

# Highest Stakes Of All

In this split-second nuclear age, the fate of mankind may rest upon the adequacy of U. S. military power in terms of commanding the respect and deterring the aggressive inclinations of the Soviet Union. No diplomatic sweet talk can deflect the sophisticated weaponry of another nation bent on destruction. On land, sea and air, the U. S. cannot afford to be number two. With the advent of the revolutionary B-1 Air Force bomber, due to make its first flight in the fall of 1974, U. S. national security will be placed on a firmer footing.

Versatility is the primary characteristic of the B-1 bomber. The aircraft is designed to replace the aging B-52 as the backbone of the Strategic Air Command's manned bomber force. The B-1 is a supersonic, highly-sophisticated aircraft capable of carrying a variety of nuclear and non-nuclear weapons. The massive four-engine jet can operate efficiently at treetop level or sizzle through the upper reaches of the Earth's atmosphere

at 1,300 plus m. p. h. The B-1 long-range strategic bomber will provide a crucial deterrent to foreign attack and through its flexibility of response limit escalation of an attack—should one occur. Those who have received training in the computer-controlled and highly-realistic B-1 flight simulator are impressed by its performance. Said one after his first "flight," "I walked away from the cockpit... (with) a new sense of appreciation for the excellent flying qualities that are being built into the B-1. And, I envied the men who will pilot it."

U. S. military and economic strength in proper combination is a prerequisite for the maintenance of world peace. We dare not cut the nation's defense expenditures drastically, especially in vital research and new weapons development programs. Political expediency must not shape judgments concerning the merits of essential U. S. defense expenditures. The lives of hundreds of millions of people could be the price of a wrong decision.

## Spirit Of Initiative

A new edition of a book, "The Great Merchants" by Tom Mahoney and Leonard Sloane, recently published by Harper & Row, calls deserved attention to the importance and excellence of free enterprise retailing in America. "Research-laboratory discoveries and the production miracles of factory and farm are meaningless," write the authors, "until retailers place them in the hands of consumers.... America leads the world in retailing. Nowhere else have retailers of every kind gone to such lengths to guarantee satisfaction to every customer... In virtually any store he is assured of happiness or his money back."

Stores also are interesting places

to work and sometimes offer a wide range of job opportunities worthy of consideration by the ambitious. "Retailing is a great field," the authors conclude, "for all sorts of people; men and women, the young and the old; the trained and the untrained; the part-time and the full-time worker.... There are no onerous apprenticeship of educational requirements for entry but special knowledge or experience may bring high rewards."

The story of American retailing, as exemplified in this history of the nation's great merchandising institutions, embodies the essence and spirit of individual initiative in a competitive enterprise system.

## Harmonious Blend Needed

Americans have long been lured to the great forests covering vast areas of their nation. Whether as campers, hunters, hikers, fishermen or nature lovers, they could be assured at least one sanctuary from the pressures of life.

However, since the passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964, some 10.7 million acres of federal land have been withdrawn as Wilderness areas from multiple-use management. According to the National Forest Products Association, the federal government now owns 96.9 percent of the land in Alaska alone. The distur-

bing trend toward sealing off large chunks of forest land from use for all but a few backpacking individuals is unfortunate indeed.

The rising demand for wood products and recreation areas must be met—at a time when land is at a premium due to worldwide population growth. There must be a blend of wildlife and recreational use in keeping with the timely harvesting of commercial timberlands. The rejection of multiple-use land management, at this point, would set into motion adverse economic reverberations the likes of which this country has seldom experienced.

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### SAM ERVIN

★ SAYS ★



Often I receive messages which say that Congress ought to devote more attention to legislation and less attention to Watergate.

I am intrigued by such statements because the truth of the matter is that Congress is considering a massive number of bills and most of them have a vast impact upon our daily lives. For this reason, I shall summarize some of the current Congressional actions.

On July 12, the President signed into law a bill to modernize Congressional Budget procedures. This measure, which I co-authored, provides sweeping changes in the budget process, and establishes the machinery to restore fiscal responsibility to the Treasury.

Presently, the Senate is considering a Consumer Protection Agency bill which, if it is established, could have a vast impact upon our economy. I do not favor this legislation. In my judgment it will add a new and expensive bureaucracy to our government, and promises far more than it can deliver to the consumer. At a time when inflation is a serious problem to every American, I fear the costs of this legislation to business and consumers will far outweigh any benefits.

Senate and House Conferees are seeking an agreement on legislation to reform private pension plans. The Conferees have been faced with a multitude of problems in attempting to work out a compromise version of Senate and House passed bills. Even so, it is likely that pension reform will win Congressional approval at this session.

