

The original documents are located in Box D22, folder “Testimonial Dinner for Former Representative Paul Dague, Lancaster, PA, June 29, 1967” of the Ford Congressional Papers: Press Secretary and Speech File at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. The Council donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

JUNE 29, 1967

Ladies and Gentlemen: Tonight we pay tribute to a man we hold very close to our hearts, a person who is not only a gentleman but a gentle...man.

Now you wouldn't think of a sheriff as being gentle, but that's what Paul Dague is. Maybe that's why he gave up the job of Chester County sheriff ~~after just two years~~ back in 1946.

One ~~xxx~~ good reason for having a testimonial dinner for Paul--and of course there are many reasons--is that he is such a quiet and unassuming person. He has never ~~xxx~~ tooted his own horn, so we have to do it for him.

Paul Dague is a truly humble man. ~~Some~~ ^{Some} politicians make a show of being humble. That of course is not genuine humility. But talk to ~~an~~ an

-2-

elevator operator or a policeman who worked on Capitol Hill during the 20 years that Paul Dague was in Congress, and they'll tell you that Paul always had a big hello for them. That's the real meaning of humility, the kind of humility that finds a man caring about little people.

Show me a man who's really humble and I'll bet you he is a deeply religious man. Paul Dague is just such a man. ~~xxx~~ Because he's truly humble he makes no show of his deep love of God and his devotion to the teachings of Christ. But to this day he gives of himself by teaching Sunday School. ~~xxx~~ While he was in Congress he belonged to the Capitol Marine Club and became known as their unofficial chaplain because he always led them in prayer. He also was a regular at the Thursday morning ^{congressional} prayer breakfast. He even tried to avoid all Sunday speaking engagements.

Some people say, "Scratch a politician and you'll find a born story-teller." Now, that's not always true but it certainly fits Paul Dague. He is one of the greatest story-tellers ever to sit in the United States House of Representatives.

I don't have to tell you that Paul has a delightful sense of humor. My spies tell me he is spending his retirement writing a joke book. If he isn't, he should be.

You know, like me, Paul doesn't have much hair left. Well, that dates back quite a ways in his case. And Paul ~~always~~ liked to kid about it. His favorite line about ~~him~~ growing bald in Congress was that he "grew into the job."

During World War 1 Paul served as a private first class in the Marine Corps. He tells me he's the only private in the marines who dares call Gen. Greene "Wally."

Paul Dague served his God and his country well during his score of years in the House. He was well-liked and he worked hard. He gave his constituents excellent service. He is a great public servant, a great Pennsylvanian, a ~~great~~ ^{truly} outstanding American.

During his last two years in Congress, Paul was ranking Republican on the House ~~Committee~~ Agriculture Committee. Republicans were completely out-gunned in the 89th Congress, so Paul just took it in stride. He figured there was nothing to do but vote, ~~and~~ "no." So that's what he did.

They just had us around for laughs during the 89th Congress, but it's a different story now. Last year we were on the entertainment committee, ~~and~~ so to speak. But now we're at least on the board of directors, and next year we could get control. ^{Surge} ~~that~~ everyone who ~~believes~~ believes in good, decent government and a sound economy ~~get~~ ^{those objectives} get out and work for ~~them~~.

Let me warn all Americans that we now are threatened by a new round of inflation much like the damaging upsurge of prices in 1966, and this raises the threat of an income tax increase.

If we are to avoid a runaway economy that may lead to a tax increase and possibly even governmental controls on wages, prices and credit, we must curb federal spending through a stringent program of priorities and restraints.

The road to inflation is paved with federal deficits.

A program of restraint does not mean a moratorium on problem-solving. But it does mean getting more value for our tax dollars, and it would mean an end to spendthrift experimentation. Hushandng tax dollars does not mean miserliness. It means prudent government, sound government.

People often say, "Well, if you cut expenditures, won't this harm the economy?" The answer is that we are cutting appropriation requests. We're going to be spending more money in fiscal 1968 than this fiscal year no matter what the Congress does in this session. But if we cut the level of appropriation requests, it will have an impact and it will be a weapon against inflation.

