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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

Washington just recently completed a trial that we, as a Nation, could have done without. That was the Senatorial Hearing to censure Senator Dodd of Connecticut. It was a nasty thing to have happened. Albeit, it was necessary. It still seems a shame that a man elected to such a high office would prostitute his talents and position.

A Senator who deserves and gets a Censure from his brothers in that great deliberative body is comparable to Judas. Our Senate is recognized as the greatest system ever devised by the mind of man and, similar to one of the Twelve, to betray that trust, when elected to it, is a dreadful thing. In all of our Country's History, only six men have been so decadent that the Senate so adjudicated them. Possibly, as Dodd claimed, others are as guilty as he. If such be true, Dodd stands convicted again for not exposing them. Actually, a man of his proven dishonor would not refrain from such an exposure if he knew it to be true.

The first Senator to be censured by his peers was Benjamin Tappan of Ohio, back in 1844. He fiddled around with some confidential documents and released them to the Press. The Senate's action, in his case, served as a deterrent it would seem, since the next occasion when it had to berate a member did not come until 58 years later, in 1902, when John L. McLaurin of South Carolina, subsequent to an ungentlemanly fist-fight on the floor of the Senate, was censured.

At this same Hearing, the other Senator from South Carolina, Benjamin Tillman, was also Censured because of his part in the action mentioned. Besides the Censure, both of these gentlemen were barred from the floor of the Senate for six days. Incidentally, since this left the State of South Carolina without representation for that period of time, I sincerely doubt that the Senate had the power to do what it did. However, since neither Senator took the point to Court, we will never know, and, since the Senate itself neither knew nor cared if it had the authority to do so, it just went ahead and did it.

For the next 27 years, our Senators behaved themselves or, at least, they were not apprehended in misbehaving themselves. Then, in 1929, Hiram Bingham of Connecticut got mixed up in a deal whereby he hired some questionable aide for a Senate Committee. His Censure straightened out the Brotherhood for a quarter of a century. Then, in 1954, one Joseph McCarthy, representing the State of Wisconsin, got himself embroiled in the Communist ruckus raging at the time and,

as a result of his horrible, high-handed actions and attitude, the Senate Censured him. He never recovered from that blow.

Now, only 15 years later, we have another Censorship. In effect, the Senate ruled that Senator Thomas Dodd of Connecticut had misused money donated for a specific purpose. The Senate, by its ruling, branded Dodd as dishonest in the handling of money. There is a shorter term that springs to mind, and the Senate left no doubt in anyone's mind what it meant. The vote against Dodd was almost unanimous, with three Members away on excused absence.

The vote of the 95 is understandable. The vote of the others is not. Senator Dodd voted for himself, that is, against Censure. Quite obviously, had he voted against himself, he might have displayed a streak of latent honesty but he sure would have appeared even more ridiculous. It is possible that he really didn't believe he was dishonest, whereas I don't believe he could do so, I still grant the possibility that he might have so believed. Now the second vote for Dodd against the other 95 of the Senate came from old Huey's boy, Senator Long of Louisiana. Since no Historian has, as yet, explained old Huey, it is impossible to explain what his son might, will, and does do. So, I excuse Senator Long and am willing to believe that the Long family looks at things differently than do other people, ergo, they see things differently. Also, Senator Long had adopted Dodd and ran his defense for his Hearing.

When Senator Ribicoff, brother Senator to Dodd from Connecticut, voted against the Senate for Dodd, it was amazing and should require an explanation. The obvious one is the fact that he is a Senator from the same State, while the less obvious reason would be that Senator Ribicoff did not believe the charge. This latter one is tough to swallow because the Senate Committee spent a lot of time on the Hearing on Dodd's actions. After its completion, it watered down some of the facts, it tossed out many facets, but still, on its Honor, returned, so to speak, an indictment of Dodd. For any Senator to vote against this tribunal's finding must necessarily bring the Honor of these gentlemen into question. Either Dodd was wrong or this entire Committee of Senators conspired to harm him. Ribicoff owes an explanation of some sort to the Senate.

The Philippines lacks primary schools for 10% of its school-age children, or 500,000 boys and girls. With funds from Americans, CARE plans to buy construction materials for villagers to build 50 new schools this year.



