

**SENATOR**

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WASHINGTON—Military justice, in spite of recent legislation to improve it, is in the midst of the greatest ferment since the end of World War II. The Arnharter and Pueblo affairs, the Presidio incidents in San Francisco, and the recent Green Beret case, whatever the explanations may be, have cast a pall over the quality of justice dispensed by the armed forces.

Part of the problem undoubtedly arises because the military services are undergoing their worst trial of public confidence in generations. Signs of this erosion of confidence are seen in the widespread concern about our war effort in Vietnam, and in the growing rejection of government and authority by our young people. Even so, some of the problem is fueled by scandals which reach to the highest military levels and the unwise actions of the services themselves.

Doubts about military justice come at the very time when the system has been the subject of the most thorough reform in two decades. The 1968 Military Justice Act, which I helped to draft and pilot through the Congress, has now expanded the responsibilities of military counsel in special courts-martial. It has significantly increased the stature and role of the law officer by making him a federal

judge. Military courts have now been improved by transforming the old boards of review which reviewed trial judgments into full-fledged appellate courts. In addition, the 1968 act gives the military defendant and his counsel significant new protections.

These reforms, which went into effect in late summer, demonstrate a national concern for the servicemen's right to receive a fair trial under a first-class system of justice.

It should be recognized that the quality of any system of justice is largely dependent upon the individuals who administer it. As long as individuals make judgments there will be the risk of errors. To minimize this, however, we should constantly strive to incorporate the safeguards of "due process" of law in our procedures.

In reviewing the Military Justice Act of 1968, it should be pointed out that one area of reform was neglected last year. This relates to administrative separations which involve non-honorable discharges.

The importance of this matter is that any service discharge of a degree less than honorable carries with it a social stigma in the public mind. For this reason, I have been much concerned about the way which military authorities have in granting administrative discharges which do not involve a courts-martial. I believe that we ought to enact a code of procedure which insures that any serviceman being considered for a non-honorable discharge should have the basic protections of "due process" of law.

On March 4, I introduced S. 1266, to establish such a code. Basically, it would require three-member administrative discharge boards to conduct fair and impartial hearings on the alleged grounds for such a discharge, that they receive and consider evidence bearing upon such discharge, that they make findings based upon the evidence, and that they specify the reasons for their recommendations as to whether the defendant should be discharged or retained in the armed forces.

I believe that my bill would fill a gap which now exists in the basic safeguards accorded servicemen and I am hopeful that the studies which may begin on this measure soon will result in favorable Congressional action on it.

**IN GERMANY**

U. S. ARMY, Germany—Army Second Lieutenant James C. Brabble, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brabble, Route 2, Edenton, N. C., was assigned September 3 to the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany as a communications officer.

**C. D. Morgan Taken In Death**

Charles Dennis (Harry) Morgan, 52, Cape Colony, died Friday in N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill following an illness of three weeks.

He was a foreman with Daniel Construction Company in Durham.

Mr. Morgan was a native of Jamestown, Pa., son of the late John Morgan. He had made his home in Chowan County for the past 10 years.

He was married to Mrs. Mattie Ward Morgan, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons: Dennis Charles Morgan of Durham and Frankie Morgan of Maryland; one daughter, Miss Pattie Morgan of Maryland; two step-sons: Sgt. William Ned Yount, stationed in Korea, and Acie Louis Yount, of Granite Falls, N. Y.; five stepdaughters: Mrs. Doris Herman, Mrs. Dora Stillman, Mrs. Kay Smith and Mrs. Jane Britton, all of Edenton, and Mrs. Rachel Sadler of Baltimore, Md.; two grandchildren and 22 stepgrandchildren.

Mr. Morgan was a member of Belmont Moose Lodge.

Funeral services were held at 3 P. M. Sunday in Colonial Community Chapel with Rev. Mitchell Edwards and Father James Butler in charge.

Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**SPANISH MOTIF TEAMS PORK, ORANGE, ONION**

When homemakers can skip from one country to another in a culinary adventure, meals need never be dull.

Take a dining adventure to sunny Spain by using pork tenderloin patties with orange and onion slices, advises Reba Staggs, meat expert with the National Livestock and Meat Board. This most tender section of the pork loin needs braising to develop its flavor fully.

**Spanish Tenderloin Patties**

- 6 pork tenderloin patties.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 1 egg, beaten.
- 3/4 cup fine cracker crumbs.
- 3 tablespoons lard or drippings.
- 6 orange slices.
- 6 onion slices.
- 1/4 cup water.

Add salt to beaten egg. Dip tenderloin patties in egg and then in cracker crumbs. Brown slowly in lard or drippings. Arrange an orange slice and onion slice on each patty. Add water, cover tightly and cook slowly 30 minutes or until well done. Six servings.

**DISABLED SHOULD MAKE REPORT EARLY**

If you should become unable to work, see your doctor first, and make your next stop the social security office. Some people fail to get in touch with the social security office soon after becoming disabled and risk losing money. If you were disabled for more than 18 months, each month you delay filing a disability claim could cost you a month's social security check.

It is now easier to qualify and younger workers who could not qualify in the past, may now be eligible. Briefly, if you become disabled before 31, you don't need as much work under present law as you did in the past. Disabled Vietnam veterans particularly should ask how this new disability law affects them.

If you have questions about disability payments or any part of social security or Medicare, get in touch with your social security office.

More than 6,000 medical research projects are under way at 146 Veterans Administration hospitals.

**Tips And Tricks**

True or false? If you are letting your hair grow, you should have it trimmed regularly. True! Avon suggests that deft scissor shaping by a professional can do a lot to overcome that in-between stage that is often so frustrating. Regular trimming is the answer to controlling uneven hair lengths and those wispy ends that detract so definitely from a well-groomed look.

