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 Assemblyman, 46th District
 In 1959, the personal income of Californians increased 10 per cent. In 1960, the increase was six per cent. In 1961, the increase was five per cent. This shows that the rate of increase of personal income in California has been declining. Experts report that the population of California will have increased 109 per cent from the end of World War II in 1945 to the year 1963. During the same period, the number of people employed by the State of California will have increased at least 225 per cent, which is 7 per cent more than twice the increase in population.

It is logical that the number of state employees should increase in proportion to the growth in population, but when California has on its payroll far more than twice as many people as the population growth justifies, the taxpayers have a right to ask what is going on in the state government.

I VOTED NO on the California State budget twice. I voted NO on the assembly floor when the budget was first presented, and I voted NO when it came back again with amendments because both times the budget was too big.

The budget enacted at the recently concluded session of the California State Legislature shows an increase of 813 per cent since 1945, although the population of California only increased slightly more than 100 per cent during the same period. An increased budget leads to a demand for raising present taxes and looking for new sources of taxation. Anyone who disagrees with this statement bases his opposition on the argument that the income from taxes in California will increase in the future enough to offset the swollen budget enacted in 1962, but this is wishful thinking, and requires us to examine the relationship between per capita California State tax receipts and per capita income. "Per capita," incidentally, means "for each individual," that is, for each man, woman and child in California.

TAKING AGAIN the period from 1945 to 1962, the per capita personal income increased 83.9 per cent in California, but the per capita California State tax receipts expanded 204.8 per cent, and at the same time the California State debt increased 919 per cent for each man, woman and child.

This period from 1945 to and including 1962 overlaps both Republican and Democratic administrations in Sacramento, hence I am not taking a purely politically partisan position when I report with alarm the mushrooming costs of state government in California. Furthermore, I voted NO on budgets which I considered too big under Republican administrations, simply because I am convinced that budgets which increase out of proportion to the growth in population and the increase in personal income invariably lead to increases which the people of California do not want and cannot afford to pay.

SWOLLEN BUDGETS and increased California taxes, together with a great rise in the state debt, all mean there will be lower net take-home pay, a smaller number of jobs available to Californians, and eventually a decrease in the number and quality of the services performed by the state for the people of California.

All is not doom and gloom. I do not advocate reducing state assistance for schools, senior citizens, the blind, the legitimately unemployed, or children who are really needy. I do recommend that these forms of state help to the deserving but unfortunate citizens of California be administered fairly, honestly, and without shutting our eyes to "rackets."

FOR EXAMPLE, in the "Aid-to-Needy Children Program," one case was reported to me of a woman who has never sought a job, never held a job, has never been married, and yet has 10 children and lives on the money she received from the "Aid-to-Needy Children Program."

The children are not to blame for their mother's way of life, but if we placed a limit on cases like the one cited, it would save the state vast amounts of money and encourage adults who abuse the program to seek more prosaic sources of income. A much more vital method of reducing the state budget and the inevitable demand for more taxes in California is to cut the administrative over-

head expenses. In other words, we should reduce the number of bureaucratic bosses. FOR EXAMPLE, when a new office is created with a high salary, the official appointed to that office must have several secretaries, staff assistants, clerks, publicity experts, a chauffeur, an expensive car, and all the overhead expenses that goes with his office. Having built up a staff, the

temptation is to create an empire of employees, all of which leads to a demand for a bigger budget and tax money to pay the bills. These are only a few suggestions for saving the State of California from insolvency. You probably have many more. Please write to me at Post Office Box 327, Redondo Beach, and tell me your ideas on how we can avoid financial disaster in California.

Motherhood Image Topic For Pastor

The Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church of Lomita will observe Mother's Day with an orchid for the mother with the largest family present. The youngest and oldest mother will also be recognized. The message by the pastor will be "The Motherhood Image."

Someone discovered the tenderest word, 'mother.' It does more to stir the emotions of mature men than any other word. The 'Mother's Image' has become a deep and well founded one in the American way of life," Mr. Wells will state. The Lomita church will join with nearly 800 Southern Baptist Churches in California in a simultaneous revival effort, May 27-June 3. The speaker

will be Dr. H. Guy Moore, pastor of the 5,000-member Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Tex. This revival effort is scheduled one week prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention which convenes in San Francisco June 7-11. More than 15,000 messengers representing the 10 million members of the church-

es cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention are expected to attend. This will be the second time the convention has met in California.

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