a.m., and don't say my marriage is going phooey either."

"We are happy, and thank goodness not as many men agree with you as you think. If they did, the divorce rate would go up."

"Better check and find out who filed for those divorces you speak of so glibly. I'll bet nine out of ten were women shedding their men, not the other way around."

"I'm sure it would be very interesting to hear what constitutes a 'good husband.' After all, let's be fair. If you're so smart as you let on, let's hear your views on Hubby. —A.H."

YOU may not think your marriage is going "phooey," but I wouldn't bet on what he's thinking.

It is not my position to write about "Hubby," as you call your beast. I write about what's wrong with you, and there is plenty in your case.

Obviously you're not satisfied with the great gift you have, your husband. In your own words you admit you look at him in the morning and dream of Rock Hudson standing in his place.

I fully agree that more wives ask for divorces than husbands. It's not that he doesn't want to, it's just that the laws slaughter him financially.

He'd rather stick out the marriage and carry on romance on the side than have you take him for everything he has.