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Analysts cite stagnant economic future

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Industrial production declined 0.5 percent in August, according to a government report Wednesday that analysts cited as the latest evidence that the locomotive once pulling the economy out of recession had lost its steam.

The Federal Reserve attributed part of the decline to the effects of Hurricane Andrew and a strike at a General Motors parts plant. But overall output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities still fell even when the impact of those events was excluded.

"Our economic growth path is now a flat line, at best," said John M. Albertine, head of a Washington economic forecasting firm. "The declines ... were widespread. With no strong sector to hitch a new recovery to, we are likely to have to endure a stagnant economy for at least the rest of the year."

Industrial production had risen for four consecutive months through May, leading many

analysts to believe it had assumed the role of leading the economy while other sectors were flat.

Evelina Tainer of Prime Economic Consulting in Chicago noted that output then declined 0.4 percent in June, rose just a modest 0.6 percent in July and then fell again last month.

"What's discouraging is the trend in production," she said. "We're looking at ... a very low trend line."

In a section of the report on capacity utilization, the Fed said the operating rate of the nation's factories, mines and utilities fell 0.5 of a percentage point to 78.5 percent.

"When you have a high capacity utilization rate, it suggests a need for capital spending and investment" in new plants and equipment, Tainer said. "This suggests the need is not very strong."

A second report Wednesday also suggested little need for increased production and employment.

The Commerce Department said business inventories rose 0.1 percent to a seasonally ad-

justed \$832.9 billion in July, the highest since they reached \$838.5 billion in February 1991. It was the fifth increase in six months.

At the same time, business sales rose 0.5 percent in July to a record level of \$553.3 billion. But while sales were up in all major categories — manufacturing, wholesale and retail — the department reported earlier this month that retail sales had fallen back 0.5 percent in August.

It often is difficult to tell whether a buildup in inventories is voluntary or involuntary. If it is involuntary, it could mean a lack of customers, which could lead to falling production and a loss of jobs.

The report also found that:

— Manufacturing output fell 0.3 percent in August, erasing a 0.3 percent increase in July.

— Production at factories making usually expensive and long-lasting durable goods, such as cars and computers was unchanged in August after advancing 0.5 percent a month in July.

Parents remove kids from school

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ODESSA — Some parents pulled their children out of school after learning that an elementary school teacher forced some pupils to scrub a restroom floor soaked with urine.

The incident occurred Friday at Cameron Elementary School shortly after a first-grade instructor granted her students a break to use the restroom. But parents were still outraged this week.

Veda Clanton, legal guardian of 7-year-old Heather Stacy, said she was pulling Heather out of the school.

"It happened once. Maybe it won't happen again, but I just

don't want to take another chance," said Ms. Clanton, who claims Heather had an upset stomach after cleaning the bathroom. The teacher, who school officials declined to name, discovered a puddle of urine in the girls' restroom after the class break Friday and questioned all seven of her female pupils.

Although a second class also uses the bathroom, the teacher handed out paper towels to her girls and ordered them to clean the floor when no one confessed to making the mess, students said. The boys in the classroom were told to sit quietly. Cameron principal Janice Brown said the teacher's response to the incident

was a mistake.

Ms. Brown declined to specify how the instructor would be punished, saying it was an internal matter. She said she notified all the parents who have children in the class about the incident.

"Certainly it was inappropriate," Ms. Brown said. "We have ways of handling discipline and that is certainly not part of it."

Patricia Haddock, whose 6-year-old daughter, Michele Haddock, was one of those forced to clean the restroom, said she was seeking a class transfer for her child.

"I'm upset about it and I don't think it will happen again," Mrs. Haddock said. "She will not go

back in that classroom, but I

not take her out of school."

"If nothing is done to prevent this I will remove my daughter from school," said Donna Rodriguez, whose daughter Crystal Rodriguez, 6, was also forced to clean the restroom. Chuck Hornung, spokesman for the El Paso County Independent School District, said he believes the incident was an isolated mistake.

"This is a very regrettable incident and one that is not something that we subscribe to on a day-to-day operations of public schools," Hornung said. "This teacher is very remorseful and in hindsight, she would do it again."

Balloons compete in race to Europe

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — After a month of waiting for just the right winds, up, up, up, up, up and away went Don and Rob, Wim and Bertrand and three other two-man crews in the first-ever trans-Atlantic balloon race.

The high-tech balloons, bulging with helium and adorned with the flags of five nations, lifted off in the moonlight early Wednesday on a perilous voyage to Europe.

The finish line is any paved road — 3,000 miles away. Ground teams guiding the balloons from the Netherlands expect the first team to arrive by Monday.

"Right at this moment, we expect it to be five days," coordinator Cees Fock said from the control center at the Rotterdam airport.

The race began at 3:04 a.m., when the Belgian team lifted off from Bass Park racetrack in Bangor.

The teams of Germany, Britain, the Netherlands and the United States followed, at five-minute intervals.

