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Nation recovering from economic recession

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Most economic indicators show the nation still recovering from the recession, but there were some signs that the earlier acceleration may be slowed.

The Gross National Product figures showed strength, but higher wholesale prices mean some more inflation may be coming. More Americans than ever are working, but the rate of unemployment is stubbornly steady. Business indicators fell slightly last month.

A summary of the latest figures:

Unemployment — still at 7.5 per cent, although the number of working Americans set a record in April, the third straight record month. Jobs were at 87.4 million, an unprecedented rise of 3.3 million over the past 13 months, but 7 million still were unemployed.

Inflation — at 3.7 per cent, compared to 6.8 in the last quarter of 1975. The Consumer Price Index rose only 0.2 per cent in March after a 0.1 per cent increase in February. Prices have risen at an annual rate of 2.9 per cent for past three months.

Wholesale prices — rose in March and even more in April. The Labor Department reported that a one-year record rise in farm and food prices drove wholesale prices up 0.8 per cent, portending more inflation. The Wholesale Price Index stood at 181.3 in April, up from March's 179.8 in March, and 5.3 higher than a year ago.

Manufacturers goods — Orders for durable goods rose 6.7 per cent in March, the biggest gain in 11 months. Orders for all goods, including nondurables, grew at slower rate of 3.5 per cent to $93.4 billion.

Indicators — Index of leading business indicators fell 0.4 per cent in March, but economists said this did not necessarily mean the recovery was faltering. The drop was the largest since last October's 0.5 per cent. This index charts the future direction of the economy, and had risen for four consecutive months before March's fall.

Industrial output — Production rose in March, but at slowest rate in five months. Output from nation's factories, mines and utilities rose 0.6 per cent last month. Increases signal gains in employment for factory workers.

Personal income — tapered in March, second month in row. Climbed at annual rate of $7.6 billion, 6-10th per cent rate. Personal income represents wages, salaries and payments without tax deductions. Rose $5.6 billion in February, $4.2 billion in March.

Corporate profits — after taxes in last quarter of 1975, rose 1.4 per cent, third straight quarter of higher profits.

GNP — rose 7.5 per cent in first quarter of 1976 for greatest show of strength since recession ended last spring. Gross National Product measures all goods and services; estimated at $1.616 trillion before adjustment for inflation, up 11.5 per cent from $1.573 trillion rate in the previous quarter.

Alaska, because of accelerated construction on the oil pipeline, displaced the District of Columbia last year in the top spot on the government's list of per capita personal income.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis said the average Alaskan earned $8,815 in 1975, while second-place Washingtonians averaged $7,751. The District had led the income list for several years.

The national average in 1975, the Bureau said, was $5,834, an increase of 7.1 per cent over 1974's figure — approximately the same as the rate of inflation for the year.

Alaska also showed the greatest one-year increase in income, with a whopping 17.9 per cent. Personal income for natives of Idaho showed the smallest increase, rising only 1.2 per cent between 1974 and 1975, the Bureau said.

Mississippi continued to have the lowest per capita income at $4041.

Personal income consists of all income an individual makes from all sources, including wages, dividends, interests, and social security benefits.

On a regional basis, the western states of California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii, had the highest per capita income average at $6,434. In 1974, the mid-Eastern states had the highest regional average, $5,974.

The southeast region had the lowest per capita income average. The 12 states comprising the area had an average personal income of $4,926 in 1975.

Here's a list of the per capita personal income of each state in 1975 followed by the percentage rise from a year earlier:

Alaska $8,815, 27.9; District of Columbia $7,751, 9.3; Connecticut $6,854, 6.2; Delaware $6,799, 7.8; Illinois $6,750, 7.6; New Jersey $6,629, 6; New York $6,603, 7.3; California, $6,555, 8.7; Nevada $6,524, 8.1; Maryland $6437, 8.3; Hawaii $6,426, 6.4; Washington $6,229, 9; Michigan $6,240, 6.1; Nebraska $6,175, 17; Massachusetts $6,159, 7; Kansas $5,963, 8.5; Wyoming $5942, 10; Rhode Island $5,917, 10.8;

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9 million homes marked for vets

Home loans guaranteed by the Veterans Administration have exceeded the nine million mark, the agency reported.

Of the 9,001,120 loans guaranteed by the VA — totaling $119.7 billion — nearly 4.8 million have been repaid in full, the agency added.

Since the GI home loan program began in 1944, veterans of World War II, Korea, post Korea and the Vietnam era have benefited from the more liberal financing terms offered by lenders on VA guaranteed mortgages.

The VA operates three programs to assist eligible veterans to become homeowners — loan guaranty, direct loan and grants for specially adapted housing for severely disabled veterans.

VA officials also reported the amount of loan VA will guarantee is limited only by the appraised value of the home and the capacity of the veteran to repay the loan on installments. Direct loans made by the VA, however, are subject to a maximum of $25,000. In many instances veterans obtain guaranteed or direct loans without downpayments.

Specially adapted housing grants may be made to cover not more than one-half of the cost of the dwelling and lot, with a maximum grant of $25,000.

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The Veterans Housing

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MORALITY PLAY — Miss Lovitha Whittington as Laetitia, Joseph Pearson as Bob, and Margaret Lindsay as Miss Tood (the old maid), in the "Old Maid and the Thief" presented Saturday, May 15 by Morgan State University arts students in the Carl Murphy Auditorium.

2 American operas at Morgan State

The Morgan State University Opera Worshop under the direction of Anne Lindquist presention Gia-Carlo Menotti's "Old Maid and the Thief" and excerpts from Kurt Weill's "Street Scene."

The performance will be Saturday May 15 at 8:15 in the Carl Murphy Auditorium.

Those appearing in lead roles are Murel Beatty, Valeria Foster, Donna Hayes, Margaret Lindsay, Fredericka Matthews, Joseph Pearson, Lovitha Whittington, the vocal coaches and accompanists are Lee Mackey and Patricia Springer.

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The "Old Maid and the Thief" was originally conceived as a radio opera but has achieved its greatest success on the stage. The action centers around Miss Todd, an old maid, Laetitia her maid and Bob, a vagabond.

Kurt Weill's "Street Scene," a traggic opera, depicts the realities and frustration of Ghetto Life.

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Maryland issues first aviation systems plan

Maryland's aviation needs for the next 20 years include improvement of existing airports and construction of four new public airports, Transportation Secretary Harry R. Hughes said in releasing Maryland's Aviation System Plan.

The plan recommends several long-term aviation projects, including new general aviation construction for Howard, Calvert and Kent Counties and Smith Island.

"The Aviation System Plan outlines the kinds of public airport improvements that the state will support with capital and planning assistance," explained Secretary Hughes. "It will be up to the public agencies th[illegible] operate the [illegible] the pl[illegible] tions."

The plan also includes recommendations for improved air commuter service, construction of new emergency heliports and legislation to control building heights around airports.

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Nearly three years of inventory, analysis and public hearings went into formulation of the Aviation System Plan. Total cost was $457,150, two-thirds federally funded. Assisting were the Baltimore Regional Planning Council and R. Dixon Speas Associates, the primary consultant.

Copies of the Aviation System Plan are available for reference at all main public libraries or from the Division of Public Affairs, Maryland Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 8755, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Maryland 21240.

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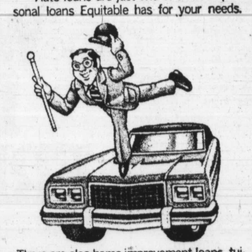

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