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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

As unbelievable as it may appear, we have already passed through the first quarter of 1987. A great deal has happened in these first three months of the year. We have a new basketball champion in this country, as well as a girls and boys state high school champion, in Kentucky.

Those, of course, are only some of the many things happening in the world of sports. It's good we all have varied interests. That came into the forefront during our visit last week to Frankfort for lunch at the governor's mansion. As members of an invited group, my wife Marilyn and I were allowed to share the views from many areas of the state, all of which, I might add, are very interested in getting their piece of the pie in economic development.

Although there is quite a bit of controversy surrounding some of the goings on in the attraction of Toyota Motor Corporation, it has added a little sparkle to the employment picture in the state. Without a doubt there is a need for additional employment in the state of Kentucky... for that matter probably every state in America.

There is a certain obligation from the state to continue working with industry, which has provided many jobs in Kentucky, before this latest inflex of international industry. It's believe, at least to this point, the state has been trying to do this.

The Kentucky Commerce Cabinet, headed by Secretary Carroll Kinoy, has allocated \$1 million in economic development funds to Carlisle to help with the water situation.

This, too, can be attributed to the assistance to the Jockey International Plant in the county, which has been in need of some EPA regulation changes, or at least the ability to continue production, and even expand its operation, without relocating to North Carolina or some where else.

We're all concerned about the future of our manufacturers, however, we have to take care of those, which are already in business. Part of the problem with our international industry is its inability to produce and distribute cheaper than the competition... be it from Japan or somewhere else.

Toyota will probably be a good citizen for Kentucky. It has already provided the location of 15 new plants in Kentucky, and about 2,700 new jobs. That's not something to take lightly. We have to look out for the entire state and for the continued growth of the Commonwealth.

U.S. SENATOR FOR KENTUCKY

Mitch McConnell

Although public attention has, to some degree, shifted away from the plight of missing children, the fact remains that ten, perhaps hundreds of thousands of children are missing in this country.

Kentucky is on the move in economic circles... no matter what those looking for a job in Frankfort may say. There is certainly concern about the job the state has lost over the past years, but somehow it appears to be forgotten, that at least the Collins administration is making an effort to market the entire state in as many ways as possible.

There may be a need to be concerned about the incentive package. The governor has even welcomed open discussion about the whata and hows of the pact was originated, but she has also asked those who are looking to attack what has been done to use the actual figures in the comparison.

You know, it's really funny to me, as I watch these commercials about the needless loss of jobs, etc. No where in the entire commercial does it mention the jobs lost by Johnson Controls, in Georgetown, Or, does the commercial mention the loss of several hundred jobs at Clark Equipment close to Georgetown facility.

And where, you might ask are these plants going to relocate? Johnson Controls is moving its operation to Mexico, because of the cheaper operational costs, and Clark, while still maintaining some operations in Central Kentucky, will be moving the purchase and assembly of its fork lifts to Korea.

Now, if we all take a minute to look at the economic future of Kentucky, and America as well, it's certain we should take some time to figure out why these plants and operations are either closing or moving the operations out of the country.

Some may contend it is the unions operating in the country, but the unions operating in the Clark plant, do that isn't it. It's plain old lack of productivity that appears to be the real problem. Too many hours, too much pay, too little production.

It's a bad situation that appears to be getting worse year after year in this country. We have to make some changes before the entire manufacturing and industrial world crumbles in America. We can't afford to have nearly everything we use made or assembled and completely produced somewhere else.

Our foreign car, foreign televisions, foreign clothes, are costing us a greater price than we can afford to pay. Remember these Toyotas will be American made. So will the products manufactured in the other plants in Kentucky, and completely produced somewhere else.

Let's move ahead and make the best products possible and show the rest of the country that we can produce a good product, not something we have to look out of this country for.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Report on Activity in Kentucky

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BUSINESS PROFILES



Garrett's restaurant interior

Garrett's a family tradition

By Marjia Livingston
At the Mercury Desk
Anyone stopping by Garrett's Restaurant on Sunday for lunch, or any other day for that matter, can usually expect to have plenty of company.

HOME SOLICITATION SALES

By Attorney General David L. Armstrong
If you buy merchandise from a door-to-door salesperson, there are guidelines you should be aware of before you make your purchase.

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