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Happy New Year

This is the day for all those elections. Today we can look back and count the many things we had planned to do in 1968, which were never done. But, fortunately, we can also look back at the many things that were done and particularly at those which, to us, are worthwhile.

As the old year comes to a close and the new one approaches many of us choose to try again at making resolutions which we know we should keep, but which, somehow continue to elude us through the years.

We here again resolve to put forth our very best efforts to the end that you, the reader, can enjoy a news-

paper second to none. We realize the limitations, mechanical and our own and even with the knowledge that we must work within these limitations, the resolution is strong to improve.

There are other resolutions, which all of us together might make. Expressed intentions to work together for a better community; better understanding among ourselves and a greater devotion to God are certainly among them.

As we go forward together into 1969, may we here wish for each and everyone of you a most Happy and Prosperous New Year and may all our resolutions be kept.

"An Affair With The Moon"

In the 1700's Laurence Sterne wrote: "I had had an affair with the moon, in which there was neither sin nor shame."

Last week, three Americans had an affair with the moon. It was man's greatest feat. For a brief few days, men looked skyward and marveled at the accomplishment. For this period, all men were kin. The three Americans represented mankind and although a few technicalities remain, man has for all practical purposes and after centuries of searching, reached the moon.

To add to the wonderment, pictures were sent back and man for the first time in history was able to see the earth as it looked from the moon. All this while sitting comfortably in his own living room. Truly, this is a marvelous age in which we live.

How short the years have been since moon travel was a thing dealt with only by the likes of Jules Verne and Buck Rogers.

It would seem that the age-old secrets of the universe are but a breath away. Men no longer wonder what is up there. Man has been up there. He must now begin to wonder what's out there. Out there, he has not yet gone.

That our country could reach a point in history when it could accomplish this remarkable feat, is another glowing credit to its system. The fact that we have now learned to reach the moon but have not learned to travel to a nearby city in safety is to our everlasting discredit.

That we have not learned to live in peace with one another makes a mockery of our achievements in science.

Reaching the moon is remarkable indeed and history will record the event in glowing terms. It would, however, be even more remarkable if we should somehow learn to live in harmony and safety here on the good earth.

From The Office Of

Congressman Fountain

Advice To The President

Washington, D. C. . . . Today, I'd like to offer some free and unsolicited advice to our new President-elect. It is something I have thought about over the years I have served in Congress. I believe it could be directed to any new president, regardless of person or party.

One of the greatest achievements any President could attempt - and one which would earn him just as much respect and gratitude - would be to make the Federal government more responsive to the wishes of the people of this country.

This is meant in no way as undue criticism of the thousands of able and dedicated employees of the Federal government. Instead, it is conceived more as a philosophy or attitude that could and should be imposed from the very highest levels of government down through all grades of the civil service.

As an example of what I have in mind, one small community in the Second District was in dire need of assistance in constructing a new water system.

Congress over the years has enacted legislation designed to help such communities which usually have rather limited financial resources for such projects.

Well, this particular town finally received the assistance it sought. But it took the better part of three years to get it.

Not every case takes that long to resolve, of course, but it does seem to take indefensible lengths of time for all sorts of things, from sewer loans to social security benefits, to testing and clearing postmaster and rural carrier

appointments.

This is something I have observed under Presidents of both parties. Each of the Presidents, I am confident, was dedicated to the proposition that the Federal governmental structure is here to serve the people. But, too often, in far too many cases, the delay and red tape would have been much worse, had there not been Congressional interest and concern expressed. Whenever the Congress appropriates your money to help a community to help itself, we members still have to sit on bureaucratic doorsteps and fight too often indefinitely, to get just a little of it for our people.

All this is aside from the experience we have had - and undoubtedly will continue to have - with some agency or department deciding for itself what Congress intended in certain legislation and then acting accordingly.

I am speaking here, of course, of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Another point of irritation, also observed under all kinds of administrations, is when a certain agency head waits to see how Congressman John Doe votes on a certain bill before approving some project entirely unrelated to the legislation in question.

After all, the executive department is supposed to administer the laws already passed for all the people, as Congress intended, and not use them as a hammer to obtain the desired action of new proposals.

