

The National Dividend Plan

**A feasible total systems approach toward
solving the nation's major problems**



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**A. The NDP imposes a 50% corporate income tax limit.
No federal income tax on dividends**

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**B. It redistributes federal corporate income tax collections
to voters**

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C. It would be phased in over a 5-year period

D. Plan would be suspended in time of war.

**The NDP will pay as much as \$500 per voter,
or \$1,000 per couple per year**

NOTE: Small reference numbers at bottom of each paragraph indicates how each particular point INTER-ACTS with other numbered problems and/or solutions.

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

INFLATION IS NOT solely a monetary problem, yet it has been attacked only by monetary and fiscal methods. This attempt at a solution ignores the basic, underlying causes. Inflation occurs when labor costs exceed productivity, when punitive tax policies discourage free enterprise incentives to increase production to satisfy demand, and when too great a segment of the economy is put under the burdensome overhead of non-productive government.^{2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 13, 15}

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INFLATION

HOW THE NDP WILL DEVELOP LASTING SOLUTIONS TO THOSE PROBLEMS

INFLATION results from too much buying power, too little production.¹⁵ Recession results from too much production, too little buying power.¹⁵ The National Dividend Plan is a permanent safeguard against both by interlocking investment capital, production, profits and consumer buying power. Inflation from government spending will diminish as the NDP eliminates need or justification for many programs.^{13 (Edhe Report No. 5)}

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PROBLEMS OF THE CITIES are the unwanted—but undeniably real—child of the paternalistic policies of an increasingly centralized, bureaucratic federal government,¹³ conceived in the preemption of tax revenues needed to provide vital local services.⁹ It has fed on agricultural programs which drove the untrained and under-educated from the rural areas.¹³ It has fattened on welfare payments and practices which lured them to metropolitan areas.^{2, 5, 7, 8, 13, 15} It is growing on violence-backed demands for more fruits of the American way without contribution to its productivity.^{1, 2, 13, 15}

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PROBLEMS OF THE CITIES

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WITH ITS PER CAPITA distribution system geared to the voters, the NDP concentrates payments where people and problems are concentrated.² The economic impact of these funds locally will revitalize and expand sources of tax revenues left to the cities by the federal government, enabling them to cope with many of the problems now passed on to Washington.¹³ It will leave the money at home where the problems are.^{2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9} Stimulated business activity will provide jobs and opportunities for economic advancement to many unemployed and on assistance rolls. The NDP will help cut away overgrown, intertwined, often competing inter-government tax programs.¹³ (Edie Report No. 3)

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CIVIL RIGHTS are specified in the Declaration of Independence as the self-evident truths that all men are created equal and are endowed with the unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These basic privileges have been denied to some in the past.^{6, 7, 10} Efforts to correct this have precipitated a conflict between human rights and property rights. Legislation designed to wipe out past inequities is creating new inequities, resentment and division, aggravating rather than easing tensions.^{2, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15}

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CIVIL RIGHTS

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THE NDP CUTS through to the core of the Civil Rights problem. It makes every voting American a profit-sharing partner in the nation's corporate enterprises.^{10, 12, 15} It treats each on an exactly equal basis without regard to race, creed or sex.⁶ It gives each voter an equal stake in the corporate earnings of the free enterprise system and provides each with equal incentive and full opportunity for economic advancement.¹²

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, the most precious heritage handed down by our forefathers, is being snuffed out by federal bureaucratic control.¹³ Virtually no phase of the individual's life today is free from some form of federal interference and regulation, 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 7. 8. 9. 13 Although man can earn his money, the bureaucrat says he doesn't know how to spend it. The individual's freedom and initiative are being reduced to regimentation and anonymity framed within guidelines laid down by the federal bureaucracy.

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INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM

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THE NDP TAKES a major forward step toward restoring individual freedoms eroded and usurped by the federal bureaucracy in recent years.⁵ It gives the American voter full voice in determining how a portion of the tax funds collected by the federal government are to be spent. It will free many from the degrading control of "big brother" government agents administering various assistance programs. It will increase the individual's awareness of the functions of government and business, and lead to his growing demand for greater economy and efficiency.^{10. 12. 13. 15}

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EDUCATION, the one force with the capability to lead to solution of our overall national problems, is caught in a plague of problems.^{1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16} Inadequate finances at all levels of public education—elementary and high school, vocational and technical, college and university—as well as parochial and private, have created a crisis. Severity of the situation in public education points toward surrender of still another basic local prerogative to federal intervention.^{4, 6, 9} Demands for more federal money to cure this problem are counter-productive to control of inflation.^{1, 13}

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EDUCATION

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THE NDP WILL GO far toward easing the present crisis in education. The economic impact of NDP payments will increase availability of tax revenues on local and state levels to meet needs of local and state school systems.^{4, 9} The government that controls spending should be the one that collects so taxpayers can exercise local judgment in voting on officials if not satisfied with the way their dollars are being used.⁶ The NDP payments to parents—and students of voting age—would be valuable in meeting expenses of higher education. The funds would be a similar financial lift for those with children in parochial and private schools. (Edie Report No. 3)

