

Human welfare at top of list

# Major problems face President-elect Nixon

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WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the biggest problems facing Richard M. Nixon is how to answer the increasing demands of America's 26 million poor after campaigning on a promise to hold down federal spending.

Nor is it only the poor whose appetites have been whetted by the New Frontier and the Great Society.

Americans of all classes are demanding a better life—better education for their children, better health care, better income protection for their old age.

Many expect the federal government to bring it about.

The president-elect stressed in his campaign that he wouldn't make promises that his Republican administration couldn't keep.

But he will inherit a vast array of new programs—the Great Society package—designed to carry out the promises of the Johnson administration.

Nixon will have to decide which to keep, which to continue, which to expand and—inevitably—which to kill.

While he has harshly criticized many Great Society poverty programs and promised to do away with a few, welfare officials agree that Nixon will have to replace them quickly with something else.

Otherwise, they argue, he will risk further discontent among the Negroes and the poor, who showed little confidence in him at the polls Nov. 5.

But producing without paying, the officials agree, isn't going to be easy.

In the field of welfare, the rolls continue to grow despite new federal programs to train welfare recipients so they can be self-supporting.

Mary E. Switzer, director of the federal welfare programs, predicts that welfare costs will have to be doubled in the years ahead. She says only half the Americans eligible for welfare are now getting it.

The current cost of all welfare programs is \$6 billion a year, of which the federal government pays \$4 billion.

Administration officials have proposed establishment of national standards for payments under the program.

This would even up payments under the controversial program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) now vary from \$9.30 per month per person in Mississippi to \$62.50 in New York.

Welfare Secretary Wilbur J. Cohen says the uniform federal program would go far toward easing widespread human misery and would reduce the migration of poor people from rural areas to the already overburdened cities.

Nixon indicated in his campaign he might favor some such approach. But he may find the price tag too high. Federal officials say the added cost could reach the billions.

Also adding to welfare costs will be this year's Supreme Court ruling that families must get payments even if there is a "man in the house" other than an unemployed father.

The new president also will have to confront the controversial "freeze" imposed by Congress, and postponed until next July 1, on AFDC payments.

Another immediate problem facing the new administration will be whether to let stand or rescind new regulations by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare going away with investigations of welfare applicants and substituting only a declaration of need.

Although the order, fully effective July 1 unless cancelled, will save money by eliminating the investigations, this could be balanced if more people get onto the welfare rolls.

In education, Nixon will be under strong pressure to seek

full funding for new Democratic programs so far given only a fraction of what Congress authorized.

Commissioner of Education Harold Howe II recommends a doubling of the aid-to-education program to \$2 billion a year, the amount Congress had authorized for the past several years.

Many educators believe the effort to provide an equal chance at education for the nation's poor children will be the most critical battleground in the war against poverty.

Nixon may well run into trouble with school desegregation, a federal program he has promised to scale down.

If he does, civil rights officials predict bitter opposition.

If he doesn't, he risks the wrath of Southern congressmen whose support he needs.

Another Nixon proposal, to give states more federal money in "bloc" grants without strings, also faces a battle.

Howe said in a recent Associated Press interview that such grants would put states under extreme pressure to use the money for routine expenses and not for what he termed critically needed new approaches.

Nixon's proposal to give tax deductions to people sending students to college also is expected to encounter heavy opposition. Critics in the past have argued that the concept would benefit the people who need it least—those who would send their children to college anyway.

Carrying out the big new vocational education program passed by Congress this year may prove one of Nixon's smoothest tasks. But though it is relatively free of controversy, the program will cost money: An estimated \$3 billion over the next five years.

The government has yet to mount much of a program to deal with the problem of illiteracy among 24 million adult Americans. An advisory committee recently called for an annual outlay of \$255 million within three years for that effort.

Another new idea that has caught the imagination of the educators is preschool education. Researchers say teaching youngsters as young as 3 can greatly expand their capabilities for a whole lifetime.

Nixon has promised to retain Head Start, the existing preschool program for poor youngsters. But because of the new findings, he will be prodded to expand it and broaden it to include middle-class children as well.

Other programs run by the official war-on-poverty agency, the Office of Economic Opportunity, will present Nixon with some tough decisions.

He already has pledged to phase out the Job Corps program, under which poor youngsters are trained in camps.

But his most difficult decision may be in what to do with the core of the present anti-poverty program, community action. This is the concept under which the poor themselves are helped to organize and move against poverty.

Community action consumes most of OEO's \$1 Billion annual



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budget, and officials say Nixon will have a hard time eliminating the effort without risking more unemployment and alienation among the poor.

The president-elect also inherits medicare, another key Johnson anti-poverty plan to provide medical care for those who can't afford it. Critics now are asking whether the country can afford it. Costs have soared far beyond administration estimates since its beginning in 1966 to a current annual outlay of \$3.4 billion, of which the federal government pays about half.

Although Congress has already lowered eligibility limits, officials say the costs will continue to mount because only 22 states have adopted it so far and it has yet to reach many of the eligibles.

