



# SENATOR JORDAN

## REPORTS

### From WASHINGTON

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Right after this, the woman and the little girl emerged from the lavatory across the aisle. The woman opened the door of the opposite lavatory just a crack, whispered something rapidly, closed the door and proceeded to her seat—and was obviously startled to see the little boy already sitting there.

"She shrugged and buried her face behind a large magazine. A few moments later the man came out with the strangest look on his face, and walked back to his seat. His wife asked him what was the matter.

"Golly, those stewardesses think of everything", the man said, mopping his brow." How do you mean his wife inquired.

"You'll hardly believe this said the man, but one of them just opened the door and told me not to forget my zipper—and I almost jumped out of the window."

The man riding alongside Harris chuckled again. "I suppose I should have leaned forward and told him the facts," he sighed, "but I just couldn't bring myself to spoil his wonderful story. Imagine the reputation our stewardesses are going to have in his home town."

Notes . . . Floyd Patterson, heavyweight champ most of you saw on television last week, was born in Cleveland County, N. C., near the village of Waco, in the summer of 1885. . . If a bill now in the General Assembly passes, youngsters under 18 buying beer will be in violation of the law . . . and thus share the guilt along with those selling it to them.

Evidence is mounting rapidly that the farm program is in serious trouble. In fact, more and more members of Congress from farm states feel that unless drastic action is taken, the farm program as we have known it could "blow up."

A great many people, inspired and encouraged by critics and enemies of farm price support programs, have a tendency to feel that too much politics is involved, and pass off the overall farm problem as something members of Congress have no desire to tamper with in a year preceding a Presidential election.

The problem goes much deeper than that, and it is one that merits serious thought and consideration by all citizens and taxpayers. We must not overlook the fact that our farm surpluses cannot be suddenly dumped on the market. Any solution must necessarily be gradual and systematic, or we will disrupt our entire farm economy, which has tremendous influence on our overall economy.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, I have found that one of the most serious difficulties we have in formulating new farm legislation at this time results from the wide differences in policy among the various farm organizations.

The controversy surrounding

wheat offers a good illustration. It will be most difficult for Congress to come forth with a positive wheat program this year largely because the American Farm Bureau, the National Grange, the Farmers Union, and the National Wheat Growers Association all have proposed different measures.

At the same time, the Department of Agriculture is insistent upon its own program. Such a situation makes it most difficult for Congress to enact effective legislation.

More important, our wheat surpluses are mounting at such a rate that in the absence of legislation this year we will have a grave situation in the very near future.

We in North Carolina have more than a casual interest in this particular problem. First of all, between 25 and 30 per cent of our farms produce wheat commercially. Our annual acreage allotments amount to about 300,000 acres. Furthermore, with our poultry and live-stock production increasing as it

is, wheat and other grains are fast becoming a major factor in our farm economy.

In the long run, we have an even greater stake in the future of the wheat program. If the wheat program is abandoned, it will undoubtedly endanger the cotton, tobacco, and peanut programs.

At the moment, the outlook for wheat is dark, but I am most hopeful that Congress will be able to pass some kind of stop-gap legislation concerning wheat that will help restore public confidence in the entire farm program. This will be difficult under the circumstances, and it will mean that all wheat growers will have to take acreage reductions next year, especially the large wheat growers, but in the long run it will be in the best interest of agriculture as well as our overall economy.

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