With energy and environmental protection on everyone's mind, Congress has been deeply involved in trying to achieve a balance between our need for energy self-sufficiency and environmental safeguards. Often these goals clash head-on, and a number of Congressional committees have been working diligently to find sensible solutions.

The housing market has been in a tailspin for months. Congress is

well aware of the immediate and long-range implications of high interest rates, soaring construction costs, and the problems that this poses for every home buyer. A major housing act is scheduled to come up for final floor consideration soon.

In the field of crime and public safety, the House appropriations bill for State, Justice and Commerce Departments includes about \$880 million for Law Enforcement Assistance for this fiscal year. Early in May, the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 became law giving local governments the option of 100 percent project-by-project grants for the repair of public facilities to pre-disaster condition, or 90 percent block grants for upgrading public facilities. The House passed a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Act to deal with delinquent and runaway youths, and a similar bill is under consideration by a Senate Subcommittee.

This year a new minimum wage law passed the Congress and went into effect May 1. While I certainly support an adequate wage for employees, I did not support this measure because of the provision extending coverage to domestics and state and local government employees. If the plain language of the "interstate commerce" clause means anything, this provision is unconstitutional.

A number of bills relating to welfare and social services are pending in various committees of Congress. These relate to Social Services special revenue sharing, increased funding for programs to assist older Americans, supplemental security income, food stamps, and community action programs.

National defense, the public debt ceiling, and taxation, as usual, are matters of intense concern in the Congress. So when one takes a real look at the legislative calendar, there is a lot more going on other than Watergate.

## THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY DR. HERBERT SPAUGH



What have you got to show for your life up to this point? How much could you get for your physical property which you have collected if it were put on the auction block and sold.

You should face this question once in a while. One day you are going to have to leave it. I recall the story of two men discussing the death of a very prominent and wealthy citizen. One said to the other, "I wonder how much he left?" The other replied, "All he had."

Recently up in Glen Cove, New York a wealthy woman, heiress of the late J. P. Morgan, threw open her Long Island estate to Memorial Day vacationers and publicized as what must have been one of history's most elaborate garage sales. "Mrs. Louise Converse Morgan expects to raise about \$550,000 and then sell the house separately. A family spokesman said Mrs. Morgan wanted to sell the house because it was too big to live in alone and no members of the family wanted to take it over."

Surrounded by 22 acres of gardens, the 50-room mansion of hand-cut stone was designed by architect Roger Bullard and built in 1928 on Long Island's Gold Coast north shore. The price of \$760,000 has been set upon the house and the land.

The associated Press which reported the sale concludes, "Mrs. Morgan, now about 80, was married to Junius P. Morgan, the son of the great financier. They arrived home from their honeymoon in 1915 to be greeted by headlines saying that old J. P. Sr. had been shot and seriously wounded in his home, just up the road, which is now the summer headquarters of the Soviet delegation to the United States." What an ironical twist. The home of the man who epitomized the extremes of capitalism is now the summer headquarters of the Soviet anti-capitalist government.

This reminds us of the story I had some time ago concerning Voltaire, the famous French writer, philosopher and agnostic who lived in the middle of the 18th century. He was quite skeptical about the Bible and is reported to have said that within 50 years it would be a forgotten book. It is said the house in which he lived and which he made this pronouncement became a Bible Book Store.

So it is with man-made things. Those things which we prize so personally today and for which we labor so hard will fall into the hands of others.

Jesus said, "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." It is the heavenly treasure which we accumulate by the way in which we carry out God's will in our living which counts, not the earthly treasure which will either end up in an auction sale or junk pile.

How much credit have you got in the heavenly bank?

## EDITORIAL PAGE

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's Note: Letters must be brief, signed typed or written legibly on one side of paper. We reserve the right to reject, edit, or condense. Letters should be received by The Times by Monday mornings.)

Mr. John Anderson, Editor  
The Transylvania Times  
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Dear Editor:

As I was reading my copy of the Transylvania Times the other week, I noticed where Sheriff Milford Hubbard had been refused a request for more money for four of his deputies. Being surprised, I decided to write this letter.

Has anyone ever thought about the problems of trying to patrol over 379 square miles in this county with just 7 men to do it?

What happens when something tragic occurs on one end of the county and the deputies are needed on the other? The ones on duty are putting themselves in danger rushing from one end of the county to the other trying to answer calls that they get.

What I don't understand is why we have 12 policemen to patrol the 2½ square miles in the city limits, when out in the county there is so much more area to cover.

Another point that was made in the paper was that the present deputies need more education. I would like to know when they would have time to do this because they're needed on the job.

