

IMF predicts world economy to suffer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The world economy, after suffering through two years of dismal growth, will fare little better in 1993 as unexpectedly severe recessions in Japan and Europe continue to retard growth, the International Monetary Fund is predicting.

The IMF's new economic forecast, due to be released officially Monday, highlights the dangers facing the fragile economic recovery underway in the United States.

While America is expected to perform better than any other major economic power this year, economists are worried that the subdued U.S. recovery is at risk from weakness in

the world's two other economic superpowers - Japan and Germany.

The sluggish global economy, rising trade tensions between the economic superpowers and efforts to tie up the loose ends on a \$28.4 billion economic aid package for Russia are at the top of the agenda as the IMF and its sister lending agency, the World Bank, hold their annual spring meeting this week in Washington.

A senior IMF official, who briefed reporters on the upcoming discussions on condition that his name not be used, characterized the current global economy as "bad, still bad and it could be worse."

While praising the new Clinton administration for taking steps to cut the federal deficit, he said more would have to be done and suggested that the administration should intensify its discussions on a Value Added Tax, a form of national sales tax.

In a speech last December, IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus said that for the world economy to escape from the doldrums the United States would need to attack its budget deficit, Japan would have to come forward with a new stimulus program of spending increases and tax cuts and Germany would have to reduce interest rates.

Hazard

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four-year college degrees, weren't being used to their advantage. He said workers' knowledge should take precedence over their physical strength.

But Olsen said that if the university hired more workers, the problems still wouldn't be solved overnight. The effects of this type of work are not felt for quite a while after the problems are addressed.

"If you hire the people today, tomorrow the problems won't be solved," Olsen said.

"Six months from now, the people are going to start feeling comfortable with where they are," he said. "And six months to a year after you hire those individuals, you're going to start seeing action."

Still, Olsen praised the UNL administration for recognizing the need for the four people who had been hired during a time of budget concerns.

"The administration, to their credit, recognized that this is an area . . . where, if something wasn't done and done almost immediately, the university was going to be in a lot of trouble," he said.

Olsen said the three hazardous materials specialists were working to correct several problems. Their work

— “**The EPA doesn't understand or accept the lack of resources as an excuse for not getting something done.**”

— Olsen
UNL hazardous materials specialist

includes the following:

- identifying unmarked chemicals in laboratories. Olsen said thousands of containers of a gallon or less need to be identified to ensure proper storage or disposal of them.
 - setting up a policy for handling the chemicals left in a lab when researchers leave the university.
 - removing chemicals that are no longer needed in laboratories.
 - training people. People need to understand the difference between what is practically called a hazardous material and what the EPA regulates as a hazardous waste, Olsen said.
- The Hazardous Materials Program also is being improved by a new hazardous waste facility, Olsen said.
- The new facility is expected to correct some of the violations for

which the university was fined \$36,500 by the EPA in January 1990, he said.

One violation that will be corrected is the lack of aisle space in the waste facility, Olsen said.

The EPA requires that adequate space be provided for emergency personnel and equipment to be moved through the facility without having to move drums and other materials, he said.

The new facility, which will be located in Warehouse No. 1 on East Campus, will be three times larger than the current storage facility, which is 20 feet by 20 feet.

Although the amount of waste is increasing each year, the new facility should be adequate under current regulations, Olsen said. UNL produced 40,000 pounds of hazardous waste last year and 52,000 pounds this year.

The new waste site is also expected to provide the following items that are not in the current facility:

- a telephone in the actual storage room, rather than in an adjacent room.
- space for a new redistribution program for used chemicals.
- a chemical fume hood to make working with chemicals safer.
- room to do analysis, which will help in identifying unmarked chemicals.
- office space for the hazardous materials and radiation safety programs to work near one another.

UNK department wins award

From Staff Reports

The chemistry department at the University of Nebraska at Kearney will receive the first universitywide Departmental Teaching Award.

The award, which carries a \$25,000 grant to the department, is the first recognition of an academic department for an outstanding record of accomplishments in its teaching program.

The award was proposed as an effort to emphasize the importance of quality instruction throughout the

university. The University of Nebraska Foundation sponsors the award.

The selection committee was made up of six faculty members representing all four University of Nebraska campuses. Selection criteria included quality of teaching, participation in instruction conferences, faculty research and publications and effective use of instructional technology.

UNK's Department of Chemistry consists of 10 members, all of whom have doctorates in chemistry. Seven of the members have been with the department for more than 20 years.

Joyce

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professional. They probed at a time they needed to."

Joyce said she still wasn't happy with the grade changes, but wasn't displeased that the grades weren't reversed.

"That would be jerking the students around," she said. "My whole position wasn't to change grades, but to examine (the university) itself."

Joyce said she still was dissatisfied with UNL officials' handling of the case.

"The NU Board of Regents basically said I had no rights and I was a lunatic," she said.

Joyce said the whole issue reverted back to her being African American.

"Any black professor who doesn't conform is knocked to the curb," she said.

Despite the negative publicity and controversy that surrounded Joyce's resignation, she said she did not feel hatred toward UNL.

"I don't feel I should get bogged down in the negative feelings at UNL," she said, "but (concentrate on) the positive things at UNL — the people — and they were here tonight."

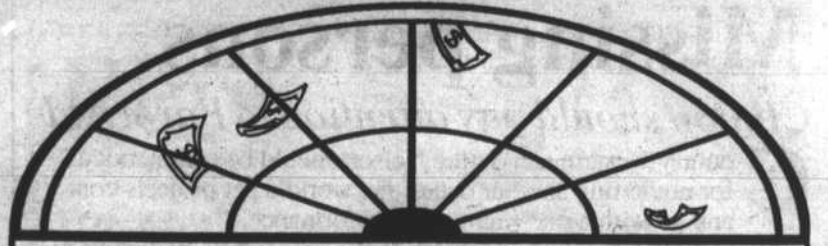
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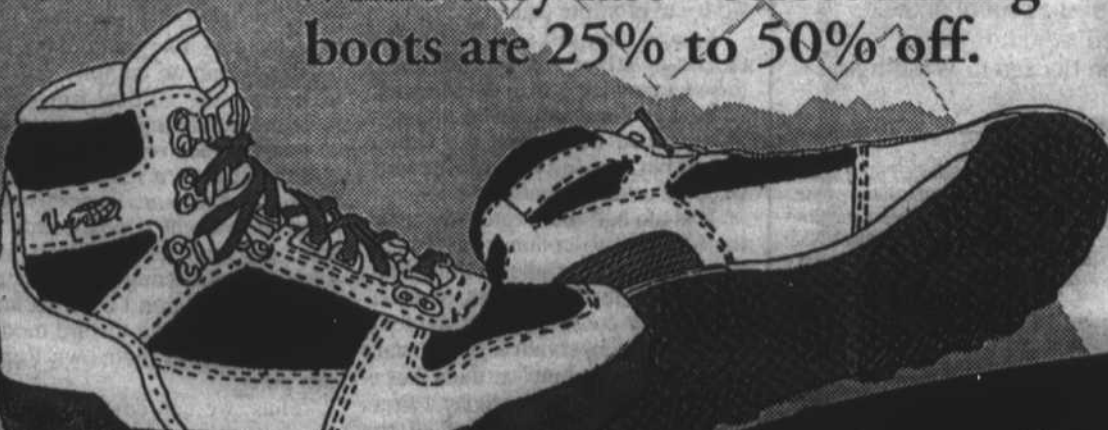
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