

# Business dollars keep growing

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**WASHINGTON** — Corporate profits after taxes climbed a meager 1.5 percent in the second quarter, the least since the end of 1983, but the business spending boom continued, the Commerce Department says.

The report on the economy showed only a tiny upward revision in the expansion of the already strong gross national product in the April-June quarter, to a 7.6 percent annual rate from 7.5 percent.

But spending on business modernization was up 22.9 percent from the first quarter, the fourth consecutive quarter of double-digit increases.

In contrast consumer spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of the GNP, rose only 7.5 percent, still the strongest increase in four quarters.

"The combination of profits and the additional capital spending incentives have given us the strongest rebound in business investment in the post-World War II period," the department's chief economist, Robert Ortner, said.

The fact that economic growth was revised up just 0.1 percentage point removed any uncertainty about the exceptional strength of the first half of the year, making it easier to draw a contrast with the second half.

The economic statistics now available for July show "clear signs of a slowdown in the economy in certain sectors," such as homebuilding and car sales, Ortner said.

Yet Ortner said he still expects the

gross national product to expand at a 5 percent rate, enough to keep the unemployment rate improving.

The latest report showed the slowdown in homebuilding has been dramatic, going to an increase of just 1.7 percent in the second quarter from a 21.3 percent increase in the first.

With high mortgage interest rates discouraging builders, residential construction is expected to subtract from overall economic growth rather than add to it in the third quarter, the first time that has happened since the end of the recession.

After-tax profits gained 6.7 percent in the first quarter; dropped 1 percent in last year's fourth quarter, and had been up 15.6 percent in the third quarter of 1983.

When a number of adjustments were made to after-tax profits, mainly compensating for the depreciation allowed by the tax laws, the increase in operating earnings was a stronger 5 percent in the second quarter, or 21.5 percent at an annual rate.

"These operating earnings have rebounded by 92 percent," Ortner said, "by far the strongest recovery" in any six-quarter period following the eight recessions since World War II.

After-tax profits would amount to \$152.9 billion, up \$2.3 billion for a year based on the second quarter's performance, compared to actual profits of \$127.4 billion for all of 1983.

The GNP increased in the second quarter by \$29.9 billion to \$1.640 trillion in 1972 dollars, at an annual rate, the department said.

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# Book explores financial futures

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**NEW YORK** — Most people spend more time planning their summer vacations than their financial futures, but if Grace Weinstein has anything to say about it, that's going to change.

"The message I try to convey is that taking control of your finances helps you take control of your life," she said. "Budgeting is a four-letter word to a lot of people."

Weinstein preaches her gospel in monthly columns for Good Housekeeping and other magazines. The New American Library has just published her latest book, "The Lifetime Book of Money Management."

Her column draws a stream of mail from mostly female readers who want to know everything from how to establish credit to the best kind of mortgage.

One of the most important things for women to know about money management, she said, is the likelihood they'll be on their own in the future.

"Something like 85 percent of the women this country will become single at some point through widowhood or divorce," she said.

Although federal law permits any married woman to establish credit rating by adding her name to her husband's accounts, many women never take advantage of the opportunity, Weinstein said.

"A great many still think it's threatening to the husband," she said. "All a homemaker has to do is write and say: 'Put this credit in both names.' Her husband doesn't even have to sign the request. Or the man can do it without her signing it."

Both partners in a marriage should be involved in financial decisions, even though it might be easier for one of them to handle the money matters, she said.

"Whichever partner does it, it's wrong. The other partner is left in ignorance of such basic element of life."

Although she admits financial planners can help a floundering family get their money matters under control, Weinstein is a cheerleader for the do-it-yourself approach.

"Brokerage houses offer seminars that are free. There are adult education courses. There's plenty of information out there," she said. "Sixty percent of the professional money managers in 1983 were outguessed by the market."

The most common money management sins, she said, are "not paying attention, frittering money away, and keeping money in non-interest bearing or low interest accounts."

Fritters, she said, can cure themselves by "just keeping track for a period of a couple months of just what you're spending your cash on, so you can see if your money is working for you, giving you pleasure in any way."

Weinstein is a great believer in the "pay yourself first" rule, which holds that monthly savings investments should be made before the monthly bills are tackled.

"If you got a ten percent payout you'd somehow survive," she said. "Put the money in a savings account, money market fund. Make it start working for you. The good old payroll deduction for Double E bonds is very good for the small saver."

Families who are in control of their money can spot opportunities for saving as their lifestyles change, she added. For instance, children who go to camp each summer for years will eventually outgrow it, leaving that money available for investment elsewhere. "But often, it kind of just fades into the family budget," she said.

# Homosexual sailor dismissed by court

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**WASHINGTON** — A federal appeals court ruled late last week that homosexuals have no constitutional right to privacy in their sexual affairs and therefore the U.S. Navy can dismiss them if they are discovered.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, voting 3-0, said homosexuality, which has been "traditionally condemned" in American society, has no constitutional protection from government intrusion.

The ruling was contained in a case that decided the Navy had the right to mandatorily dismiss a serviceman when it was discovered that he had engaged in homosexual acts with another sailor.

The court, led by Judge Robert Bork, said homosexuals have "no constitutional right to engage in homosexual conduct and that, as judges, we have no warrant to create one." He said homosexual activity had "never been protected" by law.

The appeals court said the Supreme Court has never ruled that homosexuals have a right to privacy in their sexual activities.

"The court has listed as illustrative of the right of privacy such matters as activities relating to marriage, procreation, contraception, family relationships, and child rearing and education. It need hardly be said that none of these covers a right to homosexual conduct," the appeals court said.

The court rejected an appeal by James Dronenburg of his dismissal from the U.S. Navy in April 1981 when he was accused by another seaman of engaging in homosexual activity. Dronenburg had served for nine years as a Korean linguist and cryptographer with a top secret security clearance.

The 27-years-old petty officer was enrolled in the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., at the time of his discharge, which came about when a 19-year-old seaman testified against him.

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