

# Inside Look At The U.N.

By Congressman L. H. FOUNTAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C. . . . Every year two Members of the Congress are named to the American Delegation representing the United States at the annual meeting in New York of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

This year, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and in turn the Speaker of the House, the President nominated me as one of the two Members for this important assignment.

Although honored by this appointment, which I did not seek and which requires Senate confirmation, I will gladly accept it but with mixed emotions. Naturally, any American should be proud to represent his country in a world forum of nations, regardless of any reservations he may have about the forum and its accomplishments.

I say "mixed emotions" because I have not been happy with the performance of the U. N. over the years. Neither have you. In fact, I have been one of its most severe critics.

Most of us had great hopes for the U. N. when it was first organized in 1945. We were tired of war, just as we are today. We wanted peace.

Unfortunately, our hopes did not come true. Over the years the U. N.'s minuses have seemed to outnumber the pluses.

Several countries, including France and the Soviet Union, still refuse to pay their share of the U. N. budget. A number of both old and new countries to whom we have contributed so much -- billions in fact -- often vote against us.

We have only one vote, but we foot the bill for almost one-third of the U. N. budget, and some of that money goes into international programs over which we have no control. The Secretary General, U Thant, has taken sides openly with the Communist bloc on the Vietnam problem.

These are just a few of the many minuses. I could not be honest, however, as a U. N. critic, if I did not look at the other side.

The U. N. is the only worldwide forum where lines of communication are kept open between most countries, including friend and foe.

I, therefore, welcome this chance to see U. N. operations from an inside vantage point. Then I can judge for myself how the U. N. serves the interests of the American people and of world peace.

In addition, I look forward to the opportunity of sharing in the formulation and execution of American policy, and defending it from attack when I think it is right.

Still, I would approach this work with the utmost seriousness, holding in reserve in every way possible whatever

skepticism I have about the future of the U. N. I intend to be as honest, as independent and constructive a critic as I can.

The Middle East situation is high on the U. N. agenda this fall. My experience as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Near East should prove exceedingly useful in this area.

(Incidentally, my burden will be much heavier for a while, because I will be traveling back and forth between Washington and New York and the District. However, I expect to be in Washington for all key and especially highly controversial votes.)

We hear more and more calls for the U. N. to try to find a solution to the Vietnam war.

While I have serious questions as to what the U. N. can or should do toward bringing about an honorable settle-

ment of that painful and costly struggle, I certainly intend to explore with others the possibilities. We need to see if U. N. facilities can, in American best interests, properly and wisely be used toward that end.

I have no mature opinion on whether or not it can succeed. But if it refuses to even make an attempt, it could well be a new beginning of the end of the United Nations as an instrument of international policy.

With thousands of Americans dying in Vietnam, I feel that if in some small way I can contribute to a better and more peaceful world, I want to do so.

And failing to do so, I would be derelict in my duty to you, the Congress and to the entire country. At least, I expect to try, and I sincerely hope that I will have your support and your prayers.

## In Service



PRIVATE BOBBIE JOYNER

U.S. ARMY, OKINAWA (AHTNC)-Army Private First Class Bobbie C. Joyner, 23, son of Mrs. Annie L. Joyner, Route 1, Louisburg, N.C., and the late Zöllie T. Joyner, was named soldier of the month for the 526th Maintenance Company on Okinawa, Oct. 20.

A supply clerk in the company, Pvt. Joyner was selected for his soldierly appearance, knowledge and performance of duties and military courtesy.

Pvt. Joyner entered the Army in October 1966 and was stationed at Ft. Dix, N.J., before arriving overseas in March of this year.

He is a 1962 graduate of Louisburg High School.

Meals would be better if there were fewer recipes and more home cooking.

## About Your Home

In most sections of the U.S.A. the gardens are in a very unattractive stage. However, in order to be happier over next spring and summer's results, now is the time to put in some hard work and planning.

Make a compost pit, which is very easy and an important "must" for impoverished soils. Simply dig a pit one to three feet deep and five or six feet in diameter, depending on the amount of compost needed. Arrange alternating layers of leaves, weeds, stalks and manure. Add to this a quart or so of a good commercial fertilizer. Moisten and turn frequently. Allow thorough decomposition before using.

Start new beds at this time by incorporating manure and bone meal deep in the soil and allowing the soil to remain turned until spring. Also, put wood ashes on beds to be dug under next spring. Perennial borders should be mulched after the ground is frozen or very, very cold. Some reliable mulches are buckwheat hulls, leafmold and peat moss.

