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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1975

TO: DON RUMSFELD

FROM: JERRY JONES 

The report referred to was prepared by a group called the Coalition for a Democratic Majority - whose office is closed today. Therefore, we will not be able to get a copy of the report until tomorrow.

Sorry.



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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JERRY JONES

Please get me a copy of this item that the President wants a copy of and get it back to me for the afternoon meeting.

Thanks.

Don R.

\$105 MILLION ALLOCATED

# State anticrime program questioned by governor

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Gov. Brown has criticized a \$105-million federal-state anticrime program, which he charged was designed to create "a false notion" it was reducing crime.

Unless law enforcement officials can convince him the program has merit, Brown said yesterday, he will seriously consider abolishing it and returning the funds to the U.S. government to help erase the projected \$80-million federal deficit.

He also told a news conference he might take up his complaint with President Ford tomorrow at a luncheon with Western governors in San Francisco.

Noting recent figures showed crime up 17 per cent, the governor said the program was designed to "create a false notion that crime is being reduced when in fact leaf-raking projects are created for white collar workers that don't do anything."

Brown said he had put the program "on trial for a brief period of time" during which he will meet with local officials to determine "what, if anything, they are doing" with the funds, which are funneled through the state Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

Brown said about the only positive aspect of the program was that it hired many people and "keeps them off the streets."

He complained that projects funded under the program are often "rejects" previously turned down by local or state officials but brought back to life by the federal government in "tortured explanations" that most people can't comprehend. He said the program was filled "mismatch, confusion and utter gibberish."

Brown asserted that the federal government forces crime-fighting funds upon the state "in order to fool the people of this country that by so doing crime will be reduced."

For example, Brown said, one current \$100,000 proposal by an unnamed state agency was identical to a program he removed from the state budget.

He said a \$9,000 project would make a Ukiah police station "inaccessible to the public. That's some kind of innovative project."

As another example, he cited a proposal to have the police officers in San Diego talk to students. They get \$136,000 for that.

## CASH RETURN LAW SOUGHT

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Legislation aimed at preventing consumers from being victimized by vending machines which don't return money was introduced yesterday by Sen. James Whetmore.

The Buena Park Republican's bill would require all vending machines be equipped with a coin return, unless an attendant is on duty nearby.

An owner's name and address must be posted now on machines which take a nickel or more, but there is no requirement for a coin return.

## UC 'seal'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The state has become the largest single influence on the University of California and now threatens "to disrupt the fragile ecology" of the system, retiring university President Charles Hitch said today.

Hitch will retire June after 7 1/2 years as president of the university.

He said one threat to the influence is the demand from some that the university do more to prepare students to find jobs.

The university, said Hitch, must concentrate "the search for truth" instead of the search for work.

## Business tax plans advance

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Proposals to eliminate tax advantages given big business advanced yesterday in both the Senate and Assembly.

The action involved a \$20-million-a-year "home office" tax deduction enjoyed by insurance companies and a protective two-thirds vote requirement in the Legislature for hiking bank, corporation and insurance industry taxes.

The Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee approved two measures dealing with insurance company taxes.

One would allow insurance taxes to be raised by a majority of the Legislature instead of requiring an amendment to the constitution. The other would end the home office deduction.

## Demo panel urges arms budget hike

By JAMES GERSTENZANG WASHINGTON (AP) —

Increased defense spending and a stronger U.S. foreign policy are needed to counter Soviet diplomatic successes and a U.S. trend "toward military vulnerability and political timidity," a task force of Democrats argues.

Reviewing defense and foreign policy problems facing the United States, the group said yesterday that "in the face of the Soviet military build-up, and Soviet foreign policy, our defense budget is an invitation to disaster."

The task force was headed by Eugene V. Rostow, undersecretary of state during the administration of president Lyndon B. Johnson.

Calling for a tighter alliance with Western Europe

and a renewed commitment to counter Soviet advances in the Middle East, it warned:

"Unless we set a new and responsible course, the next two years may see the military balance shift decisively toward the Soviet Union and its allies; an irreversible deterioration of our alliance network; the conquest or destruction of many small nations whose existence we and others have guaranteed — among them the embattled state of Israel."

"The best diplomatic signal we could give at this time would be a sharp increase in defense expenditures, in defense capability, to achieve a balance of power, to minimize the risk of general war, to build a system of peace," Rostow a law professor at Yale University, said at a news conference.



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