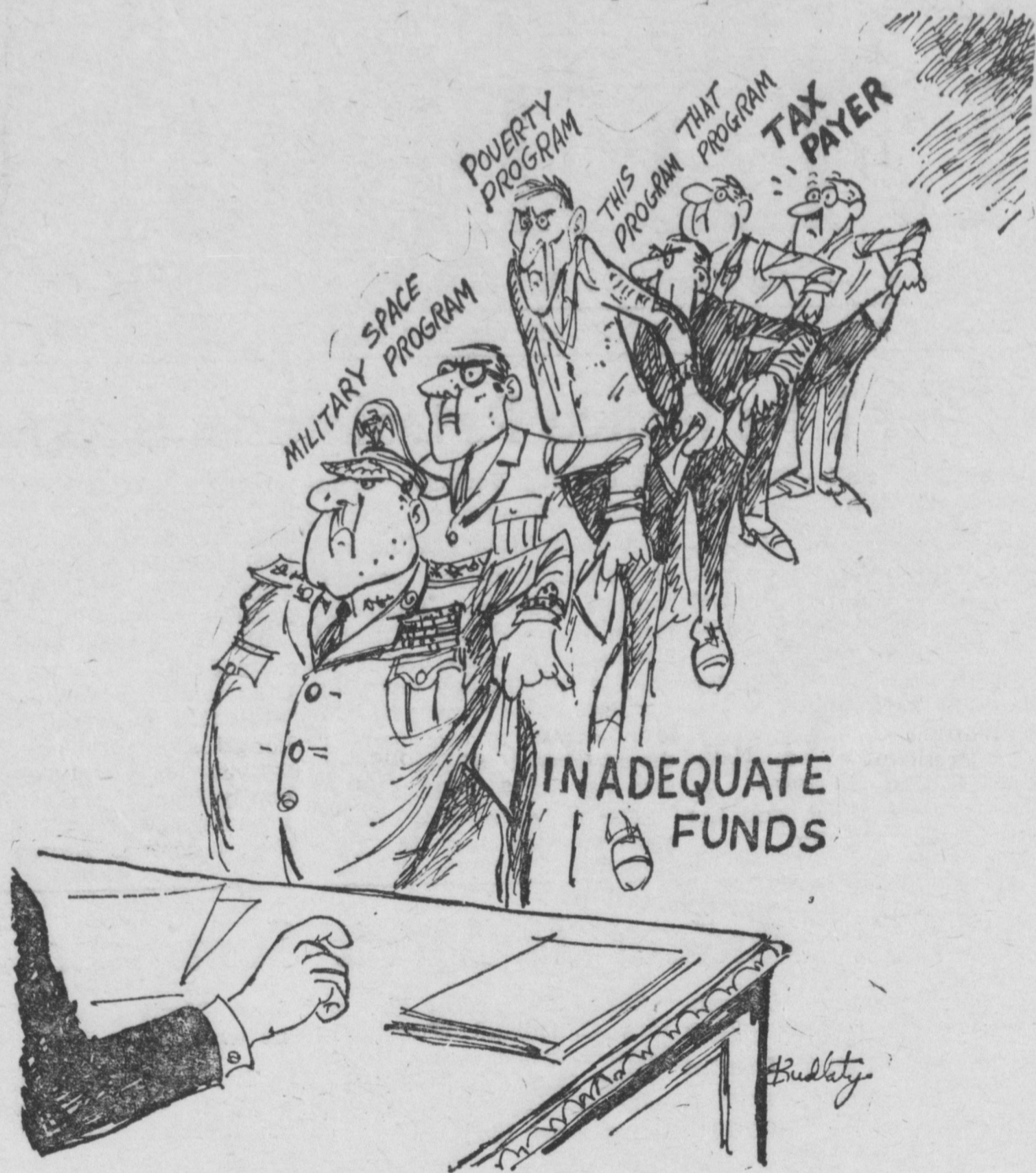




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EDITORIALS ---

Police work has very little glamor for most people!

Yet, every citizen has an obligation to be a "part-time" policeman.

No policeman or any reasonably sized police force can be everywhere all the time. Police officers are needed many places at many times but no one where or when.

Thus, it falls to the responsibility of citizens to help.

In fact, citizens must help or the police system can bring very little force to bear against law enforcement. Short of a police army, officers are virtually powerless and woefully ineffective.

