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**Budget Battle On**

WASHINGTON - There is deep concern abroad in the land about the way problems are being handled by the Federal Government. This concern shows up repeatedly when individuals express themselves. Generally, such worries relate to money problems and the belief by most that too many power over our lives gravitate toward this Federal City.

These frustrations show up in many ways. With the constant rise of the price of goods and services, many refer to their chief concern as the "pocket-book pinch". It is no secret that millions of Americans are more careful about how they spend a dollar to be sure that they can cover taxes, bills, and find enough extra to educate their children.

As usual, there is more interest in the cost of government at this season of the year because most Americans have just filed their income taxes. They are acutely aware of the fact that a large share of their income goes toward the costs of government. Indeed, one might be hard-pressed today to find an individual who does not harbor the feeling that there is too much government. Expressed in "pocketbook" terms, most believe that somewhere in the \$200 billion-plus budget submitted by the Administration for fiscal 1971, there ought to be room to cut the cost of government.

I find myself in sympathy with this feeling since I believe that government should not try to do for people things that they can best do for themselves. Unfortunately, a majority of the Members of Congress do not always adhere to this opinion when certain groups press for the passage of a new program.

Moreover, once a Federal program is established, it becomes almost impossible to eliminate it. Oftentimes, it is equally difficult to hold the program's budget at anything like its original level. The new program's bureaucracy always finds many reasons to persuade a majority of the Congress to increase its patrimony in succeeding years.

Thus, the battle of the budget is a constant one. All of this relates to the problem that Congress has in dealing with inflation, governmental spending and taxes at this session. What was predicted as a "balanced budget" with a \$1.3 billion surplus four months ago when the President delivered his "money requests" to Congress was always based more on semantics than hard facts. That tenuous balance now appears even more questionable in the light of subsequent Administration requests for new expenditures. The prospects are clear that unless some holding of the "budgetary" line begins soon, the next fiscal year will end up with a deficit of several billion dollars. Should this occur, three alternatives are likely. They are: more Treasury borrowing with the risk of more inflation; a Presidential "freeze" on certain funds which may pose moany hardships; or a demand for new taxes.

The other major concern seems to lie in the increasing controls by the Federal government over our personal lives. This is best expressed in the current frustrations arising out of the "busing of school children" to achieve "racial balance." Congress has considered legislation dealing with this problem several times at this session. The latest action was taken on April 14 when the House adopted a new anti-busing provision in the HEW appropriations bill. That bill now comes to the Senate with prospects of a new battle over this issue.

Hopefully, the Congress this time will forbid forced busing and I expect to continue to press for such a legislative solution to remedy this vital matter.

**straight talk**

By Tom Anderson



**TENNIS, MONEY AND GRAPES**

South Africa has been barred from Davis Cup tennis. That's quite an honor! Davis Cup tennis, and "amateur" tennis in general, is one of the most sickenly dishonest activities in a sickenly dishonest world. Led by *Grate* Britain, most of the hypocrites of the world voted to bar South Africa because the American Negro, Arthur Ashe, was not allowed to compete in South Africa.

South Africa believes in separation. Britain believes in *mixing*—for everybody but Britain. Britain has barred further immigration by blacks. The British are bloody hypocrites.

The University of Pennsylvania has hauled down the American flag and put it into storage. The officials "feared a confrontation with student war protestors." The flag is red, white and blue and the officials are yellow.

The Federal Government is now spending \$6,116 a second. Getting your money's worth?

*U. S. News and World Report* says that one Senator, who feels that members of Congress should make full disclosure of their personal wealth, is having his own survey made in support of his contention that "there are 51 millionaires in the Senate."

It is irrelevant how many millionaires are in the Senate. What is relevant is how many millionaire Senators were millionaires before they became Senators?

Every political office holder should have to make full disclosure of his personal wealth.