And to make the point clear that I am talking about the Federal government gen-

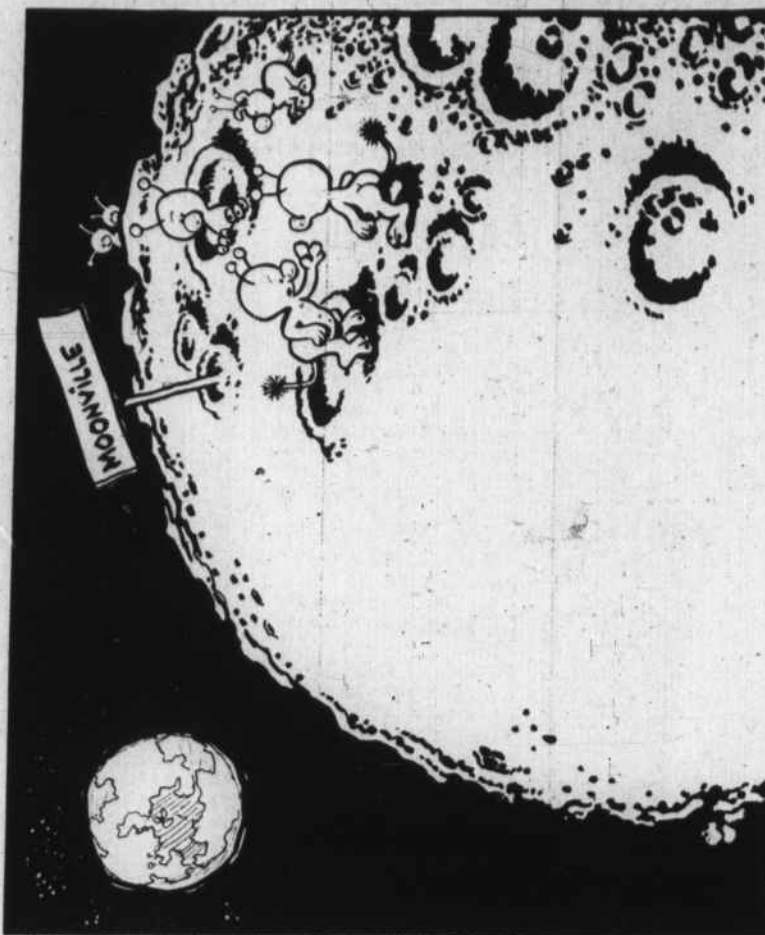
erally, and no particular President or Administration, I want to make this point clear:

As a member of Congress, representing all the people of our District and notwithstanding my party affiliation, I expect to support our new President when he is right and oppose him when I think he is wrong.

I believe that's what you intended when you elected me. At any rate, that is what I have attempted to do for the last 16 years. That is what I will continue to do as long as I am here; I don't feel the people of the Second District would have it otherwise.

The Bureau of the Census has reported the population of the United States, including servicemen overseas, rose to slightly more than 2 million during the last year to an estimated total of 201,750,000, as of the first of October.

"Snnox, It's Not The Earthling's Apollo 8 That Scares Me-It's Their Hong Kong Flu!!"



Back Where He Came From

Viewpoint by Jesse Helms

It has slipped the minds of a good many citizens, no doubt, that there is a very simple remedy for the rabble-rousings of Stokely Carmichael: Send him back where he came from.

Carmichael is not a native of the United States. According to a biography which we requested from the Associated Press, he was born in Trinidad of a West Indian father and a Panamanian mother. Apparently the Carmichael family came to the United States from Jamaica, and Stokely holds American citizenship deriving from the naturalization of his parents. And it is very clear that anytime the United States Government makes up its mind to do so, Stokely Carmichael can be deported for very obvious cause.

First of all, he can be prosecuted under the provisions of Title 18 of the U. S. Criminal Code, Section 2383, which outlaws rebellion or insurrection. This section provides for the imprisonment or deportation of:

"Whoever, incites, sets on foot, assists, or engages in any rebellion against the authority of the United States or the laws thereof, or gives aid or comfort thereto."

Section 2383 makes it a federal crime to advocate, abet, or advise the overthrowing or destruction of the U. S. Government or any political subdivision thereof by force or violence.

And Section 2388 makes it unlawful for anyone "to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty, in the military or naval forces of the United States, or (who) willfully obstructs the recruiting or enlistment service of the United States, to the injury of the service or (to) the United States."

The U. S. Immigration Act, under which Carmichael's citizenship was authorized, clearly states that deportation can be ordered for:

"whoever knowingly or willfully advocates, advises, or teaches the desirability of overthrowing or destroying the government of the United States, or

"Whoever . . . attempts to organize any group or assembly of persons who advocate or encourage the overthrow of

(the United States) . . . by force or violence."

