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Toward Energy Dependence

The American oil industry, its habitual paranoia over the future heightened by President Ford's signing of the energy bill, is posting warning signals of deepening dependence on foreign oil.

Developments within the industry now being signalled began long before Mr. Ford's fateful decision. But what oil men, correctly or not, regard as betrayal by the White House seems to be intensifying the trends: cutting corners on federal regulations at the cost of production; elimination of less profitable production; continuing emphasis on foreign over domestic operations; diversification into non-oil operations.

One oil expert sums it up by forecasting that many companies will "go into a maintenance mode" domestically—keeping up present operations without expansion. Confirming that, the vice president of one of the huge Seven Sisters sees forced divestiture of his company's integrated oil activities in the foreseeable future and perhaps nationalization beyond that. This mood could exaggerate the worst effects of the new energy law, causing reduced domestic production and increased imports—to the detriment of this nation's security.

What the oil executives are doing may well be heightened by their habitual paranoia, but they are not bluffing to win government favors. To the contrary, since Mr. Ford's energy bill approval, the oil men have clammed up about their plans. But many clearly feel that since Mr. Ford has accepted what they see as permanent government controls, the industry can ignore the national interest in making decisions.

For big oil to say "no more Mr. Nice Guy" mocks a consuming public conditioned by politicians castigating the industry. But some objective observers believe the oil companies generally did not profiteer and did act in the national interest during the Arab oil embargo. Now, however, more and more companies are starting to live up to the industry's sour reputation.

The warning signals fall into four general categories of activity, which

"What the oil executives are doing may well be heightened by their habitual paranoia, but they are not bluffing to win government favors."

combined could have catastrophic effects:

Warning signal No. 1: One company is using its low-priced "old" oil as fuel for its tanker fleet to bring in higher priced foreign oil—a process that beats the regulatory system penalizing holders of "old" oil. To some experts, convinced controls are permanent, such evasion of government regulations will proliferate. The net impact: higher imports.

Warning signal No. 2: One company is planning to shut down costly production of lowgrade crude in California's Wilmington offshore field because the government regulated price of \$4.21 a barrel is uneconomic. The Federal Energy Administration (FEA) may soon reverse itself and increase the price, but that won't solve the problem. With a weighted average of \$7.66 for "old" oil under the new bill, the FEA simply cannot make this sort of production profitable.

Thus, there is a danger of more and more low-grade fields closing down. For many, production cannot be resumed.

Warning signal No. 3: According to reliable reports in both the industry and the government, Phillips is purchasing more European refineries. By importing the refined product, it can then increase profits.

"The profit today is abroad, not at home," one oil executive told us. Although Gulf has been hurt by nationalizations in Kuwait and Venezuela, other companies want to expand overseas. Mobil has been particularly aggressive and astute in stepping up Saudi Arabian operations, and Exxon is following the same course there. Asked by a friend what his company would do if Congress ordered divestiture, the top executive in one of the Seven Sisters replied: "We'd divest our U.S. operations."

Warning signal No. 4: One major firm is seriously considering purchasing a major retail food chain—fitting a pattern of widespread diversification into non-oil operations by big oil. Mobil recently acquired Marcor, parent company of Montgomery Ward. Standard of California has bought 20 per cent of Amax, a mining concern.

By such diversification, major companies get into non-regulated industries and hedge their bets against future divestiture or even nationalization. In the process, however, production efforts decline.

These warning signals come when production is falling ever more rapidly, plans for some domestic refinery construction have been postponed and bids on off-shore oil leases are meager. Such bleak portents would seem to dwarf FEA Chief Frank Zarb's cheery year-end message that Americans are finally conserving energy by lowering their thermostats and buying small cars.

Maneuvers Block Poff Nomination

By BEN BEAGLE

Times Staff Writer

An announcement that Roanoke lawyer William B. Poff had been nominated for a federal judgeship was canceled last week, after 9th District Rep. William C. Wampler and U.S. Sen. William L. Scott asked for a meeting with President Ford, it was reported Saturday.

Sources, who would not have talked had their names been used, said the meeting with the President was requested after Poff's opponent for the judgeship, Glen Williams of Jonesville, flew to Washington to confer with Wampler.

They said the request for the meeting with Ford, and reconsideration of his choice for the nomination for the seat on the bench in U.S. District Court for Western Virginia, came just minutes before the announcement of Poff's selection was to have been made.

Williams, in a telephone interview from his Jonesville home, said Saturday that he had been to Washington last week "to confer with Bill Wampler." Williams said the judgeship did come up, but "I was up in Washington on other business."

He said he knew nothing of a requested meeting between Ford and Scott and Wampler.

"I'm being considered and that's all I know about it," Williams said.

Scott has backed Williams for the post all along and has told reporters he doesn't believe Poff will get the judgeship. It is still unclear whether Scott—if Poff is nominat-

ed—would use privilege in the Senate Judiciary Committee to block the nomination.

Republican backers of Poff said Saturday they were surprised that Wampler—whose district runs from Lee County all the way to Radford and Montgomery County, where Poff was born—had come out so strongly for Williams.

The congressman had backed Williams because he is from his district, but the Poff backers said they had considered Scott their main obstacle in assuring the seat for Poff, who has about a 10-to-1 margin over Williams in bar association endorsements in the large western judicial district.

Wampler could not be reached for comment Saturday, but the sources said that he, Scott and 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, who is backing Poff, were notified of the President's decision on Poff.

They said Poff backers had been assured the announcement of Poff's selection was to have been made last week—most probably on Wednesday morning, the day after the New Hampshire primary in which Ford narrowly beat former California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

They said Williams flew to Washington with another Jonesville lawyer and conferred with Wampler and Scott.

Then, they said, the congressmen contacted John O. "Jack" Marsh, a former 7th District Republican congressman who is now a top assistant to Ford.

