

### WASHINGTON REPORT

**By Congressman JAMES T. BROYHILL Appropriations**

The fast pace this session of Congress has maintained since January continued last week with the House of Representatives completing action on a number of bills dealing with a variety of questions. By far the most important of these measures was the appropriation of \$45.2 billion for the Department of Defense during the next 12 months. This staggering sum, agreed to by a vote of 407-0, is the largest of the money bills accounting for almost half of all expendi-

tures by the Federal government. One day earlier, legislation appropriating \$4.2 billion for public works projects and the Atomic Energy program had been passed by the House.

**Assassination Of The President**

Several other bills during the week also require some attention. The first would make it a Federal crime to kill, kidnap or assault the President of the United States. Similar protection would be accorded the Vice President and the officer next in line for succession to the Presidency.

The crime of murder is,

under most circumstances, an offense in which the State where the murder occurs has jurisdiction. However, as a shocked nation watched the events of November 1963, there was confusion over the law enforcement aspects of the Lee Harvey Oswald case in Dallas. Many people assumed that in such a crime, the F.B.I. and the Federal courts would have authority, but if Lee Harvey Oswald had lived to be tried, his trial would have been conducted by the Texas Courts.

In the last century, four of our 20 Presidents have been assassinated. Today, the murder of an American President can undermine the security, not only of the American people, but of the entire free world. It seems almost unbelievable that, when we consider the seriousness of the crime, no Federal legislation in this field has been enacted, particularly, when it is considered a Federal crime to injure any other Federal officer while he is discharging his duties. In the legal sense, once it became reasonably clear that the assassination of President Kennedy was the act of one single person and not a part of an organized conspiracy, all authority reverted to the State of Texas.

There was no dissent about this legislation. It was passed swiftly and sent to the Senate.

**Vocational Education**

Another bill, which had my full support, would further the present vocational education program. I have long felt that the most important attack which can be made upon the problems of chronic unemployment lies in providing opportunities to young people to

obtain skills early in their lives that will enable them to make a good living during their working years. Congress has already enacted a program of Federal assistance for Vocational Education based upon the sound experience that we have had in the vocational agriculture program during the last several generations.

This new legislation considered last week would establish a system of loan insurance and direct loans to assist young people attending business, trade, technical and other vocational schools after high school. The program would be limited to students who are unable to obtain loans from private source at reasonable interest rates. The bill was the result of the combined efforts of members of Congress from both political parties and it was approved last week by the House without opposition.

**Cigarette Labeling**

The third bill which is of particular importance and interest to North Carolina would attempt to deal with the problem of cigarette labeling. This whole matter of the relationship of smoking and health is one of the most confused problems that I have seen in Washington. Whether cigarette packages should contain a warning and who should have authority to impose rules in this regard has set up a tug of war between competing Federal agencies and State and local governments. It has seemed to me that this authority should rest with the Congress and I believe that the bill passed last week may put an end to the confusion and squabbling that has been going on. In the meantime, there is a big job to be done in research

### Social Security News

As summer is here, many students are thinking about summer jobs. There are important social security facts that you as a job-seeking student should know.

First, you should apply for a social security card if you do not already have one. If you had a card but lost it, apply for a duplicate. These cards may be obtained at the social security office in Salisbury, N. C.

If you don't live near the social security office you may get an application at the nearest post office. Complete and mail this application to the social security office. It is important that you have this card with you when you apply for a job because employers will not hire you without it.

Secondly, when you get your summer job make sure that your employer records your name and social security number exactly as shown on the card.

Remember that your social security card is the key to your social security protection. All future social security payments are based on the earnings that are recorded in your individual account.

For future good, make sure you have a social security card.

into tobacco to clear up the conflicting scientific evidence and meet the problem fairly and squarely.

**Women social security beneficiaries, 62 years of age and older, who receive checks as wives or widows have been asking Taft McCoy, social security field representative in Davie County, about what and when they are required to report to the Social Security Administration.**

McCoy pointed out that when an individual files an application for social security benefits, he agrees to report certain events to the Administration. A woman who receives wife's benefits is responsible for reporting changes in her marital status such as divorce, annulment, or the death of her husband. Individuals receiving widow's benefits must give notification when they remarry.

McCoy further stated that wives and widows under 72 must report when they have earnings from work or self-employment in excess of \$1,200 a year.

He also emphasized that failure to report changes in marital status may have an adverse monetary effect on monthly payments. It could result in an overpayment of benefits, which would have to be repaid or withheld from future benefits. If annual earnings in excess of \$1200 are not properly reported, loss of months of benefits, in addition to regular deductions, could result.

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I am doing fine and really enjoying my tour of duty. I am near the front lines and sometimes things get pretty rough. I am stationed at Camp Stockton, Topkeo, Korea. I am driving an ambulance for the 44th Surgical Hospital and very interesting work. The time is passing fast so far. But still a long time till I get back home. I miss everyone so much and only 330 days till I will be back in the States.

How are things in dear ole Cooleemee? I guess they are about the same as I left them. Sure wish I were home but someone has got to settle this world problem.

Well thank you so much for the Journal and I really do appreciate it very much. Tell all hello and I miss everyone a whole lot. See you May 24, 1968.

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