However, I have learned that our present Sheriff's office is composed of highly trained and dedicated people. I have also learned that there are two not just one deputies that can use the breathalyzer machine.

I praise our Sheriff's department because of the name our county has gotten. If everyone would work together and help them instead of running them down we would have the safest county in North Carolina.

In no way should this letter be considered as critical of the Brevard Police Department. I feel that they also do their job well and probably would appreciate more public cooperation.

So, I say, if we can't have more men to work with the ones we have, then why not raise the pay of the present ones?

Thanks for listening,

Wanda Owen

Mr. John Anderson, Editor  
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Mr. Anderson:

Mr. Whitesides' opinion (July 11, 1974) recommended to the people of Brevard and Transylvania County concerning the property on South Broad Street is a word to the wise. Every town has basic characteristics, but the Town of Brevard—to me—has a style that is a very distinguishing trademark and to use this public property unwisely would be a true regret. Brevard is the Land of Waterfalls with the natural beauty of these surroundings. This must be kept in existence or soon it will be destroyed and lost into a ghost central city as Mr. Whiteside warned.

An alternative to public auction by the Transylvania Board of Education for private development should be to enhance Brevard, to give it something of public use. The public are the people of Transylvania County, excluding no one. It is in this interest that the school property would benefit a public purpose. Perhaps a park (gardens, playground) as suggested, or why not a Teen Center? The possibilities are great and with consideration the possibilities seem so possible. Consider the great possibility of donation of this property for

### Guest Column

INDEPENDENCE, KANS., NEWS: "...governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. The people are the masters; the politicians are the servants.

The politicians have no powers except as they are granted by the electorate. The government has no funds, except as the people permit themselves to be taxed. If these basic truths appear too often to be forgotten, the fault lies with the electorate. And the correction lies in an alert, informed and articulate citizenry.

a YMCA-YWCA, or at least municipal tennis courts, basketball courts and a baseball field.

The issue of this property may be minor in terms of Brevard turning into a huge metropolitan area over night—but when someone a few years from now asks "what ever happened to the charm of our fair city?" it will be these so-called minor issues that will be at fault because of careless, hasty decisions. We must think in terms of tomorrow. Just like I hold the generation before me responsible for the world today and the way it is, so will I be held responsible to my children.

My family no longer lives in Brevard, after living there six years, but I truly cherish and consider Brevard my home. I agree with Mr. Whitesides' recommendation to think twice and to go slow because it is a critical decision worthy of much time and much consideration. Perhaps his recommendation regarding this course of action made hastily and unwisely should be thought upon as a caution or warning. I do, and I ask the people of Transylvania County and the Transylvania Board of Education to give this issue the sincere consideration our town is worthy of.

Thank you,

Julie Stanley  
Lake Toxaway

The Editor  
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Sir:

This is in response to a letter from Don Wilson published in the July 4th edition of THE TIMES. I have just recently moved here from Tennessee and I can assure Mr. Wilson I felt absolutely no repugnance or aversion at the sight of the Court House square.

I have at some time or another, been associated with quite a number of small towns over five states in the South and I have noted one point in common. Whether it be Court House Square, Central Square, midway, park, or a special street corner, every town has some place where people gather to sit, talk, and for a while, just watch the world go by.

I would question his labels of "vagabond," and "gadabouts," asking just how much he knows of these people, to be able to pass such judgments. I should ask what differentiates these people from those citizens who stand on the street corners and talk. Also having myself been a tourist, I have never entered a town meaning to investigate or judge the local Court House, nor have I done so as an afterthought. Should I ever encounter such a creature, I should take notes and add him to my collection.

Therefore, if any action is to be taken, it should not be taken in the name of the tourists who do not live here and do not overly care. It should be taken, instead, in the name of those who would remove one of our small rights, both as Americans and citizens of Brevard; those who intolerant of other ways of life, judging themselves better than those who are their equals under God, and those who would give this town a neat, orderly, antisepic appearance; the letter of which I have nothing against until a sham under strict enforcement of law.

Yours,

James W. Bush  
Brevard, N. C.

## Tell Them!

If you think we should have a strong and prosperous America, don't ask your political representatives. Tell them. If you believe economic decisions should be made on a basis of economics, and not on politics, don't ask the politicians. Tell them. If you are convinced we need productive jobs for Americans, don't hesitate. Tell them. If you fear continuing inflation, proliferating taxes and political spending are weakening the country, don't be silent. Tell 'em. For whatever you believe is necessary for our survival as a proud and prosperous country, speak up. Don't ask! Tell them where you stand."

## Capsule Editorial

Where else but in the United States could you criticize the President in the morning, join a sit-

in at City Hall in the afternoon and receive your government welfare check in the evening mail?