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

THE LABOR SITUATION which exists today is unsatisfactory. Bargaining is no longer primarily based on the give and take between employer and employee. Labor has become a scarce resource, contributing strongly to inflation. Political opportunism has created and nurtured a conflict between human and property rights. Government intervention and regulation have sanctioned inflationary wage settlements and permissive labor arbitration has led to restriction of productivity, crippling national work stoppages and the usurpation of normal management functions.^{1, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15}

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THE LABOR SITUATION

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WITH EVERY voter a profit-sharing partner in the nation's corporations, the NDP would be the catalyst for a new era in employee-employer relations.⁶ Since the nation's labor force and its voting population are largely homogenous, new emphasis would center on top production at peak efficiency for larger profits and greater returns to the voter-worker.¹² Economy-crippling national work stoppages would tend to disappear and strikes and disputes on local and regional levels would be reduced.¹⁵ Restrictive federal legislation and policies would be curtailed as a revitalized national effort focused on maximum production, buying power and profits for the benefit of all our voting citizens.^{1, 10, 13}

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

STATES RIGHTS have diminished in direct proportion to the growth of the federal bureaucracy and its relentless encroachment into the lives and affairs of the individual citizens.^{6, 13} Federal preemption of tax sources has led to greater dependence on Washington for services the states are economically unable to provide.^{2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 15} Forced participation in many social programs enacted in federal legislation has intensified the problem and further usurped the rights and prerogatives of the states.^{1, 11, 13, 15}

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STATES RIGHTS

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MANY STATES' rights eroded away by the federal bureaucracy would be restored as a result of the economic impact of the NDP payments.¹³ Problems now consigned to Washington could be handled more economically and efficiently on the state level, bringing decentralization of the federal government.^{1, 7} Today, there are actually more federal employees than state non-educational employees in most states.*¹³ The NDP would restore many federally preempted tax revenue sources, enabling the states to do a better job of serving the people through government centered closer to home.

(* Ohio—federal employees, 102,090; state employees, 50,341.)

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

VOTING REFORMS are needed throughout the nation to guarantee every eligible citizen the right of franchise and assure proper conduct of elections.⁶ Voting frauds and irregularities deprive countless citizens of a meaningful ballot as completely as do discriminatory registration and eligibility requirements. At no time since this country won its independence has there been a nationwide purge of voting lists. Few citizens realize that voting jurisdiction remains 100 per cent under control of our states. Even in a presidential election, federal authorities have no jurisdiction.⁵

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VOTING REFORMS

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THE NDP WOULD provide the United States with the first purge and cleaning of its voting lists in its history.⁵⁻⁶ It would wipe out tombstone voting and other election frauds by requiring endorsements on NDP checks to match signatures on voting records. It would bring greater voter participation, thus sharpening the interest of the individual citizen in the functions and affairs of government.¹³ It would assure elimination of restrictions and inequities which today deprive many citizens of their voting rights in federal elections.

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

HIGH INTEREST RATES are the direct result of federal deficit financing which forces the government to compete with business and individuals for the limited supply of capital in the money markets.^{1- 2- 3- 4- 7- 12- 13- 15} Federal tax policies and inflation choke off any appreciable capital formation. This increases the competition and the rate for available loan funds, leading to economic strangulation and stagnation as these forces further aggravate the labor situation, education, poverty and welfare, and instability of the economy.^{1- 2- 3- 4- 7- 8- 13- 14- 15}

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HIGH INTEREST RATES

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THE FLOW OF NDP payments into the economy on a quarterly basis would increase the amount of capital available for direct investment or for loan funds for the money markets.^{1- 12} It would eliminate deficit financing by the federal government by eliminating the need for many costly programs now in existence, thus minimizing the government's role in competing with business and individuals for the same loan funds.^{12- 13- 15} These factors would bring interest rates down and would make available necessary financing at reasonable cost to provide the economic expansion to meet the requirements of our natural population growth and the stiffened competition for world markets.^{12- 14- 15.}

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

ROLE OF THE PROFIT MOTIVE is widely misunderstood and maligned. Profit pumps life into our economy and drives investors to risk capital in job-creating business ventures. Misunderstanding of what constitutes profit brings a demagogic tendency to negate its positive function.^{1, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15} Profit is not a part of the cost any more than a loss is. Profit is made only when the producer can cut costs below what the sensitive law of supply and demand determines the market price to be.^{1, 11, 13, 15}

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ROLE OF THE PROFIT MOTIVE

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THE NDP would erase misunderstanding of the profit motive's role in our society. Every voting citizen would be keenly aware of its healthy function as a driving force to keep costs and prices down and provide the life blood of our national economy.^{1, 6, 15} Profit is one of the best ways to get the surplus funds needed to cope with poverty and welfare, educational expansion, to enhance the freedom of the individual and to provide a return of money to the cities and states.^{2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9} The youth of our country would begin to understand the role of the free enterprise corporate structure and become its staunch supporter because the NDP would justify the profit motive.^{13, 15}

