

**SENATOR  
SAM ERVIN  
★ SAYS ★**



Amid disclosures arising out of the use of a sedative known as thalidomide which allegedly produced a great number of malformed children in West Germany and Great Britain, amendments are being offered to the Drug Industry Bill of 1962.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, of which I am a member, has taken additional expert testimony and has considered a number of amendments to the proposed Act.

One of the witnesses to appear before the Committee was Dr. Frances Kelsey, the Food and Drug Administration pharmacologist, who prevented mass marketing of the drug in the United States.

The measure had not been calendared for Senate action at the time the thalidomide tragedy unfolded. Basically these amendments provide additional safeguards for the public against drugs sought to be licensed by the Food and Drug Administration.

During conferences on the bill I was able to suggest the language of several amendments which would reconcile the opposing views of the Committee, and resulted in the adoption of the amendments. I think that the Committee will bring out a good bill which will provide the consuming public with a reasonable assurance that medical drugs are safe and effective.

**Children's Vaccine**

One of the priority measures on the Senate calendar is a bill to authorize the appropriation of \$36 million over a three-year period to provide for mass immunization of children with an all-purpose vaccine to protect them against polio, diphtheria, and tetanus.

This program would be similar to the typhoid vaccine program and other medical campaigns of the past. During the 1940's North Carolinians were hard hit by epidemics of polio.

Mass treatment centers for this dread disease were set up in our state in an effort to cope with a grave health problem.

Because the scourges of disease know no state boundaries, I believe that this all-purpose vaccine program by the Federal government is an effective way to wisely assist our people and our children.

**Veterans Bill**

The Senate has approved a bill to allow World War II and Korean War veterans to reinstate their national service life insurance during a one-year period. The bill now goes to the House.

**Satellite Bill**

The Senate resumed discussion on August 10th of the President's Communications Satellite Bill. The bill was referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for a ten-day period following a six-day filibuster against the measure. The bill has been passed by the House and studied and considered by three Senate committees. My study of the President's recommendations and the bill lead me to the conclusion that the bill is a good one.

**BRAVE MAN**

Adrian Rouse of 506 West Lenoir Avenue was booked last week on two warrants that accused him of beating two women.

**The  
Veterans  
Corner**

(Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families.)

**Q** — Can an eligible veteran get medical care at Veterans Administration expense while he is temporarily living in a foreign country? If so, where would the treatment be given?

**A** — He might receive outpatient treatment or hospitalization at VA expense by applying at the nearest American embassy or consulate. The medical care might be from physicians of the foreign country or at the nearest United States overseas military hospital.

**Q** — My NSLI term insurance policy is becoming more expensive because of periodic increases in premiums. I would like to convert to permanent plan insurance but cannot afford to convert the entire policy. Can I convert part of it and keep the rest as term insurance?

**A** — Yes. You may convert as little (but no less than) \$1,000 at a time to a plan with fixed premium amounts in order to avoid the periodic increases of term insurance.

**Q** — Will my mother's re-marriage bar me from war orphans benefits?

**A** — No. You are still an "orphan" as far as being eligible for this

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be repeated frequently in these hand-wringing times, that: Second class people make second class citizens. Nothing breeds inferiority complexes so surely as inferiority. It is no fault of the negro race in America that it has not yet caught up with the white race.

On the basis of exposure to Western culture, the negro after four, five or at the most six generations has climbed faster in every field of culture than the white man ever did. Of course, the negro

benefit is concerned. Even your own marriage will not bar you. Only your increasing age will bar you. The customary deadline is 23 years, but in certain instances this may be extended. See the nearest VA office.

ro has had the example before him, and the help of the white man. But for some nut to proclaim from the federal bench, the floor of congress, or the pulpit that instant integration is going to bring instant equality is too ridiculous to dwell upon.

But this chant is heard daily, and from people who know they are lying when they are saying it, but they keep on saying it because they are making money, or getting votes, or adding members to their faith from saying it.

**CAPTAIN PATRICK HONORED**

Marine Captain George L. Patrick, Jr., of 209 Summit ave., Kinston, was chosen Instructor of the Month, July 6, while serving with Training Squadron Two at the Whiting Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Milton, Fla.

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