

## LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Bright In The Eyes

Senator Sam Ervin doesn't want Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas to become Chief Justice. He has made this abundantly clear. Senator Sam contends that no vacancy exists since Chief Justice Earl Warren left the date of his resignation open.

Not too many people find themselves able to agree with the senior North Carolina Senator on this point. The Chief Justice could have offered President Johnson a date other than at such time as a successor has qualified. With the Court in adjournment, it would not have mattered had Mr. Warren just simply quit as of the day he sent in his resignation, but for some reason, big-time politicians seldom do the reasonable thing.

Many of us agree heartily with Senator Ervin that Abe Fortas has no business heading the country's big Court, if indeed, he has any business on the Court at all. To this end, we hope the Senator and his associates on the Senate Judiciary Committee are successful in their chosen position.

Senator Sam is standing on much

firmer ground now that he has aimed his guns at Fortas' position as an adviser to the President. This condition smells like a city dump on a hot, humid day. With the federal government taking more and more private citizens, school boards and others into Court with a startling degree of venom and frequency nowadays, it is something less than desired that the administrative branch buddy up to and with the judiciary.

The founders of this nation saw clearly the advantages of keeping the three branches of government separate. Senator Ervin, being an advocate of constitutional government, also sees it. But, during the past several years, leaders of this country have moved farther and farther away from this concept.

Stopping Fortas might be a small sign that at least some of our leaders are beginning to see the light. May it shine ever brighter in the eyes of those who have heretofore attempted to snuff out the light altogether.

### Oh, Happy Day

New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller marked off the South this week, when standing on the steps of Lincoln's home in Springfield, Ill., he said he wanted only those people who believed as he does on civil rights to follow him. He said he didn't need any others.

This is typical of the liberals be they of the Republican or Democratic cloth. The custom is, as it has been for the past several years, to make the South the villain. Rockefeller, of the silver-spoon Rockefeller, believes Southerners to be red-necks, hayseeds and racists. If this sounds familiar, it should because the Kennedys and Johnson and Humphrey believe the same and have for years.

Progress in important things which have occurred in the South over the years is forgotten. Only the press

agent reports of racism impresses the candidates and, in their minds, the voters.

There are people in other parts of the country who believe that Negroes are forced to walk on a different side of the street from whites in the South. Many believe that Negroes are whipped with regularity and are brutally treated here. The fact that such hogwash is believed is to the credit of the liberals, the activists and the national news media. Even so, it is not so much that so many people in this land are misinformed as it is that those who know better play on this ignorance.

The important thing is that this might well be the year when the Rockefellers, the Johnsons, the Humphreys and others like them are written off by the South. Oh, happy day.

### The Capacity Of Man

THAT THE CAPACITY OF MAN is unlimited has been proven over and over again, but it takes more than knowing this if man is to break loose from any sense of limitation that he may have accepted, as his human experience and outlook. Certainly the inventive genius of man has proven that there are NO limits to what man can accomplish . . . if and when he opens his thoughts to the challenge.

We need only look at the advance of radio and television, jet propelled planes, rockets that reach the moon, and the last Olympic Games where record after record was broken, to find evidence of this truth in actual operation. Could any of these accomplishments have taken place by those who say and believe, "We have reached our limit?"

Limited or stagnant thinking finds little or no resting place in today's drama of progress. That individual succeeds who believes progress is unlimited and so-called records are here today, only to be broken tomorrow.

The champions of tomorrow are those who believe in the limitless capacity of man, knowing that human endurance is continually strengthened and enlarged by spiritual enlightenment.

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Don't worry, Mayor Daley, I AM hanging on!

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

### My God, How Can It Be?

That one boy dies rotting from malnutrition and torture in a jungle prison camp in North Vietnam . . . and another boy spits and tramples on the flag of his country on the steps of a university of learning?

That one boy lies sightless in a U.S. Naval hospital from communist-inflicted face wounds . . . and another boy uses a communist flag to drape himself in defiance of the laws of this country?

