

Are We Prepared For

Here is an excerpt from CFC Ministry's website www.cfcministry.org concerning Y2K, which is lurking just around the corner

Y2K News From CFC Ministry

State Department: Expect disruptions worldwide -- About half of 161 nations surveyed by the U.S. State Department face "medium to high risk" of Y2K-related disruptions in essential services. "There is a clear risk that at electricity, telecommunications, and other key systems will fail, perhaps creating economic havoc and social unrest," warned State Department Inspector General Williams-Bridgers in July 22 testimony to the U.S. Senate's Special Y2K Committee. She noted in response to questions that U.S. officials are especially concerned about power failures in Russia and parts of Africa. Ms. Williams-Bridgers also said that "the global community is likely to experience varying degrees of Y2K-related failures in every sector, in every region, and at every economic level. Disruptions in the international flow of goods and services are likely, and a breakdown in any part of the supply chain would have a serious impact on the U.S. and world economies." This testimony was based on assessments submitted in recent weeks by U.S. embassies. About one-fourth of industrialized nations were found to be at medium or high risk of infrastructure failures. The Senate hearing raised new concerns about the Y2K readiness of some multinational companies. A survey by CIO Communications, submitted for the hearing, found that 33 percent of firms polled are behind schedule on Y2K fixes. Nearly one company in ten said it won't be ready by January 1, 2000.

Greenspan: Good progress, but Y2K won't be trouble free -- Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan said July 22 that he has "been in this business too long to promise that 2000 will open on an entirely trouble-free note." But in written testimony presented in conjunction with his semi-annual monetary report to Congress, the Fed chairman noted that "the Federal Reserve System has now completed remediation and testing of all its mission-critical applications, including testing its securities and funds-transfer systems with our thousands of financial institution customers." Hoping to head off consumer stockpiling of cash at year's end, Mr. Greenspan said holding "excess cash" would not be necessary. He also pointed out that only 2 percent of depository institutions examined by federal regulators have failed to make "satisfactory progress" on Y2K preparations. Those lagging institutions, "have been targeted for additional follow-up and, as necessary, will be subject to formal enforcement actions."

Most Americans remain unconcerned -- The majority of Americans are making no preparations for Y2K, according to a CBS News telephone survey released July 18. Fifty-six percent of respondents told CBS that no one in their households was "thinking about doing anything" to prepare for possible Y2K problems. Eighteen percent said they were thinking about stocking up on water and/or food.

FAA: We're ready to fly -- The Federal Aviation Administration, which had a dangerously late start on Y2K remediation, announced July 22 that all its computer systems are Y2K ready, including those used for air traffic control. "We expect our aviation system to remain as safe in the new year as it is today," said Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater.

Nuclear weapons computers deemed Y2K-OK -- At a July 22 Pentagon news briefing, Defense Secretary William Cohen announced that 92 percent of the Defense Department's 2,107 "mission critical" computer systems are Y2K compliant. He characterized recent Y2K progress at the Department of Defense (DoD) as "a remarkable effort by some very talented people."

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