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Truman Aids Keep Lookout For Deflation

Detect Inflation Sag As Prices Drop

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (UPI)—Administration aids mapping a campaign against high prices are keeping an eye on the possibility of an economic bust.

Most economic policy-makers believe inflationary forces still dominate the economic scene. Some of them feel, however, that these forces may be about spent.

One top-level fiscal official put it this way: "Inflationary pressures still outweigh the deflationary forces. But they aren't as great as they were a few months ago."

Many government economists agree that inflationary pressures have subsided somewhat in recent weeks. They have adopted a wait-and-see policy. They want to know how much President Truman will ask for "cold war" spending.

Among economic barometers indicating at least temporary slackening of inflationary pressures is the cost of living. As measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, living cost dropped slightly between mid-October and mid-November for the first time in seven months. And department store sales have been below their usual pre-Christmas levels.

Spending Ups Prices

Economists say heavy spending for the Armed Services and foreign aid could change all that.

President Truman's \$15 billion ceiling on defense spending may have to be boosted, some observers say. And military aid for China and lend-lease arms for Western European governments could swell the cost of foreign aid.

That kind of spending, economists say, puts more money in circulation and reinforces inflationary pressures by bidding up the price of scarce material and labor.

One high administration adviser says the anti-inflation campaign will be designed to stabilize the economy against both boom and bust.

"It is not correct to regard the two as separate and unrelated," he said. "They must be dealt with together and the danger of the boom is the bust itself."

Favors Controls

Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, head of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, has been charged with mapping the administration's economic program. He must co-ordinate proposals of five government departments—Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Labor and Treasury—plus the Federal Reserve Board.

President Truman already has indicated he will ask Congress for stand-by controls on prices and reserve authority to channel scarce materials into industries where they are badly needed.

Mr. Truman also favors higher taxes, especially a tax on excess profits of corporations. That would help to balance the federal budget and take some money out of circulation, he feels.

Boy, 12, Loses Eye As He Hammers Rifle Cartridge

GENERAL HOSPITAL surgeons lost their fight last night to save the right eye of 12-year-old Ronald Gorman, who was injured by an exploding rifle cartridge.

Mrs. Helen Gorman, 3001 E. Washington St., said her son exploded the shell with a hammer while she was Christmas shopping yesterday. The casing sliced his eye.

Surgeons, at first, thought they could save the eye, but extensive examination proved the damage was too great.

As HIS harried mother waited, Ronald was taken to the operating room where physicians began their delicate task.

In a relatively new operation, they replaced the eye with an artificial one which will eventually be hooked to the eye muscles of the original. This will permit natural movement of the artificial with the good left eye.

The pupil of Ronald's new eye will match the color of his left one, physicians said.

RONALD explained that he had "just been playing" with the 22-caliber cartridge when he struck it with the hammer to make it explode.

Mrs. Gorman said he often fired caps in the same manner, but had never played with bullets before.

All-State Team

• Heze Clark, who has selected Indiana All-State High School football teams for The Times down through the years, presents his 1948 mythical Stars of Stars lineups today.

• One Indianapolis player, Don Klingler, Broad Ripple, was honored as fullback on the first team.

• It was the greatest year in history in state prep football in caliber of play and number of players participating.

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Hope Still Is Burning



Photo by Henry E. Gleisner Jr., Times Staff Photographer.
Aftermath of blaze. . . . Old age pensioners, Mr. and Mrs. William O. Smith stand forlorn in a doorway of their home.

Aged Pensioners Who Lost Possessions In Holiday Fire Face Winter Undaunted

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ

This is the hard-luck story of the William O. Smiths, an aged Indianapolis family whose background is interwoven with American history.

Since 1882, when mule cars were the chief mode of transportation on Washington St., misfortune has dogged the footstep of the Smiths.

No Coliseum Bid, Hulman Declares

'Far From Definite,' Says Speedway Head

Enthusiastic local citizens seek to acquire the Coliseum lease with Tony Hulman supplying the cash to saw their dream fading last night.