That one man of medicine begins his 30th straight hour standing over an operating table in pursuit of life for men serving his country . . . and another man of medicine implores crowds of young men to refuse to serve their country?

That one Negro holds the face of his dead white comrade in his arms and cries pitifully in a dirty hole in Vietnam . . . and another Negro screams with hate against his white brother on the streets of countless American cities?

That one boy lies in a coffin below the ground because he believed in duty to country . . . and another boy lies on a dingy cot giving blood to the enemies of his country?

That one man of God shields a wounded boy from an enemy bayonet with his body and dies . . . and another man of God uses his cloth as a shield to preach hate, dissension and lawlessness?

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### Congress Cuts Spending

By Rep. L. H. Fountain

Washington, D. C. . . . Everybody seems to know that Congress has passed legislation raising additional revenues. Not too many seem to realize that Congress at the same time cut federal spending substantially.

The entire revenue raising and expenditure reducing bill was designed primarily to strengthen the dollar. Inflation, high interest rates, the deficit in our balance of payments, the drain on our gold, and a record high national debt, were all factors in the absolute necessity to put all the national strength we could behind the dollar.

Let me emphasize that in the opinion of all the financial experts I know about, this legislation was absolutely necessary to reduce the Federal Budget to manageable proportions; and, in my opinion, the reduction in federal spending is the heart of the legislation. Without the requirements for meaningful reductions in federal outlays and obligations, the bill could not achieve its objectives. It would not have received my vote without these reductions.

As you know, I opposed those programs which I feared would create the financial situation we faced.

But by the same token, the fact that I may not have set fire to a public building is really no excuse for me not to help put it out, if I can. That was my feeling when this bill came before the House for a vote, and it still is.

On the whole, this was a well-balanced bill. It requires the national government to tighten its belt considerably. This is the point which seems to be so widely overlooked and which I want to discuss here.

The requirement for a \$6 billion cut in Federal expenditures in fiscal year 1969 - which began July 1 - is in addition to the \$4.3 billion reduction carried out in fiscal 1968, as a result of Congressional action last fall. Together, these expenditure reductions are approximately equal to the amount of additional tax that will be collected under the surcharge.

In addition to the \$6 billion cut this year, there is a requirement that \$10 billion be cut in new obligatory authority - that is, the so-called federal spending "pipeline." Moreover, the President is required to recommend at least \$8 billion in recissions of old obligatory authority carried over from prior years.

All together this amounts to some \$24 billion - a very substantial figure, in my opinion. Included is another requirement that the federal payroll be trimmed by over 225,000 jobs. This will be done by filling only three out of every four vacancies as they occur.

Let me make it clear that these expenditure and obligatory authority reduction provisions have real teeth in them. If they did not, the liberal spenders in the Congress would not be so loudly protesting against them.

These cuts are all required by the law, and absolute ceilings are imposed. The bill operates in such a manner that the spending cuts are mandatory.

Finally, there is a "clincher," as Chairman Wilbur Mills of Ways and Means called it in debate on the House Floor, to insure that the cuts operate as intended.

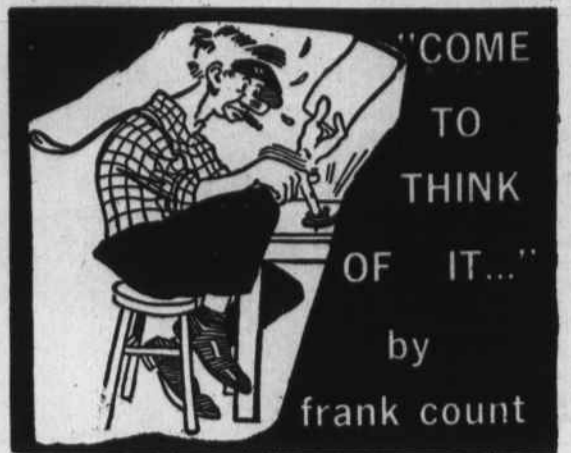
That "clincher" is the present ceiling on the national debt. If the law should be violated, then the debt ceiling would be reached later this year, and further expenditures could not be made.