Nixon also is expected to face demands for adding benefits to medicare, the other big new federal health plan which covers the elderly. A federal task force soon is expected to issue a re-

port saying it is feasible to add the cost of out-of-hospital prescription drugs.

In Social Security, Nixon has proposed increasing benefits automatically as the cost of living goes up. But he undoubtedly will be pushed to call for an increase comparable to the 50-per-cent hike proposed by his Democratic opponent, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

And an important concern of the new president will have to be the sharp rise in medical costs, led by skyrocketing doctors' fees.

While he has pledged not to seek fixed fees to replace the current "usual and customary" charges provision, he may face intense public pressure to do something if medical costs continue to mount.

Some critics say the only answer is a national health care system. But Nixon should have no trouble sticking with his stated opposition to the plan.



Gripes . . .

We would like to refer to a previous edition of this paper which contained a picture of a "Smoke Signals" staff(?). In this photograph, each member was depicted as helping our little newspaper to blossom and grow. Well, anyone knows that a plant will surely die if it is not given any water, and we believe that this is what is happening to "Smoke Signals." We are not saying that our fellow "Smoke Signals" staff members are irresponsible, but we do feel that all of them are not holding up their end of the load. News does not always materialize before one's eyes; it must be sought out and written down. So let's get with it, staff members, and make the "Voice of Chowan" talk about Chowan, not the whole world!!!

Some people seem to feel that the gym should be left open in the evening to those wishing to play basketball. While we don't know all the facts on this issue, we will challenge those in charge with this question: "Why can't students be allowed to play basketball in the gym during the evening hours when there is no school scheduled activity?"

Hats off to the S.G.A. for a great concert featuring the Back Door with our own Pete Evans on the lead guitar. Thumbs down to those inconsiderate people who got up and left in the middle of it! Strange as it may seem, this is very barbaric and only shows how ignorant some people can be. If you didn't want to go, you shouldn't have. Attendance was not mandatory. If you were disappointed, you should have had the courtesy to sit through it anyway. The whole concert lasted less than one hour!

Is it true that Mr. Paul was really born in Broadnax, Va., and that he's hiding out here in N. C. to avoid paying his back poll taxes?

We were asked to say something real nice about the College Hall girls but we drew a complete blank. So, we just decided to say "Hi" to Aunt "Bob", Aunt Eileen and Aunt Emma, that is, all the girls who "aunt" on campus.

Is there anyone on this campus who knows how to install new lighting tubes in various Marks Hall rooms? If so, could they please do so in room 202; Mr. Wooten's Trig class has been using candles for the last two weeks!!!

We have had a bit of a problem lately with boys who hurl (heave) trashcans out of 2nd and 3rd floor dormitory windows. Can you imagine what things will be like when the new high-rise dormitory is finally constructed and peopled with high-spirited male Chowanians?

We realize that the cost of living has increased somewhat but really Burden, how can you justify your increase? We are referring to your so called Pauper's Salvation (?), which would take a King's ransom to buy!! We don't know if you read our column, but if you do, we suggest two little things:

1. Have a "Chowan menu" with reasonable prices for the students.
  2. If not a menu, then at least reduce the price of the Pauper's Salvation.
- Although you may laugh at our little "suggestions," we voice the opinion of many Chowan students and they feel as we do, so, a word to the wise is sufficient!

If you think the pictures at the top of this column look cobby, don't blame us. As far as we're concerned, they were an experiment that failed, but Mr. Jones didn't agree so we're stuck with them!! We'd also like to add to some of our gossip is outdated you might have to jog your grey matter to remember, since there was no paper last Wednesday!!

Gossips . . .

What does "Ma" B. do on her frequent forays to Va. Beach, and why is Mrs. T. afraid to go with her??? Can it be that Mrs. T. has something going at the Rapids??

Do the editors of the "Chowanian" have "bubbles on the

brain"? For the last issue and decide for yourself!!

Is it true R. S. had to do a pleading and bend-over backwards Tim after a PUBLIC appearance last Tuesday the 19th?

We hear from some of the guys in West. Cindy E.'s theme song is better than "Shop Around."

In the "want-apt.", Peggy C. has put in a nest for one (1) new or slight used male specimen to be her on dates and other opportunities. If any man is interested let us know and we'll let "Pet" pass judgement for an or against you!!

Was it true that John A. had to wait 2 hours and 30 minutes for his date with Ma V. last Thursday the 21st?? Obviously a signal mix-up!!!

What would Mar. R. do if her white hose had been stolen during our recent anti Raid?? Buy a can of whitpaint??

Does Linda I really think she can write a gossip column? If so, it's garbage she handed us musbe a joke! Here are two examples(?) 1. Will Mrs. G. soon supy Jenkins with pillows for the benefit of Donna and Skip? 2. Will it be for real —E. T. and J. S.? Stay tuned and see! There was much more but it ran out ad nauseum and we didn't want to blow our minds!!!

On the party (?) scene once again . . .

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By the way Jim W., who wears boxer shorts??

We noticed Thursday morning after the "party", someone or something was hung in effigy, as best could be made out it seemed to say A BELK GIRL!

