

Thurs, Apr. 18 - '74,

In the U.S. gross national product - a decline of nearly six percent during the first quarter of the year; while the nation's rate of inflation - ~~has~~ ^{went up} nearly eleven percent. This according to figures announced today - by the U.S. Commerce Department; ~~this~~ the nation's worst economic showing in sixteen years.

~~At~~ But wait - there's still hope. In New York City - the sixteenth annual Forecasting Conference of the American Statistical Association, ~~hearing~~ ^{heard} today from Paul McCracken of the University of Michigan - one of the nation's foremost economists; who said the nation's recent run of economic bad luck - appears to have turned. McCracken adding that a full scale recession is unlikely - and, ~~indeed~~ the outlook now is highly encouraging.

PRESIDENT

For President Nixon - a heart warming welcome today from the Daughters of the American Revolution; followed by an address - on the challenge of the future.

The President saying: "The peace of the world is in our hands." Adding that: "what we do or fail to do - will determine the fate of three billion people on this earth; for not only a generation - but perhaps for generations and centuries to come."

The President going on to say that the present civilization - "has the danger of going down because it's rich - of becoming weak - of leaving itself apart." But "at this time" - he continued - "there will be a renewal of America's sense of destiny - so that we can leave a legacy such as no generation has left in this century - a legacy of peace for all Mankind."

EDUCATION FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

~~On another front,~~ The White House announced today the selection of a woman - as the nation's highest education officer. Virginia Y. Trotter, a Vice Chancellor at the University of Nebraska - to become the new Assistant Secretary for Education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the first of her sex - ever to hold the ²⁴ post.

Washington again - a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Organization of American States; agreeing today to a poll of OAS members - on the question of whether to readmit Cuba to future deliberations.

This at the urging of Mexico's Emilio Rabasa - who called it "the first step towards ending the isolation of Cuba." The [^]poll ^{was} ~~also~~ endorsed - by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Fidel Castro ^{is} ~~is~~ quoted as saying - he would be willing to take part in future discussions; ~~and would~~ do so - "in a constructive spirit."

ZEBRA FOLLOW SAN FRANCISCO

As for San Francisco ^{*it*} was ~~also~~ the scene today -
of a massive manhunt. Police stopping, questioning
and searching - hundreds of young people; attempting
to track down the so-called "Zebra" killers - suspected
of killing twelve whites in random street shootings.

MOSCOW

Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts ^{with} a guest today in Moscow; the last stop - on his current fact finding tour of Eastern Europe, ^{where} where he again received a red carpet welcome - from Communist officials.

This ~~marking~~ ^{is} the Senator's first visit ^{to} to the Russian capital. ~~The~~ ^{Its} purpose ~~of his coming~~ - said he - "not to negotiate but to learn." ~~Now~~ ~~countries may have different interests~~ "he continued - "but we must be united ~~in~~ the effort to prevent war." ~~The Senator later to meet - with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.~~

WOLLO Ethiopia,

The world's latest energy crisis - ~~reported~~
~~today from~~ the Wollo Province of Ethiopia, where
Red Cross officials were faced with ^{the} ~~seemingly~~
~~unsurmountable~~ task-of delivering tons and tons of
grain to remote drought victims; some living ~~nearby~~
a hundred miles - across rugged terrain - from the
nearest storage facilities.

Luckily ~~though~~ the problem ^{was} ~~quickly~~ solved -
by ~~the~~ mobilization ^{ing} ~~of~~ every available camel; some
seven hundred - in all; each capable of carrying four
hundred pounds of grain - ^{take it} anywhere, anytime; and then
do it - again and again.

At the Smithsonian ~~Institute~~ in Washington -
a show tonight perhaps unique in the ⁿ ~~anal~~ _^ of
Americana. A group of drama students from Alaska
Methodist University - presenting an original production
called "Song of the Great Land"; the story of Alaska
from the beginning of time - as conceived and staged
by Frank Brank, the "Mister Theater of Anchorage."

~~"Song of the Great Land" one of the finalists~~

~~in the upcoming American college theater festival~~

Also ^{to shown} ~~scheduled for presentation~~ in Pittsburgh,

Moline and Dallas.

^{I'd like to see it.}
~~If you got the chance - be sure to~~

~~see it.~~

HARRISBURG

~~A novel view of politicians salaries - from~~

Pennsylvania Senatorial candidate Herbert Danenberg, ~~says~~

~~as quoted today - in Quote Magazine.~~

~~Candidate Danenberg saying: "We ought to~~

"^{Let's}
pay members of Congress - like football players. ~~For~~
^{For} a good year - you get a good raise, ^Q ~~For~~
bad year - you take a cut."

^{Bill,} Danenberg adding: "Right now they ought to
take a twenty percent cut."

CLEBURNE

From Cleburne, Texas - the story of a marriage gone sour; as graphically illustrated in a pair of ads - appearing in the "personal" column of the Cleburne Times Review.

*The first - placed by the husband, ~~chap~~
~~named~~ Jack David Dean. - ~~who said~~ ^{It reads:-} "I will not be responsible - for any debts other than my own." The second - placed by his wife Dianna ~~F.~~ ^{Here reads:-} Dean. - ~~who said~~
"Jack David Dean has never been responsible for his own debts - much less mine."*