How does Stokely Carmichael fit into all of this? Let's run down a few of his advocacies:

"Our aim," he said, "is to disrupt the United States. . . ."

On another occasion, he told cheering mobs: "It's not a question of law and order. We have to build a revolution."

In Washington recently-right under the nose of the Justice Department, mind you-he shouted: ". . . We've got to kill some white cops. . . It's more honorable to kill a honky cop than a Vietnamese."

Repeatedly-in fact, as recently as two weeks ago in North Carolina-he has shouted: "We are moving toward guerilla warfare in the United States. Let's get on with it."

When he visited Cuba some time ago, he declared: "We do not want peace in Vietnam; we want to defeat the United States."

There is no dispute among responsible lawyers as to Carmichael's guilt. Former U. S. Supreme Court Justice Charles Whitaker has stated, for example, that he believes Carmichael "has violated existing federal statutes. . . Such violations," said Mr. Whitaker, "constitute a basis for his prosecution."

The dean of Notre Dame's Law School, Joseph O'Meara, has stated that he regards Carmichael's attacks on the draft, and his advocacies that young people evade induction, clearly to be in violation of the law.

But the U. S. Department of Justice has done nothing, even though prodded to take action against Carmichael by both Congress and the White House. It is reliably reported in Washington that even Lyndon Johnson "suggested" to Attorney General Ramsey Clark that charges be brought. But Clark has sat on his hands.

Carmichael has threatened the assassination of the President, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense. "We have our own list...if we have to kill them, we will," he has shouted to screaming, frenzied crowds.

Come January we will have a new Presi-



Well . . . most of us made it. In this day and time, this in itself is some kind of an accomplishment. Getting through Christmas gets tougher with each passing year. This is not to say that it's all over. Not by a long shot. The tenth of January is yet to come. That's when the piano part starts to play. That's when the bills have to be paid.

Some stores are running what they all an "Extra Week" sale . . . right now. This is often called an "extra week", just because it's too late for Christmas and too early for New Years.

We call it the "too loose and too tight week." That's in honor of all them people who got things too loose or too tight for Christmas. We know some that too tight but we ain't found none too loose yet. Then you might call it the color exchange week. That's for all them people who got wrong colors as well as wrong sizes for Christmas.

In some cases its the "lost present" week. We know some folks who lost their own presents and some others who lost presents for somebody else. And we know some who never bought a present to start with . . . they just blushed and said I'll get your's to you soon's I can find it.

We like Christmas. Folks are always giving us just the right things to exchange for what we wanted in the first place. But, we ain't never seen such changes anywhere as we see on the faces of the store people in such a short time. Before Christmas they're all smiles and ever so happy to sell you anything . . . they don't care what color or size . . . whether it fits or not . . . just sell it, gift wrap it . . . and hopefully forget it.

It's that day after when the smiles disappear. "Sorry, but this is the wrong size," I said. "They told me I could exchange it or get a refund." "REFUND?" the sales clerk shouted. Everybody looked at me like I had just stuck the place up. "Not so loud", I pleaded. "Yes, I was told I could get a refund, if I couldn't find what I wanted. I'd like a refund. I don't like your stuff. It's been picked over. I want my money back."

Well . . . now . . . if you think the Space Agency got upset when Mrs. Borman said she wasn't going to let Frank go . . . you should have seen this earth-bound astronaut. His space suit was puffing all over. His space helmet fogged up. His leaded shoes floated upwards and his eye-lids twitted.

"I will have you know, sir", he said . . . very firmly . . . "We do not make refunds on Christmas gifts. This is our policy and we intend to stick to it."

"What am I supposed to do with this small sweater", I asked. He mumbled and I didn't get all he said . . . but I couldn't miss the message altogether.

It's strange to me how folks can take your money so freely one day and hang on to it so tightly the next. But . . . thank goodness . . . all store people ain't like this. Some of them grab your gift like they had lost it and were glad to find it again . . . and then they hold on to it while they give you the commercial on all they're selling now . . . that Christmas is over . . . for half-price.

We went through a whole war and didn't get as lonesome as we was just standing in the middle of the store . . . with everybody looking . . . holding a \$9.95 sweater, seven sizes too small that cost \$19.95. And we don't even like purple stripes . . .

dent, and a new Attorney General. Maybe something will be done then - something that should have been done long ago. Getting rid of Stokely Carmichael will be better late than never.



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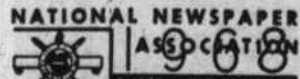
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