

WASHINGTON (AP)—White House advisers are keeping their lips buttoned and their fingers crossed about a set of highly optimistic forecasts for 1946. They are so good that experts are reluctant to talk about them.

If the forecasts turn out to be correct, the Truman administration will have an easier year than any President has had since Coolidge. There are no rocks the boat will have high wages, high profits and high employment. The national income will rise to the highest point in history, averaging the high years of the late 20's.

Employment—Both Government and business experts confidently predict a sharp upturn in employment. The fact that the stoppage of war contracts and the closing of war plants there may delay out of working following V-J Day.

Actually, part of this long laudatory forecast is already dissolved to a great extent. Many of these unemployed workers who were normally wouldn't have worked during the war years, and have since returned to the civilian labor force. Many wives and daughters, also, who were employed in war plants are returning to their homes.

In addition, college enrollment will reach the highest point in the nation's history. Great numbers of ex-service-men taking advantage of the educational benefits under the G. I. Bill of Rights. This will take many more off the labor force.

Besides the increases in the volume of production by manufacturing plants, the volume of work also will be benefited by greatly increased activity in the construction industry, due to the housing shortage.

Another important factor in the country's recovery has been the numerous G.I.'s who have trade skills they picked up in the service and who are now qualified for jobs in industry.

The Army, Navy, and Marine Corps have been discharging large numbers of men for communications and the Signal Corps and other branches. Many of these men are trained in the Air Corps.

So the employment outlook is good both from the standpoint of unskilled jobs and trained men to fill them.

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Dorothy Thompson

In Europe Children Are Starving

NEW YORK (AP)—In April I attended the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury at the climax of the impressive ritual. A feminine voice rang startlingly through the archway. It was the name of Jesus Christ, stop this war or I will stop this war.

NAME OF CIVILIZATION
This war was fought by the West in the name of Christian civilization, the Four Freedoms, and the dignity of man against those who were persecuting Jews, Muslims, Hindus, and other minorities.

PRICE REPORTS
Mr. Byron Price points out that French opposition to a United German economic policy is a root cause for the chaos and that under the military conditions.

THE FACTS ARE THAT...
The facts are that in being revealed through what has amounted to a conspiracy of silence here. The British press has long been more outspoken and critical.

THE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM
"What We Fought For"
I have recently been discharged from the Army after four years—1-2 years overseas—and I am always interested in reading the many versions of what we were fighting for.

THE MOST DISASTROUS...
The most disastrous answer I've seen yet to this question was contained in an editorial issued to me by a working young lady in today's News.

WE WERE OFF BASE ON...
By Mrs. John Benjamin
It was disappointing to find your sub-head on the story about Jewish agitation in Palestine on the front page of the December 28th News.

THE sand in the hourglass has run out and a new year has rolled around. Measured against the calendar, the little units of time are like the flicker of a candle in the light of the sun.

LOST OPPORTUNITY
That opportunity was missed. The whole story of why it was missed has never been told. It is linked with the drama of Roosevelt's death.

AWFUL CONSEQUENCES
In 1946 we must find a way with the other nations to control this new power. We must explore every possibility.

THE DEFENDER'S KUDOS
The Chicago Defender, a national Negro newspaper, has announced its annual honor roll of Americans who distinguished themselves in 1945 by improving race relations.

CHALLENGE FOR RESERVISTS
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FROM THE LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL:
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Salute For Mr. Barrentine

It takes a good deal of courage to look for the plum-dollars in the prospect of immediate loss in order to insure a profit in the hazy future, to recognize the fundamental principle that altruism and good business can be one and the same thing.

J. E. Barrentine has that sort of courage more important, he has the ability to impart his vision to his fellows. As president of the Charlotte Real Estate Board Mr. Barrentine accepted a responsibility that went far beyond the usual duties of an administrator.

From Betty To Savvy
When "Betty" Stark wrote to his old friend "Savvy" Cook he was quite frank. The Russians had just entered the war voluntarily and "Betty" thought the United States ought to jump in too.

Back in those dim days it was quite a novel idea, shared by Charles A. Lindbergh, Colonel McCormick of The Chicago Tribune, Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina, Father Coughlin, Gerald Winrod, and quite a few others. If "Betty" had been dashing off a personal letter to an old college chum, he would, presumably, have been entitled to express it. But "Betty" was the chief of the United States Army and "Savvy" was a captain, which was quite a bit of rank in those days.

As a matter of fact there are still many who share "Betty's" opinion of the Russians as being a good many of them wear the bright gold stripes of officers in the United States Navy. It would be strange if they didn't since the man who held every power short of life and death over them, apparently spent most of his time in listening his views down to his subordinates.

And yet there have been many Southerners who have, in their own fashion, made major contributions in the field of race relations. There are those who work for abolition of the poll tax, those who have labored for the abolition of those who have insisted on job-segregation for Negroes.

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