



SENATOR JORDAN REPORTS

From WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—For the first time since he became President, Congress last week overrode a veto by President Eisenhower.

The veto was overridden to enact into law a measure of unusual importance to North Carolina, namely, the Public Works Appropriations Bill which included funds for 11 water projects in our State.

The action by Congress in passing the bill over the objections of the President, which requires a two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate, came after Mr. Eisenhower vetoed two public works measures.

The bill, as finally enacted into law, keeps intact the 11 water projects previously approved for North Carolina, but reduces the funds for each by 2.5 per cent. This reduction is minor and should not have any material effect on the final completion of the projects.

While all 11 of the projects are of vital importance to North Carolina, the Wilkesboro Reservoir flood control dam and the deepening of the Morehead City harbor and channel are the largest projects. They are also the only projects which are ready for actual construction. Eight of the remaining nine are in the survey stage and one is a maintenance project.

Both the Wilkesboro and Morehead City projects are long overdue. The dam, which will be located a few miles upstream from Wilkesboro on the Yadkin River, will bring about a new era of growth and development in the entire Northwestern section of the State. The Morehead City project will open the port there to larger ships and a larger volume of shipping.

The bill that was enacted into law does not provide sufficient funds to complete either the Morehead City project or the Wilkesboro Reservoir. However, the \$975,000 earmarked for Wilkesboro and the \$585,000 appropriated for Morehead City will enable construction work to get under way and make easier efforts in the future to obtain adequate funds to carry them to completion.

The other nine projects which received funds are as follows: Cape Fear River basin, Neuse River basin, Rollinson Channel, Shallotte River and Inlet, Surf City and New Topsail Inlet, Wright's Creek, Panteo and Cuckler's Creek, Bogue Inlet, and Dismal Swamp Canal.

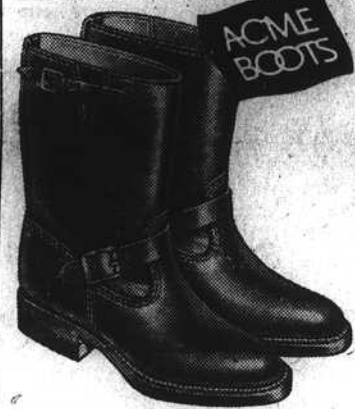
All of these projects are in the survey stage with the exception of Dismal Swamp Canal. All of these projects are in the survey stage with the exception of Dismal Swamp Canal. Sufficient funds were set aside for Dismal Swamp Canal to keep it in operation for another year.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

WASHINGTON—Although I opposed the creation of the Commission on Civil Rights, I nevertheless entertained the hope that the Commission would suggest something new and constructive in the field of racial relations. The report which was released by the Commission last week has robbed me of this hope.

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real sense of the term. This is true because the report has many authors who entertain and express differing views. The major portion of the report is written by the staff of the Commission. The other portions of the report are written by individual commissioners or groups of commissioners. The portion of the report written by the staff of the Commission consists of the same old cliches which have been used for years by those who make the advocacy of civil rights legislation and compulsory racial integration a profession.

NEW LEGISLATION UNNECESSARY

A study of existing statutes shows that new legislation in this field is wholly unnecessary. Sections 1981 to 1992 of Title 42 of the U. S. Code confer upon all Americans legal and equitable remedies sufficient to enforce all of their civil rights. To be sure, advocates of new legislation in this field do not like these statutes because they require that the rights devolving upon each American as a citizen or a man shall "be protected in the ordinary modes by which other men's rights are protected."

The concept of uniform laws is abhorrent to those who would single out certain groups and make them the special favorites of the laws.

Section 241 of Title 18 of the U. S. Code provides heavy criminal penalties for those who "conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his

having exercised the same." Section 242 of Title 18 of the U. S. Code provides criminal penalties for any state or local official who "willfully subjects any inhabitant of any state, territory, or district, to the deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities

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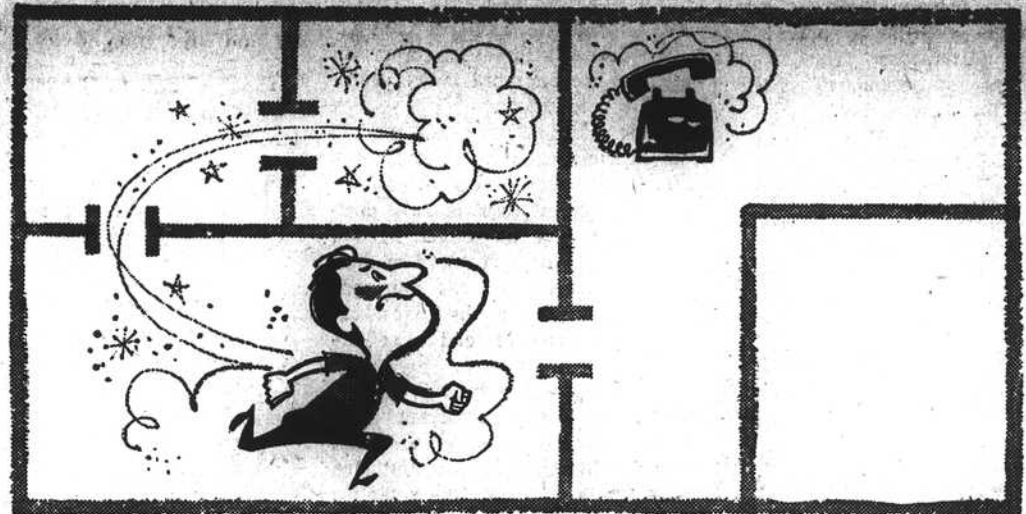
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