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## *Reagan accused of favoring the rich with his economic policies*

Reagan's address to the nation was a bad try of trying to cry wolf.

Let's not kid ourselves. The real reason for inflation is plainly because most American people live beyond their means by using credit cards and buying on credit. Reagan was complaining about the interest that the government pays on what it owes. How about how much the American consumer pays in interest on the amount of money he owes?

I, for one, have witnessed Reagan say that he is going to cut down government and taxes only to double the bureaucracy in California and to double the California budget by the time he left the governorship. More taxes and more government. He says, "We did it in California, and we could do it again." Therefore, I expect more gov-

ernment and more taxes because that is what we got in California from Reagan.

I think all Reagan is going to do is provide for a way for the rich to get richer by allowing the gas prices to go up and by doling out welfare money to big businesses so they can modernize the tools they use to make a profit off of you and me.

I call that barbaric politics, and I hope that our elected officials will fight back such barbarian attempts to force the poor to go hungry for two weeks of a month (they already don't eat during the last week of the month). The imminent result of the Reagan cure to the so-called economic crisis is that the rich will get richer.

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