

# Gov't. spending exceeds its income

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This week a common but sad spectacle was once again seen in Ottawa. Finance Minister Jean Chretien, hat in hand, had to ask Parliament for permission to borrow more money.

This time he wants another \$17 billion - seven for this year and 10 for next. It seems the \$21 billion borrowing authority the Liberals have been granted since March, 1977 just hasn't been enough, despite Mr. Chretien's assurance last March that the \$5 billion government sought and obtained on that date would be sufficient for this year.

So what's happened? Why all of a sudden have

the Liberals interrupted the throne speech debate to request more borrowing authority, even before making it clear in November's coming budget what the financial picture for next year will be?

The answer is simple. The Liberals are spending more than they're earning and must borrow to pay for the difference.

Granted, sometimes buying something useful on credit is a good idea. With \$17 billion the government could build two Alaskan pipelines or do a lot to solve the grain transportation problems on the prairies or help to refurbish our fishing fleets on our east and west coasts or improve the commuter train facilities in this area.

But that's not happening. This money is needed in part to pay for past extravagance. To pay for wanton waste such as: \$15,325 for an evaluation of interviews, techniques and data of the 1971 census of the Kingdom of Morocco, \$10,500 to investigate social patterns among the Cor'l Islands of Micronesia, \$32,972 to study the prehistoric cultural ecology of Caspian escargotieres in North Africa between 8000-5000 B.C., and \$50,558 to study and research the fertility of families in Quebec. There were bigger extravaganzas like \$8 million on couriers to move paper within the bureaucracy and \$5 million on telegrams with our post office deficit over \$700 million. Then there was the \$200,000 on a study to determine how long people spend in public washrooms.

And because the Liberals must now pay nine per cent in interest for the privilege to fall deeper in debt, that little wash room study, with cumulative interest will cost the Canadian public \$400,000 in eight years and \$800,000 in 16 years.

Five years ago our entire net debt was less than \$20 billion. The Liberals will triple it by 1980.

This is the problem: the government spends for the sake of spending and then comes before Parliament four times in 18 months seeking permission to borrow the money they have spent - \$38 billion in this case no less.

The results of such

spending are huge deficits, huge debts, unnecessarily high rates of unemployment and inflation. So bad are the deficits that the government can no longer sell enough bonds in Canada to cover them. Thus it must resort to peddling them abroad, thereby gaining membership in a very select club consisting of Zaire, Panama and Spain who must also resort to such financing to pay for their wanton spending at home.

And as Canadians know, these deficits - \$11.8 billion this year, more than \$13 billion in 1980 - mean more inflation and less money for all of us to spend on our daily needs.

This is why my party is reluctant to grant Mr. Chretien and his loose spenders authority to go out and borrow that \$17 billion until Mr. Chretien provides figures in the next budget showing how much they expect to spend and how much they

expect to earn in the coming year. The difference will be their deficit.

We know why Mr. Chretien needs the permission of Parliament to borrow. The government is in trouble because it must satisfy the Money Moguls of New York that they have the authority to borrow the money they want. But surely they owe it to Parliament and Canadians to explain how these billions will be

spent and what the added burden to our already oppressive debt will mean in terms of higher inflation, higher taxes and less money for economic growth.

This is the immediate concern. The government must account for its spending before even considering more. But more importantly the spending must be controlled. The Liberals must go on a diet now to avoid a severe coronary later on.

To do this we need basic - structural and philosophical changes.

The next federal election will take care of the philosophical changes but the structural changes require action now.

We need a measure like they have in the United States requiring government to outline the cost of new legislation for five years into the future. We also need a parliamentary committee to review longer

term, spending projections and trends and an accounting officer to whom the government of the day would have to justify planned spending.

Measures like these are urgently needed. It is not a matter of government overspending revenues by trivial amounts. It is a matter of the government literally being able to afford only 75 cents out of every dollar it spends. The rest they borrow. That cannot continue.

## Citizen aids police

STOUFFVILLE — A fracas at 75 Main Street East, Monday night, in which a private citizen went to the aid of police and was himself assaulted, has led to charges against a 16 year old Stouffville boy and an 18 year old youth from Musselman's Lake.

Robert Carr of 48 Charles Street, appeared in Newmarket Court, Tuesday, charged with causing a disturbance, resisting arrest and consuming liquor as a minor.

A second party, to appear in court, Nov. 14, faces charges of common assault and obstructing police.

The name of the man who helped arresting officers was not revealed.



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## Series of accidents Man killed officer hurt

A Toronto man died, a York Regional Police officer was injured, and two men have been charged with careless driving following a series of accidents on Hwy. 7 late Thursday night, which blocked traffic for some time.

The Oak Ridges detachment of the OPP said that Paul Carlsen, 23, of 27 Talisman Court, a York Regional Police officer on his way to work at 28 Division, Richmond Hill, was westbound on Hwy. No. 7 west of the 7th Concession at 11:05 p.m., driving in the curb lane at 60 km per hour. Suddenly he saw a figure in his path. He tried unsuccessfully to stop on the rain-slicked road and struck Fred Olmstead, 64, a transient who lived at Seaton House in Toronto. Mr. Olmstead was

declared dead at the scene. No charges were laid.

The highway was blocked off and, when a York Regional Police cruiser arrived a short time later, P.C. Ledger started setting out road flares in the eastbound lane.

The officer was struck and knocked to the ground by a westbound car, driven by a Toronto man. That car was struck from the rear by a second car, driven by a Scarborough man.

Both drivers have been charged with careless driving. P.C. Ledger was taken to York Central Hospital for treatment of bruises.

## Criticize swing site

STOUFFVILLE — Ten residents from the Felray Subdivision at Ballantrae appeared before Whitchurch-Stouffville Council recently, to protest the installation of a swing-set in Felcher Park.

The \$700 swing unit was authorized by the Ballantrae Community Centre Board.

One of the speakers, Ed Powers of 57 Felcher Boulevard told Council that since the set had been installed, the area was littered with beer bottles and garbage. He said too that the noise problem had increased dramatically, creating a disturbance for adjacent residents.

Points put forward by others were similar with solutions ranging from removing the swings entirely to putting up a smaller set at another location.


Noreen Morrison and Robert Prince, however, expressed an opposite view, saying their children enjoyed the equipment and they wanted it to stay. Jim Glover of 20 Felcher Boulevard noted that those people supporting the project didn't have to put up with the noise.

Council agreed the matter should be dealt with by the Community Centre Board, the same members who had authorized the purchase in the first place.

## Father passes

Sympathy of the community is extended to The Tribune's Claremont correspondent, Rosemary Timms in the passing of her father, Joseph Cunninton Maltby at Peel Memorial Hospital, Monday, Oct. 16. Other survivors include a second daughter, Phyllis; sons Lloyd and Keith, all of Brampton; a son Allan of Erin, Ont., fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. There are two brothers, Herbert of Osprey and Charles of Hastings, Florida. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Mary Sanderson and a grandson, Randell Joseph Timms of Claremont. Service was held Oct. 19 from the Ward Funeral Home, Brampton with interment, Glendale Memorial Gardens.

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And I hereby call upon all electors to examine such list and to take immediate proceedings to correct any errors or omissions in or make deletions from the list in THE PRESCRIBED FORMS which can be obtained from my office in the Municipal Building, 8911 Woodbine Avenue, Buttonville.

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