Each team's national anthem was played on a synthesizer as the white, nine-story balloons floated into the air in front of hundreds of spectators.

"We feel very confident, and we're anxious to go," said U.S. crew member Troy Bradley. "We've had a lot of time to think about it and get ready."

At 1 p.m., the balloonists were over Nova Scotia, Canada, traveling in a group at an altitude of about 5,000 feet and speeds ranging from 23 to 35 mph, Fock said.

They were not expected to drift out over the open ocean and beyond Newfoundland until Friday.

The prize is a 2-foot bronze trophy. The main sponsor, Chrysler International, picked up nearly all of the tab. A spokeswoman in Detroit, Erika Huyck, declined to say how much the venture cost.

The crossing is considered treacherous despite high-tech navigational and safety equipment aboard the balloons.

The balloons use both helium and hot air and soar up to 24,500 feet, where temperatures can drop to minus 30, said Jim Howard, a reserve pilot for the British team.

Propane torches are used at night to keep the balloons aloft.

The balloons are identical. They were produced by a company owned by Don Cameron, captain of the British team.

The gondolas are made of lightweight composite plastics and Kevlar, which is used in bulletproof vests. If it tears, an inner lining is designed to turn into a parachute and each crew member also has an individual chute.

If the balloonists must ditch over the ocean, the gondolas float and are equipped with heating, air conditioning and extra food supplies.

An emergency beacon emits a radio signal to guide searchers if the balloon goes down.

The balloonists had been in Bangor since mid-August awaiting the optimal weather conditions to propel them swiftly across the ocean.

The first balloon crossing of the North Atlantic, by the helium-filled Double Eagle II in 1978, began in Presque Isle, Maine, and ended 137 hours later in Normandy, France.

The first solo trans-Atlantic crossing in a helium-filled balloon was completed in 1984, and the first hot-air balloon crossing was in 1987.

Food Lion offers sale of land due to protests

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Food Lion has agreed not to build a low-cost grocery store in northeast Houston and has offered to sell the nearly 4-acre lot to a community association, group members said.

Residents of Deerfield Village had opposed the new store, claiming it would lower property values and cause security problems in the subdivision where homes range from \$140,000 to \$250,000.

Food Lion now says it will sell the 3.9618 acres it bought for the store to the Deerfield Village Community Association, an association official said Tuesday.

But Mike Mazingo, spokesman for the Salisbury, N.C.-based grocery chain, said Wednesday he could not confirm the offer or the

change in plans.

"Our policy is not to comment on real estate deals," Mazingo said. "We own some property there adjacent to the Deerfield Village. ... I have not heard if we have decided not to build there."

Association members told Houston Post that James E. Martin, owner of JEM Development, which handles real estate acquisitions for Food Lion, offered the group the land for \$817,400 in a Sept. 8 letter.

A telephone call to Martin's business from The Associated Press was unanswered Wednesday. Association officials say the price tag is too steep.

"The price is way above market value," said Ann Roberts, a member of the association's development committee.

Bankrupt airlines focus of bidding

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Lufthansa German Airlines and Los Angeles financier Marvin Davis became the latest bidders for Continental Airlines, submitting a \$400 million joint proposal Wednesday for the troubled carrier.

It was the fourth offer made for the Houston-based carrier, which is in the midst of bankruptcy reorganization. It is the same amount as a third proposal submitted in late August, which has been the highest bid.

Lufthansa issued a statement saying the joint qualifying bid "allows both parties to now conduct a detailed financial analysis of Continental Airlines Holdings Inc. to determine if they will seek an ownership stake in the carrier."

The bid submitted to Continental's board would invest \$100 million in cash for equity of the newly reorganized Continental and arrange the purchase of \$300 million in debt securities that will be covered by certain Continental assets.

"We believe our proposal is superior to the others the company has received in that Lufthansa and Davis represent a unique combination of airline expertise and financial wherewithal," said a statement issued by Davis' public relations firm in New York.

"This should give all of Continental's constituents confidence that our transaction can be consummated in a timely manner

and that the airline will emerge from bankruptcy as a strong competitor in the worldwide air market."

Continental, which has been in Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization since December 1990, received the documents and reviewed them "to determine if they constitute a qualifying bid," spokesman Dave Messing said.

The bidding began in July with a \$350 million offer from a group led by financier Charles Hurst, chairman of Houston-based Maxxam Inc.

Next came Houston financier Alfredo Brener, a Mexican national, with a \$385 million offer, followed by the \$400 million bid submitted by Air Canada and a group led by a pair of Fort Worth, Texas, investors.

In August, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Helen Balick urged the would-be bidders to come forward, saying she wants to confirm Continental's bankruptcy reorganization by December.

U.S. law forbids foreign companies from owning more than 25 percent of an airline's stock. Davis' involvement apparently would circumvent that prohibition. Davis is chief executive officer of Davis Cos.

It isn't the first time Davis has shown interest in buying an airline. Several years ago, Davis made separate, unsuccessful bids for the parent companies Northwest Airlines and United Airlines.

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