

Bad Statistics

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"much more" (as the newspapers put it) than they are sending to the federal treasury in taxes. From thin air, figures were produced and published claiming that last year the people of this state paid \$142 million in taxes while receiving about \$186 million in federal grants.

It is an unwise presumption, this one. We live in a time when the world rejects reality and gropes for illusion. There is plenty of illusion for everybody; the supply is inexhaustible. In our own land it flows like a river from Washington, a flood of misleading words and promises, a torrent of threats and warnings, bubblings and swirling around a people begging to be fooled.

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And we are fooled, over and over again — not because we are stupid but because we are selfish. In our hearts, as one candidate is wont to say, we know there is no such thing as something for nothing, but we cry out for more of the fraud bearing the label Federal aid is a myth that ought to be recognized by the most gullible school child, but grown men fight at the public trough in the hope that by some twisted circumstance of government, they will be able to recover more than was taken from them by the tax collector. It is an endless, futile, foolish process that makes mockery of the Spirit of America. Worst of all, it is striking at the soul of the nation.

We invite your close attention to these figures, for they concern your pocketbook. Official figures from the U. S. Treasury show that total federal tax collections in the State of North Carolina in fiscal year 1963 were \$2.6 billion — not \$142 million, as the newspapers said. We contend that an error of \$2,458,000,000 cannot be dismissed as inconsequential. Nor, we suspect, was it accidental.

Let us illustrate. Some weeks ago, several newspapers of this state published the monstrous falsehood that the people of North Carolina are getting back

Now, as to what North Carolina received from the federal government: We wish to be fair. In fiscal year 1963, federal grants-in-aid and payments to individuals totalled \$210 million. These figures represent all grants and payments within the definition used by the U. S. Treasury itself. It does not include Social Security payments, so we checked on that with the local Society Security office which reported a state total of \$283 million. So, giving "federal aid" advocates the benefit

of every doubt, the total money North Carolina received from the federal government last year amounted to \$493 million compared with the \$2,600,000,000 North Carolina send to Washington!

We realize that the recitation of such enormous figures stagger the imagination and befuddle the brain. But there is no other way to put into perspective

the nonsensical argument that we get back more from the federal government than we pay in.

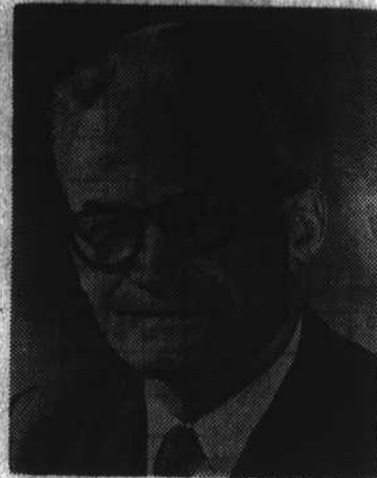
Quickly, as a recap, North Carolina provides almost four per cent of the federal government's tax money. We get back less than two per cent of the so-called "free money" dished out to the 50 states.

Or, to look at it another way,

for every dollar we send to Washington, we get back about 19 cents. Maybe that is what some of our "liberal" friends call "free money," but it's a curious definition for a transaction that more nearly resembles a shell game.

Yet, the political cry across the land is: "Let us continue." And hardly anyone stops to ask: "Continue what?"

IMPORTANT MESSAGE To North Carolina Farmers



Special Statement by Barry Goldwater on Farm Policy and the Present Tobacco Program Gives the True Facts on His Position

“Our goal, yours and mine, is the same:

We want a free and prosperous American agriculture, with improved incomes for all farm families, within the framework of our dynamic American enterprise system.

Present bureaucratic farm programs are neither workable nor successful — in terms either of freedom or farm income. I think the proper thing to do would be to sit down with farmers and farm organizations, on a commodity basis, and develop better programs that can be recommended to the Congress. And Congress, of course, has the final say.

In other words, we must always ask what are the real needs of tobacco growers? What help should they have in order to make a profit in tobacco growing and selling?

My purpose, as your President, would be to ask farmers what help they need and what solutions they recommend.

I honestly feel that with respect to most commodities now controlled, the farmer would prefer to return to a free market — which will lead to greater prosperity. I know that this cannot and must not be done overnight. Present tobacco support programs cannot be changed until better solutions are developed; and they must not be put into effect in a way that will disrupt farmers' lives and income. I know, too, that there may be some commodities — and tobacco may be one of them — that would have to have some kind of control, whether it be self-imposed or imposed by government at the express wish of the farmers involved. My goal, I repeat, would always be a gradual transition towards a freer and more prosperous American agriculture for the benefit of all our people.”

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