

NO COMMENT

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Washington — Controversy in Washington is a normal condition. But there seems to be an extraordinary amount at the present time—and indications are that it will increase even more before Congress gets around to adjourning.

There are a number of reasons for this situation, including:

1. The November elections. Each political party is going all-out in an effort to capture control of Congress. And success next November would be expected to aid the winning party in the 1960 Presidential and Congressional elections.

2. The fact that one party controls the Presidency and another controls Congress (albeit by a narrow margin) stimulates controversy. There is a tendency for each party to try to reflect discredit upon the other party for whatever happens — or fails to happen.

3. The current recession gives the Democrats an opportunity to blame the Republicans for present economic conditions, since the Republicans are in control of the Presidency. The Republicans, of course, emphatically disagree with this thinking.

4. Controversy is heightened by developments in the conquest of outer space, with particular reference to progress made by Russia as compared with the United States. Intertwined in this dispute are the problems of national defense and foreign aid.

There are many problems pending to provide battlegrounds for the weeks ahead. One of major immediate concern—which was in the forefront as members of Congress returned from their "pulse-taking" Easter recess — is what course to follow to bring about an upturn in economic conditions.

A majority of Democrats seem to favor a speed-up in a broadened program of government spending.

Eisenhower Administration spokesmen warn, however, against a "spending spree." They take the position that basic economic conditions are sound and that a business upturn should start in the near future. In the meantime, they contend, we should not "rock the boat" by unsound moves.

Here is the viewpoint of Maurice H. Stans, director of the Budget Bureau, who necessarily works closely with President Eisenhower. He says:

"We've got to guard against the tendency to think that the way to start the economy upward again is for the government to go on a spending spree.

"The President has pointed out that the Administration will do everything that it can constructively do to bring about a resurgence of employment and production.

"At the same time he stressed the fact that the course of our

huge, complex economy depends on what individual citizens do, and the millions of economic decisions which they freely make every day.

"The proper relation of government to the growth and vigor of such an economy must necessarily be to stimulate private production and employment, not to substitute public spending for private spending, nor to extend public domination over private activity.

"So let's not overemphasize the role of the government in bringing about economic recovery. And let's remember that if we overdo the expenditure of money by the government we may find ourselves back fighting inflation again as we were a short time ago."

"Another significant statement was made by Secretary of the Treasury Robert B. Anderson. Explaining that "our enemies would like nothing better than to see us adopt hastily conceived measures which would eventually weaken our productive power," Secretary Anderson added:

"The surest way to maintain our nation's strength in these critical times is to provide our economy with the necessary capital to explore new areas of science, to buy the plant and equipment needed for efficient use of our working force, and to maintain sufficient flexibility to move quickly in response to changing conditions.

"Our high-speed American economy requires tremendous amounts of capital to keep going — and to keep up-to-date."

This attitude of the Secretary of the Treasury is in line with the contention of industry leaders that tax reform is essential in order to provide the essential capital.

WARDS CLUB MEETS

The Wards Home Demonstration Club met at the Community Building for its April meeting. Several matters of business were discussed and acted on.

The club voted, to contribute to the Red Cross with a donation of at least \$1.00 from each active member. The district meeting on April 19 was announced. The outstanding club member from Wards Club was chosen. Final plans were made for the Adult 4-H Leaders dinner which the club served for that organization.

Miss Maidred Morris, home agent, gave a most interesting demonstration on the Family Room. This was especially helpful for women with growing families who often find it necessary to make changes in the arrangement of their homes to meet the needs of the family, and to provide a more pleasant atmosphere for the comfort and well-being of the family.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

Chowan County Commissioners will hold their May meeting Monday morning, May 5, in the Court House. The meeting will begin at 1 o'clock.



MONSTERPIECE—A celebrated villain in Scandinavian folklore, this troll turns a snaggle-toothed grin toward its owner, Mrs. Hans Stackegard of Oconomowoc, Wis. The doll was sent by her mother, Mrs. Ingeborg Pihl of Hagfors, Sweden. Equipped with long white hair, black-tufted tail and furry feet, the doll is a representation of mythical figures from many stories, including Ibsen's play, "Peer Gyn."



Washington — Congress is now dealing with the problem of excessive secrecy practices by Federal agencies.

The House has taken a first step with the passage of the Moss government secrecy bill. The Senate Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, on which I serve, has concluded hearings on an identical bill and will report it favorably to the full Judiciary Committee.

To Correct Distortion

Increasingly, the various agencies of Government have resorted to an old statute, passed in 1789, to justify the withholding of information from press and public. This statute was originally intended as what is called a house-keeping provision. Its legislative history shows no intent to give the departments power to restrict information or deny access to records. Yet the words of the statute, the words which provide department heads with authority to prescribe regulations for "the custody, use and preservation of the records, papers, and property appertaining to it", have been distorted to justify secrecy practices.

The present bill would remedy this distortion and return the statute to its original meaning by adding one sentence: "This section does not authorize withholding information from the public or limiting the availability of records to the public."

Secrecy Extremes

Passage of the bill would mean

that the departments of Government could no longer rely upon this statute as the basis for withholding information. They would have to resort to other statutory authorities for such practices. Today there are more than seventy-five laws which give specific authority to control release of information. These laws are concerned with various areas—military information and national security, income tax statements, FBI files, crop reports, to name only a few. Such laws would not be affected by the bill.

What the bill seeks to correct is the vague and broadside use of the 1789 statute as authority to withhold information that should be given to the public. There have been denials to Congress, never intended to be withheld and information needed as the basis of intelligent judgments. We are, of course, familiar with such extreme examples of secrecy as the "confidential" classification of one amateur's work on bows and arrows.

