County Report Welfare Poses Big Problem for County

By BURTON CHACE

ment is more controversial and less understood than welfare program. ship.

This reporter is at a loss to explain the thinking of some of our citizens. The RTD has taxpayer approximately \$520 milliin this year, an in-crease of \$70 million over the previous 12 months. been criticized for adding new lines, while at the same

time, being accused of not improving service. It reminds me of a statement a baseball manager once said of his team, "We can't win for losing." I realize the RTD has room for improvement and I think they would be the first to admit it, but let's give them a pat on the back when they try. Between now and December, the RTD will have added 9 entirely new lines to areas not presently served by the RTD, along with 7 line extensions and service improvements. That means almost 100

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Two brand new lines begin operation October 6th in the cities of Glendale and Chats-worth, with a third line in the West Covina-La Puente area tentatively set for the same date, pending some last min-ute details.

new miles of lines for Los

Angeles County.

Line 39, along the main line to Los Angeles, will offer two (2) trips inbound in the morn-(2) trips inbound in the morn-ing and two (2) outbound in the evening, via the Golden State Freeway. This new route will cut up to 13 min-utes from your travel time. The second completely new line, known as the 131 line will connect Chatsworth with Ganoga Park, using Topanga Canoga Park, using Topanga Canyon Boulevard. This line Canyon isolievard. This line will have hourly service 6 days a week. It will now be possible for you ladies to evenly distribute the old man's pay check among all the fine stores in Topanga Plaza The bird line will have Plaza. The third line will have to wait until next issue. I still haven't a complete story on it.

"T have been disturbed by the questions in my mail re-lating to Rapid Transit fi-nancing. Many of you good folks think it will be paid for out of property tax. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Proposition "A" on the November ballot calls for a sales tax levy, a ½ cent sales tax increase that will cost you and me about 10 bucks a year. As an example, if the sales As an example, if the sales tax is 4½c on a dollar, the tax would increase to 5c. If you have any questions, just ask Old Artie and I'll get you the answer

Q. Can you tell me where I can get a bus to go to UCLA? I live at 103rd & Central, T.L.

A. The new 176 line stop ping at 103rd & Graham will take you to UCLA. This is the new direct service started eptember 15th, I'll send you timetable.

O. How often does the bus on Imperial Highway run? I can use that bus to go to work if it starts early enough in the morning. Mrs. M.B.

A. Is 6:26 a.m. early enough? I'll send you a timetable for your convenience.

Q. My wife and I want to attend a church convention in Riverside around the mid-dle of October. How can we make the trip by bus from Hermosa Beach? Mrs. O.L.

A. You can leave Hermosa Beach on the 125 line Flyer at 7:26 a.m. and be in Los An-

No area of county govern-

truly in need.

the The program costs more money, stirs up more fric-tion, and arouses more emotions than any other county program. It costs the county

And, unless some checks are exercised at the state and federal levels, welfare

to rise out of property tax-payer should have to bear.

agency — the Department advise the county on how of Public Social Services — to administer the welfare oversees public assistance to the aged, disabled, needy, and the blind and generally assists persons under hard, shin

The problem is that the county's only method of fi-nancing such welfare pro-It is the county's responthis the county's respon-sibility, as defined by state law, to provide this assist-ance. And, I believe, it is the county's moral responsi-bility to help those who are truly is need grams is out of the property tax. Thus welfare costs be-come one of the key reasons the county property tax rises, and there is very little the county can do in this re-The unfortunate part is that the county has little control over the general costs of the program and the basis deministration gard.

There must be an answer somewhere, and — in hopes of uncovering the solution— the Board of Supervisors has created the Public Social Services Advisory Com-mission. This group of inter-

and goals of the welfare pro-

RECENTLY the commission came up with an an-nual report in which it lists some 30 recommendations on how the administration of welfare can be improved. Some of these suggestions are especially appealing. One of the prime recom-

mendations is that the board continue efforts to secure 100 per cent federal financing for welfare recipients who are non-residents. This is an attempt of off-

set the recent Supreme Court ruling that states can-not impose a residency re-

people reviews the practices qualifies for aid immediately upon arriving in Califor-nia, and this ruling has made the state fair game for those on assistance in states where the aid program is not so liberal as here.

> THE COMMISSION also recommends that the highest priority be given to job training and placement for those persons who can benefit from such services.

state governments to estab-lish and enforce only broad, This proposal is a must. The "common-sense" ap-proach to welfare must be to take care of those who general welfare policies and bojectives, leaving the local decisions on welfare pro-grams to the local govern-ments cannot help themselves AND to get able-bodied persons off relief as quickly as posments. sible. They must be trained to become responsible citi-

government agency, such as the county? It seems to be such a simple question to answer, but yet the aid programs are snarled with en-tanglemenes from the state and federal levels.

The commission also rec ommends that public social services be funded by the state and federal govern-ments. This proposal is very necessary if the load is to be removed from the prop-crity tawayar who is paying erty taxpayer who is paying the bill now.

THE STATE also should share the administrative costs for aid programs. This is a costly factor, too.

These recommendations In ese recommendations and many more were ac-cepted into the record by supervisors and generally will be made to enforce them after they are given further study by supervis-ors.

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One of the ways to make

welfare less attractive to

those who would misuse it is

to make it more profitable

to earn a day's pay than to

stay on the relief rolls. Peo-

ple must have the incentive to get and keep a job after they are trained.

ANOTHER recommenda-

Now, this makes sense.

tion is for the federal and



geles terminal at 8:18, From the terminal catch the 60 line to Riverside. I'll send you both timetables.

Q. How often does the 100 line leave the Airport going toward South Gate? S.K.B.

A. Every 20 minutes during the day and 30 minutes at night until 12:15 a.m.

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