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The excise tax on gasoline is almost five times tha for mink coats or diamonds-two commodities that de sirable as they may be, hardly come under the heading of absolute necessities. The excessive gasoline
slowing growth of gasoline demand, according slowing growth of gasoline demand, according to
statement from one of the nation's leading oil companies Motorists resent what they consider the high price o Te federal gasoline tax was increased from three to four cents a gallon on October 1, 1959. At the time it was said that this was iust a "temporary" boost
which would expire in mid 1961. Now it is proposed which would expire in mid-1961. Now it is proposed
to extend the "temporary" cent-a-gallon increase until June 30, 1964, and impose a further tax of half-a cent a gallon. state highway programe of the multi-billion dollar interities have pointed out, that program could be financed completely by existing highway-user taxes if none were diverted to other uses. Moreover, it is manifestly unreasonable that motorists alone pay all the costs for highwys that serve all the people. As an example the highway program is, in large part, a national defense
program -and national defense costs of every kind program-and national defense
should be shared by everyone.
The gasoline tax has gotten clear out of hand, and

## SHIPS-AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN EMPIRE

It's a long way from the six states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico, which lie across the oceans. But the businesses and workers within these landlocked states have a direct and im. portant interest in those oceans anci the lands beyond merchants ships.
This trade is a two-way street. The ships carry exports abroad, and bring imports home. According to a new survey published by the Committee of American
Steampship Lines, the jobs of 527,000 farmers, miners and industrial employees in the Empire -more than a quarter of all its workers-are affected by this trade In a late year, of every five dollars earned in the area, one dollar appeared in the pay-checks of workers
holding jobs influenced by exports and imports. All in all, more than $\$ 2$ billion was earned by employees in industries serving markets abroad or depending on out, foreign trade cargoes helped buck the 1958 recession trend and brought new prosperity to the six states.
What
What's true of the Rocky Mountain Empire is true of all the rest of the country. The statistics vary from region to region, but the principle remains the same.
Foreign trade is a mainstay of American employment Foreign trade is a mainstay of American employment, American agriculture and American industry. That's to support and maintain a U. S.-flag Merchant Marine capable of doing the job.

## DO WE WANT RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT?

parties is qua commitreeman of one of the great politica parties is quoted as saying. "The voter doesn't care
whether government is responsible. The voter wants to know what it is doing for him." The judgment is a cynical one. But that does not mean that it is wrong, or can easily be disproven. Indeed, some of the most PUBLISHER CHARLES
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successful political figures of the last generation have burden of debt and taxation, along with the steady de cay of individual freedom, individual responsibility and What remains to be seen is whether the majority of voters have just drifted with a tide, or have not recognized it for what it is, or honestly "don't car
whether government is responsible." If the last is the whether government is responsible." If the last is the
case, this country is done for, and the only thing $t$ down on what used to be called the American Dream. The one hope is that the voter will recognize that what
welfare state government is doing to him is a great deal more important than what welfare state govern-
ment is doing for him-and will revolt before the last



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