11 Per Cent Social Security Boost Okayed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon got from Congress before the Christmas holiday a two-step, 11 per cent boost in Social Security benefits for 30 million retired or disabled

The military phase of the Navy's program already as been given more than 3,000 Navy officers in institutes, study courses, special training sessions, etc., and more than two-thirds of the lower echelon personnel has received training in workers, widows and dependent children.

The bill, subject of a long dispute between the House and Senate, was given final congressional approval Friday in the waning hours of its 1973 session.

To pay for the $2.3 billion increase, payroll taxes would be raised for middle and upper income workers by increasing to $13,200 the amount of wages on which Social Security taxes are paid. This compares with a $10,800 base during 1973.

The House passed the compromise bill 301-13 shortly after the Senate passed it 65-0. The measure was sent to Nixon, and White House sources indicated he would sign it.

The first 7 per cent of the increase would come in April checks, with the remaining 4 per cent in July checks.

This amounts to an early payment of the automatic cost-of-living advance that would have come in July and January, 1975. The next automatic increase would come in July, 1975.

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The average old-age benefit, now $167, would rise to $178 in April checks, and $186 in July checks. The average benefit for an aged couple would go from $277 to $296 in April and $310 in July and the average benefit for aged widows would increase from $158 to $169 in April and $177 in July.

Lower income workers would be spared any increase in taxes because the present 5.85 per cent payroll tax rate would remain the same. Anyone making less than $10,800 would pay the same Social Security tax in 1974 as this year.

The maximum 1973 tax was $631.80, but under the new $13,200 wage base, the maximum tax would be $772.20.

The bill also increases payments to 3 million aged, blind and disabled adults on welfare who receive special benefits under the supplemental security income (SSI) program.

Postal Service hikes rates

The U.S. Postal Service has announled a temporary increase in all classes of mail except mailings made at the special third-class bulk rate for authorized nonprofit organizations.

This temporary increase which relates exclusively to domestic rates will become effective on Jan. 5.

CONGRESSMAN PARREN J. MITCHELL'S Christmas card sent to notables around the world, is this Black Madonna, a Kunguru Publications edition, which reads, "The hope that existed then is just as real today. It is up to us to translate that hope into our lives throughout the year."

Training program ends for top school brass

The Baltimore City Public Schools recently completed a series of training sessions for the administrative staff in the process of Management-by-Objectives.

The 170 staff members trained included: the superintendent and his staff, deputy superintendent, regional superintendents, executive directors, teachers, administrative assistants, staff directors, project managers, educational and regional specialists, coordinators, program assistants, research associates, assistant superintendents, and principals.

This training reportedly enables the newly organized system to initiate procedures—to become outcome or result oriented.

Training in Management-by-Objectives will be provided for other staff members and on-going training will be a function of the regional teams.

The initial training was sponsored by the office of staff development and workshops were conducted by Marvin Cook, associate professor, Department of Education, University of Maryland Baltimore County.

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ACTION NEWS 11

Rights figure to direct Nixon impeachment study

By United Press International

John Doar, the man-picked to supervise the house Judicary Committee's impeachment inquiry, has a reputation as a hard-nosed but thorough investigator.

Doar, worked for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division during the smouldering summer of 1960, and got his combat experience championing voting rights cases in the South during the height of the Freedom Rides in Montgomery, Ala. He once waded into a potentially yet eoiolnow crddf warded into a potentially violent crowd of demonstrators in Jackson, Miss., following the funeral of slain Civil Rights Leader Medgar Evers in 1963 and persuaded them to go home, and later that year he represented the Justice Department when the University of Alabama was desegregated.

His new assignment while not as physically demanding could prove just as tough.

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An Eisenhower appointee in 1960, he pulled his most difficult assignments under the late Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. He was named head of the voting rights unit in 1965 under President Lyndon Johnson.

"He was the best fact man I ever knew," said Deputy Assistant Attorney General Frank Dunbaugh, who worked under Doar in the Civil Rights Division. "He turned to others for legal theories. John would go out and dig up the facts."

Dunbaugh recalled Doar's disregard for traditional working hours and insistence on being on the scene instead of buried in law books.

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"He would be out interviewing people before breakfast and long after dark," Dunbaugh said. "He taught us to go into court houses and go through the records and dig up the facts. He worked our tails off."

In 1963 Doar received the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service. He left the Justice Department in 1967 and has most recently been with the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp. in New York City.

He was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on Dec. 3, 1921, served as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps 1944-56, graduated from Princeton University in 1946 and the University of California Law in 1949, in 1946 and the University of California Law in 1949, and was in private law practice in New Richmond, Wis., 1950-60.

D.C. finally gets Home Rule again

By Louise E. Wyche

WASHINGTON (NBNS) — A new home rule package, which will bring an elected government to the District of Columbia for the first time in close to a century.

After prompt Senate and House action on the package, the measure went to President Nixon with assurances that it would be signed into law for Christmas.

