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Babson Reports:

U.S. Is Becoming Immune to Crises

(Continued from Page 1) will all wind up where we LABOR AND THE

Readers should realize that the steel workers can reopen their wage contract after May 1, 1963. The settlement of this contract will be very likely to influence other labor disputes, depending largely on interna. nfluence other labor disputes. Now, a final word with re-gard to gold. The United States will continue to lose gold on balance during 1963. The only ional conditions:

coming "immune" to crises, way to prevent it in 1963 is believing that the cold war believing that the cold war will continue for years to and import less. This would

believing that the cold war will continue for years to come. There, however, will be no nuclear war within Jurg gen-eration; and no international war of any kind in 1963. Labor should begin to real-ize in 1963 that wages finally depend upon the employers; margin of profit. The year 1962 has seen many employers; close down because of their slight margin. Small business-mem_both manufacturers and retailers—must have a larger margin of profit in order to exist. There are too many mergers into bigger units and too many failures of worthy employers. Labor leaders are slowly pricing themselves out of business. Sooner or later this can result in much unem,

this can result in much unemployment. A tax cut will not solve this difficulty

COMMODITY PRICES COMMODITY PRICES Nineteen-sixty-three will see many basic commodities sell for lower prices. Despite DO-MESTIC production cutbacks for many raw materials, WORLD supplies will continue their untrend. These surpluses WORLD supplies will continue their uptrend. These surpluses in world markets will place additional pressure on com-modity prices in the U. S. There will be exceptions in hy-brid corn, Idaho seed potatoes, and other selected crops. Much depends upon the weather and the ability to hold over sur-pluses.

TAXES AND INFLATION

TAXES AND INFLATION Before the Kennedy Admin-istration retires, I predict that we will have either more tax-es or more inflation. Neither, however, need come in 1963. The stock market may dis-count the expected inflation by temporarily continuing above 600 on the Dow-Jones Indus-trial Average. The November elections indicate that the voters want a "welfare state" and I believe this means more inflation rather than m or e taxes.

inflation rather than more taxes. The old saying, "We cannot have our cake and eat it too," is certainly true today. The elections referred to above in dicate that the majority of voters really believe they can have all these temporal bene fits such as medical care for the aged, medical and hospital payments, more social security, etc., without having to pay the bill either through increased taxes or through inflation. With all that is promised to young people in the form of free education, college schol-free education, college schol-

est and most profitable invest-ments available today. Another one may be uranium oxide.

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Of course, large quantities of gold may be found on the surface of the moon — which brings me to my final subject, which I hope readers will take

Nobody will reach the moon in 1963 or in 1964, but you in 1963 or in 1964, but you will see more and more about it in the newspapers during 1964 — or 1965. Do not think that the United States will be that the United States will be the only country preparing for this trip. Russia, England, France, Germany, and possibly China are preparing today to go to the moon. With labor getting 15 cents for a twelve-hour day in China and with becetar engines purchasable booster engines purchasable abroad, China may be the first to get to the moon. China does not need to be a member of send a rocket and three mea to the moon and return. China s trip to the moon may be finan-ced by foreign capital. China

the ability to hold over sur-pluses. Prices of peaches, apples, citrus and other fruits depend principally upon the weather. Improvements in c an n in g, freezing, and storage have been greatly advanced, while the big supermarkets have been beneficial in stabilizing prices. The hope of the fruits growers rests in co-operative advertisements in newspapers and other media. Tertain basic chemicals will surely decline in price due to over-production and competi-tion from imports. The U. S. Justice Department claims to be working for consumers in its fights with many com-panies such as the dairy con-cerns, but in the end supply and demand will determine the result and not legislation or court decisions. TAXES AND INFLATION The structure of the moon and return. China s trip to the moon may be finan-ced by foreign capital. China will with the tritory it wants in India and ultimately get Buying of "going to the moon" stocks may become a very active speculation The original boosters will be paid by some government, but their operation will be limited to gold, but will also include diamonds, plati-num, and perhaps other ele-ments which are not yet in the coast to South America around the Horn and up the Pacific Coast — a trip of two months. The astronauts say that they can make the trip to the moon

Coast to South America around the Horn and up the Pacific Coast — a trip of two months. The astronauts say that they can make the trip to the moon easily in less than four days. One final thought: If the Ken-nedy Administration gets into too much of a jam between taxes and inflation, the promo-tion of trips to the moon may pull them out of their troubles. By enticing private capital which is now in need of some attractive speculative invest-ments, this might even bring about another big stock market boom in the late Sixties. boom in the late Sixties.

