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Foreign Aid Program and Tax Cut Question Keep Congressmen Busy

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As Congress moves toward the sixth month of the session, most of the domestic legislative program is still in committee. Earlier the President announced that the price issue of the session would be over a tax program he was requesting for enactment by the Congress. As the session has gone along, however, the fundamental issue remains: "Should a tax cut be granted without a corresponding reduction of Federal expenditures?" Two keys to the answer to this question seem to lie in what action the House Ways and Means Committee will take on the tax reduction program and how much the Congress is willing to cut this year's foreign aid authorization bill. Last week Ways and Means Chairman Mills announced that his Committee would recess deliberations on the tax measure, and substantial criticism was being voiced on the Senate floor by members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about the expenditures for foreign aid programs.

Originally, the President asked for \$4.9 billion for foreign aid in his budget request. Then came the Clay Committee Report which sternly criticized the foreign aid program. Last week Aid Director David Bell had pared the Administration request for this program from \$4.9 to \$4.5 billion. Even so, Senators Church and Morse were busy pointing out that this figure could be cut a great deal more.

Senator Church pointed out that "apart from the Sino-Soviet bloc, there were only eight countries left in the world which did not receive (some) form of foreign aid from the United States." He made a detailed criticism of aid to "rich NATO countries" who continue to receive military assistance at our expense.

Senator Morse told the Senate:

"I do not know of another time in my 19 years in the Senate when it was more important to have a detailed examination of witnesses on a foreign policy bill than in this year of 1963 in connection with this bill."

Congress itself finds it difficult to find the time to analyze the tremendous number of programs being conducted within the structure of the Agency for International Development, the so-called foreign aid agency. Periodically there are measures introduced to investigate the conduct of the program. If this is true of Congress, the American taxpayer faces an equally difficult dilemma in analyzing the foreign aid program which has cost the nation more than \$100 billion since 1946. There is no discernible end in sight. Meanwhile, Congress which voted only a few weeks ago to increase the national debt ceiling to \$307 billion will be requested before August 31 to increase the national debt ceiling to a much larger figure.

As presented to Congress, this year's foreign aid package proposal requests economic assistance "for at least 73 nations and 7 British or Dutch territories or possessions and military assistance to at least 58 nations," according to Representative Passman, Chairman, Foreign Operations Subcommittee on Appropriations.

These grants and loans to other nations supposedly rest on beneficial results which can be obtained through money for our national security effort. However, time and again, hard-pressed advocates of the programs admit that perhaps the programs ought to be justified more adequately on benefits which will be reaped by American jobholders or American business. It is well to ask if these are legitimate reasons to continue a program which

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Mrs. Tommy Hood Is Representing Jones County at School

Mrs. Thomas Hood Jr. of Route 2, Dover will represent Jones County at the State Music School June 24-28 in Greensboro.

Mrs. Hood has served as County Music Leader for several years, and is a member of the Wyse Fork Home Demonstration Club. The County Council elected Mrs. Hood as their representative to the State Workshop and will pay a part of her expenses.

As County Music Leader Mrs. Hood has, during the past few months, assisted with a District Music Workshop held in her county, and has directed a County Music Leader Training Meeting.

Mrs. Hood will be available for further classes upon her return from the State Workshop.

Two Admit Robbery of Kinstonian on Friday

Gerald L. Vinson, an airman at Seymour Johnson Air Base, and Frank David Long of Mount Olive route 4 have been charged with armed robbery following investigation by the Lenoir County Sheriff's Department of a Friday night incident.

Melvin Pate of 803 North Heritage Street in Kinston was returning to Kinston from Fort Bragg on emergency leave from the National Guard. Pate was hitch hiking and was picked up in Wayne County by the two men at about 10 p.m.

They brought him to the vicinity of Isler Davis' mill, where they stopped and using a tire tool as a threatening weapon took \$130 in cash, a wrist watch and a ring from Pate.

Long was arrested first, and Vinson, learning of Long's arrest, came in and gave himself up. Part of the look taken from Pate has been recovered.

