



When We Vote, We Choose a 'Climate'

At one time, the most remarkable thing about our federal government was its respect for the freedom of the individual and its non-interference with people's business affairs. Times change. In recent years, the federal government has been playing an increasing role in our private lives and in our economic lives.

Some governmental interference has been justifiable--anti-trust laws, for example, and labor-management legislation. Other actions are hard to defend--such as the decrease in the value of the dollar, by government's inflation policies; and the mounting taxes on individuals and business--taxes which curb growth and the making of new jobs.

Despite the rapid growth of big government, the basic mechanics of our representative system is unchanged. We who vote can, if we choose, elect the executives and legislators who want to run government economically, reduce taxes, and provide the climate for saving and investment in which jobs are created and sound economic growth can take place.

On the other hand, the voters can--under the spell of easy promises--put into office the so-called "liberals" who claim that all problems can be solved by making big government bigger, by spending more taxpayer money, and putting more strains on our business system. They can--but let's hope they don't.