



**Congressman James T. Broyhill's
Washington Report**

SPENDING CEILING

The season for the year's Congressional appropriations bills is beginning and the storm clouds are gathering over Washington. It is through this series of bills that funds are provided to operate Federal Departments and Bureaus and the thousands of activities in which our national government is involved. Last week, a bill which was a forerunner of things to come reached the Floor of the House. Although it carried a large sum of money, the bill also contained some far-reaching consequences that set ground rules about future spending in the nation's capital.

This recent bill which was debated and passed provides additional money required to operate a number of programs between

now and the end of June this year. Supplemental bills of this kind are usual and, in past years, they have often caused considerable disagreement. The accusation is sometimes made that Congress cuts its regular appropriations bills only to turn around several months later to restore the money through supplemental appropriations legislation. This charge is not always justified, but there has been enough truth in it to cause me to vote against many of the supplemental money bills in the last seven years. I did not feel, however, that this was the case in last week's legislation.

A total of \$3.7 billion in additional funds for this year was approved. Even though this is a large amount, it is a reduction of 13% from the already pared down budget request. Funds for virtually every Federal agency are involved in this bill. However, most of the money provided is for mandatory items where Congress has already made a firm commitment and there is no choice but to provide the money. The appropriations bills last year cut \$12 billion from spending requests and this new legislation would restore only about one third of one percent of these cuts.

In addition to the actual sums provided, the legislation set a ceiling for Federal spending at \$192.9 billion for the twelve months beginning next July 1. Actually, this was the first time that such broad curbs on spending have been written into an appropriations bill. The legislation, if it is agreed to by the Senate, is a stern warning that the Congress intends to tighten up the spending policies of the past. There is little question now that the rest of the year will see further action along these same lines.

A precedent for the move taken by the House last week is found in the ceiling imposed by the Congress last year as the price for approving the 10% surtax requested by President Johnson. Reductions have resulted from this action although recent figures point out that the savings amount to about \$1.2 billion, considerably less than had been hoped a year ago.

Regardless of this experience, the continuing spiral of inflation and the continuing drain on the nation's gold supply require careful and perhaps disagreeable treatment. Restoring order in the country's financial affairs must have a top priority and last week's action in the House seems to be a demonstration that there is determination in the Administration and in Congress to do what must be done. Proceeding as we have been going would have very grave consequences, indeed, an irresponsible government in Washington leaves little alternative.

**Gardner-Webb Cites Five Citizens
For Outstanding Christian Service**

BOILING SPRINGS — Five outstanding Tar Heels were cited for Christian service in the ministry, business, education, industry and philanthropy by Gardner-Webb College Sunday during commencement exercises.

Cited were Albert G. Myers, Sr.

Soon the House will consider the revision of the tax laws. So far, much of the public discussion of this legislation has been about closing loopholes in our tax laws and distributing the burden of taxes more fairly. But, regardless of the changes the tax bill now being written will certainly maintain a high level of taxation and it will try to assure even greater reductions in Federal spending. There is no mood in Washington to approve an extension of the surtax unless very strong measures are taken to counter inflationary pressures and create a sound economic basis for the repeal of the tax.

Without a doubt, the spending reductions necessary to accomplish these policies are going to be widely felt. There will now be less Federal money available for many programs in local areas which have looked to Washington for support in the past. However, every American community and family has a stake in a sound economy and, difficult as it may be, the next year must involve the tightening of belts on a national scale.

of Gastonia, philanthropy and business; industrial leadership; David Lindsay of Rutherfordton, philanthropy and industrial leadership; Mrs. T. B. DePriest of Shelby, educational guidance and counseling; George V. DeHart of Hickory, Christian Witnessing and business leadership and Dr. W. Perry Crouch of Raleigh, secretary of the Baptist State Convention of N. C., Christian ministry and denominational service.

This was the last year Gardner-Webb as a junior college, will give the Associate Degree. Although the college will continue the Associate Degree in some programs, its move into senior status will make this the last large class to receive the degree. The 1969 class numbered 155 and were addressed Sunday morning by Rev. A. B. Bumgarner, pastor of the Spencer Baptist Church of Spindale and Sunday afternoon by Dr. Ben Fisher, executive director of the Council on Christian Higher Education for the Baptist State Convention of N. C.

Dr. Fisher delivered a address on "The Problem of Values" and began it by stating that this is an era when, "one knows the price of everything but the value of nothing."

Dr. Fisher said, "Had we listened to the prophets we might not

find ourselves embroiled in many of the contemporary problems in this distressed culture." He went on to report the famous General Education in a Free Society made at Harvard University 20 years ago and edited by Dr. Conant.

The report, in part, said that American Higher Education until that time had sought its unity in a scientific, pragmatic, detached and empirical methodology. It went on to say that there is a tendency in this type of thought to omit as irrelevant the whole realm of belief and commitment by which, to all appearances, much human activity seems swayed.

It was Dr. Fisher's opinion that, "Until man can discover a point of reference outside himself he is not likely to escape the abyss of relativism into which he plunges deeper and deeper. The idea that there is nothing really right or nothing really wrong is the final step in man's swift flight from God."

From this point he went into the question of civil order and justice under law. He asked, "Can an institution which by its very nature is guided by intelligence and reason tolerate the substitution of violence for the power of persuasion, or permit anarchy under the guise of dissent or civil disobedience?"

He said, "If young people are dissatisfied with what they believe to be a hypocritical value system of the elders, this does not relieve them in the least of a

**Wood Child's
Rites Conducted**

Funeral rites for Steven Eric Wood, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wood of Bessemer City, were held Saturday at 3 p.m. from First Wesleyan church in Bessemer City.

The child died at 2:15 a.m. Friday in the Kings Mountain hospital. He underwent a tonsilectomy operation on Thursday but was reported recuperating satisfactorily.

Besides his parents, surviving are two brothers, Scott and Gregory of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis King of Kings Mountain; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wood, Sr. of Bessemer City; the paternal

responsible search for truth and an ethical way of life. I think that we must admit that for all our scientific and technical progress we are still, in many respects, barbarians. Look at our penal system and are we serious about executing 15 or 16 year olds in North Carolina? Evidently we think war is the best method to settle international disputes, and in day when world citizenship is essential for survival, militant nationalism is on the rise. Rabid racism is still rampant, and the treatment of minority groups remains a shameful aspect of our world culture."

great grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Curtis of Bessemer City, and the paternal great-grandfather, J. H. Curtis of Strawberry Plains, Tenn.

The Rev. C. A. Phaup officiated at the final rites.

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