

**SENATOR
SAM ERVIN
★ SAYS ★**



WASHINGTON — The McClellan Committee on which I serve heard testimony of corruption under the guise of unionism last week. We investigated the payments of extortion money from several business firms to secure so-called "labor peace" in the New York City area.

EXTORTION RACKET

I was sorry to learn that some of the leading newspapers had submitted to the payment of extortion as revealed by the testimony of their officials before our committee. In order to get their papers delivered they had made these payments indirectly to the worst element of hoodlums and gangsters who had muscled into the unions in order to practice this lucrative extortion racket. To the credit of the newspapers that were involved in this practice it must be said that they told the committee as a result of our hearings on the matter that this sort of avaricious racket would not be tolerated now. It is indeed a sad time in our country when this crooked practice reaches into the newspapers whose officials apparently felt that it was necessary to try to buy protection from gangsters. As one newspaper official testified, it is the type of practice that his publication would be quick to condemn editorially.

This is further evidence that Congress must pass anti-racketeering legislation this session such as is included in the Kennedy-Ervin Labor Reform Bill which passed the Senate by a vote of 90 to 1.

NORTH CAROLINA PROJETS

During the past week I appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee along with Senator Jordan to request public works appropriations for several North

Carolina projects, including the Morehead City harbor and Wilkesboro Dam. Our requests are reasonable, justified and are indeed modest.

We are hopeful that these funds will be approved by Congress and that the bill will not be vetoed by the President as has been the fate of our previous efforts.

TO DEDICATE CENTER

On Saturday, May 16, at 3 P. M. I am to speak in Richmond, Virginia at the dedication of the National Park Service center for visitors at the Richmond National Battlefield Park. This center will serve the area around Richmond and such famous battlefields as Seven Pines, Savage Station, Glendale, White Oak Swamp, Gaines Mill, Malvern Hill and Mechanics-

ville. So many North Carolinians fought with the Confederacy in these battles under the leadership of Hill, Hoke, Pender, Ramseur, Ransom and Wilcox in the summer of 1862. Union General McClellan was repulsed and Richmond was saved. The center to be dedicated is located on the site of the famous Confederate hospital.

As further evidence of the significance of the battles around Richmond to North Carolina, such regiments as the 4th, 7th and 18th from our State lost more than 50 per cent of their numbers in the Seven Days battles.

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MAYSVILLE PERSONALS**

Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Newton, in Andrews, S. C.

Miss Betty Lou Foscue of Wilmington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foscue during the weekend.

Thomas Conway of Louisburg College spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. Alice Conway.

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