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Money Grabbers

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
Several items in the news recently have caused my blood pressure to rise, and point up some of the reasons our taxes are as high as they are.
One item from Washington about 10 days ago told of the case of Steven A. Carter, 19-year-old son of Rep. Steven V. Carter, a freshman Democratic representative from Iowa, who receives about \$10,000 a year for working in his father's office. He also attends college.

"It's true that he is my son and only 19," Carter said today, "but he's worth that much to me and the taxpayers." Carter also is a freshman law student at George Washington University.

His son reports to work early in the afternoon and stays until about 6 p.m. He goes to morning classes at the university.

Then today, in another article, an Indiana congressman rents his front porch to himself for \$100 a month, pays his wife over \$300 a month to be his secretary at home, and today had the gall to say he thinks he ought to charge the government another \$1,000 for storing mail on his porch.

This time it was Rep. Randall S. Harmon, Democrat from Indiana. He said that years ago trucks began dumping sacks of mail on his porch in Muncie, Indiana, for the route carrier to sort and handle. "That ought to be worth \$200 a year." That's what they pay for a sub-post office back home," he said.

These are two cases. They are not isolated cases, neither are they confined to Democrats.

The procedure throughout the public offices of the land have gradually degenerated into about the same status.

In Congress, it's normal to have your wife or someone of your family on your payroll.

The representative in Indiana is going all out to make government his own personal charity. He apparently intends to get every single nickel that he can get by hook or by crook out of his office.

There seems to be no condemnation of this procedure, either. People in all too many cases have simply come to accept it as a part of what they consider the "dirty" business of politics.

That's a mistake. As long as they condone such practices they certainly cannot hope to change them.

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Austria, Benelux and Scandinavia. At least one-third of the U.S. tourists crossing the Atlantic this year will be visiting Europe for the second or third time.

First-time travelers abroad are fairly evenly divided between escorted and independent tours. A high percentage of repeaters prefer independent travel.

Paris, London, Rome and Madrid, in that order, are expected to draw the largest number of tourists. Paris expects 500,000, an increase of 50,000 over last year.

According to major firms providing cars for rental overseas, drive-yourself reservations are up from five to 25 per cent in 23 cities.

The American Automobile Association estimates that more than 200,000 Americans will rent or buy cars abroad this year. This is double the 1956 total.

Of course, Oregon expects a goodly share of those Americans remaining in the U.S. to come out here to help celebrate our hundredth birthday anniversary.

Travel is bigger business this year than ever before.

Knowledge

Eugene (To the Editor)—I was quite interested in your column in a recent issue of your paper in which you talked about education.

You point out that the acquisition of knowledge is the important thing. As you put it: "Not just spending. Getting knowledge."

I agree with you completely. However, knowledge does not come without spending. To have knowledge you must have teachers and to have teachers capable of the highest performance in the transmission of knowledge, you must compete in the open market, not only with other universities and colleges but with industry.

Industry has long ago recognized that quality costs money and has never objected to paying the price. You must spend money for buildings. Education is much more than simply placing a teacher in front of a group of students. It is a matter of laboratories and special equipment. It is a matter of somehow accommodating tremendously large numbers of students with an inadequate number of teachers and this requires special facilities, if maximum effectiveness is to be achieved.

I know that you recognize these things. I am afraid, however, that you've overlooked a most important factor. Money spent in this fashion rather than saving it off "more property and more income to tax" will attract—and create—more property and more income to tax.

Willard L. Thompson
Director of Public Services
University of Oregon

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He is absolutely right on every point. Cars, for instance. If a boy (or girl) earns the money for a car, then by all means, let him have one. But this business of your handing us everything we want on a silver platter or jumping every time we snap our fingers is just plain stupid!

Why do teen-agers get into trouble? Because we're bored, and bored still! There is no challenge; nothing to work for. We just open our mouth to say, "I want . . . and before we've finished, we've got it!"

The question running through your mind is natural: Why don't you stay in school and work for better grades?

Why, indeed! KU used to be a wonderful place with many challenges, and I imagine it still is to a very few who care enough to look for them.

I think our school is too lenient on the troublemakers. When someone gets caught for skipping, for instance, do you know what happens? All the punishment they get is two weeks of detention for half-an-hour after school. By the time the parents discover their kids have been skipping, it's a little late to regain control.

Or perhaps your question is: Why don't you stay home with your family instead of milling the streets and knocking anyone down who gets in your way?

Family? Home? What's that? A place to hang your coat and grab a bite to eat or a little sleep. Did you ever stop to count the number of us who go home to empty houses? Maybe Mom left us a note, but that would be unusual.

Oh, I'll admit times have changed. But it is a good change. This isn't a woman's world. Why can't they climb down off their perches and let the men take over? Women belong in the home with their families. The woman whose career is to be a housewife has certainly plenty of praise due her.

How do you expect us to react to a cold, empty house? Nobody's home. Nothing to do. Guess I'll go over to Tom's. He probably doesn't have anything to do either.

Then there are the few who would be much better off if they could work. They haven't the IQ for school. But you have a law compelling us to go to school. So what happens? These are our skippers! They can't make the grades. They give up in frustration. They need something they can do. Sure, you think they're happy. But you are too busy to see just how miserable and unhappy they really are.

