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## Water plan may spell out dawn of a new day

A new, significantly different water system plan is currently being examined by the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency.

The plan has been labeled Domestic-Agriculture Water Network (DAWN) and, indeed, it may spell out the dawn of a new day for Antelope Valley's frustrating water picture.

The AVEK board is currently considering when it should hold its next bond election. The election can be held in conjunction with the June 4 primary or in conjunction with the general election next November.

Two previous bond elections failed to win the then-necessary two-thirds vote, but a change in the law permitting a simple majority vote should make it possible to gain passage the next time around.

The DAWN plan has been specifically tailored to make it feasible to deliver water to agricultural areas as well as the communities in the Greater Antelope Valley.

The first bond measure was set for \$49 million in February, 1971, and it received a 52 per cent vote. The second election attempt was made for a bond issue of \$69 million. It received a 55 per cent favorable vote. The price tag on the DAWN plan has been set at \$71 million.

In the meantime, taxpayers in the AVEK agency continue to pay for water in the California Aqueduct that cannot be used because the agency has no distribution system.

It is a frustrating situation to say the least.

A number of Antelope Valley farmers have indicated that they are interested in obtaining supplemental water. The water table is dropping at an alarming rate throughout the Valley and the various water purveyors who have contracted with AVEK for supplemental water are anxious to "get on the line".

The new DAWN plan appears to be a feasible system that could meet many of the area's water needs. We urge that AVEK set an election for June so that construction on the new system can begin as soon as possible.

Time and water are a-wasting.

... I had a pretty much about what was to come. "What on earth are you talking about?" I asked.

"Don't tell me that you have forgotten the commitment made a few weeks ago to readers of your column," he shot back. "It was a commitment to spell out for them your own warped thinking about the philosophy of education."

I hadn't forgotten, but I had thought to camouflage my retreat from that promise behind the smoke screen left by a passing school bus, jam-packed bus with engine laboring as it towed an expensive train of gaudy bandwagons into the future.

#### Ingenious Image

The bus was the ingenious image used recently by James Koerner of the Sloan Foundation. But even as I was typing parts of Koerner's speech, and a week later when I was going over Edwin Herr's speech on career education, I was giving my own basic beliefs and first principles a good deal of serious thought.

I discovered that thinking about educational problems and solutions, and discussing them with friends over a cup of coffee was far easier than putting something down on paper. I tried to explain this to my meddling friend.

#### Means and Ends

"You must realize," I said, "how difficult it is to disentangle means and ends in education. There are so many variables. The students are human beings with different levels of motivation, intelligence and background. Teachers, too, are a peculiarly diverse group of individuals, with different levels of training and experience in a wide spectrum of disciplines. So how do I wrap up this crazy - sane, complex - simple, stagnant - changing, clever - idiotic educational system in a comprehensive package for ..."

## Sacramento Scene

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## Inflation ... the hidden tax

By RUS WALTON

Inflation is a tax. Sure it is!

It's the most insidious tax of all because it is hidden — it nibbles at your money while you sleep (as well as while you're awake).

Look at it this way. Last

through the wringer of deficit spending.

Then, those birds bawl about the result of their profligacy and use it to justify even more profligacy ... and more taxes.

Inflation is a tax on a tax. It is. Take your income

in fair market "value" is due to inflation and \$13,750 is due to actual appreciation — because of supply and demand, the new school down the street, or whatever.

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