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## U.S. on Edge Of Recession, Seidman Says

By Paul Chaffee

The nation's year-long economic slump probably will qualify as a recession soon, "under the technical definition," L. William Seidman, President Ford's economic policy assistant, said here Tuesday.

"What you do about it is more important than what you call it," said Seidman, commenting on White House concessions earlier in the day that the United States is on the brink of a "recession." The President and administration officials had avoided that description before.

Seidman, formerly head of Seidman & Seidman accounting firm here, was in Grand Rapids to defend and explain what the President is "doing about it" to Kelvinox, Inc., distributors, meeting this week at the Penthon Hotel.

Presidential Press Secretary Ron Nissen said Tuesday at a news briefing in Washington that latest statistics on the economy indicate the nation is moving into recession conditions this month. (Story on page 6A.) Seidman said despite the bad news, the administration's economic strategy has not changed.

Ford has proposed a 3 per cent income tax surcharge, voluntary energy conservation and antiwaste measures.

Seidman cautioned that "this is not like any recession we have seen thus far," and that the combination of recession and inflation in the economy calls for different remedies than those used in the past.

"It took a long time to get into the problem; it is going to take a while to get out," he said, adding that it likely would be the middle of next year before the public sees improvement in the economy. But he hedged on his assessment: "It is tough to predict... the record of predictors is very bad."

Seidman told the appliance distributors, "Since no one genius has the solutions, it is important to move slowly and cautiously" in economic policy.

"The most difficult thing is not to take the



SEIDMAN: The recession is on the horizon.

Seidman said. In a separate category, he listed wage controls, food export cuttings and all imports.

Rigid wage and price controls require a huge bureaucracy, en inequities and when lifted a spiraling prices, he said. Most food limits would destroy mar and cause great suffering, an resulting from reduced oil in send prices even higher, Seid

He said the nation faces "times but will be better off in taking the course proposed b

Admitting that the admini have "done a poor job" of proposed temporary tax br man said it is intended to alle affects of government "so money than it has.

## Contingency Power Provision Is Urged

EAST LANSING (UPI) — A special energy task force urged by the Midwest Governors' Conference today to develop contingency plans now for critical power shortages that would result from a prolonged coal strike.

Following a lengthy meeting Tuesday night, the task force reminded the governors of how a lack of preparedness worsened the Midwest impact of last winter's Arab oil embargo.

It said that if the strike lasts no longer than 30 days, the 15 states represented by the Midwest Governors' Conference, except those heavily dependent on the steel industry — would suffer only "moderate economic and social disruptions." (Midwest owners have made a new offer. Page 3A.)

But a 60-day strike would pose a crisis to the nation's heartland that would see homeowners and industry plagued by disruptive electricity outages, the task force said.

Governors should plan now for immediate emergency conservation and con

tailment programs" in the event of a coal strike that long, it said.

The task force of energy created by the Midwest Governors' Conference, chaired by Michigan Gov. George Romney, is to establish energy

It is holding a two-day session to assess the impact of the coal strike on the Midwest and discuss energy plans and federal natural

The recommendations of a coal strike-related proposal were forwarded to Michigan Gov. Romney for his consideration on a state-by-state basis.

William H. Archer, Michigan Energy Office director, said the task force is concerned of the task force's move to influence federal strike as well as other

He noted that this was

## Knotty Problem

Resembling abstract sculptures, miles of fishing lines lost by anglers have balled up on the Grand River banks and bottom downtown. The nylon line doesn't decay, so the problem is likely to get worse each year, particularly if a form of fishing called snagging which uses large line remains legal. The lost line is littering the landscape, threatening fishermen's safety and harming the aquatic ecosystem. Additional pictures and story on page 1B.

## Parking Fees Increased, Hours Cut

By Brian Malone

In an effort to make the city parking system solvent, rates will go up and hours down starting Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving.

The City Commission unanimously adopted Tuesday new rates for all city-owned ramps, lots and parking meters in the central business district and reduced the number of hours the ramps will be open. The hike is the first in 15 years.

Ramp No. 1, Lyon St. and Ionia Ave. NW, formerly open 6:15 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. Monday through Saturday, will be open 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ramp No. 2, Fulton St. and Division Ave., with a schedule the same as Ramp No. 1, will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday and Friday, 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Saturdays.

