

Washington Report

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CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

Last week the principal items of interest in Washington concerned the military. First, was the generally approved action of Secretary Stanley R. Resor of the Department of the Army in announcing that there will be no prosecution of the Green Berets in connection with the disappearance of a Vietnamese counter-spy. I am convinced that this action was a result of Congressional protest expressed by many of us. With over 40,000 American men killed in action--no doubt many of them as a result of enemy espionage--it was inconceivable that criminal prosecution could have been justified in the case of these young men, acting in what they considered to be the best interest of the security of this nation.

Another military matter was the House approval of the procurement authorization for aircraft, missiles, naval vessels and tracked combat vehicles for the Fiscal Year 1970. This authorization was for a total of \$21.3 billion. It is important to understand that this is still an authorization and remains to be approved by the Appropriations Committee, as well as requiring House consideration of the Appropriations Committee's action.

This year the Congress has conducted a wider discussion and a more careful consideration of the defense budget than ever before. And this is as it should be, for with the anticipated total appropriation for national defense for Fiscal Year 1970 amounting to in excess of \$75 billion, it is incumbent on the Congress to analyze carefully the justification of these requests. In addition, these discussions provide a more detailed explanation to the public at large. Through the news media, the public is given a much better understanding and knowledge of what exactly is involved in defending this country and in keeping our commitments with free nations throughout the world.

Representative L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, had this to say: "World leadership is a tough business. America has assumed this role of world leadership, and we cannot forfeit it. We just cannot forfeit this leadership. We are the only ones who can handle it, so now let us handle it."

The House considered the military procurement authorization for three days, while consideration of procurement by the Senate took 2-1/2 months. The House approved version was \$1.8 billion less than the request made by former Secretary Clifford in January, and \$663 million less than the amount requested by Defense Secretary Laird on April 15.

H. R. 13300 was a bill to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 to accomplish mandatory retirement and the extension of supplemental annuities. This bill was a result of an agreement between over 80% of the membership of the unions involved and the management of railroads. In spite of this, most members of Congress were flooded with protests from non-affected unions urging the defeat of this bill. Apparently these union leaders were unaware that this legislation was necessary to validate any sort of an agreement, because the Federal Government, through previous Congressional action, is the administrator of this retirement system.

Many of you have forwarded to this office pornographic ma-

terial of the most repulsive and perverted nature, received by mail. On each occasion I have diligently called this to the attention of the Postmaster General, as well as the Department of Justice, demanding that some action be taken. Finally, last week the Post Office Department denied the use of rental boxes to individuals who use them for immoral or improper purposes as determined by the Department's General Council. In addition, eight publishing firms have been arrested or indicted on charges of violating Federal or State pornographic statutes. I hope that this indicates an end to the practice of using the mails for the dissemination of this type literature.

MIRROR MORSELS

To a woman the first kiss is just the end of the beginning; to a man it is the beginning of the end.--Helen Rowland.

A fine aid to mental peace is to think about a person whom you admire, one who is good and strong. All of us know some people whose very presence gives us strength and courage.--Dr. Charles L. Allen.

It pleases me to think, and there can be no harm in so thinking, beyond, perhaps, the grieving of the sober-minded and the outraging of the professors and possibly the oligarchs whose souls have been dry-killed, that the wind is pleased when anybody plants a blade of grass.--Ben Dixon MacNeill.

Fishing is a delusion entirely surrounded by liars in old clothes.--Don Marquis.

Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week.--William Dean Howells.

Health is the thing that makes you feel that now is the best time of the year.--Franklin P. Adams.

When a young man complains that a young lady has no heart, it is pretty certain that she has his.--George D. Prentice.

A hole is nothing at all, but you can break your neck in it.--Austin O'Malley.

Hollywood is a place where people from Iowa mistake each other for movie stars.--Fred Allen.

Knowledge always desires increase; it is like fire, which first must be kindled by some external agent, but which will afterwards propagate itself.--Samuel Johnson.

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