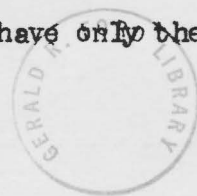
Another frequent question is: "How can you cut spending while the Vietnam War is going on?" The answer is that the level of domestic spending in the federal budget--entirely apart from defense requirements and the war in Vietnam--has gone up from \$46 billion for fiscal 1965 to a proposed \$66 billion for fiscal 1968. Two-thirds of the \$28.3 billion increase in federal spending from calendar 1963 through 1966--as measured in the national income accounts budget--is accounted for by non-defense spending.

The result is a flood of red ink that could "burst all bonds," in the words of House Ways and Means Chairman Wilbur Mills. Congress must ~~x~~ act to stop up the holes.

While we work ~~to~~ bring federal spending under control, we must also ~~work~~ seek an honorable ~~peace in Vietnam~~ end to the Vietnam War and a lasting peace in the Middle East.

All Americans are hopeful that the "spirit of Glassboro" will translate itself into concrete ~~programs~~ progress toward world peace.

Until something more tangible than atmosphere becomes evident, we have ~~only~~ the facts to go on--and the facts continue to be discouraging.

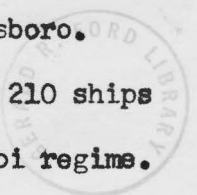


The facts are that Soviet Premier Kosygin was rigidly inflexible in his statements regarding Vietnam and the Middle East after 10 hours of talking with President Johnson. He said the United States must withdraw ~~all~~ of its forces from Vietnam before there can be any improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations. This does not say much for the so-called spirit of Glassboro.

If there really is a spirit of Glassboro, Mr. Kosygin could demonstrate it by reducing Soviet arms shipments to North Vietnam and the Arab states.

The fact that 619 Communist-flag ships carried cargoes to North Vietnam during the past 24 months certainly is not in keeping with the spirit of Glassboro.

It is doubly shocking to me that during the same 24-month period, 210 ships flying free world flags delivered goods for the war machine of the Hanoi regime.



If we are to achieve peace in the world, there must be an end to the business of trafficking in death by the major powers.

The Mideast War was no accident, no simple boiling over of Arab hatred for Israel. The facts are that the United States as well as the Soviet Union armed the Arabs and propped up the sagging regime of Egypt's glory-hungry dictator, Gamal Abdel Nasser. In the past four years, our government subverted its own policies in the Mideast by handing Nasser's government more than a billion dollars' worth of aid and by arming the Arab states as well as Israel.

The major powers should stop sending any kind of aid--economic ~~xxxxxxx~~ or military--to any ~~an~~ nation which has the announced ~~xxxx~~ intention of annihilating another nation. Such policies do not build peace. They promote war.

Unfortunately, the Soviet Union apparently is choosing to ignore this grim fact--or is seeking to advance it. Communist arms reportedly are flowing again to the Arab states. Let not America compound this tragic error.

There is a mighty weapon of peace in the hands of the United States. It is the great abundance of food provided by the American farmer. How have we used it? In 1965 ~~waxxxx~~ our government sent wheat to Egypt and helped keep Nasser in power. What was the upshot? It was Nasser who triggered the Middle East War.

If our government would properly implement the Food for Peace Program launched by former President Eisenhower, both the American farmer and the cause of peace would ~~xxx~~ prosper.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR PAUL DAGUE, JUNE 29, 1967

*Virginia Lee
New York
International Revenue*

Colleagues -

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: TONIGHT WE PAY TRIBUTE TO A MAN WE HOLD VERY CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS, A PERSON WHO IS NOT ONLY A GENTLEMAN BUT A GENTLE...MAN.

With all the T.V. NOW YOU WOULDN'T THINK OF A SHERIFF AS BEING GENTLE, BUT THAT'S WHAT PAUL DAGUE IS. *Paul* MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE GAVE UP THE JOB OF CHESTER COUNTY SHERIFF BACK IN 1946.

ONE GOOD REASON FOR HAVING A TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR PAUL--AND OF COURSE THERE ARE *many* REASONS--IS THAT HE IS SUCH A QUIET AND UNASSUMING PERSON. HE HAS NEVER TOOTED HIS OWN HORN, SO *his friends,* WE HAVE TO DO IT FOR HIM.