This week we salute the Belk Hall Brownie Brigade and their eternal vigilance against crime, corruption, sin, degradation, and tromping in the hall. Keep at it girls! Don't let 'em get away

ELEGANT EASE. At the end of a hectic day of Christmas shopping or the beginning of an evening of hosting, select fashionable flowing pants to ease you beautifully through the seasonal festivities. Here, to while away wintry hours, the Penthouse culotte, high-waisted, with a halter neckline in dreamy two-tone shades like ming blue, porcelain pink, flamingo, turquoise, cocoa and ivy green . . . by Gossard-Artemis.

## Today in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — The carrier Yorktown is playing the part of a Japanese carrier for a feature movie on the sneak attack at Pearl Harbor.

Off-duty Navy and Naval Reserve pilots will fly World War II bombers painted to look Japanese from the carrier's deck.

The movie is "Tora! Tora Tora!" and is being filmed by 20th Century-Fox in California this week and later in Hawaii. The title comes from the Japanese code word signaling the attack was a surprise.

The film company is to pay flyers' salaries and transport charges for the planes, rented from a private firm.

"The Navy is of the opinion that reminding the American public of the potency of a carrier task force is well worth doing," said a Navy spokesman.

## Student nurses are entertained

By Cynthia Joyner  
Velda Gardner  
Mrs. Robert Blume, chairman of the Murfreesboro Bloodmobile program, treated members of the Student Nurse Association with refreshments at their November meeting. Many of the student nurses had previously helped with the Bloodmobile when it was here on Nov. 12, and 35 other Chowan students were blood donors.

The SNA of District VI held its November meeting here at Chowan in Marks Hall auditorium on Nov. 21. The schools represented were Wilson Memorial, Lenoir Memorial, Rex Hospital, Park View Hospital, East Carolina University, and Chowan. Donald Dawson, director of the Roanoke-Chowan Alcohol Information and Service Center, was the speaker of the evening. Approximately 100 members attended the meeting.

with anything! Especially that super corrupt, Second Floor gang!!

Have you ever noticed anyone chewing Jello?? Watch "Twiggy" F. sometime!

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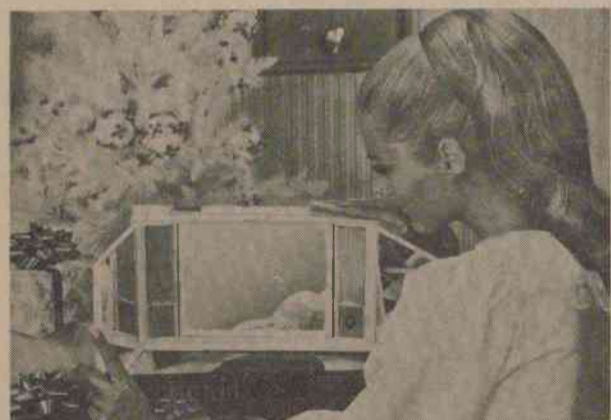
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THE PERFECT GLAMOUR GIFT for that special someone who has everything. The newly-introduced Vanity Mirror, a portable three-way mirror with the center mirror swiveling into a magnifier and built-in diffused lighting providing shadow- and glare-free illumination. There's nothing exactly like it on the market. It was just introduced this fall and is now nationally available . . . from Saunders, Inc. of Chicago.



A GIFT FOR HIS CAR. Any auto enthusiast would love this Panther east aluminum fin-ribbed hood scoop with an undercut throat design and wide open mouth to give any car, no matter what year or make, that fast get-away, individual custom look. If performance is desired, an easy to knock-out throat plate permits full capacity air flow. It's just one of the many custom and performance car accessories available at auto parts dealers priced to fit any budget. The hood scoop illustrated is about nine dollars; a pair about seventeen . . . all Cal Custom engineered.



LUSH, PLUSH LOUNGING ROBE of easy-care polyester comes in beautiful colors: pink, misty blue, yellow, rose, bittersweet, gently sashed with rayon satin. By Henson-Kicker-nick, about forty dollars, of Norwood's pile fabric of Kodel polyester.

## East Hall winner in intramural play

By PHIL EDWARDS

The intramural football season came to a close under the lights in Chowan Stadium with a play-off game between East Hall 1st Floor and West Hall 1st Floor South Wing. East "1" came out on top with a score of 32-6 at the sound of the gun.

The game was scoreless for the entire first half with neither team gaining any advantage. East "1" did score with one minute remaining in the half but it was nullified because of an off-side penalty.

In the third period, the East "1" team exploded, scoring 19 points. Jerry Sharnus, a stand-out on offense all year, led the East team with 24 total points. George Fulcher added 6 points to the final score and Pete London ran over adding 2. West Hall's only score came early in the fourth quarter on a pass. The extra point attempt was missed.

The East "1" team was un-

defeated throughout the entire season. Congratulations from the Sports Department, good luck in Volleyball.

Newsprint consumption gives an indication of newspaper growth in the country. In 1946, newspapers used 4,296,000 tons of newsprint compared to 1967's consumption of 9,149,000 tons.



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