The two are held under \$10,000 bond each in the county jail pending their trial at the next term of Lenoir County Superior Court.

Suspended Jail Terms For Pair Charged with Assault Upon a Female

In last Friday's session of Jones County Recorder's Court two Maysville route one men were given six-month prison terms by Judge Nick Noble after they were each found guilty of assault upon a female.

The pair, Robert Fonville and Elbert Scott, was also placed upon good behavior for six months and ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs as further conditions of their jail term being suspended.

Louis, Johnny and Latham Jones were all bound over to the September 16 term of Jones County Superior Court under \$500 bond each after probable cause of their guilt was found on charges of stealing two outboard motors. Louis Jones was also charged with speeding and this case was also sent forward to the higher court for disposition.

Odell Chance of New Bern was given 30 days for driving without a driving license, but this was suspended on payment of a \$25 fine and court cost. Judge Noble also ruled that if Chance could not get up the money and had to serve the jail term that all the time he had been held in jail would count as part of the 30-day sentence.

William Earl Rhodes of Maysville route 1 was before the court, fined \$25 for driving without a license had been revoked and he was also sent up to superior court for judgment in his case.

Speeding offenses and penalties were issued as follows:

William Bennett Atwater of Yanceyville, \$15 fine, Susie Sutton Braxton of Dover route 1 \$15, George Mack Deshon III of Camp Lejeune \$15, Augustus Hilb Krasnoff of Greensboro \$10.

Edward Vance Eubanks of Trenton was ordered to pay the costs for public drunkenness, Thomas Earl Hall of Dover route 2 was fined \$25 for driving without a license, Judge Nero Kornegay of Trenton route 1 and Gilbert Meadows Jr. of Maysville route 1 were each ordered to pay court cost for driving an improperly equipped vehicle and Leland Gordon Cox of Cove City had a nol pross ordered in a charge of driving without a license.

Bobby Cox Swine Gets Breed Award

Bobby Cox, Poland China breeder of Trenton, route 2, has been awarded a certificate of merit by the Poland China Record Association of Galesburg, Illinois, for qualifying 15 spring farrowed litters in the breed's herd improvement sow testing program.

Cox's 15 litters contained 160 live pigs averaging 10.6 pigs per litter, with an average birth weight of 2.72 lbs.

The purpose of the Poland China sow testing program is to identify and give recognition to the sows that have the ability to give birth to large litters of easy to win pigs. College research has demonstrated that pigs this weight at birth have 60 per cent more chance of survival to weaning as compared to 2 pound pigs.

George Dunn Badly Hurt Last Week

George E. Dunn, 34, of Pink Hill, employee of Barrus Construction Company, last Wednesday night suffered serious injuries in an accident four miles south of Kinston near the Drag Strip.

It is believed that a tie rod dropped loose from Dunn's car, causing it to go out of control, and turn over at least twice, during which he was thrown out and suffered back and neck injuries.

After emergency treatment at Parrott Memorial Hospital he was transferred to the university hospital at Chapel Hill for further treatment.

Two Drunk Charges

Sheriff Brown Yates reports the arrest of two persons during the past week: Deb Loftin of Deep Run route 2 and Edward F. Brown of Trenton, each of whom is accused of being publicly drunk.

Matching Funds Entice and Confuse Local Officials

Jones Countians at this budget-making time of the years are showing an unusually intent interest in the considerable amount of money that is being spent in the county's overall welfare program.

Comparisons with the Lenoir County Welfare budget for the same period show some reason for concern, and also accent the wide variations federal bureaus have in allocating funds to the 3000 welfare departments across the nation.

Since the 1963-64 budget is not yet approved by the board of county commissioners it is only possible to take a glance at what happened in this sphere in the current fiscal period.

Welfare expenditures are in five major categories, with a sixth — aid to the blind, that is not included in this study.

The biggest item, and most controversial is aid for dependent children. In the current budget total estimated expenditures in this category in Jones County are \$116,280.

Lenoir County's budget item for this department with roughly five times the Jones County population is \$304,921.