## RALEIGH REPORT

By: Ernest Messer

A total of 2,182 bills and resolutions have been introduced in the House and Senate during this Session of the General Assembly. Of this number, 1,431 were House Bills and 750 Senate Bills.

This Session we have wrestled with Brown-Bagging, Congressional Redistricting, the election of County Boards of Education, University Status for 4 of our colleges, and a record 2.7 billion dollar budget.

We have raised teachers' salaries by a total of 20% and other state employees by lesser amounts.

This General Assembly has refused to legalize liquor-by-the-drink. This will be a major issue before the 1969 General Assembly and it is my opinion — the way the wet sentiment is ad-

vancing — that the 1969 Assembly will legalize liquor by the drink.

The redistricting bill left the Eleventh Congressional District just as it now is.

Many bills were killed during the late days of the General Assembly. The last two bills to restrict the teaching of Cosmetology in the Higs Schools / was killed by the House as was the second bill to elevate the status of the Osteopath.

Several bills to tax tobacco were killed. There just wasn't any mood in the General Assembly to increase taxes.

Beginning in 1969, the General Assembly will convene the first Wednesday after the second Monday in January rather than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in February.

The Senate will probably concur in a bill to change the date of primary elections from the last Saturday to the last Tuesday in May.

The Senate finally killed my much amended, rewritten, re-amended bill to require that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public.

We adjourn at 4 P. M. Thursday, July 6, so this is THE END.

## Refuge Aid In Middle East Announced By CARE

An initial allocation of \$100,000 for refugee aid in the Middle East was announced today by CARE, the nonprofit overseas aid agency.

Emergency food purchases have been made in Lebanon and Turkey for swift distribution to 50,000 Arab refugees in Jordan, Executive Director Frank L. Goffio said at CARE world headquarters in New York City. The CARE staffs in both Jordan and Israel have been expanded to speed up the operation in the Gaza area and along the Jordan River.

The first distribution was made in the Jordan district of Ramallah, to which refugees fled from the west bank of the river when war broke out. With trucks provided by Israeli military forces, the CARE mission chief in Tel Aviv rushed in 22,000 pounds of rice, beans, sugar and dried fruits.

"These first steps are being followed by purchase of supplies in the United States for early shipment," Goffio said, "and we shall continue to provide food and other forms of aid to meet the needs of the refugees."

He asked for public support of the program through contributions to the CARE Middle East Refugee Fund, 615 Forsyth Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

## VETERAN'S

## INFORMATION

Editor's Note: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q — Has Congress amended the New G. I. Bill to authorize flight training?

A — No. Public Law 89-358 has not been amended to include flight training, job training or farm training.

Q — I am enrolled in Graduate School under the G. I. Bill at a state university. How many hours must I attend school to qualify for the full educational allowance?

A — This is not prescribed by the law. The Veterans Administration will accept the certification of the school as to whether or not the student is attending full-time, half-time or quarter-time, and pay educational allowance accordingly.

## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

1. Crowns
5. Game fish
9. Silent
10. Island (N. Y. Bay)
12. John
13. Capital of Guam
14. Not good
15. Strange
17. Public notice
18. Hastened
19. Frank (abbr.)
20. Tags
22. Units of time
24. American Indians
26. A tie
28. Not complicated
31. Biblical city
32. A footfall
33. Old Dutch (abbr.)
34. Follower of Mussolini
37. Soviet fighter plane
38. A raft
39. Rugged mountain crest
41. A fabric
42. Tricks
43. Observes
44. 1959, for one

### DOWN

1. Quebec, Ontario, etc.
2. Tart
3. Abyss

### ACROSS

4. Church spire
5. Whiskers
6. Seaweed
7. Narrow strip of wood
8. Modify by Chinese influence
9. A son of Japheth (Bib.)
11. Bags
16. Opposes
18. Dispatch

### DOWN

21. Holiday (Jap.)
22. Moist
23. Viper
25. A fixed allowance of food
26. Polishes
27. Silk veils (eccl.)
29. Linger
30. Borders
32. Locations
35. Painful spot
36. Animal enclosure
37. Flat-topped hill
40. Regret

Answer

