

Growing Government Costs Affect Lives of Everyone

After months of wrangling, Congress finally passed a long-expected tax increase -- and at the same time, voted to force cuts in government spending by \$6 billion. In commenting on passage of the tax increase package, U. S. News & World Report notes: "At this point, you can be sure of one thing: Taxes are going up. You cannot be really sure that spending will go down." If precedent is any indication, spending cuts will be illusory. New spending measures could easily wipe out the pluses of any cuts. A lot depends upon whether the people themselves are ready to accept the comparatively slight sacrifices that government fiscal responsibility would call for.

Writing in the July issue of The Reader's Digest, Representative Wilbur D. Mills, chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, and often called "the most important man on Capitol Hill," tells why we must control federal spending -- difficulties that may be. The pressure on Congress to appropriate tax funds is almost irresistible. These pressures are so great that many have concluded government spending is no longer controllable. Mr. Mills himself concedes that the difficulties are great. He describes how on one day, February 8, 1968, eleven congressional committees met to consider numerous spending proposals. These included \$1.3 billion for the Colorado River Basin, and additional billions for aid to higher education. On the same day, Congress received the President's \$3 billion foreign aid message and, in Mr. Mills' words: "That same day, more than 70 new bills were introduced, calling for everything from a new \$60,444,000 federal building to a \$150-million-a-year scientific research

program." This was not all. Again, on the same day, the White House requested a \$1.2 billion supplemental appropriation for welfare spending. And the Secretary of Interior called for funds for a national shrine in North Carolina. Even as the demands for new tax dollars mounted, spending on old programs continued. In a 24-hour period, the government paid out \$474 million -- \$54 million more than it took in. Mr. Mills points out that federal programs, once started, inevitably increase in scope and cost. Few ever disappear. He quotes a Tax Foundation study, which reports that in 13 years no fewer than 112 new federal programs have been launched. In the first year of their respective operations, they cost \$3.6 billion. By fiscal 1968, their annual costs had risen to \$16.5 billion. Most discouraging, in the opinion of Mr. Mills, are the endless overlapping and duplication of these programs and agencies. "At present, 30 separate programs help with teacher training, 57-- for job training, 35 for housing. More than 260 programs administered by 16 separate agencies and departments are included in the war on poverty."

Mr. Mills believes most strongly that the only way to bring federal spending under control is through creation of a new Hoover-style commission -- "a 12-man, independent, bi-partisan Government Program Evaluation Commission drawn from the top ranks of American leadership outside government -- to be set up to go over federal programs periodically to determine whether our tax dollars are being well spent." However, in the long run, the establishment of such a commission will be in vain without public support, and a realization that the security of our homes, our jobs, our savings -- and our freedom -- are at stake. Without this realization, as Mr. Mills puts it, "... even if we could eliminate every obviously wasteful government project, the expansion in federal spending would still not be curbed."

The passage of the new tax bill may have the salutary effect of helping us to realize the truth of the old saying, "what government gives, it must first take away." (Industrial News)

"If"

If, when the sun sinks low tonight, And floods you with its golden light, As you sit thinking of the day, Crowded with its work or play, If you recall some kindly deed, A helping hand to one in need, Or just a touch to ease some pain, You have not spent the day in vain. (Robin A. Walker - Sunshine Magazine.)

SPORTS

ELKS SET BENEFIT BASEBALL CONTEST

The Elks' fifth annual benefit baseball game will be staged at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 21 when the Caldwell Cubs meet the Ogden Dodgers at Simplot stadium in Caldwell.

All proceeds will go to the Elks' rehabilitation center in Boise. In addition to an exciting baseball game, other entertainers are scheduled to appear. Among them is Lloyd Wanzer, 1967 National Old Time Fiddler champion.

Over \$700 in attendance prizes will be given away, including a 'Consolette' color-television set and a woman's diamond ring. The public is invited to attend.

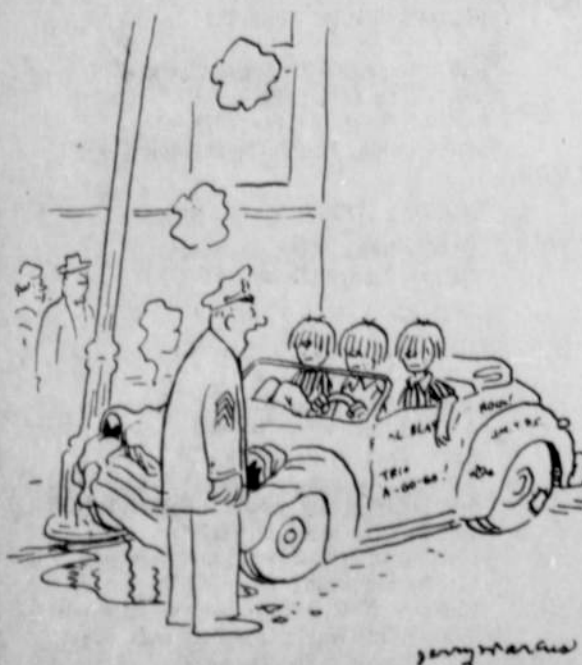
Former Nyssan Earns Two Softball Awards

A tri-state softball tournament, representing Oregon, Washington and Idaho, was held July 7 at Baker. Named as most valuable player was Former Nyssan John Simianer of Boise.

In addition to that award, he also received one as top batter. He played on the Blacker Furniture team, and his batting average was 426.

Simianer is manager of the Bestway Building center in Boise. He was married in 1956 to Sharon Glover, daughter of Nyssan Mrs. Reta Glover, and they have three children.

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