PAUL DAGUE IS A TRULY HUMBLE MAN. SOME POLITICIANS MAKE A SHOW OF BEING HUMBLE. THAT OF COURSE IS NOT GENUINE HUMILITY. BUT TALK TO AN ELEVATOR OPERATOR OR A POLICEMAN WHO WORKED ON CAPITOL HILL DURING THE 20 YEARS THAT PAUL DAGUE WAS IN CONGRESS



AND THEY'LL TELL YOU THAT PAUL ALWAYS HAD A ~~BIG~~ HELLO FOR ^{each} THEM. THAT'S THE REAL MEANING OF HUMILITY, THE KIND OF HUMILITY THAT FINDS A MAN CARING ABOUT LITTLE PEOPLE. ^{warm, sincere} ^{Another way is of the soul - not the clothes}

SHOW ME A MAN WHO'S REALLY HUMBLE AND I'LL BET YOU HE IS A DEEPLY RELIGIOUS MAN. PAUL DAGUE IS JUST SUCH A MAN.

BECAUSE HE'S TRULY HUMBLE HE MAKES NO SHOW OF HIS DEEP LOVE OF GOD AND HIS DEVOTION TO THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST. BUT TO THIS

^{new} DAY HE GIVES OF HIMSELF BY TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL. WHILE HE

¹ WAS IN CONGRESS HE BELONGED TO THE CAPITOL MARINE ^{Comp} CLUB AND

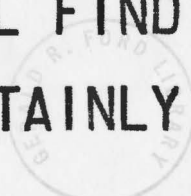
BECAME KNOWN AS THEIR UNOFFICIAL CHAPLAIN. ~~BECAUSE HE ALWAYS~~

~~LED THEM IN PRAYER.~~ HE ALSO WAS A REGULAR AT THE THURSDAY

MORNING CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST. ~~HE EVEN TRIED TO~~

~~AVOID ALL SUNDAY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.~~

SOME PEOPLE SAY, "SCRATCH A POLITICIAN AND YOU'LL FIND STORY-TELLER." NOW, THAT'S NOT ALWAYS TRUE BUT IT CERTAINLY



FITS PAUL DAGUE. HE IS ONE OF THE GREATEST STORY-TELLERS EVER TO SIT IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT PAUL HAS A DELIGHTFUL SENSE OF HUMOR. MY SPIES TELL ME HE IS SPENDING HIS RETIREMENT WRITING A JOKE BOOK. IF HE ISN'T, HE SHOULD BE.

YOU KNOW, LIKE ME, PAUL DOESN'T HAVE MUCH HAIR LEFT. ~~WELL~~, THAT DATES BACK QUITE A WAYS IN HIS CASE. AND PAUL LIKED TO KID ABOUT IT. HIS FAVORITE LINE ABOUT GROWING BALD IN CONGRESS WAS THAT HE "GREW INTO THE JOB." *Dickson / Frank*
Speaking of hair-styles

DURING WORLD WAR I PAUL SERVED AS A PRIVATE FIRST CLASS IN THE MARINE CORPS. *Jim told* ~~HE TELLS~~ ME HE'S THE ONLY PRIVATE IN THE MARINES WHO DARES CALL GEN. *the Commandant of the Marine Corps* ~~WALTER~~ GREENE "WALLY."
Walter

PAUL DAGUE SERVED HIS GOD AND HIS COUNTRY WELL DURING HIS SCORE OF YEARS IN THE HOUSE. HE WAS WELL-LIKED AND HE WORKED HARD. HE GAVE HIS CONSTITUENTS EXCELLENT SERVICE. HE

IS A GREAT PUBLIC SERVANT, A GREAT PENNSYLVANIAN, A TRULY OUTSTANDING AMERICAN.

DURING HIS LAST TWO YEARS IN CONGRESS, PAUL WAS RANKING REPUBLICAN ON THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. REPUBLICANS WERE COMPLETELY OUT-GUNNED IN THE 89TH CONGRESS, SO PAUL JUST TOOK IT IN STRIDE. HE FIGURED THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO BUT VOTE, "NO." SO THAT'S WHAT HE DID.

with conviction & courage

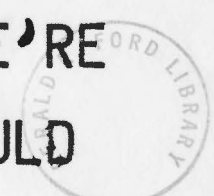
In 1965 + 1966 when we were outvoted

THEY JUST HAD US AROUND FOR LAUGHS DURING THE 89TH CONGRESS, BUT IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY NOW. LAST YEAR WE WERE ON THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE, SO TO SPEAK. BUT NOW WE'RE AT LEAST ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND NEXT YEAR WE COULD GET CONTROL. I URGE THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN GODD, DECENT GOVERNMENT AND A SOUND ECONOMY GET OUT AND WORK FOR THOSE OBJECTIVES.

