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net programs, he said.

"We are borrowing from our children in massive amounts. For the short term, we need shared sacrifice for a common purpose. What other countries are doing is far more dramatic. We need the courage of the Poles, the Balkans."

Making a prediction, Levin says the Clinton administration will propose a national health care system early on.

"We spend two times as much as any other country on health care and still have 37 million people uninsured."

The direction of that system will depend on how "we as a society decide to focus."

Levin says Michigan's congressional contingent has met with transition team officials pleading for a focus on manufacturing and industrial jobs.

"The U.S. has lost two and a half million jobs since 1979, and 10 percent in Michigan. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will have a negative effect."

"We can't compete with the \$1 an hour Mexican wages, with

their lack of safety regulations and environmental safeguards. If NAFTA goes through, we'll see a growing loss of manufacturing jobs, except in Texas."

Levin told the group a tougher trade policy is needed.

"The problem lies in Washington, not in Japan. It's the stupidity of allowing your competitor something the competitor doesn't allow you."

Levin expressed hope that the new administration would enforce a stricter trade policy.

"This is a particularly sensitive issue for Michigan."

In a brief question period following his address, Levin stated his support for an investment tax credit "targeted to help companies be more competitive. We must focus on long term gain."

Asked if Congress will comply with Clinton, Levin claims Congress can't be a leader, but can be a partner "if the president uses the pulpit of the White House to create public support. Hopefully Clinton will be a strong leader. If he can sell it to the public, then Congress will work with him."

Economic uncertainty troubling

They came from engineering and technical backgrounds to hear the economic forecast offered by Michigan political veteran Carl Levin.

The lunch sponsored by the Engineering Society of Detroit construction committee drew a wide cross section of business men and women from the tri-county area to the society's Detroit headquarters near Wayne State University.

"I don't know how the new administration will affect us," said David Lutz, of Morris & Berke, an office and industrial leasing firm in Birmingham.

"Tenants are always willing to move from one building to another for a better deal. Personally I

voted for Clinton because I felt it was time for a change."

Robert Gaines, president of Environmental Engineering Corp. of Livonia, came to hear the economic forecast.

"Senator Levin is a hard worker and he's honest, but we disagree philosophically. I'm very conservative," said Gaines, whose firm specializes in defense related engineering construction of manufacturing systems.

"I'm concerned about the amount of influence unions have on the Democratic party and their ideals."

Gaines, who employs 12 workers, says he runs an open shop and treats his employees with respect.

Tony D'Ascenzo, president of Guardian Plumbing & Heating in Redford Township, disagreed with his friend Gaines.

"I'm a union contractor," said D'Ascenzo, who has 60 employees in two divisions working mainly in hospital repair and renovation and high rise apartments and commercial buildings.

"My worry with the new administration is a raise in the gas tax which would tremendously increase the cost of business for me. An investment tax credit would help offset the cost and stimulate business all the way around."

Gaines says he started his business from nothing, and D'Ascenzo says he greatly increased the size

of the business started by his father.

"Can we keep the rewards if we work extra hard?" Gaines wondered.

Gaines would rather not see the government get involved in health care.

"The marketplace will demand I provide good health care," he claimed.

As a union contractor, D'Ascenzo worries about the ever growing group of retirees being supported by fewer union workers.

"It's not going to work at some point," he said. "Retirees will have to pick up larger deductibles. Workers will get less benefits."

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move yourself you pay for any damage. If you hire a mover, he won't pay for breakage in cartons you pack.

Rent wardrobe boxes for hanging clothes.

Pack books and records in small boxes so that they are light

enough to lift.

To protect breakables, line the bottom of the box with wads of crumpled newspaper and wrap each piece in newspaper.

Pack heaviest items in the bottom of the box and add crumpled newspaper between the layers.

Don't stack plates; stand them on edge.

Wrap lampshades in clean paper and pack them in cartons separate from the lamps.

Stand mirrors and pictures in boxes. Protect them with layers of paper and separate them with corrugated cardboard.

■ The physical job: The key to moving something heavy by your-

self is to use more brain than brawn. First make sure any large item, including any protruding parts, will fit through openings and around corners. Then give careful thought to how you can do the job with least strain. Once you decide on a strategy, be patient; going slowly may take time, but it also may prevent injury. If necessary, get help.



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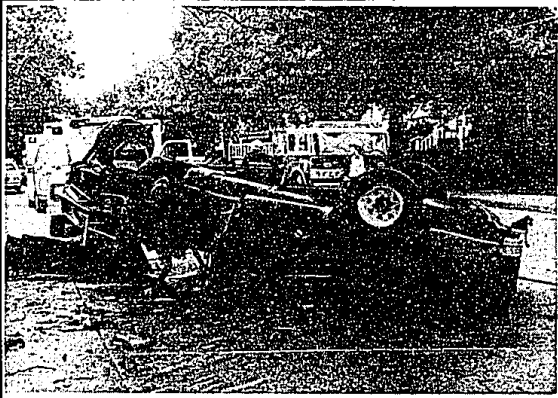
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