

Washington Report

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CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

Last week the main interest in Washington was the Apollo 11 trip to the moon. Many members of Congress accepted the invitation of NASA to fly to Cape Kennedy and witness this historic event. Congressional duties prevented me from accepting this invitation.

Of interest to our First Congressional District was a House authorization for the Appalachian and Regional Action Planning Commission directly affecting every county in our district.

This authorization provides for \$225 million for projects, with the provision that not less than 10% or more than 30% can be allocated to any one

Commission. The Senate has a similar authorization which provides a larger amount--included would be \$20 million for the Coastal Plains Regional Development for the purpose of constructing highways.

This is an authorization for the fiscal year 1970-71 and not an appropriation. Later, the Appropriations Committees and the Congress itself must approve the funding of this authorization.

Within a few days, I intend to join with other members of the house of Representatives in introducing a bill to provide extended benefits to law enforcement officers and firemen not employed by the United States who are killed or totally disabled in the line of duty.

In a period of five years, between 1962 and 1967, there were 559 policemen who died in the line of duty in the United States, and in a similar period of time 239 firemen died in the line of duty.

Since crime cannot be contained within state boundaries, I think it appropriate that the Federal Government provide all protection possible to the families of these men who from time to time are subject to dangers.

Certainly, to a family of an officer who is killed or disabled it makes little difference whether the criminal is a native North Carolinian or a citizen of Chicago or San Francisco.

So, responsibility, to some degree, is a federal matter. This bill will provide that a widow without dependents receive 45% of the monthly wage rate until she remarries.

It further provides that a widow with dependents will receive 40%, and each child under 18 will get 15%, up to a maximum of 75% of the monthly salary, until a child reaches the age of 18.

In case of disability without dependents, the benefits will equal two-thirds of the monthly salary.

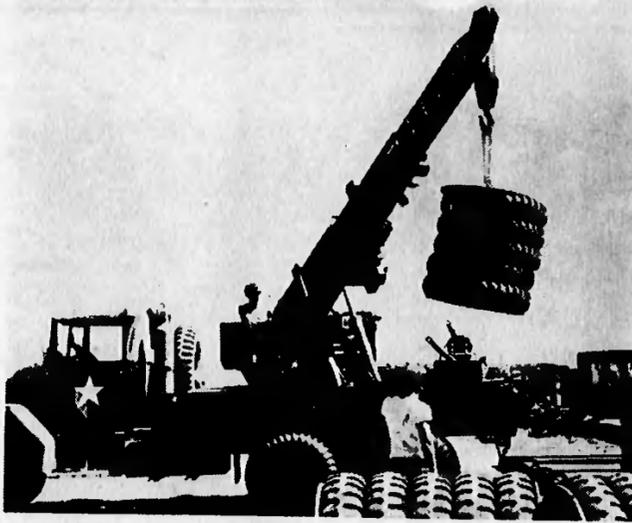
I hope, if this legislation is enacted, that it will encourage young men to enter the all-important field of law enforcement.

To say the least, the job of law enforcement is becoming more complicated and carries a greater responsibility each day; and this is one way in which the Federal Government can say to the career policemen and firemen, "Thank you for the job you are doing."

I intend to support this legislation vigorously, just as I did in supporting the North Carolina Firemen's Pension Fund and having the personal honor of creating the North Carolina Policemen's Volunteer Pension Association while I was a member of the State Legislature.

Last week I had the pleasure of inspecting parts of the Outer Banks and certain areas of Hyde County in the company of Interior Secretary Walter J. Blackal. I am grateful he accepted my invitation to make this visit.

I believe he was impressed



EAST LIFT . . . Soliders of the 238th Maintenance Company stack pallets of new tires. The Army Reserve unit located at My Tho, Republic of Vietnam, is from Texas, arrived in Vietnam in October, 1968.

Father Implants His Own Ideals Into Children when He Associates

A father is being his biggest and best self when he does things, such as helping a child to walk or teaching a child to read, believes Leo F. Hawkins, extension family relations specialist, North Carolina State University.

For as a father takes time to do these things, he is taking the ideals of his own life and the culture of his own generation and investing these in the future of humanity, the specialist observes.

The experiences of teaching children helps a father to move toward adult maturity, Hawkins notes. For the father becomes interested in everything that his generation can pass on to the next.

Industrial products, ideas and works of art are all part of his life that he wants to pass on to his child and to other children. This desire helps him develop a deep sense of caring for his and for all children.

This type father becomes interested in schools, social problems and politics because all these will be handed on in the future.

Many wise fathers also study their religious faith. They feel the next generation will need spiritual and moral guidance.

Through the teaching of children, fathers invest themselves in humanity, Hawkins asserts. They become providers, but not just to fill stomachs. A good father wants to assure life to those who will grow nearer to being complete human beings.

A good father, Hawkins notes, is a protector, but not just to keep himself and his family from physical danger. Such a father wants to give the next generation a better chance than he himself had.

He wants youth to learn the truth and guidance he has been able to give. But the mature father also allows his children

with the potential of this area as well as becoming aware of the problems that must be solved if we are to expand our recreational and economic facilities to their maximum capacity.

to test those ideas, and to change them to fit their generation, Hawkins states.

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