We have further assurances from Chairman Wilbur Mills who said unequivocally on the floor that if the ceiling should be reached because the reductions had not been carried out, he has no intention of voting for an increase in the debt ceiling.

To that, I say, "Amen, neither do I."

In summary, in view of the magnitude of the budget deficit in the absence of the revenue and expenditure control bill, which was estimated at about \$25 billion for the present fiscal year, it was incumbent on the Congress to enact this legislation to preserve the fiscal integrity of this country.

Of course, none of us likes to see funds cut in areas of particular concern to us. But the people of this country have justifiably demanded a reduction in government expenditures and we can't keep our cake and eat it too.



"George, I really appreciate you meeting me like this. I know you understand why I asked that we do it in secret. I want you to know, I appreciate it."

"I been reading the polls lately, George and I must say . . . you aren't doing badly. Matter of fact . . . for what you've had to go on . . . I think you're done quite well."

"Yes, I suppose you could say you've got a good cause. We've all got a good cause, George. I've got Pat and the girls and that Eisenhower boy who keeps coming around and then there's Checkers . . . don't forget Checkers . . ."

What's that? Oh, Checkers is my dog . . . You don't watch television much do you George? Remember back in 1960 . . . it was those makeup men, George . . . that's what did me in . . . If it hadn't been for Chicago . . . George, I'd have won . . . You know they counted more votes than they had voters out there . . . Never did quite understand that, George.

Now, what I've come to see you about, George, is all those electoral votes you're about to get. I'm sure you know you can't win and you can't get enough to do you any good . . . and I was wondering if maybe you'd be willing to let me have them . . . I've come so close so many times, George . . . I've just got to win this time . . .

Yeah, well George . . . I meant to tell you about that . . . I really meant to take a public stand on that schoolhouse door thing . . . but you know how it is . . . You get busy and then I was afraid it wouldn't look right, George . . . Of course, you know I agree with you . . . Something needs to be done . . . Now about those votes George . . .

Yes . . . I can explain about that, George. I was just saying that . . . you know I didn't mean it when I said I'd make no deal with you . . . I had to say that, George . . . cause Hubert said it . . . and you can't afford to make anybody mad nowadays, George . . . I knew you'd understand . . .

Yes, I am planning to do something about law and order, George . . . and I promise to make a study of the pseudo-intellectuals and anarchists, too . . . but George, I can't run over nobody just because they lay down in front of my car . . . Now, tell the truth, George . . . would you really run over a poor poverty stricken American just because he threw rocks at you and blocked the street and happened to be rioting . . . You got to understand, George . . . There's some good in everybody . . . and these people have been abused by society. You know that, George . . . we got to do something for them . . . Now about those votes, George . . .

States rights? Well . . . I'll tell you George, that's a touchy subject. We national politicians can't get involved in that sort of thing . . . we've got to get at the grass roots, George . . . that's where the votes are . . . I'm for civil rights, George . . . but I can't go along with the states having any rights . . . states don't vote, George . . . it's people . . . You understand that don't you George . . .

Now . . . let's get down to business, George. You know you can't do business with Hubert . . . and you know I'm 100 percent for liberty and justice and all that jazz . . . so . . . how much, George . . . how much will you take for your votes . . .

Why are you opening the door, George . . . Now wait a minute . . . take your hands off me . . . George . . . I'm a former vice president . . . George . . . don't do it . . . George . . . you can't put me out . . . George . . . George . . . George . . ."

If Hubert Humphrey were smart (and mind you, we're not saying he is), he'd give Gene McCarthy the nomination and let HIM be the one to lose in November.

### Attitudes & Platitudes Jerry Marcus

