

Opinion

The attack is needed...

While we may question certain specific areas of the Reagan administration's planned attack on federal spending, we certainly don't question the need for such an attack.

A few statistics recently released by the National Association of Manufacturers show quite clearly why it's absolutely essential to bring Uncle Sam's free spending to a halt:

- Thanks to inflation (spurred in large measure by free spending) the 1967 dollar is now worth a mere 47 cents.
- The average American worker now pays nearly 40 percent of his gross income in direct or indirect taxes and works 4 1/2 months each year just to pay off his tax load.
- Uncle Sam owns 400,000 buildings worth \$40 billion, and rents another \$700 million worth

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Down Memory Lane Forty-one cases of measles reported

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The residence of the late Dr. T.P. Scott located on West Chestnut and Locust Street was sold to Dr. W.R. Kinsglover for \$1.50 Saturday morning.

James Walter Shepherd Jr., son of Judge and Mrs. Walter Shepherd and graduate of Carlisle High School, has completed his academic work for the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Kentucky.

Miss Anna Lee, a student at Nicholas County High School, was the winner of a fashion sewing contest held March 10 at the school. Other contestants were Misses Ann McKinney, Connie McKenzie, Louise Russell and Rowd Ann Simons. Mrs. R.L. Talbert represented the local woman's club in the adult division and placed third in the district contest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Broderick of Bartelsville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last Friday.

Miss Malinda Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Moore and student at Morehead State College, made the first semester death list.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. William Crump a daughter, Deborah Darr, March 7 at the Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hays a son, Ricky Lane, March 7 at the Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Hughes of Lexington a son, Carl Jefferson, March 12 at the Central Baptist Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. William Shroat a daughter, Marilyn Tracy, March 11.

DIED — Mrs. Bettie Lee Lynam Simoot, 73, of Lexington, Bath County native, Sunday at St. Luke's Hospital. — Mrs. Minnie Brooks Isola, 72, of Lexington, a Nicholas County native, Friday. — Mrs. Leona Shannon Brown, 55, Friday at her home on the Morehead Road.

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W.G.P. Ledford, widely known businessman and farmer of this section, was admitted to the Good Samaritan Hospital Thursday night, suffering from a double fracture of the left leg in an accident on his farm near here.

Freshening cases of measles were reported last week at the Parks School. Only a few cases have been reported in other parts of the county.

The residence of Mrs. Lillian G. Harper has been dissolved and the garage will be operated in the future by William G. Harper under the name of the Parkside Garage.

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the kitchen and dining room of the home of E.H. Mitchell on North Street Saturday night about 6 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were not at home when the blaze started. It was discovered by a person passing the house.

Silva Pruitt, 63, widow of Dr. A.B. Pruitt, well-known folk of Henryville, died Friday evening while visiting her neighbor, Mary Latham.

MARRIED — Miss Lily Frances Alexander, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Alexander of Carlisle, and John B. Neill Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Neill of Russellville, on March 3 at the home of the Rev. C.A. Swank, Carlisle. — Miss Betsy Ashbrook Allen of Paris and Charles Henry Smith of Lexington, Saturday afternoon at the bride's home.

DIED — Jacob Kimes, 74, at his home in Dorsetville Wednesday morning. — Milford Shearer, 65, at his home in Dorsetville Saturday morning. — William M. Jackson, 77, Thursday morning at the Johnson Memorial Hospital. — Mrs. C.A. Swank, Carlisle, wife of Sam K. Veach, at her home on Sycamore Street in Carlisle.

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has not been finalized.

As we see it, students will be paying the higher tuition and they should reap any benefits derived from their financial sacrifices. If MSU and its sister institutions get to keep the extra money in as past years, the added income will help soften the impact of the next round of state general fund reductions. If this is not the case, the extra tuition paid by Kentucky's public colleges will benefit other state agencies because it will release general fund dollars originally allocated to higher education.

We support low tuition at our public universities and we also realize that inflation makes it necessary to periodically increase the share of the costs borne by our students and their families.

But if higher tuitions must come, it should be used to fill young minds — not potholes! — The Morehead News.

Agree or Not

Shooting from hip may endanger Brown's succession amendment

By C. Van Curen
FRANKFORT — Gov. John Young Brown Jr.'s propensity for speaking his non-political mind, or shooting from the hip, so to speak, may doom his political future successes and be the primary reason to defeat the succession amendment that will be on the ballot this November.

Frankfort with legislators last week in Frankfort about a special session to increase taxes weren't the kind they were looking for. They were looking for an amendment to re-elect with a bonus salary for their regular term.

The so-called amendment has been students are anxious.

