

Ullman advocates cutting federal spending and balancing 1980 budget

Congressman Al Ullman wrote about his efforts to search for solutions to the mounting economic problems and combat inflation and high interest rates in a recent press release to the Gazette-Times.

He advocates rolling back federal spending and balancing the 1980 and 1981 budgets. He says, "For the first time since I've been in Congress, there is a commitment on the part of a majority of Democrats and Republicans alike to sacrifice some pet projects" to cut spending.

He said interest payments on the national debt must be paid, and with growing international problems, it is impossible to reduce defense spending. Social Security and related assistance for the elderly and poor cannot be cut so about two-thirds of the federal budget each year cannot be reduced. But other areas will have to be.

Ullman said the cuts will effect everyone, including state and local governments that depend on federal support. Policy changes are essential. The timetables set for achieving clean air and water standards will have to be modified.

"Tight fiscal restraints alone are not going to solve the inflation problem," Ullman said in the release. "In the long run, changes in the tax structure that will encourage savings and investment—the keys to increased productivity—will be necessary."

On the issue of energy, Ullman has urged President Jimmy Carter to decontrol domestic prices and impose oil import fees. Both measures would force reduced consumption, he says.

Long-range energy goals of Ullman include the passing of the crude oil windfall profit tax that includes major incentives for developing alternate energy sources. Included in it is a residential tax credit for renewable energy sources including solar, wind and geothermal increasing to 40 percent of up to \$10,000 of expenditures. Ullman is also fighting to add items eligible for the home insulation tax credit.

Ullman also advocates issuing tax-exempt bonds to finance loans for alternative energy improvement projects. Oregon voters will be asked to approve a similar project at the state level in the May 20 primary election.

He agrees with the ideas of developing alcohol as fuel and

continuing the exemption of gasoline from the federal tax on gasoline.

On the subject of tax cuts, Ullman says the tax reduction

voted by Congress in 1978 is reflected in the federal income tax returns now being prepared. Personal exemption has increased from \$750 to

\$1,000 a person. The zero bracket amount has increased from \$2,200 to \$2,300 for singles and from \$3,200 to \$3,400 for married couples. A

reduction of tax rates has taken place in virtually every bracket. The tax brackets have been widened so increases in income do not push

taxpayers into a higher tax bracket as fast. There are now 15 tax brackets compared to 25 in 1978.

The tax cuts are primarily

designed to compensate taxpayers for increases caused by inflation.

To conclude his new release, Ullman says that he encour-

ages input from the people he represents and that urgent problems can be handled at his office in Salem by calling 1-800-452-2143.

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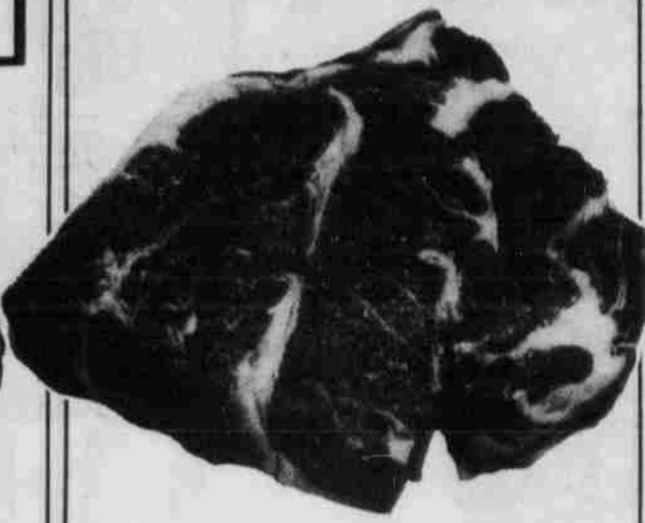
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She joins Corey and Katie at home.

Chairman named

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced that Mrs. Donald Ball has been named to head the 1980 Spring Bike-A-Thon Campaign in Ione.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in San Mateo, Calif. is the only research center dedicated exclusively to the study and conquest of catastrophic diseases of children. Its work, particularly in leukemia and other childhood cancers, has been cited as an example for basic and clinical research.

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