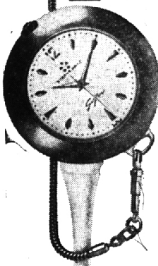


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# Legislators Face Long, Rugged Session in 1963

By ELMER E. WHITE  
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The 1963 Legislature convening next month very likely will be a long session.

Traditionally in the odd year, very little important legislation is passed before the April election.

Next year, this is expected to be particularly true because of the very important April vote on the Constitutional Convention.

REPUBLICANS can be expected to keep the session moving along slowly so they will have time to help the new governor get oriented and promote the proposed document.

Democrats, without the usual important help from the executive office, will want a great deal of time to campaign to see that the document is not approved.

By the same token, approval of the document would pave the way for a number of pieces of legislation to implement the provisions of the new Constitution.

ESTIMATES of job needs for Michigan are going up. It wasn't too many years ago that the economists warned the state would need 10,000 jobs a year to keep the population growing.

Now George Moffett Jr., a member of the Michigan Industrial Ambassadors, says "Michigan must have 30,000 new industrial jobs a year for the next 10 years if it is to keep up with its population growth."

One of Moffett's primary concerns is drawing industry to the state by helping finance industrial development. Southern states have had the spotlight for the last several years

for their activities in helping industry locate by providing financing plans favorable to the industrial management.

A number of plans to help Michigan compete with the Southern states for new industry have been proposed.

As a member of a Michigan Week planning committee, Moffett

## Need Industrial National Guard, Exec Says at Ordnance Meeting

NEW YORK — America needs the equivalent of an industrial national guard, John Dykstra, president of Ford Motor Co. said here last week.

Dykstra resides at 1147 Glenary, Bloomfield Township, Mich.

Speaking at the 44th annual industrial preparedness meeting of the American Ordnance Association, Dykstra questioned how well major portions of industry are prepared to contribute to the country's defense if a national emergency should arise.

"IMPORTANT ELEMENTS of American industry are not adequately wired into the space and defense efforts," he asserted.

"If our nation were to be engaged in a conflict tomorrow — large-scale, but something less than an atomic war — major segments of American manufacturing industry would have literally no role to play. Vast resources would be idled and would be a long time being put into action," Dykstra said.

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struction of defense, scientific and technological capabilities, those that remained intact outside the defense and space industries — and they might be very substantial — could not be swiftly engaged in support of our national objectives, the automobile executive said.

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data are available in two dull sounding but very enlightening books just published by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at MSU. Population figures, bank deposits, business activities, crop reports can all be studied quickly in charts which show the picture from as long ago as 1840 to the present. "Michigan Econ-

omic Charts" covers 104 activities. An even sterner, and perhaps more interesting book called "Michigan Statistical Abstract," provides all kinds of information about the state, cities and counties. Subjects covered include employment, manufacturing, agriculture, mining, trade and finance.

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PLEAS FOR installation of traffic lights at intersections reach state officials, or local authorities, very frequently just after accidents occur at the crossings.

People who appeal to officials for the lights believe the accident rate will automatically go down when the signals are installed. Traffic studies by the State Highway Department indicate this is not necessarily true, however.

At least during the first year or so after a light is installed, it frequently has the opposite effect and more accidents occur, according to the study.

A YEAR-LONG study of 52 locations in the state where new stop lights were installed showed accidents increased 33 per cent during the period, as compared to the year before the signals were placed.

Rear-end collisions at the location increased nearly 100 per cent, and there was 65 per cent increase in accidents involving left-turn movements, the department reported.

"It can be clearly seen from the study that a traffic signal isn't the answer to accident prevention," said Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie. "It merely does what it

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