

Registration Is Slated

Selective Service registration for men born in 1962 will take place during the week of Jan. 5th. Men born in 1963 (and later) should register within 30 days of their 18th birthdays.

This is a continuation of the program begun last summer, whereby men born in 1960 and 1961 visited post offices across the nation to fill in the registration form.

Local men can register at Kings Mountain Post Office.

The purpose of registration is to build a pool of names and addresses from which Selective Service could draw in an emergency.

According to Dr. Bernard D. Rostker, Director of the Selective Service System: "Registration directly improves our capability to respond ... actually reducing lead time by at least four weeks. We think that provides a significant advantage, especially when matched with the very low cost of the registration effort." The direct costs of registration are less than \$2 per registrant.

Who must register? Male citizens and aliens residing in the United States born in 1960, 1961 or 1962 except those on student or similar visas or who are members of trade or diplomatic missions, and men already serving on active duty with the Armed Forces. Members of reserve components not on active duty must register. Men born in 1963 and later years will be required to register within 30 days of their 18th birthdays.

When? Men born in 1962: during the week of Jan. 5th. To help avoid lines, individuals are encouraged to register on a day of the week keyed to the month of birth: on Mon., Jan. 5, for those born in January, February and March; on Tues., Jan. 6, for those born in April, May and June; on Wed., Jan. 7, for those born in July, August and September; and on Thurs., Jan. 8, for those born in October, November and December. Friday and Saturday may be used as "make-up" days for those who are unable to register on the suggested day.

Men born in 1963: within 30 days of their 18th birthdays. Men born in 1960 and 1961 should already have registered this year; those who have not are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Where? At any of more than 34,500 U.S. Post Offices throughout the nation, or at embassies or consular offices overseas.



The first representative assembly in America convened at Jamestown, Virginia, July 30, 1619.

New Year's Resolutions

By JIM BROYHILL

As individuals, we often make resolutions for the New Year. As elected public officials, we should do the same.

I have long felt it important to make my resolutions public since they will affect the daily lives of all of our people.

This is especially true if enough members of the Congress make the same resolutions I do, and then we will be able to transact these resolutions into law.

In recalling the resolutions which I have made in the past, I

cannot help but realize the challenges facing us as a nation in 1981 are much the same as in some past years. This proves that problems are not solved overnight, but it also emphasizes the need for us to make substantial progress in 1981.

The resolutions which we now make for 1981 are especially important because the political and governmental leadership in our nation's capital is undergoing a dramatic change. For the first time in 25 years, the Senate will be controlled by the Republican Party, as well as the White House. Democrats retain control of the House, but by a much slimmer margin than in recent history. It is conceivable that an informal conservative coalition will be able to control most votes in the House.

Heading the list of my personal resolutions, as a member of the Congress, is a strong desire to improve the economy of this nation. Never in modern history has our economy been in such terrible shape. Inflation, high unemployment, unbelievably high interest rates, record high taxes, and a national debt nearing the one trillion dollar mark—all these economic statistics very clearly show that the future of this country is in peril. Americans cannot afford to purchase homes, cars, or even smaller items. But most important of all, the confidence of the people in the ability of government to solve our economic headaches needs to be improved.

I resolve to work diligently for a tax cut, coupled with reduced spending by government. I am weary of hearing people in Washington say we cannot reduce taxes because it would hurt the battle against inflation. All one has to do is to look at our current high-taxing and high-spending policies to see that they have not worked. It's past time to try a different approach.

Equally important is the need for government to change its tax policies so productivity can be increased. Business and industry must be given the incentives to expand, to modernize, and to provide jobs for all our people who really desire to work for a living. It is time for the government to stop putting millions on the payroll to decrease unemployment. Instead, we should provide private enterprise with incentives to accomplish the same goal.

It is also vitally important that we work hard to improve our export markets for American-made products across the world. This is crucial to our balance-of-trade deficit problem, and it is also necessary to help improve economic conditions for American businesses, both large and small.

The Congress should also resolve to strengthen our military. We must make volunteer service in the military more attractive for men and women. We must not only pay them well, but we must also make sure they have the quality and quantity of equipment and supplies second to none.

Progress is being made in the drive to make American energy independent, but government needs to do more to encourage exploration and productions in this country instead of making foreign nations rich at our expense.

And, finally, each member of Congress needs to conduct himself in such a way that the confidence of the American people in this great institution will be restored. The office members of Congress hold is a public trust which should never be betrayed.

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