

Washington Report

Due to Lincoln's Birthday, Congress was only in session half a week. This was due to the annual custom of permitting the Republican Members of Congress to return home and make Lincoln Day speeches.

The most distressing news to come to my attention recently was the action of HEW in attempting to investigate and harass the universities and colleges in the state of North Carolina as to their desegregation policies. It is generally conceded that the higher educational system in North Carolina cannot be held guilty of discriminatory practices. Unlike the secondary schools, there is no arbitrary board to assign college students; all of them are in the college of their choice if scholastically qualified. In a protest which I hope will have some result, I wrote Secretary Finch of HEW the following letter:

The Honorable Robert H. Finch
Secretary
United States Department of Health,
Education and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:
I am amazed to learn that members of your staff are currently investigating East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, regarding their desegregation policies. As a former Trustee of UNC and a close and avid supporter of ECU, I am positive that neither institution has knowingly permitted discriminatory practices to exist. I respectfully ask that you stop the harassment and interference by your staff so that the educational processes may continue in an orderly fashion. Certainly, HEW has done enough to destroy the secondary schools of the south. Even in the Congressional District which I have the honor of representing, out of some 20 school units, 7 have been forced into the Federal Courts thereby eliminating all local control, and more importantly, local support. In addition, the remaining have been forced to meet demands from idealists representing HEW with little knowledge of or concern for local conditions.

I hope that President Nixon, you, and others charged with administrative policy will reconsider the disruption of our southern colleges and universities, and let's get on with the job

of emphasis on education for the ultimate benefit of all races.

Sincerely,
Walter B. Jones, M. C.

On Tuesday, February 10, several Members of the Democratic side took an occasion to put in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, statements regarding proposed farm legislation. My remarks were as follows:

"I want to associate myself with the other Members of the House who are stressing the need for more equitable farm legislation. Four years ago on this very date, as a result of a special election, I was privileged to become a Member of this great body. In this short period of time, this nation has become the victim of almost unprecedented spiraling inflation and practically every segment of our economy has participated, through wage and price increases, except the American farmer. It is ironic that in this day of inflation, the American farmer is today receiving less of the consumer's dollar than he did twenty years ago while his cost of production has increased several times. This in itself, emphatically demonstrates the need for improved farm legislation. It is no wonder that we find a rapidly decreasing farm population, almost to the extent of being a national catastrophe. Many of you are concerned with an increased Food Stamp Program - and, certainly, this is no criticism of food stamps - but, I think it in order to remind you that if our farmers cannot survive economically, then, heaven forbid, we will become a "have-not" nation as it relates to the production of agricultural commodities. And, what may I ask, would be the value of food stamps, if, indeed, there was no food for which to redeem them? And some those who are concerned with the overall economy and well-being of this nation should look sympathetically at the plight of the farmer and join with those of us who are attempting to bring forth legislation which might solve this acute problem."

Cripple Creek, Colorado, now with 550 residents, had a population of 30,000 in 1900 when it was a boom town that turned out \$400 million in gold ore and 28 millionaires.

Accidents Will Happen

It took a woman to have the perfect automobile accident. Her case, one of the more than 10 million insurance claims, handled last year by Aetna Life & Casualty tops the list of 1969 "wrecks."

The lady, a resident of Montreal, Canada, had this to offer by way of describing her accident: "My car had sustained no damage whatever and the other car somewhat less."

That may be true, but explanations have a way of stretching the truth. Consider the driver of a 10-ton truck who accounted for his accident this way: "The Volkswagen passed and stopped in front of me in such a way that he damaged the rear of his car on my front bumper." The truck driver gets a periodical bonus for accident-free driving. Youthfulness, as well as youth, had its say in 1969. How else could you account for two blithe grandmothers, aged 60 and 71, who tangled with a car and a truck in separate incidents - both while riding tricycles? Or the 81-year-old Hopkinsville, Ky., man who met misfortune while driving into the local "lover's lane."

Also having their problems were the Atlanta motorist who ran into a palm tree after noticing his passenger's hair on fire and the Vermont man who slammed into a guard rail while engrossed in a conversation with his dog.

From the mid-west comes the report of a crash involving a car pulling a two-headed cow. After investigation, the anxious Aetna claim man was able to deadpan: "We were greatly relieved to learn the cow did not have a double whiplash."

