



WHIRL 'ROUND—Nature seems to draw rings around man when it comes to design, as is shown by this circle of floating ice on the Kaskaskia River near Venedy, Ill. The 30-foot diameter circle, which may have been formed by a whirlpool, remains in same spot.

**SENATOR
SAM ERVIN
★ SAYS ★**



Legislative action slowed down to routine business during the traditional Lincoln Day recess. However, a routine day in the Senate saw 17 bills and one resolution introduced, two judicial nominations confirmed, and a bill to abolish mandatory death sentences in certain cases in the District of Columbia debated.

A number of important Congressional hearings are under way. The Senate Committee on Government Operations has been holding hearings on the proposal to create a Department of Urban Affairs and Housing.

The Senate's Special Preparedness Subcommittee continues its hearings on military cold war education and censorship of military speeches.

The Committee of Foreign Relations is holding hearings on S. 2768 which authorizes the United States to purchase United Nations bonds and the appropriation of funds therefor.

The Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee has begun its hearings on postal rate increases.

The Symington Special Subcommittee will soon be conducting hearings on stockpiling materials for national defense.

Hearings are under way by the

Constitutional Rights Subcommittee on the rights of military personnel.

Postal Revenue Bill

Postal rates on mail for many years have been subsidized by the taxpayers who have been paying for large postal deficits. The House has approved a bill which provides for increases in postal revenues to meet this annual deficit.

I believe it is imperative for Congress to take action in this field at this session. I think that the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee will bring to the Senate a bill at this session which will attempt to equitably distribute necessary postal rate increases.

U. N. Bond Proposal

The task of making a decision on whether I should vote for the United States purchase of United Nations bonds to the extent of \$100 million has not been an easy one.

When the proposal was first made, I was tempted to oppose it in order to express my disapproval of some of the actions of the United Nations.

Since that time, however, I have given most serious consideration to the proposal and have reached the conclusion the responsible action on my part obliges me to vote for it. The United Nations is the only

association of nations pledged to the task of preserving peace. We cannot afford to permit it to die for lack of financial sustenance. The President, who has access to sources of information far beyond those available to most of us, has expressed the opinion that there is a grave possibility that the United Nations will cease to exist if the United States does not purchase its bonds and thus encourage other nations to do likewise.

Despite its imperfections, it is conceivable that the United Nations may eventually prove itself to be the road to a peaceful world. I am not willing to block a possible route to mankind's most cherished hope.

N. C. Poultryman Challenges Newsmen

A leading North Carolina poultryman challenged the state's newsmen "to influence the thinking of folks on the farm" to produce more food for processing last weekend.

The speaker was Atwell Alexander of Stony Point, one of the top egg producers in the state. He addressed the Tenth Annual Farm Press, Radio and Television Insti-

USDA to Survey Rural Family Purchases

tute at North Carolina State College.

"The Southeast produces as much food as it eats," said Alexander, "but North Carolina production is only 60 percent of consumption."

Alexander said bankers, businessmen and development association leaders can get the people thinking in the right channels. "When people suffer, sometimes they get moving," he added referring to the plight of some of the state's poultry producers.

He noted that national production of fresh food has come steadily down in the past few years, while that of processed food has risen steadily. These trends will continue, he added.

"We're supplying our needs in poultry, but not in processed foods," he said.

Alexander noted that "Georgia has passed us in eggs and broilers... they believe in and preach poultry down there."

A nation-wide survey to learn what things rural families buy and how much they spend is now being conducted by the Statistical Reporting Service.

The survey is being conducted in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor, which is making similar studies in metropolitan areas. It has been 20 years since a survey was made covering purchases of all families throughout the United States.

Counties in North Carolina which will be included in the survey of consumer expenditures include Ashe, Cherokee, Cleveland, Duplin, Martin, Pitt, Richmond and Stokes.

About 4,000 families on farms and in towns of less than 2,500 population, in 126 counties in 41 states, make up the scientifically chosen sample which represents rural families of the nation.

In each state, the survey will be supervised by the State's agricultural statistician, who is a USDA staff member.

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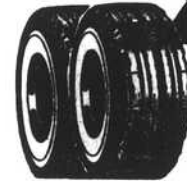
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