Under the measure, the district will have an election May 7 determining whether it wants to accept the home rule charter. Such action is considered routine at this point.

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Following approval of the charter, primaries will be held next September and a general election in November to decide a major, City Council chairman, and four at-large and eight ward council members, who will take office on Jan. 3, 1975.

Minority and independent candidates will be assured by statute at least two council seats.

In urging passage by his colleagues of the bill, District of Columbia Chairman, Congressman Charles Diggs, D-Mich., said the bill was "well-balanced," and permits some self-government while protecting the "federal interest."

But, as Diggs noted, Congress "may, at any time, revoke or modify the delegation" of authority and will continue to review actions of the city government.

Congress would also "retain full residual and ultimate legislative jurisdiction" and "review and appropriate the entire District budget."

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The measure would also: Establish advisory councils in each neighborhood if 5 per cent of the residents within a neighborhood petition the city council: for them. These councils would be financed out of the property tax and will provide a more locally-based voice to advise elected officials.

* Reorganize urban renewal, public housing, land planning and manpower authority.

* Give the council independent taxing powers. But Congress will retain power to review each line of the yearly budget, prepared by the mayor and the council.

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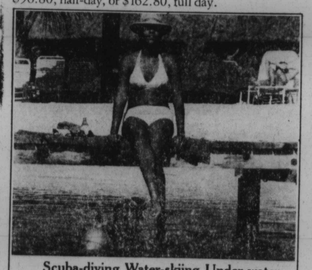

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Please allow 3 weeks for publication.

I am 30, 5'6", 180 lbs., nice man and very lonely. I would like to correspond with young ladies all over the 20-30 age group. I am a college graduate, my hobbies include reading, writing, sports photography and having a good time. I promise to answer all letters. Please send photo. Gerald Jones, 1208 Canal Court, Baltimore, Md. 21202.

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I'm an intelligent man with black hair, speak good English, brown eyes, 6'1 3/4", 174 lbs. I'm 28 years old and would like to correspond with people between the ages of 20-30. Morris Brown No. 136-612, Box 5800, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

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I am 19, 5'3 and my hobbies are football swimming, music, dancing and meeting people. I would like to correspond with people from Puerto Rico, Italy, 18 Man Road, Apt. 3, Sun-lere Lagos State, Nigeria.

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I am presently incarcerated, 33, black hair and brown eyes, 5'8", 174 lbs. All letters will be answered. Jim Morris 271, Mountain View Correctional Institution, Route No. 2, Kingston, N.J.

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Albertine Ashe

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Lonesome Hearts, write a short letter describing yourself and the person you'd like to correspond with, enclose your name and address to all mail. Enclose a self addressed envelope stamped with sufficient postage and general handling — AL BERTINE ASHE, 3433 BERTICE, P.O. BOX 4383, BALTIMORE MD 21203

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Very Understanding

I am a 25-year-old light brown skin man, 5 feet 8 inches tall and very understanding. I would like to meet a nice, good looking female young lady, 23 to 27 years old, living in Baltimore. Write me with your church name. Sonel Jackson

Parker

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Seeks Man

I am 40 years old, brown-skinned, 4 feet 11 inches tall, weigh 105 pounds and like all kinds of sports and good, clean fun. I would like to meet a man, 40 to 45 years old, with a good job, who is a good companion. Must be employed. I live in Baltimore.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)—Let your mind be your guide today. Avoid being overly critical. Be sure to make the most of what has been promised or implied.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)—You have limited time left before conditions are ripe for a successful closing of a deal. Pay close attention to home and family affairs bringing rewards.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)—Today you happen to get a little ahead of the line, use the time for personal benefit. Romance in October could be worse.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)—Get an early start. What seems premature at 7 o'clock in the morning will be ready, so go on ahead and do your thing.

LEO (July 23-August 22)—Concentrate now on what is most important to you. Don't let others get in the way to get at the most direct effect rather than battle with symptoms.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22)—Be sure to put the greater part of the energy but get as much place as you can manage.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22)—Today's and tomorrow's daily living seems to have come to a stop-and-turn-around point. Make the most of the time left.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21)—Push vigorously for a successful closing of a deal. Pay close attention to home and family affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21)—Social contact of all sorts is favored. Be ready for introductions to important people, family reunions, or possibly a romance.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19)—Begin plans and negotiations for a long range project. Conditions should be made and put into effect tonight.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18)—Don't let a good chance course of least resistance.

PISCES (February 19-March 20)—Don't be surprised if a long range opportunity comes letting you do most of the work. If you do it, take the lead and decide how it is done.

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Sometimes I feel like a door,
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Sometimes I feel like I'm moved,
Sometimes I feel like I'm moved,
A lone way from home.
Sometimes I feel like a cutting blade rising
With the morning sun,
Sometimes I feel like a shack in Paris
Where I'll be left alone.
Sometimes I feel like a wilted leaf,
A long way from home.

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