If you want to wipe out delinquency, then give us our challenge and stop spoiling us. Help us pull our feet out of the muck and mire. Treat us as young adults, not teen-agers. And keep a tight hold on those reins. Punish us for our mischievous pranks, but love us in spite of them. Teach us respect for our neighbors and his property. But above all, treat us as individuals. Just because we are in our teens, doesn't mean we are delinquents. We are wonderful. Give us a chance to prove it!

Kathy Ball
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Junior at KUHS

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balance the budget, which can only be done if the government's revenue from various taxes equals or exceeds its expenses.

There is one way, of course, to be sure revenue is bigger than outgo and that is to raise taxes. No one is talking about that with any enthusiasm.

The Democrats argue there isn't anything necessarily sacred about balancing a budget at a time when 4,700,000 people are unemployed and, they say, the government must encourage sufficient growth.

A couple of examples show the split between Democrats and Republicans on what is needed.

The Democrats on the joint congressional Economic Committee this week issued a report with which the Republican members disagreed.

But some of the Democrats didn't see eye-to-eye on everything and neither did the Republicans.

"While a balance or even a surplus in the budget is desirable in times of maximum employment," the Democratic majority report said, "neither the soundness of our money nor our potential for economic growth and stability in 1959 and thereafter necessarily depends on balancing a 77-billion-dollar federal budget."

Eisenhower proposed a 77-billion-dollar budget. He estimated that if spending could be held to that limit, and if there were some added revenue like increased gasoline taxes and postage rates, the government would wind up about 70 million dollars ahead.

The Republicans on the committee denied the Democrats had any monopoly on wanting to see the country grow and accused the Democrats of being "cloudy and unclear."

Eisenhower has repeatedly contended that inflation—or less purchasing power for the dollar—is one of the penalties of unbalanced budget spending.

So much for theory. Meanwhile, Democrats and Republicans are split on specifics.

In a surprise move last week Democratic leaders in Congress called for a one-year extension of the emergency unemployment compensation program voted by Congress last year. It is due to end April 1.

Tuesday House Republican leaders lined up with the President against what they called any lengthy extension of unemployment pay. They specifically hit at extending it a year, but indicated a shorter extension might be considered.

It isn't hard to see the political implications if unemployment continues at its present high level or goes higher.

Then there's the question of national defense. Eisenhower asked for what he considered enough money for this. Democrats are challenging his position on this and are talking of voting more money for defense.

Mixed up in all this are other problems—like the amount to be spent on foreign aid, and so on—but most of them are still in the talking stage.

No matter which side has its way, the economy will be affected. Since both sides are dealing in theories, each can only hope it knows what's best.

United Press International
KINGSFORD, Tenn.—Pilot William Mullen of Tourville, Tex., on giving up his attempt to fly a single-engine plane non-stop from California to Rome when ice formed in his fuel lines over the Appalachian Mountains.

"I'm glad it happened over land. Three more hours and I would have been out to sea."

BOSTON—Mrs. Catherine Byrne, lady lord mayor of Dublin, on her intention of attending the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York.

"I'm looking forward to the parade there. It certainly will be different than in Ireland. We have only a small parade."

HOLLYWOOD—Actor Kirk Douglas, in a telegram to editors of the Harvard Lampoon on being named worst actor of the year for the third straight year and thereby retiring a trophy.

"Please send the trophy prepaid."

MIAMI BEACH—Singer Nelson Eddy, on his fondness for Elvis Presley.

"I even like Presley in that he's interesting in being the crown prince of his particular kind of music."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Board Blasts Mark Choice

SALEM (AP)—The Senate Natural Resources recommended 4-3 Tuesday that the Senate refuse to confirm Gov. Mark Hatfield's appointment of L. C. (Jack) Binford, Portland, to the Water Resources Board. Then it decided to hold further hearings on the appointment.

It is the first time a Senate committee has recommended against a Hatfield appointee.

The four Democrats on the committee voted against the appointment by the Republican governor. The three Republicans supported him.

Binford had served on the board during the first three years of its existence, but Democratic Gov. Robert D. Holmes refused to reappoint him when his term expired last August.

The Democrats on the committee said they felt that Binford's appointment might upset the board's balance between opposing interests.

A two-thirds vote of the Senate is required for confirmation.

Boxcar Shortage Hearing Slated

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Commerce Subcommittee plans to hold hearings soon on the possibility of a shortage of railroad box cars.

Morse asked the hearing because a shortage might cut Pacific Northwest lumber shipments and summer grain movement.

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), chairman of the Commerce Committee, has assured the hearing.

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Lutherans Eye Talk For Unity

NEW YORK (AP)—The two-million-member Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has indicated willingness to talk unity with other Lutherans.
The Rev. Dr. John W. Behnken, president of the group, who earlier had rejected an invitation to consider unity made the announcement in a letter Monday to Dr. Paul E. Empe, executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council, which includes eight Lutheran denominations with more than five million members.
There are about eight million Lutherans in the United States, in 16 branches.

MARSHALL CONDITION
FT. BRAGG, N.C. (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall's serious condition remained unchanged at Womack Army Hospital today.

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