Thank goodness the voters in 50 states restored some balance in the Congress
BRDD - *Eschelman*
Blister

May I make a few observations

LET ME WARN ALL AMERICANS THAT WE NOW ARE THREATENED BY *Williams*



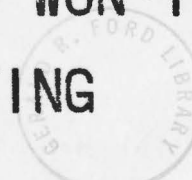
A NEW ROUND OF INFLATION MUCH LIKE THE DAMAGING UPSURGE OF PRICES IN 1966, AND THIS RAISES THE THREAT OF ^{a Johnson Administration fed} AN INCOME TAX INCREASE.

^{I feel there is a better solution} IF WE ARE TO AVOID A RUNAWAY ECONOMY THAT MAY LEAD TO A TAX INCREASE AND POSSIBLY EVEN GOVERNMENTAL CONTROLS ON WAGES, PRICES AND CREDIT, WE MUST CURB FEDERAL SPENDING THROUGH A STRINGENT PROGRAM OF PRIORITIES AND RESTRAINTS.

THE ROAD TO INFLATION IS PAVED WITH FEDERAL DEFICITS.

A PROGRAM OF RESTRAINT DOES NOT MEAN A MORATORIUM ON PROBLEM-SOLVING. BUT IT DOES MEAN GETTING MORE VALUE FOR OUR TAX DOLLARS, AND IT WOULD MEAN AN END TO SPENDTHRIFT EXPERIMENTATION. HUSBANDING TAX DOLLARS DOES NOT MEAN ^{being miserly.} MISERLINESS. IT MEANS PRUDENT GOVERNMENT, SOUND GOVERNMENT.

PEOPLE OFTEN SAY, "WELL, IF YOU CUT EXPENDITURES, WON'T THIS HARM THE ECONOMY?" THE ANSWER IS THAT WE ARE CUTTING



Regrettably, in 6 many federal departments + agencies
APPROPRIATION REQUESTS. WE'RE GOING TO BE SPENDING MORE MONEY
IN FISCAL 1968 THAN THIS FISCAL YEAR NO MATTER WHAT THE
CONGRESS DOES IN THIS SESSION. BUT IF WE CUT THE LEVEL OF
APPROPRIATION REQUESTS, IT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT AND IT WILL
BE A WEAPON AGAINST INFLATION.

ANOTHER FREQUENT QUESTION IS: "HOW CAN YOU CUT SPENDING
WHILE THE VIETNAM WAR IS GOING ON?" THE ANSWER IS THAT THE
LEVEL OF DOMESTIC SPENDING IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET--ENTIRELY
APART FROM DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS AND THE WAR IN VIETNAM--HAS
GONE UP FROM \$46 BILLION FOR FISCAL 1965 TO A PROPOSED
\$66 BILLION FOR FISCAL 1968. TWO-THIRDS OF THE \$28.3 BILLION
INCREASE IN FEDERAL SPENDING FROM CALENDAR 1963 THROUGH 1966--
AS MEASURED IN THE NATIONAL INCOME ACCOUNTS BUDGET--IS ACCOUNTED
FOR BY NON-DEFENSE SPENDING.

THE RESULT IS A FLOOD OF RED INK THAT COULD "BURST ALL



Wet Pants Mortgage National Debt 7-

BONDS," IN THE WORDS OF HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN WILBUR MILLS. CONGRESS MUST ACT TO ~~STOP~~^{plug} UP THE HOLES *if The Administration will not.*

WHILE WE WORK TO BRING FEDERAL SPENDING UNDER CONTROL, WE MUST ALSO SEEK A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AN HONORABLE END TO THE VIETNAM WAR.

ALL AMERICANS ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE "SPIRIT OF GLASSBORO" WILL TRANSLATE ITSELF INTO CONCRETE PROGRESS TOWARD WORLD PEACE.

