



Much of the basic legislative program which Congress will consider has been introduced. The major issues and programs have been spelled out in a series of Presidential messages. These have chronicled proposals for medical care, social security benefits, Appalachia, education, immigration, water quality control, foreign aid, agriculture, defense, and gold cover stabilization.

But among the more than 7,000 legislative bills which members have put in the hopper are proposals dealing with scores of other important categories. As Chairman of the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, I have introduced a series of measures dealing with basic rights. Specifically, the measures deal with the rights of military personnel, Indians, the mentally ill, and those involved in Federal bail procedures.

These proposals grew out of extensive investigations conducted by the Senate Subcommittee. In an era when it is customary to think of "civil rights" in terms of race relations, the Subcommittee has broadened the scope of concern to include basic rights of all Americans. Complaints registered with the Congress have demonstrated the need.

Despite progress in recent years in modernizing military justice procedures, continued improvement must be made in this field. Complaints received by the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights and the results of an extensive 4-year study, have revealed numerous inadequacies in the Uniform Code of Military Justice, administrative discharge proceedings, and other important phases of military justice.

The eighteen part military bill is designed to reasonably insure basic rights of members and former members of the Armed Forces and of persons accompanying the Armed Forces overseas.

In the field of mental illness, another effort is being made to strengthen procedures designed to facilitate the treatment of patients in the District of Columbia. The battles fought in the laws governing mental illness are seldom easy tasks.

Mental institutions provide no Alumni Associations to fight legislative battles. Significant progress was made last year

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of W. F. Sykes, deceased, late of Jones County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned before the 23rd day of August, 1965, otherwise, this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 23rd day of February, 1965.

Sallie W. Sykes,  
Executrix of the Estate of  
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with the enactment of Public Law 88-597 divorcing mental treatment from the loss of legal rights in the District of Columbia in certain instances. The comprehensive work done in this area of rights has already sharpened the Nation's conscience.

On February 2, I introduced legislative proposals to deal with some long-standing needs to protect the rights of Indian citizens. These would correct inequities in Indian tribal court procedures, Indian criminal justice, and contractual rights of Indian citizens.

Indians have a tribal guardianship imposed upon reservation property, and long-delayed approval of contracts affecting this property have resulted in severe hardships on these citizens. Subcommittee hearings have demonstrated much need for a revision of Federal laws in this "rights area."

I have also introduced meas-

**Letter to the Editor**

February 19, 1965

Dear Editor:

Odds and ends from the miscellaneous file — mostly odds to an end. Gus Hall chief spokesman for the Communist Party, USA, January 24, 1965, discussed President Johnson's "Great Society."

"We Communists support every measure of the Great Society concept that benefits the people. We are for every measure in the struggle against poverty. We support every measure that puts an end to the system of discrimination against our fellow Negro Americans. We support every measure toward social security, including Medicare.

"But we are critical because we are convinced the measures are not nearly far-reaching

ures designed to correct inequities which have grown out of Federal pre-trial confinement and bail procedures. In some instances, the operation of the Federal bail system is repugnant to the Constitutional tenet that a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. These measures are offered to assure fairness in this procedure.

enough. "We do not believe the measures in the Great Society concept are realistic in an economy based on war production.

"In proposing these measures President Johnson dreams of extending the life span of capitalism though concessions.

"We support these measures because we dream of socialism." The authoritative anti-Communist publication, "Herald of Freedom," January 29, 1965, discussed Duke Law Professor Arthur Larson:

"The efforts of the Communist conspiracy to destroy its only opposition, the anti-Communist movement, have been aided by Arthur Larson and a thing called the "National Council for Civic Responsibility" which he heads up. This group is an offshoot of the Public Affairs Institute which maintains the pose of being anti-Communist but has among its sponsor individuals who have been cited for sponsorship of Communist-front organizations. It employed on its initial staff as "research writer" Charles Kramer (real name Krivitsky, who was named by Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley as a member of a Communist spy ring in the U. S. Government."

In an article date-lined Raleigh, N. C., the Communist press recently stated that the

**LAND TRANSFERS**

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker has reported just one land transfer in the county during the past week; that of a small tract of land on US 17 north of Pollockville from Carolyn Whitford Parker to Walter H. Bray.

N. C. Supreme Court had voided the convictions of Mrs. Mae Mallory and others in the Monroe, N. C., "frame-up charges of kidnapping."

Sincerely,  
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