

## LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Tuesday, October 26, 1965

### At Last

The 89th Congress has adjourned. Good riddance. A few more months of legislation by "Lyndon's Stooges" and the country would never have survived. To paraphrase the immortal Churchill—"Never in the history of human politics have so many done so much for such few."

Most of the actions taken by this Congress were designed not unlike the hostess who forced the candy on the already stuffed youngster. The people neither needed nor wanted the legislation. But Lyndon did. And in the 89th Congress, what Lyndon wanted, Lyndon got.

Five, yea, even ten generations from now our ancestors will still be paying on legislation passed by the sycophantic 89th Congress.

Even though many believed it to be impossible, the 89th surpassed the 88th in covering to the President's every whim.

The 89th will go down in history, as has been suggested. The pages will undoubtedly be

marked by a pair of eye glasses to denote its complete blindness to the effects of its legislation on the country.

Just one month, the 30 days in June, should have been warning enough. A \$10,000 investment, drawing 6 percent interest, lost all it earned in the 30 days. A \$10,000 life insurance policy lost \$50 in buying power in just 30 days. \$10,000 in life savings bought \$220.00 less in food during these 30 days. All pensions, wages, dividends and other income shrunk accordingly during this particular period.

And the trend continues, being pushed along by a Congress made up of "yes" men.

Is there any wonder the sigh of relief can be heard all over the world as the infamous 89th passes into yesterday.

But don't take too much heart. Come January, we'll be faced with the 90th trying to outdo the 89th. And even though it seems impossible that this could happen, don't bet that it won't.

### The Vets Are Coming

The World War I Veterans Auto Caravan will visit Louisburg next week as one of a large number of stops in their ten-day tour of the state. It is appropriate that the time of day they will appear here is 11 a.m., the time of the Armistice on November 11, 1918.

Gov. Dan Moore has declared November World War I Veterans Recognition Month. This, too, is appropriate.

These men fought for their country in a time of great peril. They fought before draft card burning became the fad. They fought before mechanization

when the foot soldier was the difference. They fought for love of God and country.

Far less has been done for this gallant band than for those men who have served since their day.

It is good that they are to be given some degree of recognition 47 years later.

It is hoped that Louisburg will show them a welcome which they will not soon forget. The time is 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 4, and the place is here at the newspaper office.

We'll be looking for you—and so will they.

## NATIONAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### A Tale Of Two Cities

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"Dear Fellow Worker: As required by law, we have deducted from your pay checks this month a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Add this amount to the checks you have received and you will have your total earnings for the month.

"The above deduction is claimed by the Government as an advance payment upon your Federal Income Tax for the year. Withdrawing this part of your earnings and forwarding it to the Government is part of our cost of doing business. Every employer is governed by the same Government requirement; the expense of retaining and forwarding employee taxes is part of his operating costs and must be charged to you when you buy his products or services.

"In addition to the above taxes which you have paid, each corporation is taxed 22% of its earnings up to \$25,000, and 48%

of all additional earnings....."

The same day's mail brought the story of an Illinois businessman who opened a drycleaning establishment back in 1939. Like many another enterprising beginner, he framed the first dollar bill his business took in, posted it in a prominent place in the waiting room, and dated it with the year, 1939. During the war years, while he slogged through Europe, his wife and sister-in-law kept the door open and the clientele coming. Beginning in post-war 1949, he enlarged the frame for the first dollar bill to permit space for printing beneath it the current value of that dollar according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index. By 1949, that dollar was worth 75.2 cents. The sign now reads 44.7 cents.

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## WHY WE'RE NOT MOVING



### How It Feels To Be A Welfare Child

BY CAROLYN CATES CUNNINGHAM

Editor's Note: For the next several issues of The Times, this space will be devoted to an article brought in by Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood which we feel is of interest to our readers. The article has been widely reprinted from an original June 1965 issue of Tennessee Public Welfare Record. The regular Frank Count column will resume at the completion of this article.

My mother took a night-job at a hosiery mill to try to keep things going, for by this time the small savings accumulated for the purchase of a lot on which to build a home was completely gone. Eventually my mother's health also failed from constant overwork as she cared for her sick husband and son, tried to keep a lively little girl of four healthy and happy, and hold down a public job at night. At that time I did not realize that my world was different from that of other children. I was a happy, carefree child. My mother and father loved me, and it mattered little to me that at times there was nothing but dry bread to eat.

Finally, when my mother knew not where to turn, a dear friend of ours suggested that she apply for welfare assistance. Reluctantly, my mother eventually did this. She discovered that she could draw an assistance check for my brother and me until we were eighteen because of my father's disability. After this things were a little better, at least once a month. I was always happy when my mother said that today we would go to town. This meant a rare trip for me to see all the lovely toys. Occasionally, there was a nickel or dime for me to spend for a small toy or a bar of candy to share with my brother.

My days passed happily as I played and learned about the things around me. I delighted most in attempting to copy the funny little drawings of animals which my mother often drew for me. The years passed and soon it was time for my first year in school. I was intrigued from the very first with the activities of life at school and the many new experiences I had there. I could hardly wait to go home each day to tell my father what I had learned. He was always just as eager to hear my daily reports.

It was during my early school years that I first began to notice that there was some difference between myself and the other children. For instance, I noted that I had to go to the office for my lunch ticket while everyone else went to the cafeteria for theirs. Not realizing as yet what money meant, I could not understand that it was because the others brought money, and I brought none, that this was so.

### Guard Extended

Washington, D. C.—President Johnson has signed a bill that Secret Service protection for Mrs. John F. Kennedy and her

children will be provided for another two years. The bill also provides lifetime protection for former presidents and four years of protection for widows and minor children of presidents who die in office.

### Report On Mariner 4

Washington, D. C.—The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced the transmitter and other critical systems of Mariner 4 were cut off the first of October. NASA officials said it would be reactivated in mid-1967, when it will be close enough to earth to send pictures again.

### Ike On Prices-Wages

Washington, D. C.—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower has expressed disagreement with the administration's policy of issuing guidelines on wages and prices. He also criticized what he called "over-centralized government."

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