Some Wag, or Wages, sent this "news" item to *Forbes* magazine:

**CHAPPAQUIDDICK—IRISH VERSION**

One of the business community's more dynamic tycoons has a great sense of humor. The other day he gave me a slip of paper on which were these alleged headlines from the *Dublin Dispatch*:

**GOD SAVES SENATOR KENNEDY AS CATHOLIC GIRL DROWNS.** Devout pair believed to be on way to Midnight Mass. Ted prays for almost nine hours before leaving scene. Irish Govt. Blasts Italian Builder of Faulty Bridge.

Would you believe that the U. S. A. gives away billions of dollars (in food, equipment, machinery, etc.) to "needy" nations each year and then turns around and borrows millions of dollars from them at 6% interest? For instance, we recently borrowed \$100 million from Thailand payable in 4½ years, and at 6% interest; \$15 million from South Korea, same terms. We are borrowing from 41 nations, as we continue our mad descent to bankruptcy, revolution and dictatorship.

Walter ("Ruthless") Reuther said recently: "We will see that nobody eats grapes in America; we will drive the grapes off every table." The grape boycott is only a prelude to an effort to unionize, nationally, all farm products. The movement is marxist oriented. Eat more grapes.—American Way Features

**The Manion Forum**

By Marilyn Manion

**WHOSE NEWS?**



Spiro Agnew whipped up quite a political storm some months ago when he charged that much of the news reporting in our Nation is biased reporting.

Mr. Agnew wasn't the first person to harbor, or even announce, this suspicion. Some of us have been muttering about it for years. One of the most heartening outcomes of the Vice-President's comments has been the reaction of the American people. Not just Conservatives, either! The public let out a giant cheer for Mr. Agnew, the echoes of which still reverberate across the land.

What were those cheers all about? A recent guest on the Manion Forum radio program, Mr. James J. Finnegan, put it this way:

"The average citizen may not be able to analyze the techniques of news slanting; he may be unaware of all the subtle nuances of bias in news reporting. But the average American is admirably equipped with common sense; he has been able to sense the liberal news media do not always 'tell it like it is.'"

Mr. Finnegan is the chief editorial writer for the Manchester, New Hampshire, *Union Leader*. He made it clear that his criticism of one-sided journalism does not apply to everybody involved in the world of news reporting and analysis. It does apply to "the hierarchy of the nation's most influential news media—*The New York Times*, undoubtedly the most influential newspaper in the world; the *Washington Post*, which owns *Newsweek* magazine; the major television networks; and the news media in thousands of other cities and towns across the land which do follow their lead. This network-liberal establishment represents a concentration of power over American public opinion that is unrivaled in American history."

What are some of the crimes against objectivity? Well, here's an example Mr. Finnegan tells about first-hand:

"I was one of three representatives of the *Manchester Union Leader* who covered the

National Convention of the Democratic Party in Chicago in 1968. Let me cite just one example of the distortion of news events. I was in Grant Park watching the taunting of police by the mob. I saw the objects—the ashtrays, the beer containers, you name it—being thrown out of the Conrad Hilton Hotel from the upper floors. The TV cameramen saw it too. In fact, they trained their cameras on the scene. I saw it. However, the American people never saw that film footage. It wasn't used."

More grievances held by a fed-up public: "The unconcealed participation of liberal newsmen in the Moratorium Day activities in which some wore black arm bands, others signed petitions, and some even picketed a pro-Nixon newspaper;

"The featuring of liberals and spokesmen for the New Left as opposed to the infrequent guest appearances of non-liberals, on the "Today" and the "Tonight" shows, for example;

"ABC-TV's so-called News Special in 1962, when Nixon lost in the California Gubernatorial contest. It was entitled 'A Political Obituary of Richard Nixon' and it featured a smear against Nixon by the convicted perjurer Alger Hiss;

"*The New York Times* news column attempts to rehabilitate Alger Hiss, while at the same time it attempted to downgrade Otto Otepka.

"The American people resent being spoon-fed only that information that escapes the heavy hand of the liberal news media's censors. They resent loaded panel discussions on loaded topics. They resent so-called 'interpretive reporting' which is nothing less than outright editorialization disguised as news.

"More than any other development in recent years, it seems to me, this massive disenchantment with propaganda vehicles of the left can return this nation to the course of sanity in our domestic and also in our foreign affairs."—American Way Features