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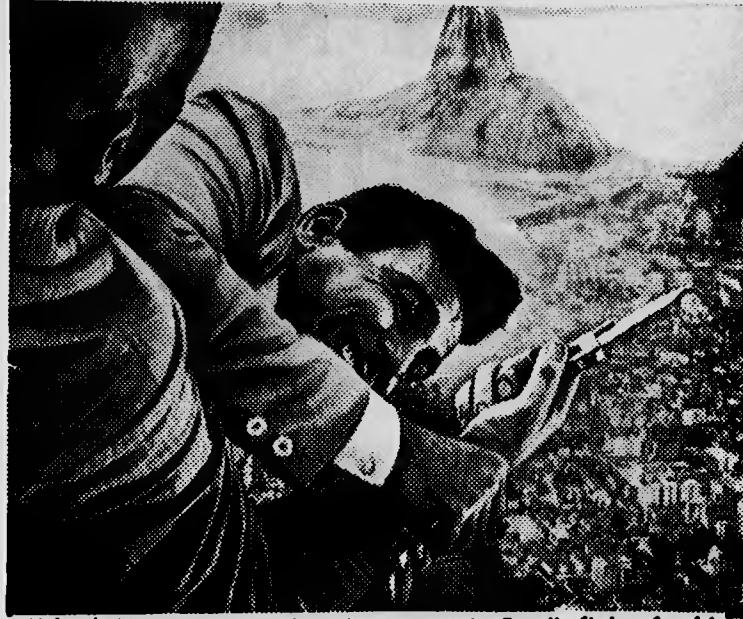
Last week Congress continued at a rather slow pace as far as legislative action was concerned. Not a single roll call was conducted on the House Floor. However, the committees are beginning to function.

I attended my first-sub-committee hearing on various watershed projects throughout the United States. We took final action of approval on eight projects and deferred action on five others. Included among these approved watersheds was the Hobbsville-Sunbury Project, basically within the confines of our First District of North Carolina. I believe this to be one of the finest activities of our Government for our standard of living, abundance of food and water, is directly related to the conservation of our natural resources. It is my opinion that had not a sound conservation program been inaugurated some years ago this nation might have been, by this date, unable to supply the needs of our own people. This situation will become more acute as we expand our economy and continue to cover more of our soil with additional highways, airports and industrial sites. Further complicating this situation is the population increase. Whatever else might

be said about Federal expenditures, this to me is wise and necessary if we are to continue to provide food and water for our people.

The Congress received two messages from the President. First, his proposed Civil Rights bill for 1967, which, among other things, again demands Open Housing, except this time President Johnson suggests that it be enacted and implemented in three steps. Again, as in the 89th Congress, this legislation would be an infringement on constitutional rights of all our citizens regardless of race. As I stated in connection with similar legislation last year "Short term gains might ultimately result in long term losses in basic freedoms."

On Thursday I made a speech on the Floor of the House regarding the action of the National Democratic Party in putting in a responsible position the Honorable Charles Weltner, a former Congressman from Georgia, who resigned from Congress rather than support the Democratic nominee for Governor last November. Among other things, I questioned the wisdom of this action as being contrary to the Democratic Party where we have always held that "the majority



Michael Connors, as an American agent in Brazil, fights for his life atop the famed statue of Christ overlooking the harbor at Rio de Janeiro. It's a scene from Dino de Laurentis' "Kiss the Girls and Make Them Die," which also stars Dorothy Provine, Raf Vallone, Margaret Lee, Nicoletta Machiavelli, Beverly Adams and Terry-Thomas in color by Technicolor. The Columbia Pictures release was directed by Henry Levin. Starts Friday at the Tryon Theatre.

was the prevailing rule." I was especially concerned, when I recalled that only a few days ago the majority of the Democratic Members of Congress continued to punish John Bell Williams of Mississippi by stripping him of seniority for his failure to support the National ticket in 1964. In other words, I concluded that if one was to be punished then both should have been treated alike.

To those interested in Agriculture, there are many chal-

lenging problems before us this session of Congress. First, implementation of the Minimum Wage Act passed during the 89th Congress. Then, of course, questions confronting tobacco growers regarding tied and untied tobacco, our export market and individual problems of the poundage-acreage program. I have high hopes that these can be solved in a manner acceptable to most of our people, and certainly in the best interest of our agriculture economy.

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