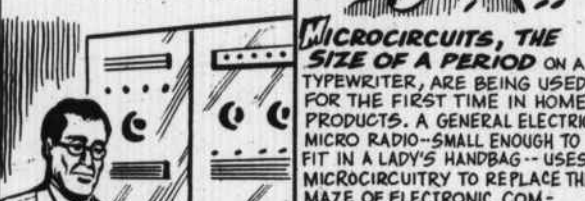
In many parts of the country it is, or soon will be, rose-planting time. Good plants must be chosen in the first place to have rewarding blooms. Remember, not all varieties are hardy. Select the varieties which experts have found can stand your climate. Good, strong varieties are not often bothered by insects or diseases. Japanese beetles are not attracted to red ones quite so much as to the light colored ones.

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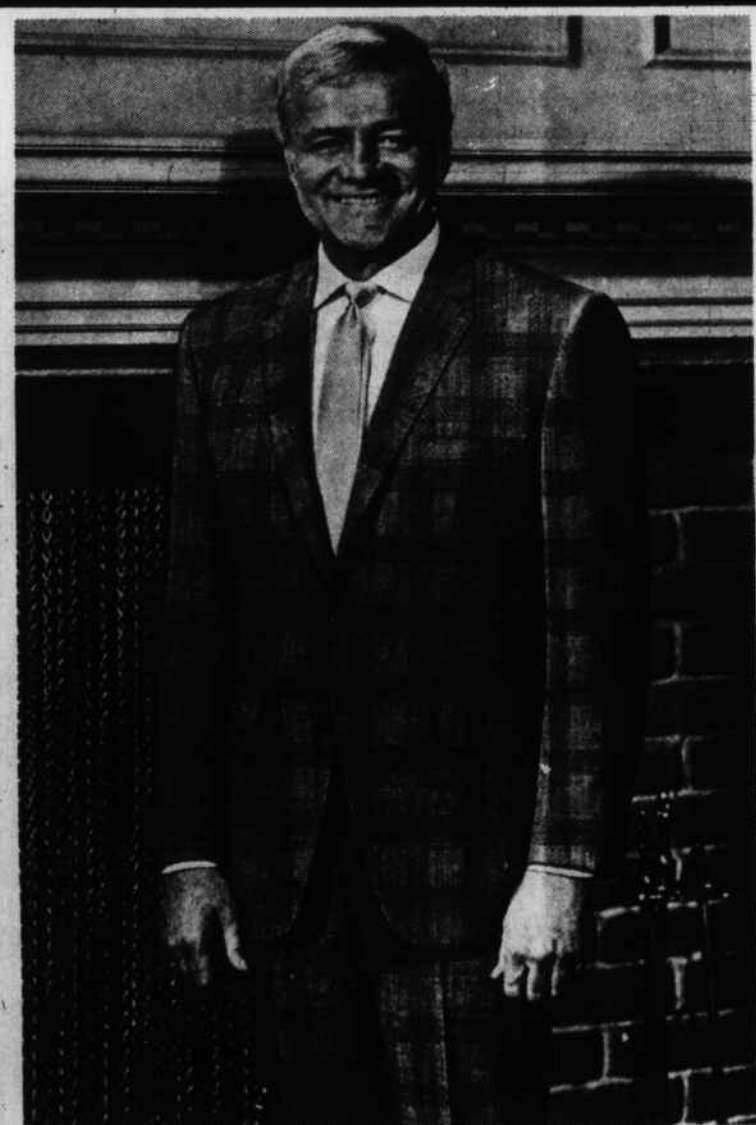
A gifted mind is one that easily discovers plausible excuses.

**Substitute Milk**  
The U.S. dairy industry faces a threat to milk sales from a new inexpensive milk substitute. The substitute is referred to as "filled" or "imitation" milk and is several cents less than a quart of milk.

**On Defense Buying**  
A tightening up of procedures has been ordered by the Pentagon. Representative Otis G. Pike. (D-NY) disclosed that the Defense Department paid \$194.30 for a small purchase that was available in a manufacturer's catalog for \$3.43.

**On Adjournment**  
Democratic congressional leaders have been urged by President Johnson to push through important administration measures before the proposed Thanksgiving Day adjournment of the 1967 session. Surcharge on income taxes and Social Security revision are called priority items.

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