

A View From Capitol Hill:

Stockman's Reconversion Seems Complete; Proposes Deeper Cuts

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The widely-publicized "woodshed treatment" apparently resulted in the complete repentance of Budget Director David Stockman whose loose tongue got him in trouble momentarily with President Reagan.

That his backsliding days are over, or at least are being closely checked, is being evidenced by the way he has returned to his hatchet-wielding by making new and deeper cuts in programs to aid the cities, housing, job training and education.

With the flack following publication of the article in *The Atlantic Monthly* seemingly behind him and a nod from Reagan that he is being given a second chance, Stockman is on a roll. While he might have had misgivings about the Administration's

economic proposals during those sessions with writer William Greider*, Stockman now is moving like the "Dangerous Dave" of old.

In the *Atlantic* article, the director of the Office of Management and Budget was quoted as saying: "None of us really understands what's going on with all these numbers." Perhaps the youthful budget chief didn't understand then, but — following his scolding from Reagan — his calculators and computers apparently have been rejuvenated and are now in sync with his reconversion.

Here's how the Stockman shopping list of cuts runs at latest tally:

(1) **URBAN AID AND HOUSING** — Stockman has notified the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) that he wants to phase out the existing program of Community Development

block grants and a companion program of Urban Development Action Grants (UDAG) by 1984.

This would kill the government's largest aid program for distressed cities and drastically cut back subsidized housing for the poor. It would bring to a screeching halt federally-funded building programs around the nation.

Cities that have won UDAG grants for downtown and neighborhood development projects include Chicago, New York, Detroit, and Orlando, Fla. Some 350 grants were to be made in 1981.

While neither HUD nor OMB would comment on the contemplated cuts in housing, sources have indicated that Stockman wants to reduce the Community and Urban Development grant programs from \$3.6 billion authorized in fiscal 1982 to \$2.4 billion in 1982, \$1.2 billion in 1983, and eliminate



POLICEMEN'S INSTITUTE — "Ethics in Civil Law" was the theme of a three-day Police Officers' Institute held at Saint Augustine's College this month. Members of the college faculty and professional staff discussed such topics as "Crime: Selected Points of View", "Historical Concepts of the Law-Issues, Practices and Concerns", "Ethics of the Law Versus Decisions of the Public", and "The Police and the Black Community: An Ethical Perspective." L-R (bottom to top rows): Dr. Wiley M. Davis, vice president for administration; participants Michael Huwe, Ms. Deana Wiseman, Paul Holland, and Gregory Sligh, coordinator; second row: Steve Wilson, Steve Johnson and Thomas Dunn; third row: Steve Netherlan, Dan Becker and John Annis; fourth row: Greg Christos and Jerry Hall.

new budget authority altogether beginning in fiscal 1984.

(2) **JOB TRAINING** — Stockman has notified the U.S. Department of Labor of new budget cuts that would all but wipe out the Federal Government's manpower training programs for minorities, unskilled workers, and welfare clients.

OMB has decided to allow the Labor Department only \$1.56 billion, less than half of what the department itself had considered austere in a request for fiscal 1983, for a variety of job-training and manpower programs. Federal obligations for these programs in fiscal 1981 totaled nearly \$8 billion.

These training programs help black and Hispanic youths, Indians, migrant workers, older Americans, welfare clients, and unskilled workers gain skills needed to compete for jobs in today's market.

We should be reminded that unemployment rates of many of these groups, especially minority youths, are far higher than for the general population. This is, in part, because they lack marketable job skills. Last month, for example, the unemployment rate for black teenagers was 41.3 per cent nationally, more than twice that for white teenagers.

(3) **AID TO EDUCATION** — OMB has proposed deep cuts in federal education programs for the next fiscal year, including one that would cut in half the largest of these, the Title I program that now helps five million children from disadvantaged homes.

Reports also indicate that Stockman has proposed cutting the basic aid program for low-income college students by more than half, cutting vocational and adult education grants by a third, and phasing out entirely by 1985 the Department of Education's research arm, the National Institute of Education.

Urban officials, attending the National League of Cities meeting recently in Detroit, already have attacked Stockman's proposal to phase out urban development programs; Labor Secretary Raymond J. Donovan was expected to appeal Stockman's proposal to slash job training programs; and Education Secretary Terrel H. Bell was also expected to appeal to a White House screening committee and ultimately to Reagan himself.

The Stockman cuts reportedly are being proposed for all Federal agencies in an effort to hold down the projected 1983 deficit. Meanwhile, his actions — if successful — will do a great deal to add further misery to many who are already suffering because an insensitive Federal Government wants to balance its budget at their expense.

*William Greider, assistant managing editor for national news of *The Washington Post* and a columnist for that newspaper, wrote the article titled "The Education of David Stockman" which appeared in December 1981 issue of *The Atlantic Monthly*.

Understanding Stress

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excessive eating, compulsive smoking, jogging, chanting, nightclubbing, biting the fingernails, crying spells, heightened motivation and desire for success.

Lack of self-confidence may tend to terrorize the individual who is placed in a situation in which he/she feels incapable of performing adequately. This can be the cause of tension and stress. This can also be the cause of uncontrollable and destructive ways of releasing stress.

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Letter to the Editor: Merry Christmas

June and December have something in common. June is the month in which the June bride and groom make a vow to God in being joined together in Holy Matrimony in the highest degree of love.

December 25 is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ: a day of love, joy, peace, happiness and good will to all men. A day when families get together sharing their love, Christmas cards, gifts and extending our love to others whether they be in distant cities or nearby. I wish the vows taken in June or other months of the year and the love, joy, peace and happiness we express on December 25 could prevail throughout our lives.

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