

**ED ESHLEMAN'S
WASHINGTON REPORT**

Government reorganization has been in the headlines since Election Day. The President obviously is determined to do what he can toward restructuring government to make it trimmer and more effective.

Already there are those who are criticizing this action as one more example of the Executive Branch taking power away from Congress. The claim is that Congress should be given some say in how the government gets changed.

But such criticism ignores the fact that the President presented Congress with a complete reorganization plan many months ago. It was a plan to combine some departments & agencies to make them job-oriented instead of special interest oriented.

Congress ignored that reorganization plan. And perhaps the main reason why the plan gathered dust on Capitol Hill is more disturbing than the fact that the House and Senate refused to act.

The reason for inaction was that certain powerful Members of Congress did not want to have to make the adjustments on Capitol Hill that would be necessary if reorganization became a reality.

The committees of Congress are arranged to handle legislation affecting specific departments of the Executive Branch. For instance, most of the work of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee is related to the Dept. of the Interior.

If the Department of the Interior was divided up and

parts of it were assigned to one or more new super-departments, the committee structure on Capitol Hill would have to respond accordingly. New committees with new names and possibly new leadership would have to be formed.

It is that last point — the possibility of new leadership — that worries the powers in Congress. They are not about to support anything, no matter how important, that threatens their own positions.

Thus, the President's call for reorganization months ago was lost to the selfish concern of a few powerful men who run things on Capitol Hill. What is disturbing about that fact is that Congress was willing to maintain the status quo regardless of the cost—in this case, cost measured in wasted tax dollars and continued government inefficiency.

Now, some of the people who blocked consideration of reorganization throughout the 92nd Congress have the nerve to suggest that the President is ignoring Congress in his attempts to do some reorganizing on his own. Congress had its chance and proved unequal to the task. President Nixon has decided that the task is important enough to move forward while Congress stands still.

We can hope that the President's determination to go ahead with as much reorganization as he can do himself will shake loose the overall restructuring of the Federal government in the Congress. Instead of complaining about losing power to the President, the Congress should show itself willing to change with the times.

INVITATION

One person at 20 feels that life is passing him by. Another at 70 is right in the thick of it. Why is this so? There is no standard of age or health or prosperity or anything else to bar some and admit others. Life has a standing invitation out to everyone.

But an invitation is just that. It lets you know where the party is and that you are welcome. It does not take you by the neck and drag you there. You are invited to life, but you have to accept. You have to go where it is happening.

VALUES

All really great teachers, past and present, urge us to decide on a system of values by which we want to live and then live by that system. To do otherwise is to find oneself walking through a forest with out the slightest notion of which path we will take. A value system that includes faith, courage, honesty, loyalty and the determination to keep growing should be treated as a fine tool, to be sharpened often and used carefully. Then it will work for you every day and skillfully guide you through every life situation.

LOVE

When I was a child we brought our valentines to school and the teacher handed them out for us. I remember one time, looking around the room and seeing the faces of a few of the children who received no valentine at all; there was undisguised pain and disappointment. I have often wished that I had brought some extra valentines so no child would be left out. A part of love is caring for those close to us, but it also includes a keen awareness of the needs of some who aren't so close, and doing what we can to help them fulfill their need.

—Rosemary Rhea

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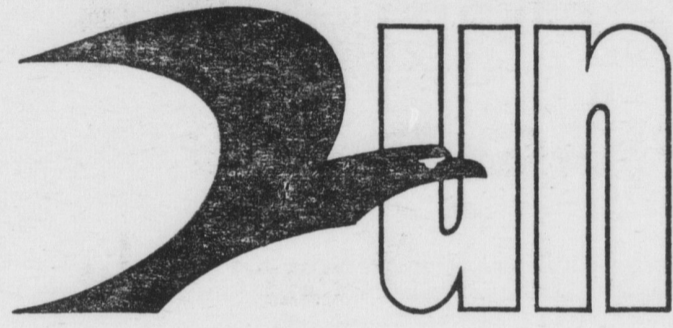
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RESOURCES	Dec. 31, 1971	Dec. 31, 1972
Loans and Discounts	\$12,354,425.25	\$13,274,440.27
U. S. Government Securities	2,631,140.63	2,818,590.45
Other Bonds and Securities	2,974,943.87	3,399,719.59
Cash and Due from Banks	1,730,651.63	2,181,367.49
Banking House, Furniture & Fixtures	185,309.62	399,414.18
Other Resources		7,759.89
Federal Funds		500,000.00
Other Resources	124,453.03	5,303.86
	<u>\$20,000,924.03</u>	<u>\$22,586,595.73</u>
LIABILITIES		
Undivided Profits	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Capital Stock	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Surplus	396,555.63	550,530.76
Reserves	182,370.45	204,760.04
Deposits	17,859,440.93	20,442,437.78
Bills Payable	200,000.00	
Other Liabilities	237,557.02	283,867.15
	<u>\$20,000,924.03</u>	<u>\$22,586,595.73</u>
TRUST DEPARTMENT RESOURCES (Not included in above)		
Individual Trust Funds	\$ 4,067,355.26	\$ 3,965,947.82
Corporate Trust Funds	5,058,500.00	4,904,000.00
	<u>\$ 9,125,855.26</u>	<u>\$ 8,869,947.82</u>

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