

# Rep. Walter B. Jones Reports

The two most important subjects in Washington last week was the promised peace agreement as it relates to our involvement in Vietnam. Hopefully, by the time this column appears this will be a reality. The other was the Inauguration of President Nixon as our 37th President. As always, this was a most impressive event and this year has become extremely costly if one attempted to attend functions and purchase the many souvenirs offered. Some examples are the sale of a sterling silver Inaugural plate

for \$150; Inaugural license plates at \$15 per set. A box at one of the Inaugural Balls cost \$1,000, or admittance for one at \$40 per person. The sale of pennants and other souvenirs created an almost carnival atmosphere in the city. Most of the expense such as the construction of the stands and parade seats, police protection, communications, etc. are borne by the taxpayers, so in all probability, the Inaugural Committee will conclude the event with a tidy profit.

Since Congress convened on January 3, I have introduced or co-sponsored legislation as follows:

A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide that where violations are corrected within the prescribed abatement period no penalty shall be assessed. Also, in connection with the Occupational Safety and Health Act, I co-sponsored a bill to exempt any non-manufacturing business, or any business having twenty-five or less employees in States having laws regulating safety in such businesses, from the Federal standards created under such Act; and also legislation requiring the recognition between the difference in hazards to employees between the heavy construction industry and the light residential construction industry. These are in no way designed to reduce safety and the well-being of employees, but rather to provide a common sense approach to the enforcement of this Act which all too often has been absent.

I again co-sponsored legislation which provides that no public school student shall, because of his race, creed, or color, be assigned to or required to attend a particular school.

Many of you have written complaining about the curtailment of certain programs through the President's arbitrary action in impounding funds previously approved by the United States Congress. I co-sponsored a bill which would require the President to notify the Congress whenever he impounds funds, or authorizes the impounding of funds, and to provide a procedure under which the House of Representatives and the Senate may approve the President's action or require the President to cease such action.

The question of water pollution remains a serious one as it relates to our states and municipalities attempting to comply with Federal anti-pollution standards; therefore, I co-sponsored legislation which would provide that no state shall receive a lesser allocation of water pollution control funds in fiscal '73 to '74 than it received in fiscal '72.

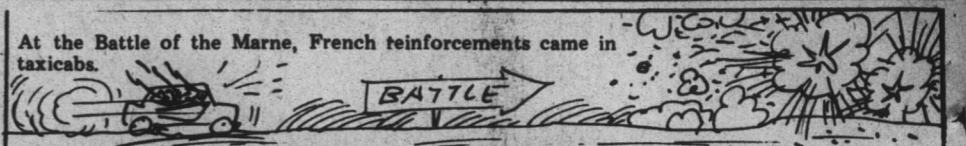
I also joined in legislation calling for a constitutional amendment for a direct popular election of the President and Vice President which would put an end to the outmoded two centuries old Electoral College system.

It is obvious that the original method of electing a President was provided when there was no

mass communication and travel was almost impossible. I think justify a change in the method of electing our Chief Executive. But today, changing conditions

Always remember, if you would be considered wise, that your opinions are of small importance to anyone except yourself.

At the Battle of the Marne, French reinforcements came in taxicabs.



MARVIN McCLAM

## M'clam To Head Cooperative

RALEIGH--Marvin McClam of Raleigh will become president and general manager of FCX Inc., a two-state farmer cooperative, on July 1.

He will succeed A. J. Haynes, also of Raleigh, who has served as top executive officer of the \$100-million organization since 1967. Haynes reaches retirement age next January but is turning over the office early since the FCX fiscal year begins July 1. He will remain in an advisory capacity until February 1, 1974.

McClam, a native of Lake City, S. C., currently holds the position of vice president, procurement, production and distribution. He also serves as assistant to the president and general manager.

FCX, a farmer-owned cooperative founded in 1934, operates throughout North and South Carolina. It has branches and outlets in most of the principal cities and towns and is regarded as the principal distributor of farm supplies in the two states. Its volume in the fiscal year ended June 30, was \$133,000,000, the fourth consecutive year this figure has exceeded \$100,000,000.

### ON DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE--Miss JoElla Copeland of Tyner has been named to the first semester Dean's List at Methodist College in Fayetteville. Miss Copeland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Copeland, Route 1, Tyner, and is a 1969 graduate of Chowan High School.

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