

Nikita's Message Viewed Good Omen

MOSCOW (UPI) Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's New Year's message to the United States was viewed by Western diplomats today as a good omen for 1964 because of its concrete proposals and lack of boasts or threats.

They said Khrushchev not only issued one of the friendliest messages in years but indicated the Soviets might accept at least one part of Western disarmament plans.

This is a step-by-step approach to disarmament, with adequate controls as each step is achieved. In the past, the Khrushchev line has been to press for sweeping general disarmament at once, with the control systems to come later.

Khrushchev, whose New Year's statement was issued Monday in response to questions put to him by this correspondent, said the new year could bring "decisive change for the better in the entire international situation." He listed a broad range of issues on which East-West agreement might be possible.

Range of Issues

They included: —"Measures aimed at slowing down the arms race and at further alleviating international tension." —"Reductions in armed forces and military spending by both sides." —"A non-aggression agreement between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) nations and the Warsaw Pact members."

—Agreement not to spread nuclear weapons to countries which do not have their own.

—Establishment of nuclear-free zones.

The lowest priority was given to a Berlin settlement, although Khrushchev warned that "it would be unwise and I would say dangerous to put this matter off for future years."

Feature Statement

Soviet newspapers spread Khrushchev's statement over front pages Monday and today and Moscow Radio broadcasts featured it.

(The Western press also welcomed Khrushchev's stand. "Moderate and hopeful," London's Daily Mail said. The Guardian of Manchester said the West will agree with many of Khrushchev's plans, and said "the vital one is to keep nuclear weapons in the hands only of those now possessing them, and if possible, in fewer hands still."

(The London Daily Sketch said, however, that Khrushchev's "noble sentiments must be set against his actions twice since Cuba Nikita Khrushchev has also brought the world closer to war... by blockades of roads to Berlin." (The Times of London speculated that "domestic reasons also lead him to seek an easing of the tensions.")

Berlin Mayor Will Continue To Seek Talks

BERLIN (UPI)—West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt tonight served notice he will continue to campaign for direct talks with East German Communists.

In the face of growing criticism of his new policy of negotiations with the East Germans on traffic through the wall, Brandt said talks are better than the stagnant status quo.

He said in a brief New Year's radio and television speech:

"The New Year begins in the grip of the great coming together of Berliners in the other part of the city."

"We must remain vigilant. But a situation that has begun to move requires more than sticking to old positions and the repetition of well-known statements."

He promised, however, to cooperate with the Western Allies



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on all questions.

The East Germans still have made no formal offer to the West Berlin city government for talks on a new agreement to replace the Christmas pass agreement that expires Jan. 5. But West Berlin Press Chief Egon Bahr told a news conference today both West Berlin and East Germany want the wall to remain open for West Berliners.

It was considered only a question of time until the West Germans formally call for new negotiations. The West Berlin city government persisted in its approval of new talks despite an American warning to go slow in its dealings with the East Germans.

Suspends Licenses Of Two Drivers

Two local drivers have had their driving privileges suspended, according to the latest driver suspension list issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Nov. 11 of this year to Nov. 11, 1964, a period of one year, is the suspension date of the license of Donnie Jay Fawcett, of 418 Johns St., on a conviction of reckless driving. Gerald L. Bulmahn of route 2, Decatur, has received an indefinite suspension, beginning Nov. 19 of this year, due to matters appearing on record concerning the point system.

Household Scrapbook By Roberta Lee

Flower Frog

If you need a "frog" in which to anchor flower stems for your table's centerpiece, half a lemon or orange rind is very handy. Squeeze the juice out first, of course, then punch holes in the rind with an ice pick, set it in the bowl flat side down, and stick the stems through the holes. The rind will hold the flowers securely and, when they finally get limp, you can throw the whole business away without having any metal gadgets to clean.

Petty Car Cash

You can keep a supply of coins readily available in your car for such uses as parking meters, bridge tolls, and small curb purchases, if you'll cement a slotted-plastic coin holder to the inside of the glove compartment door. You can purchase such a coin holder at a variety store, or remove one from a discarded coin purse of wallet.

Renovated Sheets

Bed-sheets usually wear out in the middle. Before too much wear takes place, cut the sheet in half lengthwise, sew the two former selvage edges together, and run a hem around the new rough edges.

Goldwater To Reveal 1964 Plans Friday

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Barry M. Goldwater meets with Arizona Republican leaders at his Phoenix home Friday to announce whether he will seek the GOP presidential nomination in 1964.