A Virginia man wasn't so lucky when he attempted to roll a monstrous snowball onto his neighbor's lawn. Things really got rolling as the five-foot-wide sphere pinned the prankster by his ankle. He dislodged himself and ran down the hill only to be mowed flat by the pursuing Frankenstein. Days later his hat was found still imbedded in the thawing monster.

One accident, it seems, begets another. To save his house a Salt Lake City man swiftly threw a flaming can of oil and gasoline into an upstairs window. The house was spared, but not the man's car which was turned to ashes as the blazing container scored a direct hit.

In Topeka a man, unable to reach a doctor after thinking he'd swallowed a piece of glass, hit upon a home remedy. As he

waited for the laxative to take effect, his house became very warm. His urge to turn on the air conditioner was hastened by another urge. In a rush he turned the machine on too high and sat helplessly as it went up in smoke.

A Whittier, Calif., man also could blame glass for his problems. He chomped on a piece while enjoying a sandwich in the bathtub. Minutes later, after placing the offending silver neatly on the floor, he hopped out of the tub and gashed his foot on it. He watched silently as a doctor put six stitches in his foot.

In Cincinnati a washing machine salesman gave a safety demonstration that left both him and his customers gasping. He placed his tie in the ringer and came within a scissor's snip of having his neck wrung too. He now sells sewing machines.

In Huntsville, Ala., an Aetna claim man was lost for an explanation. His client, a 62-year-old woman, asked why she was being billed for a circumcision after her ear operation. Neither her doctor nor the hospital could offer any reasons either.

No explanation was needed last summer in Reading, Pa. The actor's part called for him to fall down a flight of steps and injure himself. It was a perfect performance, reports the Aetna claim man who paid the \$116 medical bill.

In Fashion

Collars and cuffs with tating or other type edging is seen on many of the new print dresses. Crepe de chine, the favorite of many women in years past, is also back in the picture. Cameo pins are being worn and there is a general air of softness about the new designs.

Prints are smaller and hair is looser.

Knitters continue to be busy and dresses, scarves and sweaters are being made of beautifully colored yarns by housewives and teenagers. Many department stores have experts in this line of work to help beginners who buy the yarn and needles from that store.

ON THE AIM
President Nixon's proposed expansion of the Safeguard antiballistic missile system has been challenged by the Senate's Democratic leader, Mike Mansfield, who forecasts the cost will reach \$50 billion.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



WASHINGTON - The public school system faces its worst crisis in history if the Federal Government persists in its course of destroying the "neighborhood" school by demanding that students, faculties, and administrators be shuffled about like unfeeling pawns in a chess game.

What started out sixteen years ago as a monumental Supreme Court decision against segregation in the public schools has turned into a growing nightmare of confusion in recent years. The Federal Courts and HEW administrators have required actions never contemplated in the original Brown decision. These have taken the form of "forced busing" to achieve "racial balance", the establishment of numerical quotas, and the assignment of teachers to particular schools to meet such quotas.

For example, if neighborhood schools are not located in racially mixed districts, a decree is rendered compelling school boards to resort to geographical rezoning, to bus school children from one school district to another and to "pair schools".

The South, which has borne the full impact of these rulings, has learned that integration has been assigned a primary role by the Federal Courts and HEW. These branches of the Federal Government have created the feeling that education of children is of secondary importance.

Time and again in recent years, school boards and taxpayers have felt the brunt of trying to meet impossible deadlines that the Federal Government would have difficulty in meeting if it were carrying out such orders. As a consequence, students and parents, teachers and principals, school boards and taxpayers are constantly frustrated as they await the next ruling on the fate of their local school.

All of this and much more has been aired in the Senate recently as it has undertaken to write a new elementary and secondary education act. I have offered several amendments to this bill which I hope that the Senate will

adopt, because I think it would restore common sense principles in the functioning of our public schools. I have urged that we restore to local school boards the power to administer their schools without impairing in any way their constitutional obligation under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. If enacted, my amendments would confer on parents the right to choose the public schools their children would attend.

In spite of these unequivocal provisions, we find the Federal courts today requiring some of the very things forbidden under these statutes.

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