Brown must have had his eyes on running again, or how does one explain his insistence on including the governor's office in the amendment? The word "succession" would run government as a business, spoke as late to legislators that a tax increase is necessary as a president of a corporation would to his directors. He let no doubt about his thinking that a tax increase is necessary.

Surely he wasn't thinking of politics, or he would have remembered that

An editor's random thoughts... Along the road to yesterday

Do you remember the spring clips young men wore in the nineties under coat collars to keep the lapels square and puffed out like a post coiffeur? We hadn't thought of the things in '60, in some years, until they were mentioned in O.O. McIntyre's daily column recently. What a train of memories! They say this tendency to reminisce is indicative of a rather weathered maturity, if not a rapidly approaching senility, that the temptation is too hard to resist. For McIntyre mentioned Sen. Sen. and with the savor of those little perturbed squares on one's long neck in retrospect, a fellow who resembles one when "Ta-ra-ra Boom-dee" was a popular song hit in response to the grip of memories that come troping in.

Anyhow, a gentleman of some 70 odd years told us the other day: "You are looking fine, my boy; you are in the prime of life." So, poophoo boys who regard a mere bagatelle of decades as the serene and yellow; and as our superior intellectual in this domestic menage is asleep and his offer in this age-revealing idiom, here's how:

Do you remember when all the boys wore puff-boom shirts, little colorful squares of silk, or near-silk set into the front of an otherwise decently male shirt. When the little dressers were button shoes and light breeches and some affected velvet collars on their coats, when barrel cuffs were clipped onto shirt sleeves with little terry gadgets and you anchored your wide straw "sailor" to your coat lapel with a black string?

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To The Carlisle Mercury:

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Other comments have indicated an apparent lack of understanding of the basic principles underlying our constitutional form of government and the statutory role of the Attorney General's Office in Kentucky. I want to take this opportunity to explain what has happened and why it has happened.

In November, 1980, the United States Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a Kentucky statute requiring the posting of the Ten Commandments in public classrooms of Kentucky. However, the Court in its opinion went far beyond a simple discussion of the statute in question. Here are the exact words as they appear in the United States Supreme Court:

The present purpose for posting the Ten Commandments on schoolroom walls is plainly religious in nature. This is not a case in which the Ten Commandments are integrated into the school curriculum, where the Bible may constitutionally be used in an appropriate study of history, civics, law, ethics, comparative religion, or the like. Posting of religious texts on the wall serves no such educational function. If the posting of copies of the Ten Commandments is to have any effect at all, it will be to induce the school children to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey, the Commandments. However detestable this might be as a matter of private opinion, it is not a permissible state objective under the Establishment Clause."

The Court went on to point out that it made no difference that the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are financed by private contributions. In other words, the United States Supreme Court indicated that it does not matter how the school board receives the copy of the Ten Commandments, by gift or otherwise, because it is the permanent posting of the Commandments that violates the United States Constitution.

The above words and thoughts are not Steve Beeler's — they are those of the United States Supreme Court.

The Attorney General's Office was then asked by the Kentucky Superintendent of Public Instruction what should be done about copies of the Commandments already posted in classrooms. By statute, my wife gave me such an advisory opinion when requested. We therefore issued our

advisory opinion, based upon the clear language quoted above, that the United States Supreme Court is requiring the removal of those copies of the Ten Commandments now posted on Kentucky's public classroom walls.

Contrary to some statements being made, the Attorney General's Office is not ordering anyone to do anything.

This office has no authority to order a local school board to do anything and are meant to give guidance to local officials in Kentucky. I want to advise local school boards the way we did, we would not have been doing this.

As the son of a Baptist minister who was raised in a Christian home, I understand and appreciate the sincere feelings of many Kentuckians that copies of the Ten Commandments should be posted in the public classroom. However, under the Kentucky Constitution and the laws of this state, my job as Attorney General is to tell people what the law is — not what many people might like it to be.

There are only two ways to change a decision of the United States Supreme Court: (1) Wait for the membership of the Court to change and hope that a new majority has a different attitude on an issue; or (2) An amendment to the United States Constitution.

As you can imagine, this was not an easy option for me to issue. However, the United States Supreme Court left me no choice. I didn't make the decision, but once made, it was to advise school boards as to keep them out of legal difficulties, including possible lawsuits.

Sincerely,
Steve Beeler
Attorney General
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Buy fertilizer and fuel now

Go ahead and purchase fertilizers and fuel supplies, if you have money on hand, to avoid price increases later on, because there will be another five to six percent increase before May 1. Fuel prices have increased 12 cents per gallon since the decontrol of crude oil prices, according to Anderson. The price-increasing factors had been up the last six months, mainly higher refinery costs and OPEC price hikes," said Anderson.

"Prices have increased even though supplies are plentiful because fertilizer dealers are paying high interest rates on money borrowed for inventory and

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