

SENATOR SAM ERVIN ★ SAYS ★



In a recent address retired United States Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Whittaker discussed some of the problems confronting the country when legislation is proposed to control what we know as free enterprise and to force employment and not "equal employment opportunities."

The Justice's remarks are interesting reading in their entirety but one observation is particularly pertinent. Addressing himself to the problem of how men shall receive a fair portion of the world's goods, he says: "... One sure way to kill the goose that lays the golden egg is to make it impossible for employers to earn the money needed to provide jobs and pay wages.

Herein, I think, lies a major fallacy in the civil rights proposal that is labeled "Equal Employment Opportunities," comprising some twenty-five pages, and is known as Title VII. This title sets the Federal government in the role of having the veto power over employment decisions in firms employing twenty-five or more workers, upon the strange theory that government knows best what is good for business.

The clearest enunciation of what is likely to happen to business across the nation if Congress should pass Title VII came recently in the Motorola Case. Illinois has a law on its books similar to the proposal embraced in Title VII of the Federal Civil Rights Bill. It is administered by the Illinois Fair Employment Practices Commission.

In this instance, Motorola gave job applicant, Leon Myart, a test to determine his fitness to work on the assembly line for television sets. Myart, a Negro, was refused a job after taking the test. He then filed a complaint with the Illinois FEPC alleging discrimination on racial grounds. The hearing examiner ordered Motorola to hire Myart because he thought the job test was obsolete and did not "lend itself to equal opportunity to qualify for the hitherto culturally deprived and disadvantaged groups."

Thus Motorola was told to abandon its tests. This results in forbidding private enterprise to set

its own standards for use in obtaining employees who it judges to be qualified.

The case is of concern to the nation because it graphically illustrates the nature of the powers to be vested in the Federal government if Title VII is enacted and upheld by the courts.

Under the provisions of Title VII, a government agent would be empowered to make employment judgments upon capabilities and discrimination to supplant those of the owners of businesses who, risk their money, skill and time to make the venture work. Such proposals, if enacted, can not be compounded.

When the Civil Rights proposals were before the House, Representative Wyman, of New Hampshire, made a courageous speech. He pointed out that this bill is like an iceberg with very few of its pro-

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Manager Pete Peterson is in Daytona Beach, where all the farm teams of the Pittsburgh Pirates are now in spring training.

This week Pete said it was still to early even to make any wild guesses about the boys he will be

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