Other helps: regular brushing; frequent washing with a shampoo especially formulated for your type of hair; the use of conditioners such as Avon's aerosol hair conditioner to help give body and keep hair ends in place.

**Sunday School Lesson**

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He also brought back observance of the feasts of the Passover, which had been long neglected.

Hezekiah was succeeded by his son, Manessah, who—like a pendulum—swung in the opposite direction from his father, and emulated his grandfather, Ahaz, restoring pagan worship. After the assassination of his successor, Amon, the throne fell to Josiah, who was equally as Godly a man as Hezekiah.

It was during Josiah's reign that a scroll was found that so inspired Josiah that one of the great-

est feasts in Biblical history took place; again it was the Feast of the Passover, and Israel, once again, was turned back to God. That she fell from grace once again, after Josiah's reign, was no reflection on that devout man. For one can only try to make one's mark in the world as an influence for good. It is for our faithfulness that God judges us.

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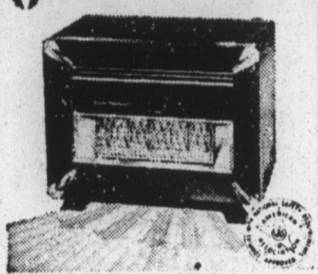
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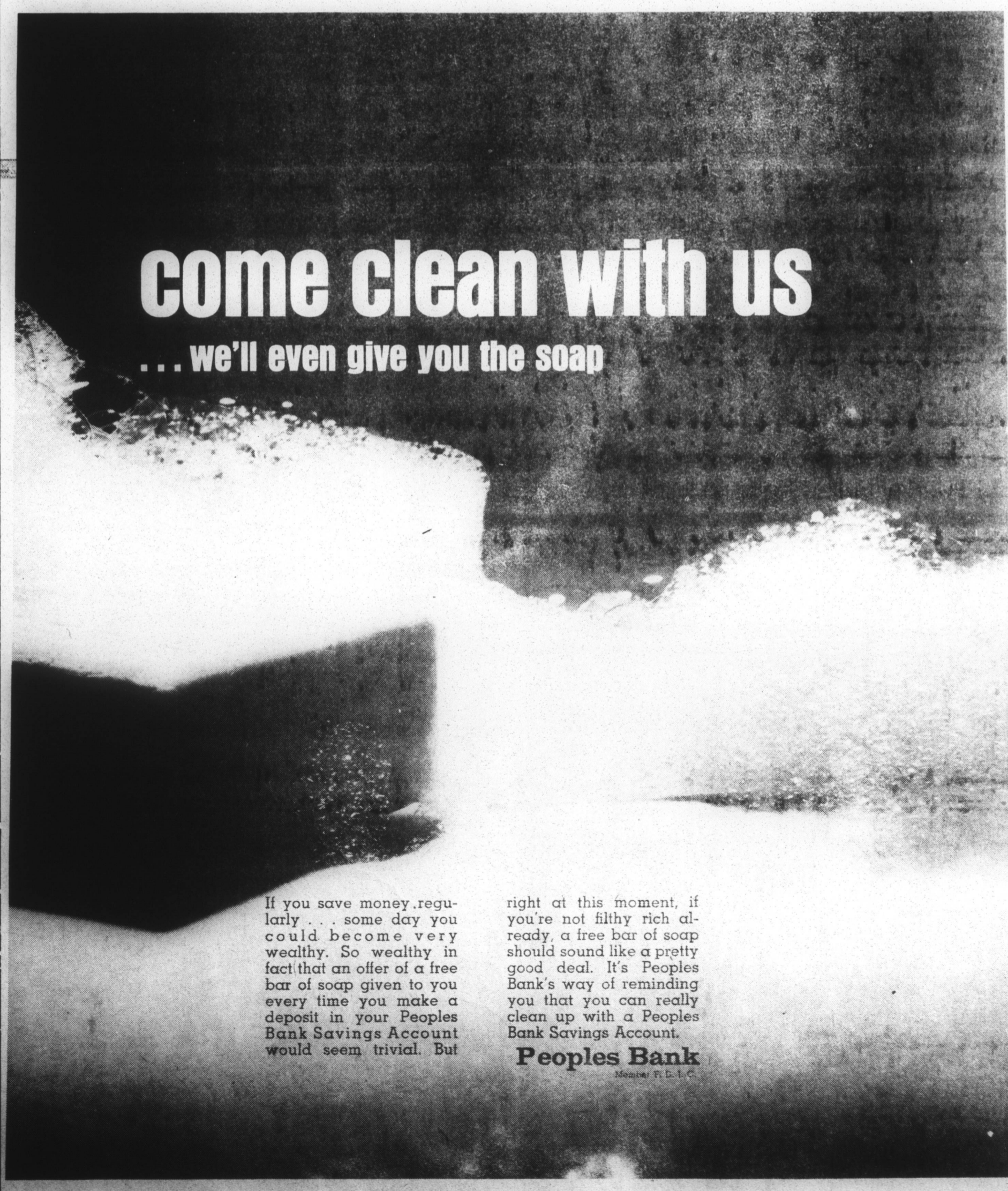
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**One Lump, or Two?**

This week marks the 195th anniversary of the Edenton Tea Party.

On October 25, 1774, fifty-one women met at Mrs. Elizabeth King's home and resolved to support the American cause.

Even though Cornwallis piped his way through eastern Carolina, in full dress, we won the Revolution...

Never underestimate the power of women! Right, Hugh?

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