UNTIL SOMETHING MORE TANGIBLE THAN ATMOSPHERE BECOMES EVIDENT, WE HAVE ONLY THE FACTS TO GO ON--AND THE FACTS CONTINUE TO BE DISCOURAGING. *President briefing.*

THE FACTS ARE THAT THE SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN WAS RIGIDLY INFLEXIBLE IN HIS STATEMENTS REGARDING VIETNAM AND THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER 10 HOURS OF TALKING WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON. HE SAID THE UNITED STATES MUST WITHDRAW ALL OF ITS FORCES FROM VIETNAM BEFORE THERE CAN BE ANY IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.

THIS DOES NOT SAY MUCH FOR THE SO-CALLED SPIRIT OF GLASSBORO.

IF THERE REALLY IS A SPIRIT OF GLASSBORO, MR. KOSYGIN COULD DEMONSTRATE IT BY REDUCING SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS TO NORTH VIETNAM AND THE ARAB STATES.

THE FACT THAT 619 COMMUNIST-FLAG SHIPS CARRIED CARGOES TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE PAST 24 MONTHS CERTAINLY IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF GLASSBORO.

IT IS DOUBLY SHOCKING TO ME THAT DURING THE SAME 24-MONTH PERIOD, 210 SHIPS FLYING FREE WORLD FLAGS DELIVERED GOODS FOR THE WAR MACHINE OF THE HANOI REGIME.

IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE WORLD, THERE MUST BE AN END TO THE BUSINESS OF TRAFFICKING IN DEATH BY THE MAJOR POWERS.

THE MIDEAST WAR WAS NO ACCIDENT, NO SIMPLE BOILING OVER ARAB HATRED FOR ISRAEL. THE FACTS ARE THAT THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS THE SOVIET UNION ARMED THE ARABS AND PROPPED UP THE

SAGGING REGIME OF EGYPT'S GLORY-HUNGRY DICTATOR, GAMAL ABDEL NASSER. IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS, OUR GOVERNMENT SUBVERTED ITS OWN POLICIES IN THE MIDEAST BY HANDING NASSER'S GOVERNMENT MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF AID AND BY ARMING ^{some of} THE ARAB STATES AS WELL AS ISRAEL.

THE MAJOR POWERS SHOULD STOP SENDING ANY KIND OF AID-- ECONOMIC OR MILITARY--TO ANY NATION WHICH HAS THE ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF ANNIHILATING ANOTHER NATION. SUCH POLICIES DO NOT BUILD PEACE. THEY PROMOTE WAR.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE SOVIET UNION APPARENTLY IS CHOOSING TO ~~IGNORE THIS GRIM FACT--OR IS SEEKING TO ADVANCE IT.~~ ^{follow a grim & mistaken course of action} COMMUNIST ARMS REPORTEDLY ARE FLOWING AGAIN TO THE ARAB STATES. LET NOT AMERICA COMPOUND THIS TRAGIC ERROR.

THERE IS A MIGHTY WEAPON OF PEACE IN THE HANDS OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS THE GREAT ABUNDANCE OF FOOD PROVIDED BY

Against The wishes of many of us

THE AMERICAN FARMER. HOW HAVE WE USED IT? IN 1965 OUR GOVERNMENT SENT WHEAT TO EGYPT AND HELPED KEEP NASSER IN POWER. WHAT WAS THE UPSHOT? IT WAS NASSER WHO TRIGGERED THE MIDDLE EAST WAR.

IF OUR GOVERNMENT WOULD PROPERLY IMPLEMENT THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM LAUNCHED BY FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, BOTH THE AMERICAN FARMER AND THE CAUSE OF PEACE WOULD PROSPER.

FOR OUR COUNTRY TO PROSPER WE NEED GOOD MEN LIKE PAUL DAGUE WHO ARE WILLING TO SERVE IN HIGH PUBLIC OFFICE, AND WE NEED GOOD CITIZENS WHO ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

TO THE DEGREE THAT AMERICANS TAKE THE TIME TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND TO ASSIST IN THEIR SOLUTION, TO THAT EXTEND WILL WE ENJOY THE FRUITS OF GOOD GOVERNMENT. WHEN AMERICANS BECOME INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT,



IN THE JOB OF GOVERNING THEMSELVES AND IN ELECTING THE BEST POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO OFFICE, WE ACHIEVE THAT BEST OF ALL COMBINATIONS--A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS AS WELL AS MEN. THUS IS GOOD GOVERNMENT FASHIONED.