Home from a duck hunting trip in Illinois, the millionaire Terre Haute wholesale groceryman-sportsman was incredulous when told him that he was practically running the Coliseum now in addition to his Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

It had been reported that Mr. Hulman was ready to negotiate for the lease this winter.

Far From Proposal

"Sure, it was discussed by some of the boys some time ago but we're far from making any definite proposal," said Mr. Hulman.

"Somebody asked me if I would be interested in the proposal to bid for the lease but we never even discussed it."

One of Mr. Hulman's close advisers said the idea emanated at a cocktail party when "somebody" told him that he was the idea if Tony had the Coliseum too. And somebody else said "sure."

"But there was no move made, no approach. In fact, Tony probably knows less about it than anybody."

"That's just about right, too," said Mr. Hulman last night.

"I'm surprised that there was any publicity about it."

"It's just one of those things. As to whether we would try to bid for the lease, we'll just have to see."

"My father," he says, "was a second cousin of the general."

Like many another homeless Indianapolis and Marion County pension couple, the Smiths face the future no less uncertain than their pioneer forebears.

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NATIONALLY FAMOUS FOR FINE FOOD
FAMOUS FOR STEAK FOR 55 YEARS

Charley's Restaurant, 144 E. Ohio—Adr.

'Justice' In County Courts Stalled For Seven Years

Mass Razing Planned for Local Slums

Destruction Set for After First of Year

Hundreds of slum properties, most of them condemned years ago but still standing, will be demolished after the first of next year by the City Building Commission.

For the first time in a decade, the old buildings, some of them dangerous firetraps, will be torn down on a large scale. The wrecking will be done in all sections where the buildings now stand.

Building Commissioner Charles E. Bacon said he was waiting until he can employ additional help under his 1948 budget to make a complete survey of condemned and mostly uninhabited properties before he puts wrecking crews to work on the buildings.

Follows Times' Articles

Mr. Bacon's disclosure followed publication of articles in The Times describing the fire menace created by such properties.

"We don't want to work a hardship on families who live in properties that ought to be torn down," said Mr. Bacon. "There are a good many empty buildings that will go first."

"I know we are going to run into the problem of families with no other place to go. It's a tough problem."

Mr. Bacon added the problem was complicated by the fact "squatters" have moved into condemned dwellings and refuse to get out.

Started This Year

The slum eradication program got underway this year as the Building Commission, for the first time since the war, began to exercise its powers of condemning properties found unsafe for habitation. So far, 40 properties have been condemned and are earmarked for the crowbar and sledge.

Meanwhile, an ordinance to coordinate the inspection and condemnation powers of three city departments is being drawn to facilitate the work of the commission.

In addition to the commission, the Health and Fire Departments may condemn structures as health or fire hazards. The ordinance would integrate these inspection services with those of the commission.

The commissioner said lists of buildings to be wrecked will be compiled in a general survey. A wrecking schedule will then be arranged, he said.

Recalls Boyhood

After all, the 71-year-old mother of four sons reasons, "we managed to survive after WWI was shot in a hunting accident and when our son, Earl, lost his leg falling off a freight train in 1924."

A philosopher of sorts, Mr. Smith often recalls his carefree boyhood days in a log cabin in Lawrence County and relates stories of his father and grandfather.

"My dad was a buck private in the Civil War," Mr. Smith relates, "and his dad was a farmer who came to Indiana from England."

Mrs. Smith claims kinship with Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, victorious Union Army general and 18th President of the United States.

"My father," he says, "was a second cousin of the general."

