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Celanese Corporation Declares Dividend Payable March 26

Directors of Celanese Corporation today declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the 50 cents a share on the common convertible preference stock; and stock, payable March 26, 1969, to \$1.75 per share on the 7 per cent shareholders of record March 3, second preferred stock. All preferred stock dividends are payable April 1, 1969, to shareholders of record March 3, 1969. The board voted regular quarterly dividends of \$1.12 1/2 per record March 3, 1969.

WASHINGTON REPORT

OVERSIGHT AND CHANGE

The first bills and the first broad Presidential messages on domestic issues appeared on Capitol Hill last week as the session began to settle down into a pattern. From now on, bills, large and small, will be debated in the two chambers of the Congress while committees press forward on the consideration of legislative proposals and the investigation of national issues concerning the American people.

Among the first pieces of legislation was a bill to correct an oversight of the Congress in protecting the compensation of veterans suffering from wartime disabilities for twenty years or more. For several years, the Congress has provided that when compensation is awarded a veteran for twenty years or more on the basis of a percentage of disability, it cannot be reduced or cancelled, except when fraud is involved. This is a reasonable provision that protects the legitimate interests of disabled veterans. Unfortunately, the law overlooks a group of veterans who may be seriously disabled, but whose compensation is not determined on the basis of percentage of disability ratings. These would include blinded veterans and those who have lost hands, arms, and legs in the service of the country. In these cases, compensation is fixed by law in what have become known as statutory awards. Certainly, the same pro-

tection ought to be extended to this group of veterans and the bill passed the House without opposition. It must now be considered by the Senate.

A second bill was in the field of communications and was considerably more complex. Back in 1962, when the Communications Satellite program began, stock in the public corporation was strictly divided between the Federal government, the communications industry, and the public at large. Once it was established, it was represented on the governing Board of Directors. Correcting this situation required legislation which was passed with little debate and is now on its way to the White House.

Much of the discussion in the Capitol corridors last week involved long-awaited changes in the anti-poverty programs. Amid sobering Congressional studies of malnutrition and hunger, the White House forwarded its recommendations which are still too generalized to permit a clear picture. Now begins a new debate about the dimensions of the problem, what various levels of government can and ought to do about them, and what other resources in our society can be utilized to help poor Americans help themselves.

Unfortunately, it has been my view that the anti-poverty program was poorly conceived. Certainly, the hastily thrown-together program had little Congressional guidance. Efforts to change the program were, from the first, ignored and shouted down by its backers who refused to see or admit its failures and its flaws.

Pfc. Albert M. Starr Serving In Vietnam

VIETNAM (FHTNC) Feb. 11 — Marine Private First Class Albert M. Starr of Route 1, Kings Mountain, N. C., is serving with the Second Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division in Vietnam.

The primary mission of the battalion is to seek out and destroy the enemy. The infantrymen conduct day and night patrols, set up ambushes and conduct both large and small scale combat operations in hostile territory.

His unit is also engaged in a civic action program designed to assist the Vietnamese people in completing self-help projects, such as the building of wells, culverts, small bridges and schools. Equipment and materials are made available through the Marine Corps Reserve Civic Action Fund.

This country, throughout its history, has been involved in the most spectacular anti-poverty program ever devised. In fact, the improvement of the lives of people and a concern for their well-being is what our democracy is all about. The fact that President Nixon chose this subject as his first message on major domestic policy is, I think significant. It is an affirmation that we still seek productive and meaningful assistance. However, the problem is to focus on real needs, honest evaluation of problem areas, and stopping the blunder-bus approach that scatters resources without reasonably effective results. We do not have an easy road ahead. However, we have learned some lessons. The

first is that sloganeering and good intentions will not win this continuing battle. I have opposed this program in the past. However, now we may be able to develop new and useful approaches that will make this effort an investment in the future rather than a bleak and useless handout.

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