

Washington Report

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CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

For the week ending March 11, the actual work on the Floor of the House was relatively light. The House did adopt the conference report from the Senate regarding a military supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,458,200,000. We have previously discussed this in prior columns, but I mention it this time to bring to your attention statements of policy which were added to this appropriation bill by the Senate.

First, the Congress declared its intention to provide all necessary support for members of the Armed Forces fighting in Vietnam. And another statement of policy, in effect, asked that the Geneva Conference or any other similar meeting of Nations, be convened as soon as possible for the purpose of formulating plans to bring the conflict to an honorable conclusion.

A great deal of interest was generated in the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee last week on the Administrative proposal to inactivate the nuclear-powered vessel known as the "Savannah."

This, of course, is the only nuclear-powered merchant vessel in the world, and the purpose behind the construction of the "Savannah" was to prove to the world that atomic power could be used for peaceful purposes.

More specifically, the original bill provided that the ship would visit every part of the world, and of this date it has not visited the Far East, where if any place that atomic energy for peaceful uses should be displayed, it should be there.

At the Committee hearings, one of the strange phenomenon of Government developed. Considering the original purpose for which the "Savannah" was constructed, and the fact that it has a two and one-half year supply of nuclear fuel, it developed that it could remain active for almost the same cost that it would take to inactivate. So, many of us on the committee were wondering what motive was behind the idea of inactivating the "Savannah." Strangely enough, as of this date, we have not found out.

The President last week sent to the Congress proposed changes in the Draft Law. It would be difficult to predict at this time just what the ultimate action would be. The President recommended the approach of a National Lottery

idea, but from what I can see of the sentiments of this Congress, I believe that this approach would not be adopted.

There have been some suggestions of abolishing the local draft boards as they now exist. I do not believe this will be changed to any great degree. In fact, it is almost necessary for the existence of the local draft board to provide personal attention and consideration of extenuating circumstances.

It has been concluded, however, both by the military and Selective Service Board, and a study commission, and practically everyone involved, that the emphasis of selection will be on those of the 19 year old

age level.

This conclusion has been reached from experience and observation that this age group is by far the easiest to train, and ultimately makes the best soldiers. It is my hope that sometime after the present involvement has ended, that this Congress will take a serious look at what some European Nations refer to as "universal conscription."

At a given age, perhaps upon graduation from high school, every boy will serve one year in the Armed Forces and a number of years in Reserve training. With this, our young people can make definite plans for college, marriage, so forth. I think this would bring a great degree of order out of the present chaos in our draft laws.

About 3:00 p. m. on Thursday, the Majority Whip of the House of Representatives sent forth a resolution to permit the Speaker of the House to employ counsel to advise him in the matter of Adam Clayton Powell. Two hours later we were

still vigorously debating the wisdom of such action.

Many of us felt that this nation was created on a checks and balances system between the Legislative, Executive and Judicial, and the United States House of Representatives had acted, and this action and its results were not subject to the review of any court or courts, any more so than Congress attempts to abuse the prerogative of the Judicial and Executive branch.

Of course, history records that conflict has existed before between the three branches of Government, and it was President Andrew Jackson who remarked regarding a decision of the Supreme Court, "Chief Justice John Marshall has made his decision, now let him enforce it." In any event, the House finally decided to approve the employment of counsel for those who have been called into Court by former Congressman Powell.

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John Birch Society Investigated

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, the Efficiency Research Bureau, a private investigating firm, has completed a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Findings of the Bureau are reported in the March 1962, issue of the Santa Ana Register, a newspaper published in Orange County. I believe the findings will be of interest to my colleagues. Under unanimous consent I place the report which appeared in the Register in the Appendix of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The report follows:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INVESTIGATED

A private investigating firm, Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, conducted a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Efficiency Research Bureau was hired by the president of a local manufacturing firm to make an impartial study.

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A five-man team of investigators, including a Negro clergyman, sat in on numerous Birch meetings and accumulated a wealth of data on the organization and its operation. The following are the 14 conclusions to which the investigating team came, based upon their extensive research:

1. Many of the allegations and rumors against the John Birch Society could not be supported by fact.
2. The John Birch Society is an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings.
3. It's not a secret organization, but rather groups meeting for discussion of views and ways in which to fight the international Communist conspiracy.
4. The majority of John Birch Society members don't support or agree with many of the statements of Robert Welch, the society's founder; they seldom disagree with him on policy.
5. Each chapter is independent and each member cooperates with chapter, State and national views according to the dictates of his own conscience.
6. Efficiency Research Bureau investigators attending these meetings have found groups as small as 15 and as large as 50 at a single meeting. About 15 seemed to be preferred.
7. All indications show that the John Birch Society anti-Communist movement is growing continuously and steadily.

8. Utilizing both white and colored investigators, it was learned the John Birch Society isn't anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, or anti any religious group. That they, in fact, have chapters comprised entirely of colored membership. Also, it was found John Birch Society has Jewish members on the national advisory council.

9. Investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the John Birch Society.

10. Investigators did learn that there were individuals who carried personal prejudices with them into the organization. It was learned John Birch Society works to isolate persons with such prejudice. If a whole chapter is found to share certain prejudices the area coordinators try to disseminate such groups.

11. Investigators learned there is a John Birch Society major coordinator for Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties and he has two coordinators directly under him.

12. Investigators expected to find a dictatorship and didn't find it.

13. The society as a whole works very hard to make sure that John Birch Society isn't used as a vehicle to promote prejudices.

14. Investigative work included checking out documented information by factfinding groups which is used as a basis for some John Birch Society work.

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