

Tenants Declared Independent Contractors

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Congressman L. H. Fountain this week commended Secretary of Labor Wirtz and Mr. Clarence Lundquist, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division of the Department of Labor, for what he termed "a wise and proper decision that North Carolina's traditional landlord-tenant relationship is exempted from the provisions of the new wage and hour amendments." Under a number of factual projections submitted by Congressman Fountain, Governor Moore, and others, several of which are commonly known as "halves" and "thirds" representing both the investments and returns of landlords and tenants, the tenants have been declared independent contractors.

Since mid-November, Fountain has been working with the Labor Department in an effort to provide all of the necessary facts concerning landlord-tenant relations in North Carolina, so that the Department could properly determine whether or not the newly enacted wage and hour amendments are applicable to our common landlord-tenant relations. Recently he and other members of the North Carolina Delegation met with Governor Moore in Washington, and thereafter, Fountain, representing the North Carolina Delegation in Congress, and Wayne Corpening, representing the Governor, had a lengthy meeting with Wage and Hour Administrator Lundquist.

The ice for the independent contractor interpretation recently given was broken at a meeting in Fountain's office the following week between the North Carolina Delegation, representatives of both the Labor and Agriculture Departments. At that time, some hot questions were propounded by several members of the Delegation as to why the Labor Department had not already apprised itself of facts needed to enable it to pass judgment on such matters. This meeting concluded with

the favorable understanding which Representative Fountain recently released and which has now been officially confirmed by Secretary of Labor Wirtz.

Commenting upon Secretary Wirtz's decision, Congressman Fountain said, "I am glad the Labor Department has finally recognized the unique value of family farming as practiced in our State through the traditional landlord-tenant system. Had the Labor Department interpreted this relationship to be one of employer-employee, disastrous results would have been produced for both landlords and tenants."

Congressman Fountain stated that the number of inquiries still being received by the Labor Department has made it necessary for Department representatives to continue conferring with Agriculture and others before appropriate

interpretative pamphlets can be made available. Fountain also said the Department is trying to work out the best mechanics for dissemination of such interpretations when they do become available.

"In any event," continued Fountain, "all bona fide landlord-tenant contracts will be exempt from the Act. This means practically all farmers, since tenants or sharecroppers will not be 'employees' within the meaning of the Act." In addition, Mr. Fountain emphasized that, according to his and the North Carolina Delegation's understanding with the Department of Labor, whether farmers are covered or not, "until the Department of Labor issues appropriate interpretations upon which farmers and others may rely, no effort will be made by the Labor Department to bring proceedings retroactive against any farmer."

Film Reviews

The Blue Max

This lavishly produced and financed film must be one of the worst ever produced. The scenery (Ireland) is beautiful and the old World War I fighters are interesting, but other than photography, the film is empty.

The dialogue is comical. Few lines make much sense. The acting—under such a handicap—is not convincing.

The story centers around an unattractive character and few people will want to spend three hours watching a repulsive career badly portrayed.

The Blue Max could have been something. George Peppard doesn't look the part of a fighter pilot. Ursula Andress is cast in another animal sex role. The lines they speak are moronic, in the best tradition of American film dialogue, and then some.

What a waste that an intelligent script and a story that reflected elements of sensi-

tivity and good taste, and common sense, could not have been employed! Even James Mason, who should have known better, turns into a comedian before the film, is mercifully over.

Ann Sheridan, actress, died recently of cancer. Once billed as "the Oomph Girl," Miss Sheridan was currently starring in the television series, "Pistols 'n' Petticoats."

Johnny Carson, star of NBC's "Tonight Show" will face competition in April when Joey Bishop makes his bow from Hollywood in ABC's "Joey Bishop Show."

A New Satellite

Cambridge, Mass.—Astronomers have discovered a new satellite circling the planet Saturn. The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory has confirmed the discovery of the satellite which is the tenth that circles Saturn.

IT'S A FACT!..... by THOMPSON

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Patronize TIMES Adv.

Giant Rally

Masonry's Finest Hour, March 18

Thousands of Masons from the Piedmont and Eastern counties of North Carolina will converge upon East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C. March 18 for a great Masonic Rally. Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Arnold J. Koonce, Sr. has projected as the climax of the years program of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, the Masonic Rally.

The program begins with supper in the College Cafeteria Building at 5:30 p. m. Following supper, the Masons will assemble in Wright Auditorium and their ladies will assemble in McGinnis Auditorium. The Ladies' program will be a variety show, which is being produced by the artists of East Carolina College, and Dr. Leo Jenkins is serving as Chairman of the Ladies' Entertainment Committee.

The Masonic Rally program will begin with popular music furnished by Sudan Temple's Dance Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. O. W. Pittman, Ahoskie. Judge William J. Bundy, Greenville, will act as Master of Ceremonies.

