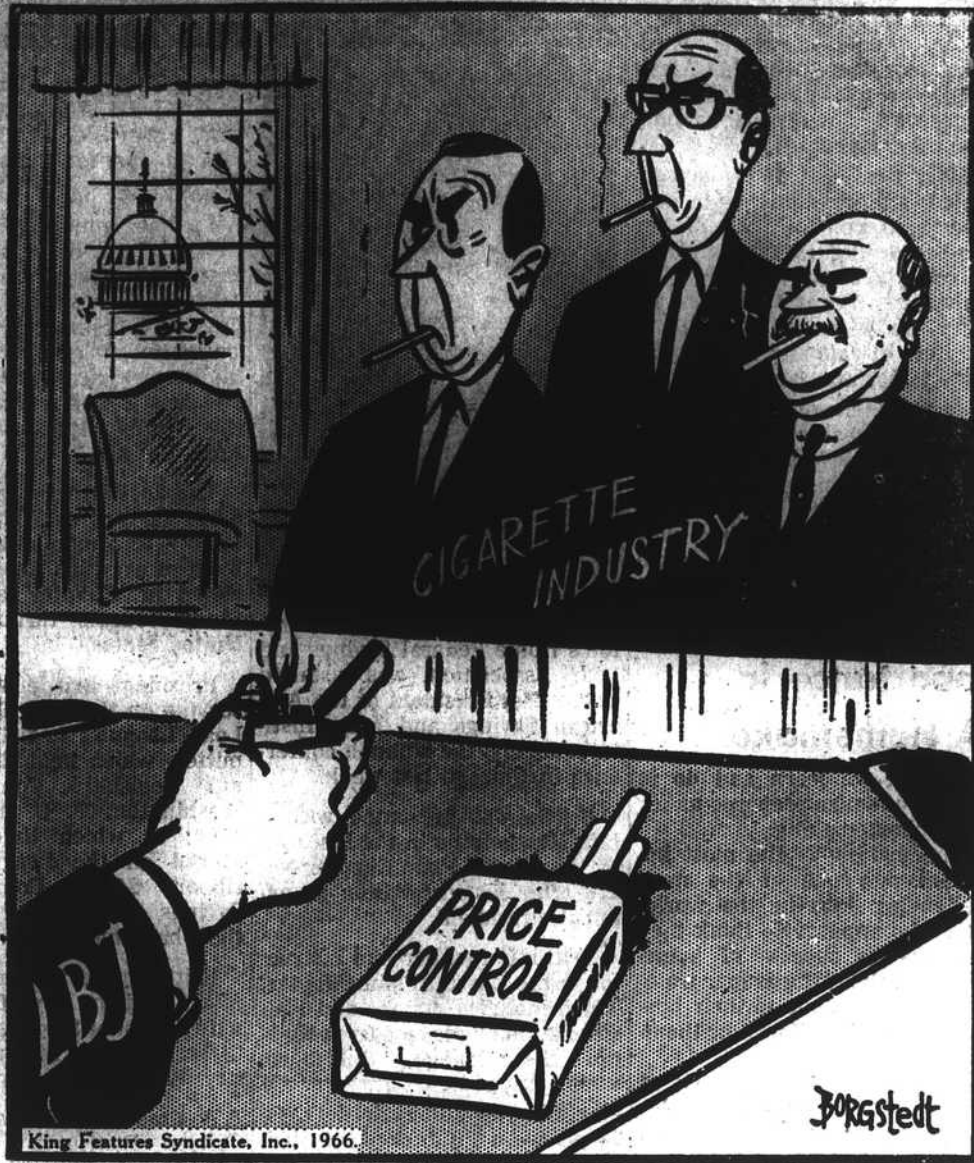


'Altogether, now---inhale!'



OTHER EDITORS SAY
WRAL VIEWPOINT

Lyndon 'Flim-Flam' Johnson

The way things are piling up, it was Wednesday evening, well, after dinner, before we settled down to peruse the stack of Congressional Records which, in their dull brown wrappers, were beginning to rise like a barren mountain on the far corner of the desk. And, as we flipped the pages in last Friday's edition, it began to appear that the delay had been of no serious consequence. But then, on Page 4781, there was a bit of which which — it hardly needs saying — the press has diligently ignored.

Not surprisingly, Senator John J. Williams of Delaware was on his feet in the Senate, playing hob with another one of Lyndon Johnson's shell game. The Senator has become the nation's Number One killjoy in the eyes of the Washington wheelers and dealers. It was he, to cite one of the more dramatic examples, who uncovered the Bobby Baker stench and, despite all that Lyndon Johnson's cornies could do, Sen. Williams persisted in his demands that Baker and his activities be dragged out into the light for all to see.

