

Ross Analyzes Tax Surcharge

WASHINGTON -- Even the man who has been commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for the past three years is uncertain about how the tax surcharge—spending cut package might affect the economy.

Youth Get Expression In London

To a young designer, the London atmosphere offers far more individuality of expression than does America, the "land of the free."

Detroit-born Hylan Booker first invaded Mod-land to study at the Royal College of Art, whose intensive preparation he feels helped him win this year's "London Look" award.

PROFESSIONALISM at the school meant almost continuous preparation for many fashion shows, he says.

"I'd be working on as many as 20 garments at a time. When I went there, I couldn't sew. When I graduated, I was a fairly good tailor."

Booker's award was particularly satisfying to him because his competitors were mostly way-out English designers, whose collections included fabrics like vinyl, fiber glass, and feathers, and garments with parka hoods hanging down the back. Booker designs for 19 and 20-year-olds.

WHEN HE'S planning a collection, he thinks in fabrics. "I have a gabardine story to tell, with a casual coat to unify it. I had a tweed story, and one of the Fifth Avenue stores bought it up."

"Compared to other designers, I guess I'm conservative. I like good design, good proportion. I think of the garment as long-lasting, not a one-dresser."

Voice Box Transplant Is Much Simpler

Dr. Dan W. Habel, a Spokane, Wash., otolaryngologist and Ann Arbor native who graduated from the U-M Medical School and served his internship and residency at University Hospital, told a recent medical conference that transplanting the larynx (voice box) will be simpler in many ways than transplanting organs now being replaced.

This is good news considering the number of cases of cancer of the larynx appearing in the medical records these days.

Dr. Habel said the fact that the larynx is not a vital organ means surgeons can wait for the recipient in transplant operations.

The larynx is also visible during the surgery and after, allowing surgeons to watch its progress easily, he said. Dr. Habel left Ann Arbor in 1955 to serve two years as a captain in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps. He has been practicing in Spokane since last August.

Meanwhile, considerable restraint should be exercised by government, management and labor within the next six months, said Arthur M. Ross, who has stepped down from the BLS post to become a University of Michigan vice president.

The 51-year-old Ross succeeds Marvin Niehus, who retired as the University's liaison man with the State Board of Education.

Ross said the 10 per cent income tax surcharge passed by Congress is necessary to hold down inflation. But he said the companion order for a \$6 billion spending cut amounts to an "overkill" that will harm aid to education and other domestic programs.

HE PREDICTED that the increase in consumer prices in the first half of 1969 will be "slightly lower" than the present rate of 4 per cent, but that the rate of unemployment will rise to about 4 1/2 per cent compared to the present 3.5 per cent and that total working hours and overtime will be reduced.

The uncertain factor that has upset all economic planning, and will continue to do so, is the cost of the Vietnam war, Ross said.

Referring to uncertainties of the tax-spending cut package, Ross said: "I don't think this country has figured out how to handle cost-push inflation during a period of high employment."

Thus, he said, "new ideas of responsibility have to be accepted by management and labor" to avoid upsetting the delicate balance of the U.S. economy.

The federal government through new computerized methods of spotting trends, can be of assistance in maintaining that balance—but can't do it alone, Ross said.

THE IMPACT of organized labor in the present cost-push inflationary spiral will not be felt as much in 1969 because big industry labor contract wage patterns for the most part already have been established, Ross said.

Noting that an advisory wage increase guideline of 3.2 per cent has been disregarded in recent labor agreements, Ross said it would be more realistic to set flexible annual guidelines based on economic trends in any given year.

But this would require more give and take between government and industry, Ross said.

Farmington Girl Attends

Music Camp

Lynda Totton, 2118 Tuck Road, Farmington, recently attended the art division of the Midwestern Music and Art camp at the University of Kansas.

The Music and Art camp, now in its 31st season, has more than 2,500 high school students from all 50 states in its 10 divisions.

The art division offers a complete program of instruction, designed for everyone from beginners to advanced students. They use University classrooms and equipment and study with regular members of the faculty.

Vines Give Romantic Landscape

Romance, nostalgia, "back home" memories, happiness—these are the thoughts associated with vines.

Novelists have their lovers strolling beneath the clusters of purple Wisteria, or basking in the fragrance of the Jasmine. Old grads love to return to the "ivy-covered walls," and what child has not conjured up dreams of adventure along with Jack on his bean stalk?

These same vines of happiness, love and adventure can be the vines of livability and memory in our modern gardens.

AS A GROUP, vines offer us some of the most interesting and dramatic displays we could want in a landscape. The saucer-sized and brilliantly colored flowers of the Clematis are equal in beauty to anything from our annual or perennial border.

We would have to look far to find a more interesting flower shape than that found on the Aristolochia. The yellowish-green tubular bloom resembles a mercurium pipe, hence the common name Dutchman's Pipe.

Who could mistake the ornance of a Honeysuckle when it is in full bloom and performing the entire surroundings?

Some vines give us flowers

when they are most needed in our garden, particularly late summer. The orange and scarlet flowers of the Trumpet vine appear then, as do the white heads of the Hydrangea vine.

MANY CLAIM that the most beautiful of all flowers is the Passionflower, a vine which graces southern gardens. The individual parts of this spectacular bloom, according to legend, are said to represent the instruments of the Crucifixion. These are just a few of the many vines which the landscape design experts at the American Association of Nurserymen say can be planted around U.S. homes.

"Old-fashioned" vines also have a definite use in today's modern landscape setting. When creating a landscape plan, you may cover a blank wall with a vine as the background for a flower border. You may also soften the harsh corners of a straight-line architecture with the greenness of a climbing plant.

Homeowners will also consider vines as perfect covers for certain elements that are out of place in the garden picture. A steel or wire boundary fence is an example, as are hard-to-remove tree trunks and

boulders. With the proper selection of a vine—you can make areas, once eyesores, new centers of beauty.

IN ADDITION to beauty, nature has provided vines with some most ingenious mechanisms so they can climb upon their supports. Some vines—called "climbers"—will send out little strandlike tendrils with sticky pads or tiny roots at the end. As soon as they touch a wall, brick or tree trunk, they will grasp on as if glued. Vines with this climbing mechanism are ideal for masonry walls. Still other vines send out similar tendrils which, instead of sticking, will twirl around the first item it can grasp, whether it be a twig, part of a trellis or the strands of a wire mesh or fence. Then there are other vines that twist and sew themselves in and around a trellis or other support.

When offering advice on the selection and planting of a vine, one should consider all factors: flowers, foliage, and the "old-fashioned" means by which it climbs. Above all, add a touch of old-fashioned "livability" to a modern house, with vines.



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