The Arizona senator, who celebrates his 55th birthday Wednesday, will make known to his state's GOP chiefs whether he will run for the Republican presidential nomination or drop out of the race and seek re-election to the Senate in 1964.

Goldwater was a strong front-runner for the Republican nomination in the public opinion polls before President Kennedy's assassination, but since that time has slipped somewhat. Whether the slippage was enough to discourage him remained to be seen.

Resting At Home

The senator has been recuperating at his home from minor surgery for a bone spur on his right heel. Along with other Republicans, Goldwater had observed a moratorium on politics during the 30-day period of national mourning for Kennedy. That period ended a week ago Sunday.

Goldwater signaled his plan to make known his presidential answer in a telegram to a "representative group of friends and supporters throughout the country."

As of now, the only announced GOP presidential hopeful is New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Despite intensive drum-beating on his behalf by various groups, the senator has played his politics like his principles—conservatively. He has refused to commit himself one way or the other on a presidential bid.

Announce Intention

The most he would promise supporters was that he would announce his intentions early in January.

Some observers believe Goldwater tipped off his presidential hopes when he attacked President Johnson last week for the Chief Executive's insistence on congressional foreign aid bill action this year. They theorized that this meant he had decided Johnson would not be too formidable an opponent in '64.

Others took an opposite view, citing Johnson's Southern and Western background. Goldwater adherents had pushed their man as the candidate who could pry the not-so-solid South from the Democratic column, but Kennedy's death changed all this, they said.

Tide Of Industrial Expansion Foreseen

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Most of the thousands of jobs lost in the closing of the Studebaker Corp. auto production facilities at South Bend will be replaced next year through "a tide of industrial expansion" in Indiana, Lt. Gov. Richard O. Ristine said today.

Ristine issued a year-end statement on business prospects for 1964. He pointed to the Studebaker closing as "a major blow to North Central Indiana" and "especially tragic because it so directly affected individual, family and community life."

"My experience in industrial development work tells me it's unwise to take predictions and unthinkable to make promises," Ristine said. "But still I am convinced that most jobs lost at Studebaker will be replaced during 1964. This I say because there is running in America a tide of industrial expansion. This tide will be especially strong in Indiana."

Ristine said the Indiana Department of Commerce and Industry which he heads has in the last three years played a part in the creation of 38,000 new jobs.

"I see no reason why we cannot continue to add new and better jobs to the Hoosier economy in 1964," he said.

Ristine said one of the most "imposing predictions of continued business expansion" was a Fortune magazine survey of 1,000 top-level American businessmen which showed Indiana was the "most preferred" site of all the states for industrial growth.

"Economists at Indiana University are optimistic about 1964 for Indiana," he said. "A distinguished private group of economic experts has forecast a five per cent increase in retail sales during 1964. And all authorities are agreed that Indiana's diversified economy is ideally suited to take advantage of what appears to be a new period of business growth."

Modern Etiquette By Roberta Lee

Q. When two married couples go out to dinner, should the husbands be attentive to their own wives — such as seating, helping with wraps, etc. — or does each help the woman who is not his wife?

A. Each man helps the woman who happens to be nearest to him at the time.

Q. While in a restaurant recently, the waiter lighted some candles on our table and, since the light annoyed me, I blew the candles out. Was I wrong to do this?

A. Properly, you should have asked the waiter to remove the candles.

Q. There's a shower scheduled soon for my fiancée. Am I supposed to give her a corsage to wear on that occasion?

A. This might be customary in some communities, but personally, I don't think it at all necessary.

Q. Just what are the proper uses of the napkin at the dinner table?

A. For wiping the lips and the fingers. It is NOT for the cheeks, perspiration, or the nose. The napkin should be lifted as inconspicuously as possible, lightly brushed across the lips, and then returned to the lap.

Q. When an invitation written on an informal card is received, and a reply is requested, is it all right to make this reply by phone?

A. It is quite all right to reply to an informal invitation by phone.

Q. We live with my wife's parents. When we entertain guests at dinner, who sits at the head of the table, my father-in-law or I?

A. Correctly, your father-in-law since the owner of the house never sits anywhere other than at the head of his table.

Q. When invited to a friend's home for a week-end visit, is it all right for a guest to take his dog along?

A. ONLY if the dog has received a specific invitation!

Q. Would it be proper for a widow's married daughter to announce her mother's second marriage, and may the widow's son give her away?