Senator Williams' subject last Friday was the proposed budget which the White House has sent to the Congress. The pretense in the budget is all Johnson and a yard wide. Not only does the President proposed to spend the most fantastic sum of money in the nation's history; he sent word to the Congress — with a perfectly straight face—that his proposals would increase the federal debt by — as Mr. Johnson put it — "only" \$1.8 billion.

Needless to say, the press has not impressed upon the public that Mr. Johnson is demanding that Congress reinstate taxes the Congress cut last year. In arriving at the astonishing mathematical spending spree would result in "only" a \$1.8 billion deficit, Mr. Johnson is counting on those tax increases. He must

have them. But that is not all, by a long shot — as Senator Williams made clear last Friday.

First of all, Mr. Johnson is asking Congress to require the payment by corporations of \$4.5 billion in advance taxes during the coming year, these taxes to be borrowed from the following year to be spent this year.

Secondly, the President proposed to step up collections from individual taxpayers by means of what he calls a "change" in withholding techniques. This will milk the taxpayers of an additional \$400 million.

Third: By reducing the silver content of coins, and selling the silver, the President proposes to pick up another \$1.5 billion.

All of these, it should easily be seen, are one-shot operations, something like selling the cook-stove to pay the grocery bill.

But Mr. Johnson has called for still one more juggling act in high government finance. He proposes to sell an extra \$1.5 billion worth of mortgages held by the Federal National Mortgage Association and use the cash proceeds to pay expenses rather than recording the transactions as income. This, as Senator Williams pointed out, is designed "to give the American people the idea that (the government) has cut expenditures."

In any case, the simple arithmetic of Senator John Williams discloses that the federal government will go further in debt this coming year, not by the \$1.8 billion that Lyndon Johnson pretends, but between nine and ten billions of dollars!

If you want to know why inflation is rolling in upon us so rapidly, Senator Williams has just explained it. As he put it: "Some day (the Lyndon Johnson) administration is going to have to take direct responsibility for the inflation which it is causing." Since 1961, the federal government has spent \$31½

THE VETERANS CORNER

Q — My neighbor, a disabled veteran receiving monthly disability payments, received an income questionnaire from VA; his payments would be stopped if he did not report his annual income. I am receiving disability compensation payments, but have never received the questionnaire. Should I file a

billion more than it has taken in. This is an average increase in the federal debt of \$500 million per month. Yet, said Senator Williams last Friday, "the President has been before this Congress (every year) and in his messages has boasted that we are achieving a balanced budget."

"The words sound well," said Senator Williams, "but actions belie the words."

Indeed they do. Indeed they do.



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Not A Scratch

Tobacco Advice

A booklet "Tobacco Information for 1966" prepared by State Extension Tobacco Specialists is available for distribution to interested growers. It outlines recommended production practices including nematode control, fertilization, placement of fertilizer, spacing, transplanting, insect control as well as other topics. Tobacco growers will likely find this booklet of interest as they start the 1966 crop. Interested persons may get a copy by calling or visiting their county agricultural extension agents office.

report of income, anyway?

A — Your neighbor evidently receives monthly "pension" payments for a non-service connected disability. You are receiving "compensation" payments for a service-connected disability which is not affected by your other income. You do not need to file a report.

Q — I receive a nonservice-connected disability pension from the VA amounting to \$80 per month. If I no longer live with my wife will I lose any of my pension and if so, how much?

A — If you and your wife live apart and you are contributing to her support, your pension payment will not change. If you and your wife live apart and you do not contribute to her support, you will be considered a single person — without de-

Some reporters who followed Bobby Kennedy on his trip to Oxford, Miss., and Tuscaloosa, Ala., seemed surprised because Thatch was not roughed in some way. Their preliminary stories described his thrust into the South as "a daring adventure."

It's pathetic that grown men haul around these phantom apprehensions and really, unnerving that they propagate them through the national press. And then the poor wretches, evidently unaccustomed to civility, chatter incoherently about the great changes in the South which now permit a man like Kennedy to move safely among the Southern devils. The students at the University and the University of Alabama can only feel embarrassed that they are praised for having received Kennedy politely and refrained from roughing him up.

Bobby is not universally loved in the South, but then he isn't universally loved in Washington. The reporters who feared for Bobby's sensibilities evidently confused his visit to the South with a visit to the White House. There is none who would take greater pleasure from turning his wrath on Bobby than the great Hushpuppy, who bounced Kennedy out of the Vice Presidential nomination and would be deeply satisfied if he could bounce him out of Washington.

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