IT WAS EDMUND BURKE, WHO ONCE SAID: "ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE FORCES OF EVIL TO WIN IN THE WORLD IS FOR ENOUGH GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING."

THANK GOD FOR GOOD MEN LIKE PAUL DAGUE WHO ARE EVER DEVOTED TO THE CAUSE OF GOOD GOVERNMENT. FOR WITH ENOUGH MEN LIKE PAUL, AMERICA CAN VANQUISH THE FORCES OF EVIL AND LEAD THE FORCES OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE TO VICTORY. THANK YOU.

-END-





CONGRESSMAN
GERALD R. FORD
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

**NEWS
RELEASE**

--FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY--

Excerpts from a Speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., at a Testimonial Dinner honoring former Rep. Paul Dague, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Lancaster, Pa.

Let me warn all Americans that we now are threatened by a new round of inflation much like the damaging upsurge of prices in 1966, and this raises the threat of an income tax increase.

If we are to avoid a runaway economy that may lead to a tax increase and possibly even governmental controls on wages, prices and credit, we must curb federal spending through a stringent program of priorities and restraint.

The road to inflation is paved with federal deficits.

A program of restraint does not mean a moratorium on problem-solving. But it does mean getting more for our tax dollars, and it would mean an end to spendthrift experimentation. Husbanding tax dollars does not mean miserliness. It means prudent government, sound government.

People often say, "Well, if you cut expenditures, won't this harm the economy?" The answer is that we are cutting appropriation requests. We're going to be spending more money in fiscal 1968 than this fiscal year no matter what Congress does. But if we cut the level of appropriation requests, it will have an impact and it will be a weapon against inflation.

Another frequent question is: "How can you cut spending while the Vietnam War is going on?" The answer is that the level of domestic spending in the federal budget--entirely apart from defense requirements and the war in Vietnam--has gone up from \$46 billion for fiscal 1965 to \$66 billion for fiscal 1968. Two-thirds of the \$28.3 billion increase in federal spending from calendar 1963 through 1966--as measured in the national income accounts budget--is accounted for by non-defense spending. The result is a flood of red ink which could "burst all bonds," in the words of House Ways and Means Chairman Wilbur Mills. Congress must act to stop up the holes.

While we work to bring federal spending under control, we must also seek lasting peace in the Mideast and an honorable end to the Vietnam War.

All Americans are hopeful that the "spirit of Glassboro" will translate itself into concrete progress toward world peace.

(more)

But until something more than atmosphere becomes evident, we have only the facts to go on.

The facts are that Soviet Premier Kosygin was rigidly inflexible in his statements regarding Vietnam and the Middle East after 10 hours of talks with the President. He said the United States must withdraw all of its forces from Vietnam if there is to be any improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations. This does not say much for the so-called spirit of Glassboro.

If there really is a spirit of Glassboro, Mr. Kosygin could demonstrate it by reducing Soviet arms shipments to North Vietnam and the Arab states.

The fact that 619 Communist-flag ships brought cargoes to North Vietnam during the past 24 months certainly is not in keeping with the spirit of Glassboro.

It is doubly shocking to me that during the same 24-month period, 210 ships flying free world flags delivered goods for the war machine of the Hanoi regime.

* * *

If we are to achieve peace in the world, there must be an end to the business of trafficking in death by the major powers.

The Mideast War was no accident, no simple boiling over of Arab hatred for Israel. The facts are that the United States as well as the Soviet Union armed the Arabs and propped up the sagging regime of Egypt's glory-hungry dictator, Gamal Abdel Nasser. In the past four years our government subverted its own policies in the Mideast by handing Nasser's government more than a billion dollars' worth of aid and by arming the Arab states as well as Israel.

The major powers should stop sending any kind of aid--economic or military--to any nation which has the announced intention of annihilating another nation. Such policies do not build peace. They promote war.

Unfortunately, the Soviet Union apparently is choosing to ignore this grim fact or is seeking to advance it. Communist arms reportedly are flowing again to the Arab states. Let not America compound this tragic error.