Cooperation with the police department takes several avenues of help. The most obvious, of course, is to obey the laws, thereby giving police and law enforcement officers no need to be concerned.

Second, and perhaps the most important way to cooperate, is to be observant of what is going on. Most everyone knows the normal routine and

the normal activities in his neighborhood and of his community. He also notices changes and new procedures around him.

As a conscientious citizen, one is responsible for passing this information to the proper officers.

Sometimes small things are important, especially if related to other small things. A strange car, a strange-acting individual, a strange noise at a strange time. A sudden change of routine.

This is not to say that "Mrs Probe's" are continually to spend their time peeping from behind the curtain, spying upon neighbors and watching the street and alley. But it does mean that responsible people need to be alert and willing to identify unusual situations.

Sometimes it may be necessary to step forward and be identified. A recent case in the borough was noted when a motorist was involved in a reckless driving case. Mothers of a number of youngsters who only by extreme good luck had not been injured were not inclined to call police.

Notifying the officers and the subsequent arrest came only after a "grandfather aged" man who had very little personal reason to do so stepped forward and made the call.

But, there is another side of the cooperation.

On their side of the fence, police must treat information given them as confidential. If a citizen is willing to help, police must keep their source of information a secret.

Names of informants of valuable police information should not be bandied around, common knowledge on street corners and at gas stations. Confidence is the price lawmen must pay for the help they get. Responsible citizens must be willing, when necessary, to step forward and be identified but "tips" need to be held as personal confidences.

Police business is everyone's business. And, unless everyone is concerned, no one is protected.

A Thought this Week --

Ultimately, prayer must become not a thing to do but a way of life. The most sincere prayers are those that are constantly lived. Parents as well as children are developing in this perception of prayer. As we set the example, our children will follow.

Ann Lee Kreml; Guidelines for Parents
And that's THE LAST WORD for this week!

Others are saying ---

A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

In a free society even a small rural newspaper can speak out on the issues of the day and time.

You, Mr. President, have had your first six months in office. Many of us know you hope for eight good years in that high position. What will history record in regard to that length of time?

To take inventory of where we are now shows our Nation still in an undeclared war in Asia. We note only small progress toward peace. The country is under floods of inflation. Many businesses will be hard hit by increased labor, material and high interest rates. There are gross loopholes in the tax system. The super rich are favored to become more so. The crime rates are on the increase in every category. The Civil Rights movement and race issues are open sores. The poor are still around with us mostly in large cities. The unrest of the students and other young people is much more than the average citizen can imagine. Our family the past four summers has traveled throughout the mid-west, south, southwest, middle Atlantic and New England States, and we observed the discontent of youth in all levels of society and culture. It would not be hard to continue writing about the negative, negative, negative.

However, the inventory must include also the positive.

Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins, the three Apollo 11 Astro-

nauts, all returned safely to earth last month and you, President Nixon, greeted them aboard the United States Aircraft Carrier Hornet with words to the effect that it was the greatest week in the history of the world since the Creation. Praise poured forth from almost every part of the globe except Communist China. Your world trip capitalized on the event. A word often used these days is "image". Even at this point of time it can be noted that the "image" of our country was improved overseas by the moon landing and your visit to the battlefield of Vietnam and the various countries by the head of our government.

The reforms you proposed in effect say that the domestic welfare programs are not working and need change.

Congress is slowly getting around to tax reform measures. The changes must be in the capital gains areas, the farm tax loss area, the excessive oil depletion allowances, the non-tax interest on state and local bonds, consideration of education deductions, and increases in dependent children tax deduction rates.

The so-called Safeguard Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense System is the great area of pro and con debate at home. Question: If the war in Vietnam ceased would a depression follow. Some people think the defense industrial complex wants this as a safeguard mostly of their pocketbooks. Your administration and you, R. M. Nixon

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If You Would Write --

Would you like to write to your state or federal representatives in Harrisburg or Washington? Here are their addresses:

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Rep. Harry H. Gring, Reinholds, Pa. 17569.

Rep. Sherman L. Hill, 201 Manor Av., Millersville 17551.

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Rep. Marvin E. Miller, 501 Valley Rd., Lancaster 17601.

Rep. Harvey C. Nitrauer, 125 South Street, Myerstown, Pa., 17067.

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"Pop's showing me how to use a yo-yo!"