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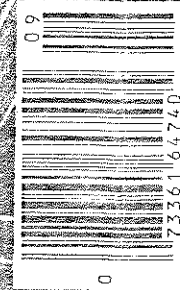
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LETTER

WJR's account swings along beautifully, but—alas—to those of us with longer memories, it all reads a little bit like a Soviet version of the invention of the electric light. And I found the non-fiction portions of your July/August issue absolutely delightful.

Louis Rukeyser
Greenwich, Connecticut

Editor's note: Mr. Rukeyser is host of Public Television's Wall Street Week.

Of the several issues of WJR I have received since my subscription started, the July/August issue topped them all.

On pages 28 to 31, you present a symposium of what monetary economists have to say about journalists in the economic field—that most journalists are ill-equipped to write on economics ("Economists on Reporting").

I think your response from the journalists is more honest ("Reporters on Economics"). They know pretty well that the monetary economists, by and large, are mostly in disagreement on forecasts and judgmental matters, because frankly, operating on a premise of charts and graphs, rather than on the fundamental economics of the land economists, they have no substantive foundation for being in agreement.

You ought to let one of your staff interview a land economist. You will find that land economists will be in virtual agreement with each other.

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