

Nearly Everyone Frowns on Subsidies These Days

Farmer Is Blamed For Most; But Look at All The Facts

Walk down any "Main Street" in Lancaster County, stopping people at random and ask—"What do you think about federal government subsidies?" Ninety per cent of your answers, at least, will be negative. Then ask each person who gets the biggest share of federal subsidies and his answer will probably be—"Farmers"

THEN — ask him if he or his business receives a subsidy and the answer will doubtless be — "NO!"

THEN — tell him, nicely of course, that he couldn't be more wrong. Here are the facts to prove it.

John Q Public, the Official U. S. Taxpayer, has been supporting an elaborate system of federal subsidies from the very first day of Congressional meetings.

The first legislation passed by Congress was to establish the rules for operation in Congressional activities.

The second bill to pass Congress was for granting a subsidy. Since then it has been a rare person, or business which has not received a subsidy from his fellow taxpayers—either directly or indirectly.

When the taxpayer wakes up in the morning and turns on his electric light—he shares in a subsidy. Either through low-cost federal power projects, public or cooperative power organizations with federal loans, or "fast tax write-off plans" which work

as a tax subsidy and save private power companies several millions annually.

A savings reflected on John Q's electric bill.

Rubbing the sleep from his eyes, John clambers into the shower and shares another subsidy in the form of large sums spent in the past half-century to conserve water and land resources (Much of the cost being labeled farm subsidies).

He dries himself with a "Union Label" towel and dresses in "Union Label" clothing. The cost of each affected by wage subsidies in the form of minimum wage laws, or the use of local and

state agencies to limit labor organization activities and restrain wage increases.

The same holds true for almost every manufactured item with which he comes in contact.

Breakfasting on ham and eggs, milk and toast, he shares benefits of the \$19 million Federal Meat Inspection and other inspection programs — conducted for the sole purpose of assuring the public a safe and wholesome supply of food.

BUT, charged to farm subsidies.

If he has children in school their education is subsidized by taxes paid by the childless neighbor across the street. Also, if his are among the 35 million youngsters sharing in the highly popular school lunch program, he receives direct aid in feeding his family from another \$100 million federal subsidy.

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Again, charged to farm and climbs into another subsidy.

If the children are in one of the 62,000 schools participating in the special school milk program, they come in for a share of still another \$75 million subsidy—again charged to "those thieving farmers"

By this time, you say, John Q. is ready to shy away from subsidies. So he quickly heads for his "American" car

For you see with a subsidy of high tariffs, he could have purchased one of those funny foreign cars, for several hundred dollars less than ready price on the market.

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