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Reagan criticized for postponing budget cuts

WASHINGTON — President Reagan was confronted Tuesday by criticism from Senate Republicans as well as Democrats of his decision to defer a push for some budget cuts and revenue measures until next year.

Some GOP lawmakers are actively talking about moving ahead on their own now that Reagan has backed off his promise to balance the budget by 1984.

The president must take steps to stem a loss of the momentum he had achieved in fighting a growing deficit, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Dole (R-Kan.)

said this morning. Democrats said Reagan's latest move is an admission his policies have failed.

"We realize now that the president's program has really ruptured the economy," Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-SC) declared today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Reagan, during his nationally broadcast news conference Tuesday, restated his resolve to bring the budget into balance through spending cuts and to resist calls for major tax hikes.

The president said he would not "throw in the towel" and insisted government must "stiffen its spine."

At the same time, however, he confirmed he would delay until next year action on some spending reductions — including cuts in federal benefit programs — and his call for \$3 billion in additional revenue.

Dole said on the ABC program that Reagan is in danger of losing the budget-cutting "discipline" that helped him push his earlier initiatives through Congress.

Comments by Dole and others reflected division among GOP senators over Reagan's decision to defer action on proposals to raise new revenues.

Senate Budget Committee

Chairman Pete Domenici (R-NM) said Tuesday "there is not unanimity" among Republicans on whether his panel should merely pass a "pro forma" budget resolution or take more substantive action.

One well-placed congressional source said a "surprising number" of Republicans on the Budget Committee want to immediately take steps toward balancing the budget.

Another characterized reaction among the full Senate Republican membership to Reagan's comments as "generally negative."

Senate Republican leader Howard Baker of Tennessee backed Reagan's decision to wait until January to make difficult budget

choices, but said "a different result might have been desirable earlier in the year."

GOP leaders had drafted a \$163

billion package of budget cuts and tax increases aimed at balancing the budget by 1984. The administration refused to support it.

Nonprofit working sector Fastest growing in economy

NEW YORK — The fastest growing part of the American economy is not energy or other natural resources, nor manufacturing or merchandising. It's the nonprofit sector — philanthropy, education, health, religion and pure science.

A survey just completed at Yale University says 5.6 million Americans work full-time in the nonprofit sector. And 1.4 million people in private business owe their jobs to the purchase by non-profit enterprises of the goods and services they turn out.

A new Gallup poll prepared for a Washington group called Independent Sector, a coalition of voluntary organizations, corporations and foundations, says 52 percent of all Americans contribute some of their time to working for non-profit activity and 31 percent do so on a regular basis of at least two hours a week. Brian O'Connell, president of Independent Sector, says the 52 percent figure applies to both adults and teenagers.

The Yale study, prepared by Gabriel Rudney, a Treasury official, under the direction of Law Professor John Simon, concludes that the scope of nonprofit activity and its impact on business has been grossly underestimated for years.

Rudney put a figure of \$129 billion on it for 1980. The highest previous estimate on the same monetary basis was \$80 billion. Rudney said only seven nations have a total economy bigger than that of the U.S. non-profit establishment.

Among Rudney's standout conclusions:

— The philanthropic sector has an annual payroll of \$75 billion.

— This payroll and \$43 billion is paid out for goods and services in 1980 plus \$11 billion in capital outlays generated enormous purchasing power.

— Its full-time working force is growing by 5.5 percent annually, against 3.4 percent for workers in the overall economy.

— Its assets were \$201 billion, having more than tripled since 1960.

— It does hardly any borrowing.

— Its investment earnings in 1980 were \$7 billion, about 10 cents on every dollar of its sales and services.

— Health services account for 48 percent of its activity, education 18 percent and religion 16 percent.

— It financed itself by \$60 billion in sales — \$30 billion of that to households, \$26 billion to the gov-

ernment — \$45 billion in donations, \$6 billion in government grants, the rest in investment income and rental value of property it owns.

— Rudney's total of \$129 billion for outlays doesn't include anything for O'Connell's voluntary workers.

The actual delineation of Rudney's non-profit sector can get a little fuzzy. It includes private hospitals, universities and schools but not the corresponding tax-supported institutions although

these aren't run for profit either. And in analyzing sources of funds he deliberately excludes religious institutions because they depend almost entirely on donations. The nonreligious institutions get 56 percent of their money from sales and services.

Professor Simon said Rudney's study of the growth of the non-profit sector and the growing importance of volunteerism come at a particularly timely moment, because of the pressures of inflation and federal fund cutting.

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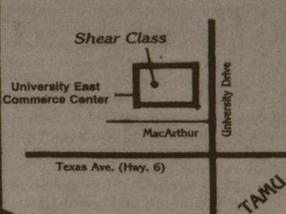
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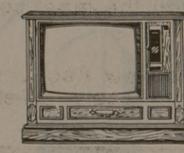
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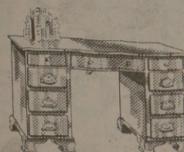
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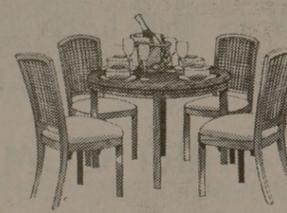
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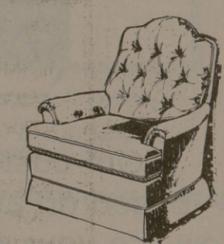
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