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Government urges against tax increase for Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ford administration yesterday recommended against any new Social Security tax increases before 1977 but refused to submit specific new proposals to halt deficits expected in total \$14.6 billion over the next three years.

Casper W. Weinberger, secretary of health, education and welfare, told the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security that the refusal was prompted by the "cavalier disregard" shown by Congress toward the administration's earlier proposal to reduce benefit increases in July for 35 million poor and elderly Americans.

The testimony was called "shocking" by the subcommittee chairman, Rep. James A. Burke, D-Mass., who said delaying higher taxes until after the next presidential election would be politically popular but fiscally irresponsible.

"You're placing us in the rather unique position of passing the ball for you, but you don't want to throw the ball," Burke said.

Rep. Joseph E. Karth, D-Minn., told Weinberger: "You're acting like a spoiled child who didn't get his way."

Weinberger said the proposal to limit Social Security and Supplemental Security Income cost-of-living increases this year would have trimmed \$2 billion from the 1976 budget deficit. An 8% increase was proposed last week.

"We are reluctant to put forward another specific proposal in light of the cavalier disregard our most recent suggestion received," Weinberger said.

It may be said that limiting benefit increases is unpopular," Weinberger testified. "I can only say that what is even more unpopular is jeopardizing the fiscal integrity of the Social Security system."

Because of high inflation and unemployment, federal actuaries predict that the Social Security system will have deficits of \$3 billion this calendar year, \$5.8 billion in 1977 and \$5.3 billion in 1978. By the early 1980s, the emergency trust fund reserves will be exhausted unless something is done, the actuaries said.

Weinberger said there is "certainly no basis for panic or alarm."

He said Congress should act soon to provide new sources of revenue but should not put increases in either the payroll tax rate or the wage base upon which Social Security taxes are levied into effect before 1977 to avoid slowing the nation's economic recovery.

Burke said in an interview after the hearing that the government could lose as much as \$2 billion in interest if the Social Security trust funds are drawn down.

Congress cannot wait until 1977 to halt the deficit drain, he said. It may have to boost the current \$14,100 taxable wage base to a minimum of \$18,000 in 1976 despite the general elections that fall.

"I'm going to take a strong stand that we have to take some steps this year," Burke said.

Relying solely on an increase in the present Social Security tax rate of 5.85% each on employees and employers would require a rate as high as 6.5% by 1978, he said.

After considering a higher wage base to generate more revenue, a number of options are available "but all would require fairly significant increases over the present level of \$14,100," he said.

The 6.5% tax rate mentioned but not specifically recommended by Weinberger would boost a high-income wage earner's payroll contribution another \$82 in 1978.

Lawyers battle

Jury choice stalls KSU damage trial

Lawyers in the Kent State civil damage trial entered a second day yesterday in U.S. District Court trying to pick a jury. The 12 jurors will decide if Gov. James A. Rhodes, former Kent State President Robert I. White and 40 present and past Ohio national guardsmen should be held financially responsible for deaths and injuries in the 1970 shootings at Kent State University.

Joseph Kerner, liaison lawyer for the plaintiffs, was required to rephrase his questions to ask whether the prospective jurors could find each defendant equally credible.

The trial is a consolidation of 14 separate actions seeking \$20.5 million compensatory and \$25.6 million punitive damages.

WW II bomb kills 4

BREST, France (AP)—Four children playing in a concrete blockhouse left from Hitler's Atlantic Wall were killed yesterday by an explosion. Officials said they had apparently touched off a shell or a bomb left over from World War II.

Kent rally protests use of Marines in ship rescue

KENT—More than 100 persons attending a rally at Kent State University yesterday heard protests of the use of Marines to rescue the cargo ship Mayaguez last week.

Speakers said using the Marines to free the ship was an attempt by the U.S. government to get the United States involved again in Southeast Asia.

Speakers called for the removal of all U.S. influence in Southeast Asia.

The rally was sponsored by the Hands-Off Southeast Asia Coalition, consisting of several activist groups here.

Speakers included KSU faculty members, students and Robert Brenahan, Socialist Workers candidate for mayor of Cleveland.

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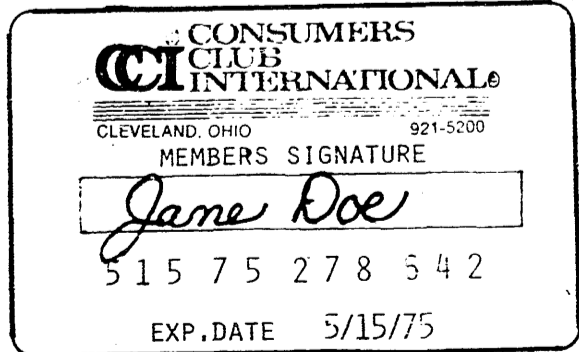
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