

1 I would like to call to your attention a problem  
2 with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. In a  
3 series of articles which appeared in the fall of 1966,  
4 Dr. Francis Tanney concluded that the Washington Suburban  
5 Sanitary Commission through its water pricing policies  
6 fostered consumer ignorance and greatly encouraged  
7 inefficiency.

8 How can the citizens know what water costs are  
9 when there are seven different charges for water, some  
10 direct, some indirect, some on tax bills, some paid to  
11 the county, and some on bills paid to the commission?

12 Indeed, the question is how can the local  
13 government now and in our county minutes of 10-24-67  
14 that was summarized as a staff report to the council which  
15 recommended that the WSSC five-year program legislation  
16 should be amended to make it clear in the legislature that  
17 the WSSC's overall method of funding its various capital  
18 projects should be outlined in the program, including  
19 the general statement as to the use of ad valorem versus  
20 front-foot benefit versus user charges benefit, and so forth  
21 and an indication of the program's impact on these various