

Lampman Topics: Unemployment, Taxes

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Possible programs for extension of unemployment insurance and a "negative income tax" are expected to be major topics when Robert Lampman of the University of Wisconsin speaks at next week's ASUO Poverty Conference.

That was the consensus of panel members on a PL-3 telecast Monday. The panel included Barry Siegel, associate professor of economics; Victor Affolter, graduate assistant in economics; and Albert Culver, graduate assistant in economics. Al Depenbrock, freshman in political science, moderated the discussion.

Using Lampman's definition of poverty as the condition in which any family has less than \$3,000 income yearly, Siegel said that 18 per cent of the people in the United States could be classed "poor." Half of these reside in the South, necessitating, Siegel said, "some conventional approaches to the problem which are applicable to regional situations."

Minimum Wages

Foremost among these would be raising the minimum wage. But Culver pointed to sudden

unemployment among migrants when the minimum agriculture wage was raised and said, "Some of these people discovered they just weren't worth 15 cents more an hour."

According to Culver, a more reasonable solution, or at least partial solution, would be the reverse: if wages went down and persons in low income brackets received subsidies, the labor force could be increased.

"I can't see subsidizing to the \$3,000 level," Affolter said. "Subsidies can be an incentive not to work."

But Culver said the main point is that subsidies aren't permanent. "Somehow we must have a provision for those persons who are only temporarily down," Culver said.

"Individualistic Society"

Siegel pointed to the fact that "people who give subsidies to the poor want to help spend it." He said that Lampman sees the U.S. as an individualistic society where men can make their own choices

and said Lampman would not advocate any type of public assistance where the government would help spend the money.

Siegel said that Lampman sees the major problem among the poor today as "getting the 18 per cent to the other side." He said, "we can't be content with pushing them a little way over."

Accordingly, Siegel sees programs of public work and tax revisions as being a part of Lampman's philosophy.

The "negative income tax" idea has been advanced by Lampman before. He is expected to discuss it in length while at the University for the conference.

The basic idea of such a revision lies in taking a percentage of the \$20 billion in unused exemptions and giving it to those too poor to take advantage of their exemptions, in the form of subsidies.

Hard-Core Group

There always will be a certain percentage of those in that position, Siegel said. According to Lampman, "there is a hard-core group which will remain poor because of race, age and the like."

The percentage is declining, however. In 1947, 32 per cent of all families in the U.S. fell into the under-\$3,000 yearly category. The figure is only slightly over half that now, and has declined

three per cent since 1962—"a very rapid drop," Siegel said.

Using Lampman's forecasts, only 10 per cent of the U.S. population in 1980 will be poor. Siegel sees the figure as "being closer to 13 per cent in 1980" because of the current rate of drop, which has slackened somewhat since Lampman made his forecasts.

Siegel said that Lampman is expected to discuss most of the same issues the panel discussed while he is at the University. He is expected to pay particular attention to extension of unemployment benefits and the "negative income tax" in his discussions.

Job Opportunities

Students may contact the Placement Office in Susan Campbell Hall for further information about the following job opportunities.

Jan. 20—Internal Revenue Service. Accounting, bus. ad. with accounting for audit and intelligence LLB-Estate Tax Examiner.

Jan. 21—Texaco. Lib. arts, bus. ad. for sales.

Jan. 25—Gordon Nelson of the Ft. Simcoe Job Corps Center will be on campus from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m., to talk with anyone who might be interested in the civil service career opportunities for college graduates available at this Job Corps Center. They have openings in teaching, counselling, administration, recreation, residential programs, and work programs.



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Campus Briefs

Orides will hold an open meeting at 8 p.m. today in the Orides lounge on the first floor of Gerlinger Hall. All interested coeds are invited to attend.

Senator Mike Donahue will hold office hours in 302 SU from 2-3 p.m. today. Any interested student is invited to come and discuss his individual criticisms, problems, questions, or opinions on issues relevant to any phase of student life.

Frosh Snoball decoration committee will hold an important meeting at 7 p.m. today in the SU Ballroom.

General Panhellenic will meet for dinner at 5:15 p.m. Thursday at the Chi Omega house. Social chairmen must attend. Call for dinner reservations.

"Raisin in the Sun" will be shown at 7 and 9 p.m. Thursday in 150 Science by the SU Movie Committee. Admission is 50 cents.

Petitions are available in 301 SU for those interested in working on World University Service Week to be held the first of spring term. Much help is needed. For more information call Alice Tsunenaga, ext. 2161.