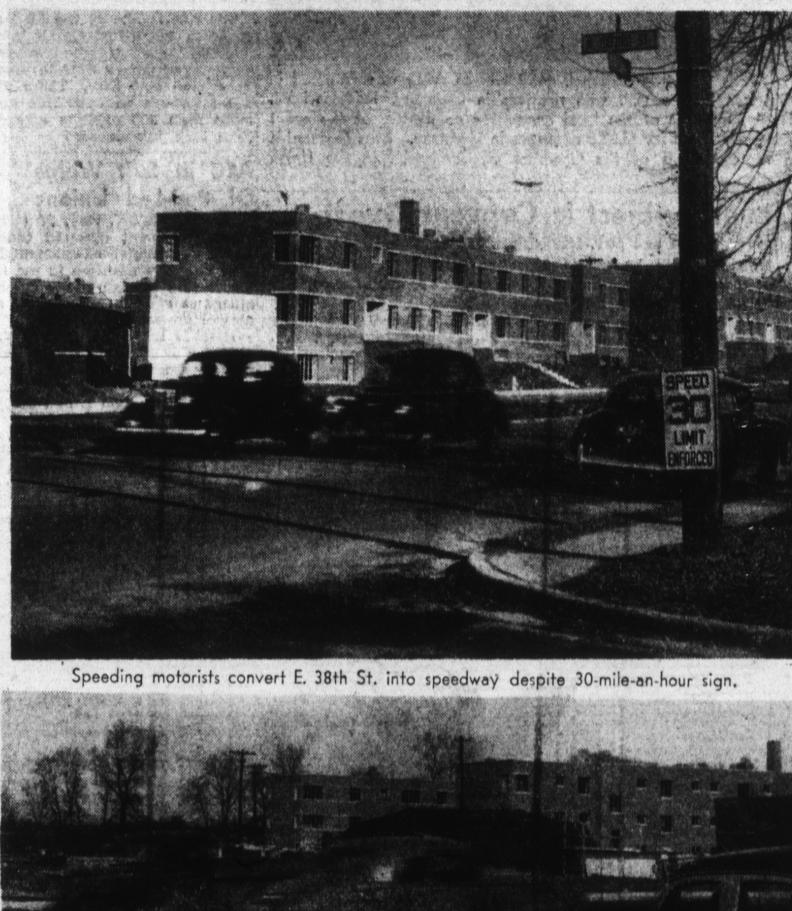
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The woman, Mrs. Norene Niehus of 1938 Bosart Ave., was riding in a car with her husband, Roy, traveling north on Bosart Ave. when another vehicle smashed into their car at 12th St. and kept on traveling.

Police later found the auto, registered in the name of a Greenfield man, abandoned at 12th St. and Drexel Ave.

Add to Speedways—38th St.



Speeding motorists convert E. 38th St. into speedway despite 30-mile-an-hour sign.

Fast-moving cars and trucks make it difficult for motorists to get onto E. 38th St., from side streets.

Truman, Old Hand at Upsets, Smiles as Navy Ties Score

'Gallup Picks Army' Byplay Amuses Nation's No. 1 Grid Fan; Margaret Cheers for Cadets

By MERRIMAN SMITH, United Press Staff Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—President Truman, who staged one of the biggest political upsets in history, chuckled today as he watched underdog Navy upset football experts' predictions by playing to a 21-21 tie in the annual Army-Navy classic.

Mr. Truman happily noted also that even the weather prediction for the game was wrong. The weatherman had said there would be rain. But the weather turned out to be balmy, sunny and almost cloudless.

The President attended the game as an impartial rooster, although he sat on Navy's side of the field. During the train journey from Washington, he walked through the cars and kidded reporters about "predicting."

He said he wasn't forecasting anything.

Every time Navy scored a touchdown, Mr. Truman smiled, and he laughed heartily when the Midshipmen hoisted a big sign reading, "Gallup Picks Army."

The President sat on the other side of the field, answered with a loud "Yea Gallup."

Mr. Truman came to Philadelphia aboard a special train, which carried 180 passengers. He was selected by Mayor Bernard Samuel, Gov. James Duff, Sen. Martin and Sen. Francis Myers. All are Republicans except Sen. Myers.

The Cadets, on the other side of