Ramp No. 3, Ottawa Ave. and Louis St. NW, presently operating from 7:30 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. Monday through Saturday, will be open after Thanksgiving the same hours as Ramp No. 2.

City Parking Analyst Ted Perez said the hours at Ramps 1 and 2 are designed to continue to assist downtown merchants by providing nearby parking. Ramp No. 1, he said, is primarily a lot downtown office workers use during the week for all-day parking.

The Civic Auditorium lot, presently open 7 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday, will be trimmed back to 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or as required to support Civic Auditorium

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Rates at Ramp No. 1 will rise from 30 cents the first hour to 25 cents with a 30-cent charge, instead of 10 cents, for each additional hour.

At Ramps 2 and 3 charges go from 10 cents the first hour and 15 cents for each additional hour to 25 cents first hour and 25 cents for each hour after. The all-day rate there will go from 60 cents to 75 cents.

The Civic lot rate will increase from 20 cents the first hour to 35 cents and from 20 cents for each additional hour to 30 cents. Daily maximum charge at the lot will increase from \$1.85 to \$2.

Four city gate-operated lots will experience nickel to quarter increases. The rate on most of the city's 2,276 parking meters will be increased a nickel per hour.

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The City-County Ramp beneath Calder Plaza is not part of the city parking system.

A further recommendation to farin out the operation of the three ramps and the

Civic lot to private management was tabled. City fathers agreed to refer the ticklish issue, bitterly opposed by the city's nonunionized employees union, to a subcommittee for more study.

Perez estimated that opting to private ramp management would result in an additional \$8,000 saving the first year.

"I can go along with the first two recommendations," commented 2nd Ward Commissioner Alvin Drasin. "I think citizens will go along because the rates still are substantially lower than what is charged at private lots."

Drasin added that the issue of farming out the operations to private management should be considered in a philosophical light — whether the city should hire private concerns to run traditional city services.

Perez earlier Tuesday painted a gloomy financial picture should the system be left as it is. By next year, the operation would be in the hole, with operating expenses outweighing revenues by \$191,000. Some \$450,000 in retained earnings, built up in the "fat years" of the early 1960s, would cover that deficit and projected deficits for the next two years. But after that, sinking revenues and increased costs would result

in the operation going bankrupt.

According to Perez, revenues began dropping in 1968-69, about the same time the suburban shopping centers were cropping up and downtown was faltering.

He said the new rates and operating hours should restore the city's bond cover ratio. According to the city parking system bonding ordinance, no additional bonds will be issued for future parking facilities unless there is a 1.5 bond coverage ratio. (The city must have in hand funds totaling one and one-half times its annual obligation.) Presently, the ratio is at .8.

Commissioners made some exceptions to the new fees. Meters in fringe shopping areas such as Burton Heights will not be altered until merchants have been contacted for their reaction. "A lot of those businesses are borderline, and I'd hate to see something like this drive them over the edge," noted 3rd Ward Commissioner Harold Dekker.

Perez estimated that it will cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 to print the new signs and alter the parking meters.

The only disparaging remarks heard at the meeting came from Terry Mroz, attorney for the nonunionized employees union. He warned that the commission should carefully watch the result of the reduced hours, noting that city officials might point to further reduction in revenue as a reason to move toward private management.

Mroz also seemed skeptical of city assurances that the new hour reductions would mean the cutting of only one full-time union employee.

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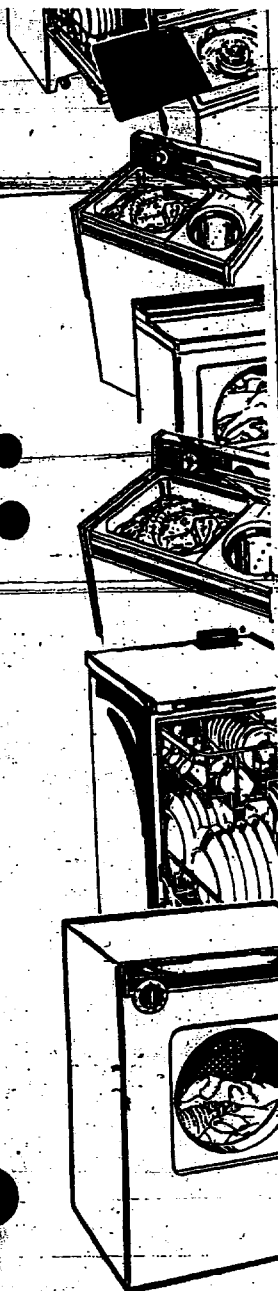
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"Carleson's recommendations would cost Michigan taxpayers \$67 million more than they would save. A realistic estimate of savings from his report is closer to \$20 million more than they would save. The actual cost of implementing Carleson's recommendations is conservatively estimated by the coalition at \$140 million of which \$87 million would be state money," the welfare coalition's report stated.