Featured on the evenings program will be the Chanters of Sudan Temple, directed by Sherwood Jones, Raleigh; and The Carolina Consistory

Thespians, under the direction of John Tanzy, will present their highly successful play, "Judge Not" by Claudy. This play is the fifth in a series of Masonic plays, which have been presented by this group of Scottish Rite Masonic actors. In addition will be addresses by the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Arnold J. Koonce, Sr., and the Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge, Governor Dan K. Moore.

Outstanding Masonic leaders who have responded to the invitation to participate in the program are Tam L. Shumaker, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina; James O. Thornton, Illustrious Grand Master, The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina; Robert Lee Hall, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina; James G. Johnston, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in North Carolina; Arthur Moore, Potentate of Sudan Temple; William Poteat, Potentate of Oasis Shrine Temple. Each of these distinguished Masonic leaders is expected to lead the delegation of his officers in participation in the program during the evening.

Leslie H. Garner, Greenville, is General Chairman for the arrangements of the Masonic Rally program which is designated as a Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine united Masonic family dedication. Mr. Garner describes the meeting as "Masonry's finest hour in which all appendant orders of Masonry will get together for fellowship, fun, food, music, drama and inspiration".

Industry Growth In 1967

The Commerce Department has predicted continued expansion by most of American industry during 1967. While most industries will grow, the forecasts are that the volume of construction will drop moderately this year.

On Filibusters

Several Senators—Democrats and Republicans—have launched a move to facilitate ending Senate filibusters. They are seeking a change in Senate Rule 22 which now requires a two-thirds majority of senators voting to cut off debate.

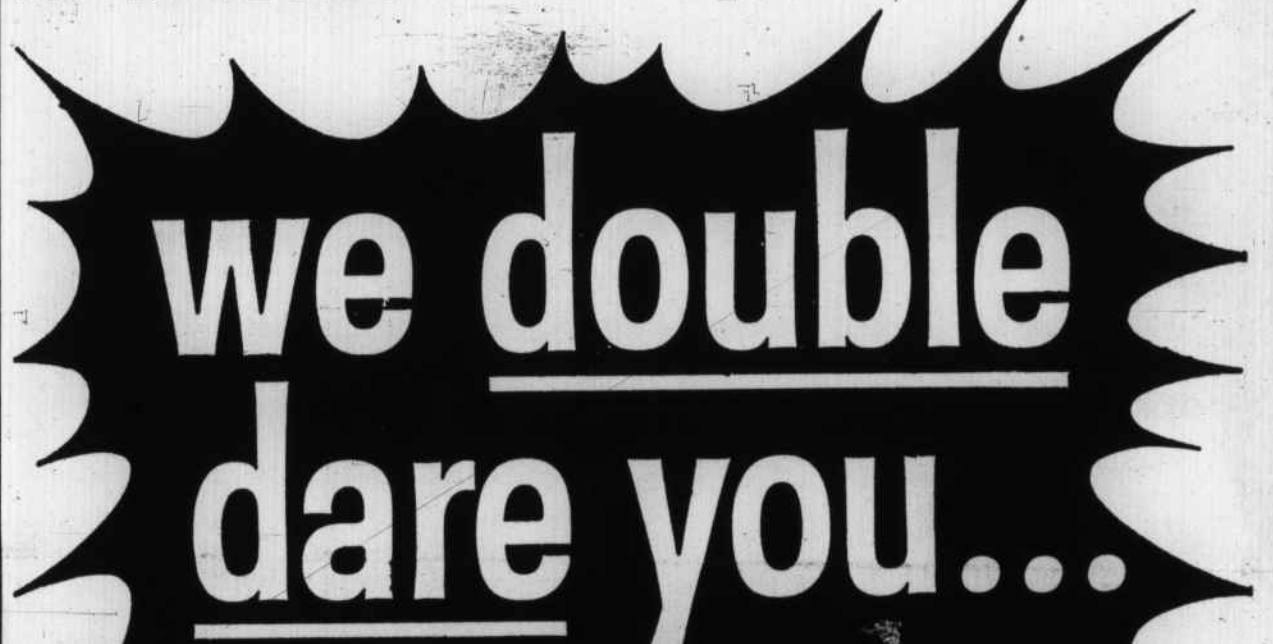
Mansfield On Thailand

Thailand could be another Vietnam-type war according to Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield. The Montana Democrat says U. S. efforts at peace have produced "no progress toward a just settlement" and the danger of expanding conflict has increased.

U. S. Wheat To India

The United States has agreed to send India 900,000 tons of wheat and sorghum. Prior to this the Soviet Union had agreed to send 200,000 tons of wheat to hungry India.

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