A. The announcement should be made by the widow and her second husband, but it would be quite all right for her son to walk down the aisle with her and also to give her away.

Rise In County In Consumer Buying

NEW YORK — How much was spent in Adams county in the last fiscal year? How good a year was it for local business in general?

The first detailed figures to be released, covering the period, show that solid progress was made. With incomes on the rise in most families, there was more spending money available after taxes, rent and other necessary expenditures.

Retail business in the county was good, as a result.

The findings are contained in a survey, based on data gathered from federal, state and local sources, which has just been issued by the Standard Rate and Data Service. It gives comparable figures for each section of the county for the 12-month period ending June 30, 1963.

It shows that residents of Adams county, taken as a whole, had more purchasing power than in the previous year.

Net Income Up

Their net income, after payment of personal taxes, added up to \$47,109,000, as against the former total of \$44,106,000.

The increase, 6.8 per cent, compares with a 6.2 per cent rise in the United States and 4.2 per cent in the east north central states.

In terms of the individual family unit locally, the net income figured out to \$6,711 per household, determined by dividing the overall income by the number of households. It was \$6,256 in fiscal 1962.

A whole battery of factors contributed to the nation's business strength in the year. The boom in autos, the big harvests, heavier spending by government and large capital expenditures by industry were some of them.

Most areas of the country shared in the economic growth, some to a much greater extent than others.

Better Than Average Here

In Adams county, because of the better conditions that prevailed, consumers spent freely for goods and services. Local retail stores, as a consequence, recorded sales totaling \$28,018,000, compared with the prior year's \$26,880,000.

The indicators point to another year of good business ahead, with the consumer con-

tinuing to set the pace. As for the economists, they are out-doing one another with their glowing predictions. They see the gross national product rising to about \$625 billion from the present \$585 billion level.

Says Toll Road No Longer Gravy Train

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Governor Welsh said today that when he took office in 1961, "the Indiana toll road was a gravy train" but that it now is under "a business-like management without political interference."

The statement by Welsh on the past and future of Indiana's only toll route pointed out that \$4 million in bonds were retired in 1963, bringing the total to \$12.8 million retired during the Welsh administration.

The road opened for business in 1956 and was built with a bond issue of \$267 million.

"A savings of no less than \$1,231 per day in interest charges has been effected through redemption of bonds since September, 1961," Welsh said.

The governor said the interest rates during this past year still averaged about \$25,910 a day despite the reduction.

"When we took office in 1961, the road was a gravy train designed to benefit its employees rather than its users and bondholders," Welsh charged.

"The fact we have been able to retire these bonds and substantially reduce interest payments reflects the healthy financial condition of our toll road and the sound business-like way in which it is being operated," he said.

Welsh said the entire interstate route of which the Indiana road is a part is "the main street of the Midwest" and that Indiana should do more to capitalize on this location.

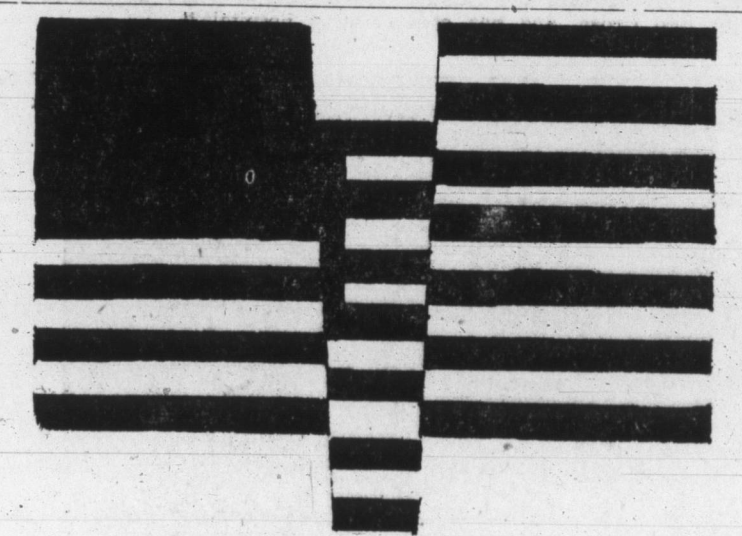
"Another dramatic forward step in the industrial expansion of Northern Indiana will come when the new Burns Harbor Interchange is open to traffic," the governor said.

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