Nine of Carleson's recommendations would appear to be illegal when compared

report was nearly identical to findings of duplication of earlier studies of other states' welfare systems and actually failed to address certain Michigan problems needing reform — such as the absolute lack of a uniform general assistance program.

"The Carleson report is a political document with little basis in reality," the MWRC concluded. "Its costs far outweigh its savings."

The coalition includes such groups as the AFL-CIO, UAW, Michigan Catholic Conference, Michigan Welfare Rights Organization, League of Women Voters and the Michigan Council of Churches.

## Riethmiller Named to Head State Board of Education

By William E. Cote

LANSING — Gov. William G. Milliken has followed through on a political plan hatched three months ago by appointing the president of the State Board of Education to a new term.

Dr. Gorton Riethmiller, already serving on an appointed basis to fill out one tenure, was appointed to fill out another vacant term which expires Jan. 1, 1977.

The term Riethmiller has been filling expires Dec. 31 and the former Olivet College president had chosen not to run for election.

Riethmiller had been reluctant to run on a partisan ballot for the board because he considers himself an independent, even though appointed by a Republican governor. Democrats also were expected to sweep all the state education posts, which they did.

By appointing Riethmiller to fill out another term, Milliken keeps someone of his direct choosing on the SBE who will be able to act as a swing vote for the next two years.

Republicans have had a 5 to 2 majority on the board since Democratic member Michael J. Deeb resigned in August, but two Democratic candidates won in last week's elections, so the new year's make-up will be four Democrats, three Republicans, and Riethmiller.

The plan to appoint Riethmiller was formed in August, as reported then, but the governor apparently decided to wait until after the general elections to avoid more criticism from party colleagues who wanted an outright Republican named.

Riethmiller, 67, was first appointed in December, 1969, to complete the term of MSU scientist Leroy Augenstein, who died in a plane crash.

## Fishing Rights For Indians

### Tested Anew

PETOSKEY — Nine Chippewa Indians pleaded innocent to charges of unlawful possession of lake trout at their arraignments here Tuesday before Magistrate John E. Kinert in the latest court test of Indian fishing rights in Michigan waters.

Two also pleaded innocent to charges of "setting a gill net in the waters of Little Traverse Bay in an attempt to fish illegally."

Bond was posted at \$35 each and Kinert was expected to set a trial date later this week.

The Indians, all from the Bay Mills Chippewa community at Brimley in the Upper Peninsula, are: Clifford J. Shaw, 38; Duane J. Parish, 22; Robert J. Bowen, 34; Donald W. Parish, 53, former tribal counsel; Andrew A. LeBlanc, 24; Debra L. LeBlanc, 19; Gordon L. Parish, 38; Clinton J. Parish, 25; and Walter G. LeBlanc, 33.

The Indians were ticketed Sunday night by officers from the state Department of Natural Resources. The officers staked out an area on the Lake Michigan shoreline near the Penn-Dixie plant between Petoskey and Bay Shore after they were alerted by a sports fisherman.

The fisherman had gone into shallow water to investigate an overturned boat on the shore when he noticed floats from a gill net. Banned by the state, gill nets drown the



fish or strangle them as they struggle to get free.

Some 50 cases involving Indians accused of violating state fishing laws are pending in the courts. All but two concern Bay Mills Indians.

All defendants argue that their fishing right, which they contend stem from treaties with the state and federal government, are being violated by the state.

## Indictments Link Father, Son to Auto Theft Ring

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — A father and son were arrested Tuesday after a grand jury indicted them on 92 counts in connection with an auto theft ring.

Matt Durda, 55, and Matt Durda Jr., 31, were charged with receiving and concealing stolen property and with perjury. The pair demanded examination at their 60th District Court arraignment and were freed on their own recognition.

Muskegon County authorities said the elder Durda is president of Durda Auto Inc. in Dalton Township, just north of Muskegon. Authorities said they seized \$60,000 worth of motor vehicles and heavy equipment while making the arrests.