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

OVER-SIZED GOVERNMENT has become the master rather than the servant of the American people.⁶ In its present monstrous proportions, the government has become unmanageable. Waste, inefficiency, duplication of effort and expenditures have become the rule rather than the exception.^{1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 11. 15} Non-military federal employment ranges around 3.5 million today, an increase of 500 per cent during a period when the population gain has been only 63 per cent. Our federal government has grown to the point of diminishing returns.^{1. 6. 9. 14. 15. 16} (Eddie Report No. 4)

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**OVER-SIZED
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THE NDP OFFERS the American people the only real hope proposed to date for an orderly decentralization of the unmanageable, over-sized federal government we have today.^{1. 15} It is a total systems approach, providing a practical and workable method for dismantling costly, unrealistic and futile federal programs without disrupting the economy. It establishes the structure on which a vigorous national economy and fiscal stability can be built and maintained as we move further into the Technological Age without danger of recession or inflation.^{1. 12. 13. 15}

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

INTERNATIONAL TRADE provides the American economy with a healthy bonus over and above domestic commerce. A favorable balance of payments assures the strength of our monetary system in international affairs. Our volume of international trade is shrinking before foreign competition from industries financed by U.S. programs. American industry, saddled with obsolete plants due to restrictive federal taxes and policies, is finding it difficult to compete.^{1. 8. 11. 12. 13. 15. 16} A resulting unfavorable balance of payments continues to jeopardize our monetary system.¹⁵

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THE NDP CAN BE invaluable in enabling the U. S. to regain its rightful role as a leader in international trade. Its provisions for increased investment in the free enterprise system can do much to overcome the handicap of obsolete equipment under which American industry operates today. Its incentives for increased efficiency, production and profits can close the price gap which now exists between American products and those manufactured in foreign countries.^{1. 8. 12. 13. 15. 16} Economic growth, both foreign and domestic, is needed to catch up with inflation.

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

INSTABILITY OF THE ECONOMY is primarily the result of the inability of the government to cope with changing institutional environment. Our entire economic structure has been twisted out of balance by too much government intervention in the interplay of supply and demand forces. The patchwork of federal assistance and subsidy programs enacted over the last several decades has complicated the special interest problems they sought to correct, largely because each had to be financed out of taxes which increased costs.^{1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 8. 11. 13. 14. 16}

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INSTABILITY OF THE ECONOMY

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BY FORGING investment capital, production, profits and consumer buying power into a total system, the NDP will provide economic stability insulated against both inflation and recession, but sufficiently viable to meet U. S. growth demands.^{1. 11. 12} It is keyed to the earnings of the nation's corporations and does not require any inflationary new or increased taxes, but simply redistributes income.^{1. 2. 3} It offers incentives for increased investment in job-creating free enterprise and assures adequate consumer buying power to absorb resulting boosts in production.^{2. 6. 12} The NDP will not require creation of a new agency for its administration.

HOW PRESENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS ADVERSELY INTERACT WITH OTHER PROBLEMS

WORLD PEACE has been the elusive goal of all mankind for centuries. Today's abrasive issue, which is generating both hot and cold wars, is the basic ideological conflict between Marxism and Capitalism. Neither side will ever be able to impose its will upon the other by force. Yet, billions are spent annually maintaining military establishments geared to cope with any attempt at such an eventuality. This practice contributes to inflation, instability of the national economy and denial of personal freedom.^{1. 6. 15}

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**WORLD
PEACE**

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IF WORLD PEACE is ever to be achieved by ending the ideological conflict between Marxism and Capitalism, it must be done through persuasion that the merits of one exceed those of the other. The best way to accomplish this is through exploitation of the benefits enjoyed by the people living under each system. The advocates of Marxism could never mount a convincing argument in their behalf in comparison to an American system which provides its citizens with a free voting voice in the selection and operation of its government, and a profit-sharing partnership in the production of its corporate enterprise.^{6. 10. 12}

The **NATIONAL DIVIDEND PLAN** is a bold, new, **TOTAL SYSTEMS** approach to the solution of our present economic problems *without* new or increased taxes. It can reduce Government spending . . . it can increase State and local Government revenues . . . it can reduce bureaucracy on all levels of Government . . . it will serve to abate inflation since the Federal Government has been the prime contributor . . . it can return corporate financing from back-breaking debt-security financing to traditional equity financing.

It's time for a change! A **TOTALLY NEW APPROACH IS NEEDED** to get back to the basics of the economic system that made America great. We sincerely believe that the **NATIONAL DIVIDEND PLAN** is such an approach . . . it forges investment capital, production, profits and consumer buying power into a total system, providing economic stability insulated against both inflation and recession, but sufficiently viable to meet the U. S. growth demands. The **NATIONAL DIVIDEND PLAN** uses profits to make profits . . . it puts the money where the people and problems are without regard to political maneuvering or bureaucratic whimsy.

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