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# Simon Hits Food Stamps

Bloomington, Ind.

Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said yesterday the federal food stamp program is "a well known haven for the chisellers and ripoff srartists."

Speaking to a conference of Junior Achievement, an organization that teaches business skills to teenagers, \$Simon called the food stamp program an example of growing federal spending that he said endangers the free enterprise system.

"Why has government spending exploded?" he asked. "Because, I would suggest, we have been willing to assign to the government the responsibility for solving many of the problems that

people should be solving for themselves.

"We begin with the best of intentions but wind up with social programs that are spinning out of control."

*Associated Press*

## Computer Errors

Washington

Blue Cross-Blue Shield computer errors may have cost elderly New Yorkers from \$8.2 million to \$12.7 million last year in reduced medicare payments, representative Elizabeth Holtzman (Dem-N.Y.) said yesterday.

*Reuters*