* * *

There is a mighty weapon of peace in the hands of the United States. It is the great abundance of food provided by the American farmer. How have we used it? In 1965, our government sent wheat to Egypt and helped keep Nasser in power. What was the upshot? It was Nasser who triggered the Middle East War.

If our government would properly implement the Food for Peace program as launched by former President Eisenhower, both the American farmer and the cause of peace would prosper.

####



CONGRESSMAN
GERALD R. FORD
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

**NEWS
RELEASE**

--FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY--

Excerpts from a Speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., at a Testimonial Dinner honoring former Rep. Paul Dague, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Lancaster, Pa.

Let me warn all Americans that we now are threatened by a new round of inflation much like the damaging upsurge of prices in 1966, and this raises the threat of an income tax increase.

If we are to avoid a runaway economy that may lead to a tax increase and possibly even governmental controls on wages, prices and credit, we must curb federal spending through a stringent program of priorities and restraint.

The road to inflation is paved with federal deficits.

A program of restraint does not mean a moratorium on problem-solving. But it does mean getting more for our tax dollars, and it would mean an end to spendthrift experimentation. Husbanding tax dollars does not mean miserliness. It means prudent government, sound government.

People often say, "Well, if you cut expenditures, won't this harm the economy?" The answer is that we are cutting appropriation requests. We're going to be spending more money in fiscal 1968 than this fiscal year no matter what Congress does. But if we cut the level of appropriation requests, it will have an impact and it will be a weapon against inflation.

Another frequent question is: "How can you cut spending while the Vietnam War is going on?" The answer is that the level of domestic spending in the federal budget--entirely apart from defense requirements and the war in Vietnam--has gone up from \$46 billion for fiscal 1965 to \$66 billion for fiscal 1968. Two-thirds of the \$28.3 billion increase in federal spending from calendar 1963 through 1966--as measured in the national income accounts budget--is accounted for by non-defense spending. The result is a flood of red ink which could "burst all bonds," in the words of House Ways and Means Chairman Wilbur Mills. Congress must act to stop up the holes.

While we work to bring federal spending under control, we must also seek lasting peace in the Mideast and an honorable end to the Vietnam War.

All Americans are hopeful that the "spirit of Glassboro" will translate itself into concrete progress toward world peace.

(more)

But until something more than atmosphere becomes evident, we have only the facts to go on.

The facts are that Soviet Premier Kosygin was rigidly inflexible in his statements regarding Vietnam and the Middle East after 10 hours of talks with the President. He said the United States must withdraw all of its forces from Vietnam if there is to be any improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations. This does not say much for the so-called spirit of Glassboro.

If there really is a spirit of Glassboro, Mr. Kosygin could demonstrate it by reducing Soviet arms shipments to North Vietnam and the Arab states.

The fact that 619 Communist-flag ships brought cargoes to North Vietnam during the past 24 months certainly is not in keeping with the spirit of Glassboro.

It is doubly shocking to me that during the same 24-month period, 210 ships flying free world flags delivered goods for the war machine of the Hanoi regime.

* * *

If we are to achieve peace in the world, there must be an end to the business of trafficking in death by the major powers.

The Mideast War was no accident, no simple boiling over of Arab hatred for Israel. The facts are that the United States as well as the Soviet Union armed the Arabs and propped up the sagging regime of Egypt's glory-hungry dictator, Gamal Abdel Nasser. In the past four years our government subverted its own policies in the Mideast by handing Nasser's government more than a billion dollars' worth of aid and by arming the Arab states as well as Israel.

The major powers should stop sending any kind of aid--economic or military--to any nation which has the announced intention of annihilating another nation. Such policies do not build peace. They promote war.

Unfortunately, the Soviet Union apparently is choosing to ignore this grim fact or is seeking to advance it. Communist arms reportedly are flowing again to the Arab states. Let not America compound this tragic error.

* * *

There is a mighty weapon of peace in the hands of the United States. It is the great abundance of food provided by the American farmer. How have we used it? In 1965, our government sent wheat to Egypt and helped keep Nasser in power. What was the upshot? It was Nasser who triggered the Middle East War.

If our government would properly implement the Food for Peace program as launched by former President Eisenhower, both the American farmer and the cause of peace would prosper.

#####