Skull and Dagger will meet at 6 p.m. today in the SU.

A.C.E.I. will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Education Building.

There will be a compulsory Kwama meeting at 4 p.m. today in the SU.

There will be a Frosh 200 meeting for all girls interested in becoming members from 6:30-7:30 p.m. today in 172 Commonwealth.

Ski Quacks wishing to take cars to Mt. Bachelor, Hoodoo, or Willamette ski areas and those needing rides meet in the SU between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Also, sign-up for the Mt. Bachelor overnight Jan. 29-30 will be considered. A deposit will not be necessary till next Tuesday.

Citizens for Viet Nam will meet at 8 p.m. today in the SU.

The badminton club will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the west gym of the men's PE building. All those interested in badminton for recreation or competition are invited to come.

Amphibians will meet at 7 p.m. today at Leighton Pool.

Oregana Copy Staff will meet at 4 p.m. today in the Oregana Offices, M110 SU.

A Chapel Service for the University community will be held at 9 p.m. today at Christian House, 736 East 16th. Everyone is invited to participate in this service sponsored by the fellowship of Christian and American Baptist students.

Campus Chapel, a worship service for the University community will be at 9:30 p.m. today at Wesley Foundation, 1236 Kincaid. Leader will be Bill Brockhaus.

The ASUO Senate academic and cultural committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the SU.

Chi Delta Phi, women's creative and literary honorary, will meet informally at 7 p.m. Thursday at the New World Coffee House. All interested persons are invited to attend. A manuscript of original work will be read.

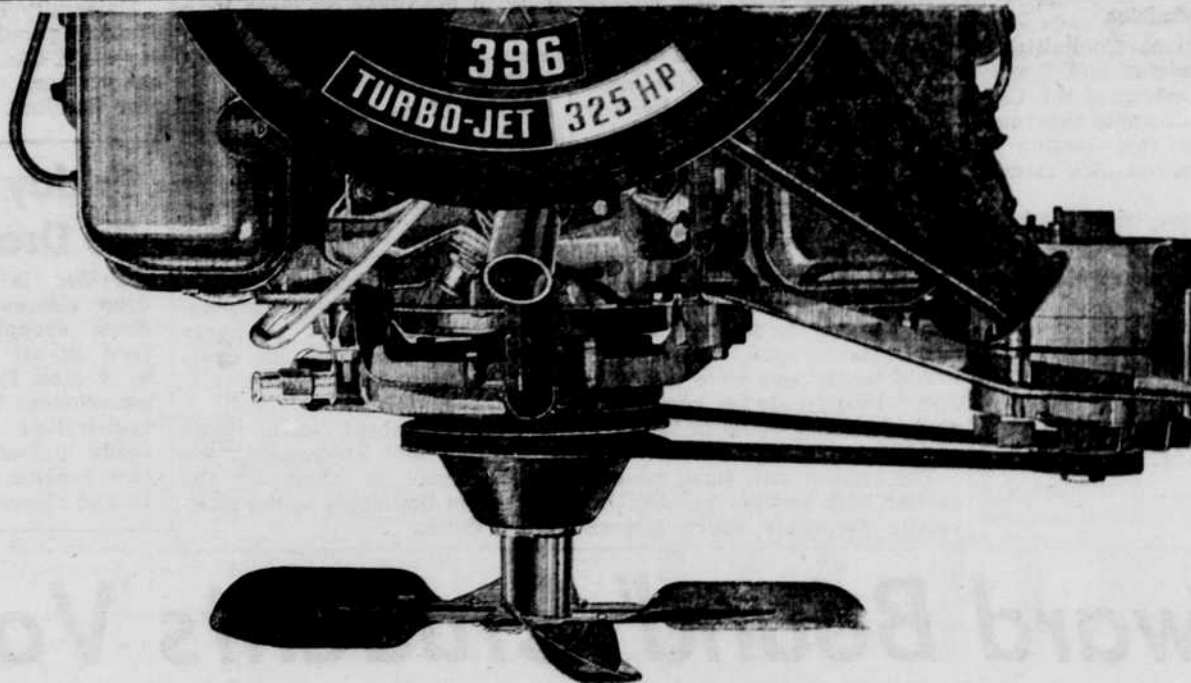
The role of the science advisor in foreign affairs will be the topic of E. M. J. Kretzmann at 3 p.m. today in the World Affairs Briefing Center in the SU.

Pi Lambda Theta will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the SU.

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