Support of Bill

I very strongly favor this legislation. For the essence of the democratic form of government is an enlightened citizenry. Unless information is available the public cannot be knowledgeable and cannot make wise decisions. The development within Governmental agencies of the "papa knows best" attitude is certainly con-

Two Concerns In Edenton Robbed

Byrum Implement & Truck Co. and BBH Motor Co. Victims

Two Edenton business concerns, Byrum Implement & Truck Company and B.B.H. Motor Company were entered sometime Sunday or Sunday night, but the thieves realized very little from their efforts.

At the Byrum Implement & Truck Company entrance was gained by breaking in a side door. The safe was broken open, but only about \$150 was stolen.

The "take" at B.B.H. Motor Company was less profitable. Entrance was gained by breaking a glass window, but only a small amount of money from a drink box was missing.

The same person or persons are believed to have ransacked the office of the Hollowell Chevrolet Company in Hertford, but only a small amount of cash from a cigarette machine was missing.

John Edwards of the SBI is investigating the robberies, but no arrests have been made.

BURIAL SERVICES TODAY FOR MISS CARRIE MOORE

Burial services for Miss Carrie Helen Moore of Littleton, who died Wednesday, will be held in St. Paul's Churchyard this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

LIONS MEET MONDAY

Edenton's Lions Club will meet Monday night, May 5, at 7 o'clock. Medlin Belch, president of the club, urges all members to attend.

THE BILL SERVES NOTICE

The bill serves notice that the people do not countenance this attitude. It is only a first step. It applies, for instance, only to the departments or Government having cabinet status. Those independent agencies such as FCC or CAB do not fall under this statute. Study will continue regarding control of information by independent agencies; specific laws now granting secrecy will also be examined. But the present bill is a first step toward the correction of a situation which has long needed remedies.



SILVER BELLE—Moroccan girls don't wait for time to turn their hair to silver. This desert belle in Casablanca models a traditional hair style. Silver ornaments trim her braided tresses and a giant hoop earring is set in her pierced ear.

Vets' Question Box

Q—I am a Korea veteran with a service-connected disability not severe enough to warrant compensation payments. Would that qualify me for special GI insurance for disabled Korea veterans?

A—Yes. A noncompensable service-connected disability would qualify you for the special insurance, so long as it isn't a dental condition for which a rating was made only for purposes of dental treatment.

Q—I understand a war veteran needs at least 90 days military service to qualify for a pension. If he was absent without leave, would that time count toward his 90 days?

A—If his pay were forfeited for his period of absence without leave, that time would not count toward the 90-day minimum service requirement.

Q—I am the widow of a deceased World War II veteran and I have never remarried. Also, I served in the WAVES during World War II. Thus, it seems to me I would have entitlement to two GI loans. Am I right?

A—No. Under the law you would have only one entitlement to a GI loan, not two. Q—I have been offered a job as test pilot for an aircraft company. Will my GI insurance policy cover me if anything happens to me on the job?

A—Yes. Your GI insurance policy contains no restrictions as

to hazardous employment. It will protect you no matter how hazardous your job might be.

ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. President Robert Marsh is very anxious to register a 100 per cent meeting, so that all members are urged to be present. The program will be in charge of Jimmy Ricks.

RED MEN MEETING

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night, May 5, at 7:30 o'clock. Hurley Ward, sachem, requests a full attendance.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold a stated communication tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Daniel Reeves, master, urges a full attendance.

VFW AUXILIARY MEETING

The Ladies' Auxiliary of William H. Coffield Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet at the Post home tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. A social hour will be held instead of the regular business meeting, so that Mrs. Patty Jordan, president, urges every member to attend and make an effort to bring an eligible member.

Advertisement for Leary Bros. Storage Company featuring 'HIGH YIELDING QUALITY SEED CORN' and 'We've Got It! Come & Get It!' with an image of a corn cob.

Advertisement for Twiddy Ins. - Real Estate, Inc. featuring 'Close-out Special Only 3 Left AWNINGS' and 'Will Sell in Group or Single—Installed' with an image of an awning.

Advertisement for RAY SMITH harvests 3,485 lbs. of peanuts per acre using HEPTACHLOR! with an image of a farmer in a field.

Advertisement for MR. FARMER! My Hancock Sheller has been completely overhauled by factory mechanics and I am now shelling peanuts at the Smith and Chappell Warehouse at Belvidere.

Advertisement for Louis A. Chappell OPERATOR featuring 'I have good field selected high germination Seed Peanuts—All varieties.' and 'All seed were harvested before the freeze.'

Why Kneel To Pray?



One thing that puzzles an Episcopalian is to be asked, "Why do you kneel to pray in your church?" He's as likely to answer by asking in return, "Why not?"

To us it just seems natural that we should be on our knees during prayer. Prayer is a combination of elements. It consists of humble adoration of God, thanksgiving for His blessings to us, confession of sin and petition for forgiveness, supplication for help and intercession for our loved ones and the needs of the world.

And when you consider that in the Episcopal Church we use the Book of Common Prayer so that we may join together and not just sit back and let the minister pray for us, kneeling certainly is the natural thing.

If you'll stop to think, it makes sense. When you were a child, you learned to pray kneeling at your bedside. There are many fraternal orders in which it is customary for all the members to kneel while they are led in prayer by the chaplain. Why not kneel in church?

Here's a suggestion. Visit the Episcopal Church near you soon. Join in the service. Kneel with the congregation. The person near you will show you how to follow the service in the Prayer Book. You'll leave feeling as though "you've really been in church".

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