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More Buyers Than Sellers Mark Business Opportunity Activities

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

If the demand for businesses by ready-to-spend investors is any indication, the nation's economic outlook is bright indeed.

At present this particular field is 2 enjoying a strictly seller's market, since there is a dearth of attractive offerings, business brokers across the nation report.

For every really profitable manufacturing or wholesaling business that's for sale, a West Coast broker reports, there are 100 ready and able buyers. One broker says that he has more than \$200 million available for such investments, particularly in the manufacturing field.

THE DEMAND to purchase businesses is strong in the East, also. A New York city broker says demand is growing and far exceeds the supply. A Boston go-between reported recently that he had a client with a million dollars to spend but could find no business to buy.

Popular among the small businesses are liquor stores, bars and grills, drug stores and machine shops. Among larger businesses sought by those with investment capital are electronics manufacturers and optical firms.

COMPUTER REVOLUTION — The so-called "computer revolution" is expected to have such a marked effect on future generations that it will require a gradual reorganization of man's conception of himself and his relation to the rest of the universe, a leading mathematician observed this month.

Dr. Richard Hamming of Bell Telephone Laboratories predicts that the concept of "intellectual" activity outside the human brain (by computers) will have profound effects on science, economics, politics and philosophy, producing radical changes in the lives of all of us.

The growing importance of computers was emphasized when The Bendix Corp., manufacturer of the G-15 all-purpose computer, announced that orders for this model in 1961 had jumped 250 per cent in the second quarter over the first.

THIS ONE unit alone is applicable in many fields, including: flight plans for jet transcontinental airliners, satellite weather aids, as teaching aids, in medicine and psychiatry, for use by manufacturers of farm machinery and in checking strength and durability of fibres, for utilities, for motor builders, agricultural production, petroleum exploration and production, mapping of the ocean bottom, population growth, retail store sales processing, banking, and even in playing music, writing books and bridge playing.

NEW TYPE TRAIN — The concept of a radically new kind of freight train used in a novel way that should drastically cut cost of moving bulk commodities such as coal and ore is to be studied by 35 railroads, including all major eastern railroads.

The proposed bulk-hauling

train would be an integral unit with semi-permanent couplings and motive power at both ends as well as throughout the train.

Initially the study, being conducted by a consulting engineering firm, will be applied to transportation of coal to major bulk consumers such as electric utility generating stations and steel mills, and to seaports for export, according to a seven-man committee of railroad executives. It is believed that the study will confirm that the basic principle will apply readily to hauling such other bulk commodities as ore, stone, grains, crude oil, cement and sulphur. Increases in efficiency, and reduction in costs substantial enough to permit major rate cuts, are expected.

The committee reports that railroads are on the threshold of an important breakthrough in transportation which will benefit the public through lower rates for hauling commodities basic to consumers goods industries.

THINGS TO COME—Latest for hibachi users is a charcoal briquet that reaches cooking heat in a minute flat. The briquet lights instantly with a match, sparkles briefly while the flame spreads throughout the entire coal . . . A life-size human head model, useful for teaching, has ears, eyes, brain, spinal cord and organs of the mouth and throat in detail . . . Need an artificial pony tail? They're available now and can be attached by means of a special waterproof adhesive for swim caps, or can be pinned to a short hair-do . . . A new lightweight aluminum auger which can be fastened to a garden hose is just the thing for gardeners faced with August dry weather. Roots of trees and shrubs can be fertilized and watered in a matter of minutes.

MOVE TO MOVIES — An increase in July box office receipts at movie theaters across the nation — the best year-to-year gain since January — is attributed to better films, the growing acceptability by American viewers of foreign films, and the present poor quality of television programs. There are now some 1100 foreign films available for U.S. showing, compared with 900 a year ago.

BITS O' BUSINESS—Artificial breeding of bees to circumvent legal bars on importing live bees is being sought by Agriculture Dept. scientists. They seek to improve a domestic strain by cross-breeding with foreign varieties . . . Consumer installment credit outstanding rose to \$42.5 billion June 30, up \$1000 million from May 31 after seasonal adjustment.

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New County Disaster Commission Urged by Supervisor Hahn

A new Los Angeles County and Cities Disaster and Civil Defense Commission was advocated by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn this week.

In these critical days it is of extreme importance that full cooperation with direct lines of authority be established in the metropolitan Los Angeles area, said Hahn. The proposed commission would replace the existing Planning Board with the general overall objective of more effectively coordinating plans, programs and emergency operations for every political jurisdiction in Los Angeles County.

THE IDEA of the commis-

sion has been advocated for some time but has not been put into effect by the majority of the cities in the county, especially the largest city, the City of Los Angeles.

Thirty of the 72 cities of Los Angeles County have advocated this improvement by official resolutions. The only large jurisdiction in Los Angeles county preventing the formal presentation of this proposal to the Board of Supervisors is the City of Los Angeles.

Hahn said there needs to be a better expansion of civil defense in the county and to be effective must come from the

governmental bodies of the various municipalities in the county. There appears to be no opposition from individuals; in fact, groups and citizens vitally interested in civil defense recommend this new disaster commission.

THE NEW commission calls for nine members, three designated by the Chairman of the Board, three by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, and three by the President of the Los Angeles County Division of the League. Its purpose is to coordinate all plans between the county and all cities in the county, recommend to all the

governing bodies on civil defense and politics, disaster operations, etc., and to promote education and training programs on a county-wide basis.

The commission will also eliminate the present chaotic jurisdictional problems. Now the California Disaster Office has divided the state into six regions. Los Angeles County is in Region H, which includes five Southern California counties.

IN THIS county there are seven separate civil defense areas. Six of these areas are composed exclusively of cities and each city constitutes a

separate civil defense entity. The county is responsible for certain services county-wide (e.g. welfare, coroner), other services to cities through contract and special district obligations and exclusive responsibility to the unincorporated areas — this represents the seventh civil defense area within the county.

THE STATE proposed several months ago that the county assume the role of coordinating all civil defense and disaster activities with and between the cities of the county and the state — providing some link between the state and the cities.

Supervisor Hahn present-

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