

## WASHINGTON REPORT

by  
CONGRESSMAN  
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BLOOD MONEY

Today, more than 130,000 American servicemen are in South Viet Nam fighting Communist aggression. The casualty lists are growing longer. It is also no secret that some of our allies and nations receiving foreign-aid assistance from the United States are carrying on a profitable trade with Communist North Viet Nam. Ships of these free-world countries are carrying cargoes that strengthen the ability of North Viet Nam to pursue the aggressive designs which our nation has committed troops and billions of dollars to stop. It seems inconsistent, foolish, and not in our national interest to fail to take strong action against this kind of trade.

We may have no authority to tell other countries with whom they may trade. We can, however, take steps to convince them through diplomatic channels that their policy is wrong. Efforts of this kind are apparently in process. Nevertheless, it seemed reasonable and necessary to me for the Congress to make a strong assertion that American foreign aid will be withheld from any country whose ships are carrying the sinews of war to the North Viet Nam. We have already set this precedent concerning trade with Castro's Cuba and the urgency of the Viet Nam situation is at least equally grave.

Last Friday, the opportunity for such a stand came in final action on the 1966 Foreign Aid bill. On the critical vote, the proposal failed by ten votes and the legislation goes only to the point of giving the President "discretionary authority." In a shooting war, this seems inadequate if we are to let our friends abroad know that the American people will

tolerate no "blood money" profits in this struggle.

**PAY FOR CONGRESSMEN**  
Several years ago, the Congress endorsed the principle that salaries of Federal employees should be comparable to the pay received for the same kind of work in private industry. This is a sound principle and creates an orderly process whereby the pay of Federal workers would be reviewed from time to time and adjustments made on the basis of national comparability studies.

For months, the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, of which I am a member, has been considering a pay bill in accordance with the principle of comparability. When the final bill was written, it was my feeling that some of the provisions were too broad. However, it was particularly disturbing to me that the bill reported out of the Committee contained a formula whereby members of Congress, Federal judges, and top-level executives of the national government would be granted very large pay increases. I felt strongly that this provision of the bill was wrong and that it should be knocked out of any legislation passed by the House of Representatives.

Members of Congress voted themselves a \$7500 a year increase only last year. I opposed that move then since I felt it was not justified. Nevertheless, the new bill provided a formula whereby those elected and appointed officials of the Federal government would automatically ride the cost-tails of the rank-and-file government employees and come out with huge increases in pay amounting to at least \$3000 to \$4000 per year.

The comparability principle was never intended to work for these high-level positions. If it had been, the position of the President would require a salary of several times that



## Preparing For Medicare

Former Gov. Terry Sanford, newly elected director of Medicare Nursing Centers of America with headquarters in Raleigh, discusses the new organization's emblem with D. K. Appleton (right) of Raleigh, president of the new network of nursing centers. Both men were on hand for an inspection of the chain's first nursing facility now near completion near Raleigh with its primary purpose being to help ease the critical shortage of quality nursing home facilities when the government's "medicare" program takes effect next year. Operations will be financed by a public stock issue now in the planning stage.

of the highest paid corporation executive, a number of whom now receive more than \$500,000 a year. There are other factors in public service which attract men to political and top administrative positions.

When the debate on the bill arose last week, I fought to knock out this section of the bill and I am pleased that when the final vote on my amendment came, we were able to remove it. The result was particularly encouraging because my efforts to strike out this section of the bill earlier in the debate had been defeated.

With the Congressional pay raise removed, I supported the bill as did 370 other members of Congress while only 7 voted against it. I feel that we achieved a significant victory in the amendment and it is my earnest hope that the Senate will not cave-in on this matter of principle.

### TRY WALKING

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## Playhouse To Draw Many Local People

At the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, there is a wonderful land of make-believe-- The Pixie Playhouse --which produces three plays for young people (of all ages) each year. Last season, approximately 8,000 attended each of three plays; including many adults. And this year, for the first time, it had its own full-time director, Ralph Kerns, instructor in Drama and Speech at the University.

Back in 1962, the University Theatre and the Junior League of Greensboro felt that it would be better to combine their individual operations. Each had been presenting a children's play each year. They felt that in a co-operative venture they might form a larger and more meaningful program for young people of the area. And so, the Pixie Playhouse was born. This is its fourth year of operation. And now, the organization hopes to increase its membership even more, so that it becomes completely self-sustaining.

Last season, the pattern was set for the series of productions to be done by Pixie Playhouse -- the first, by the University; the second, by the Junior League; the third, by young people of the community. Plays given were: "Beauty and the Beast", "Niccolo and Niccollette", and "Mr. Popper's Penguins." Plays to be given this year are: "The Unwicked Witch" by Madge Miller, "King Patch and Mr. Simpkins" by Alan Cullen, and "Rama and the Tigers" by Charlotte Chorprenning. The first two are new scripts, not produced before in this area. Both are published by Children's Press. "Rama and the Tigers" is the story of the Hindu boy who loved pan-

cakes, but who also loved bright, new clothes.

The director, with a Master of Fine Arts degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, has a children, toured for four years with the Pittsburgh Children's Theatre, a professional troupe; and teaches a course in children's theatre at the University, during the academic year.

Performances are scheduled for November 11, 12, and 13; February 3, 4, and 5; and April 28, 29, and 30. There are six performances of each play -- Thursday evenings at

7:30 -- Fridays at 4:00 and 7:30, and Saturdays at 10:00 and 1:00 and 3:30. Admission is by season membership only (available to anyone) and no single admission to any one play is sold.

Information concerning the plays and the season memberships may be secured by contacting the Pixie Playhouse, Aycock Auditorium, Greensboro, North Carolina, 27412. All plays will be presented in Aycock Auditorium on the University campus.

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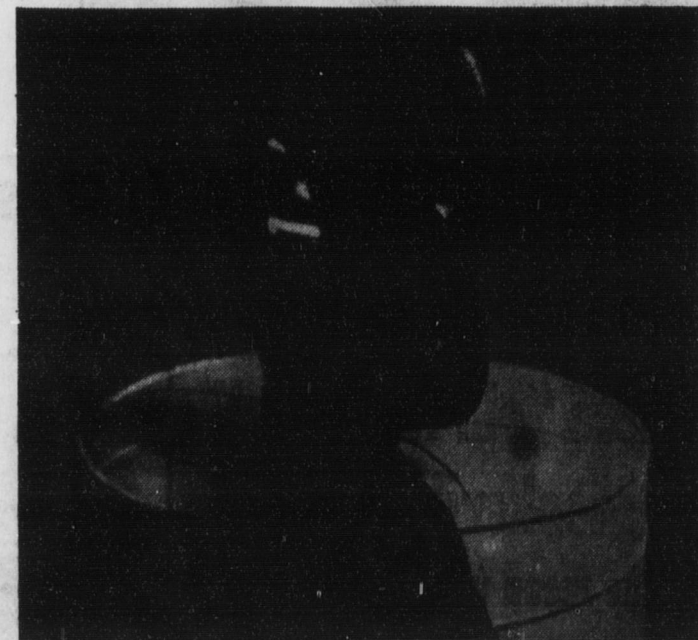


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