The next largest item is for aid to the aged and this amounts to \$66,000 in this year's budget.

Lenoir's aid to the aged budget figure this year is \$306,180.

Aid for the permanent and totally disabled is next in size and it was expected to need \$47,000 between July 1, 1962, and June 30, 1963.

Lenoir's aid to the totally disabled amounts to \$193,284.

The next largest segment of the welfare budget is allocated to administrative costs, and in this fiscal period that estimate is \$23,114.

Lenoir's total administrative budget is \$93,327.25.

The final item is aid to the poor, sometimes called general assistance, for which \$9,000 was budgeted in '62-63.

For general assistance Lenoir County's budget this year was \$37,500.

These five major items add up to a total of \$261,394 in Jones County. Lenoir's total budget in all these categories this year is \$835,212.25.

This money comes from three sources: The federal treasury, the state treasury and the treasury of Jones County. And of course, all three of these secure all of their funds from a single source: Old John O. Taxpayer.

But the major attraction involved when county boards begin making their budgets is that "all you have

to put up is this little bit and this huge amount of state and federal money will be dumped back into your county."

This, of course, is literally true, but it is seldom announced and rarely noted that those state and federal monies do not grow on bushes, but also come from that beleaguered specie referred to as The Taxpayer.

Just how heavy this selling job falls on official Jones County boards is shown by comparing these total welfare budget figures with the actual amount of Jones County funds that have to be put up.

The total budget for all these items is \$261,394. Jones County's total matching part for these items is \$41,555.42.

Of Lenoir's total budget for these five items of \$835,212.25 the county's matching part is \$183,758.32.

The percentage of matching funds varies with each item.

For the aid to the poor item of \$9,000 Jones Countians have to put up from local funds a big majority of \$7,476.52.

Lenoir County puts up the entire \$37,500 allocated in the category.

For running the office the citizens of Jones are tapped on the shoulder by Tax Collector Julian

Waller for \$7,998.13 as their share of the total administrative bill of \$23,114. Leaving the whopping remainder of \$15,115.87 to come from state and federal sources.

Lenoir Countians through their county treasury put up \$49,370.12 of the total of \$93,327.25 it costs to run the welfare office administratively.

As the size of the budget grows the percent absorbed by the distant tax collectors in Raleigh and Washington also goes up.

Of the \$47,000 for aid to the totally disabled the Jones County ante is \$4,955.36, leaving \$42,044.64 to come in by mail from Raleigh and the District of Confusion.

Lenoir's officials have to dig up \$26,208 of the \$193,284 spent for the totally disabled.

The total budget for aid to the aged is \$66,000 and the Jones County Board of Commissioners only has to scrape up \$3,390.42 of this, leaving the lawmakers in Raleigh and in Congress the bigger job of finding the other \$62,609.58.

Lenoir's part of the aid to aged budget amounts to \$37,762.20 on a total expenditure of \$306,180.

And for the most controversial of all the funds: Aid for dependent children the total Jones County

budget for this year is \$116,280. Of this total local funds amount to \$17,734.99; which means that Raleigh and Baghdad on the Potomac tap the taxpayers out for the other \$98,545.01.

Lenoir County's portion of the aid for the children budget is \$32,918 on a total budget of \$304,921.

This reveals that Jones Countians have to dig up just over 15 per cent of their welfare budget, while Lenoir Counties have to find slightly more than 22 per cent of their welfare budget.

By item the spread varies. Jones Countians pay 83 per cent of their general-aid program, while Lenoir Countians pick up the entire tab.

Jones Countians pay 34 per cent of their administrative costs, while Lenoir Countians pay 52 per cent.

Jones Countians pay 5 per cent of their aid to the aged costs, while Lenoir Countians pay 12 per cent.

Jones Countians pay 10 per cent of the cost of the aid to the totally disabled, while Lenoir Countians pay 13 per cent.

Jones Countians pay 15 per cent of the cost of their aid to dependent children program, while Lenoir Countians pay 18 per cent.