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They asked Marsh, the sources said, for meeting with Ford to ask him to reconsider his choice, and announcement of Poff's election was canceled.

It was unclear Saturday when the meeting between Ford, Scott and Wampler will be held.

The strong insertion of Wampler into the Poff-Williams judgeship fight, which is divided Republicans—many of them are angry with Scott for his opposition to

Poff—introduced a little more bitterness into the whole affair.

"Bill Wampler has jumped in bed with Bill Scott," said one Republican, who asked not to be identified.

Nobody was willing to predict Saturday what President Ford may do. There was speculation that, in an election year, he may simply shelve any nomination and thus further delay the new judgeship.

The seat became open when Federal Judge Ted Dalton of Radford requested semi-retirement status. Dalton is still active in the district, however, along with Chief Judge James C. Turk.

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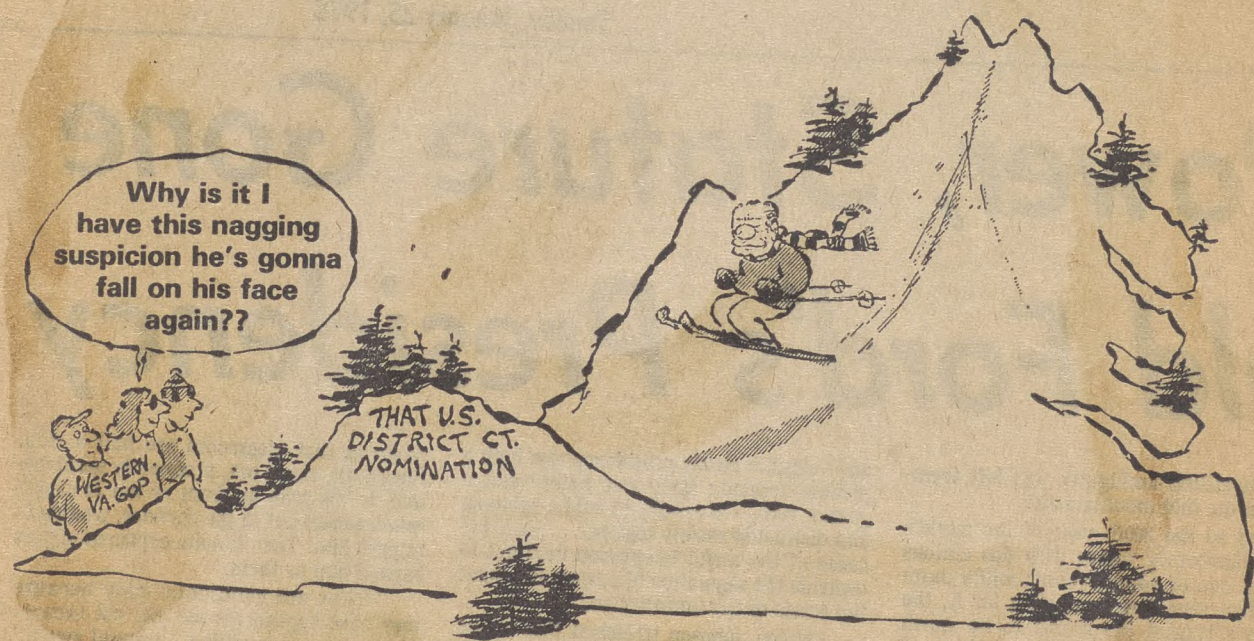
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Butler doubts Scott move

Rep. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke has said that he doesn't believe U. S. Sen. William L. Scott, R-Va., would use senatorial privilege to block the nomination of William B. Poff for a federal judgeship.

Butler said that "it doesn't appear to me that Sen. Scott has said he's going to block the confirmation. He's just voicing his strong opposition."

Sen. Scott is backing Glen Williams of Jonesville for the post that will become vacant through the retirement of Judge Ted Dalton.

In his comments on Sen. Scott, Rep. Butler mentioned statements made to newsmen in Richmond when Scott said, among other things, that "Mr. Poff will not be our next federal judge. Is that strong enough?"

Scott is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee that will pass on the nomination that President Ford sends to the Senate.

He could block a nomination by invoking a seldom-used prerogative of saying that the candidate is "personally objectionable."

Butler said that he has "strong support" for Poff but that the problem will have to be resolved by the Justice Department in its recommendations to the President.

Butler said he does not feel that it will be long before the hassle is resolved. The Justice Department should already have received FBI reports on the two candidates, he said, but formal reports from the American Bar Association had not been received.

Butler Doubts Scott Would Kill Poff Nomination

By BEN BEAGLE
Times Staff Writer

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said Monday he doesn't interpret remarks made last week by U.S. Sen. William L. Scott to mean that the senator would employ a seldom-used senatorial privilege to kill the nomination of Roanoke lawyer William B. Poff for a federal judgeship.

At a Richmond news conference last week, Scott, a backer of Jonesville lawyer Glen Williams for the post, had answered questions about his opposition to Poff with the reply, "Mr. Poff will not be our next federal judge. Is that direct enough?"

Butler said Monday in a telephone interview from Washington he takes the reply to mean that Scott is "assuming that the recommendation the Justice Department will be making will indicate a preference for Glen Williams and that the White House will make a recommendation based on these preferences. I simply have a different view."

"It's the sort of prognosis that will be tested in a short while," the Roanoke congressman said.

Scott, as member of the Senate Judiciary Committee that will pass on the nomination President Ford sends the Senate, could use a rule and block any nomination by saying the nominee is "personally objectionable" to him.

"Basically, the blackballing of a judicial nomination is such a big step and so seldom done that I don't think you can read that into anybody's statement unless you get him to categorically" say it, Butler said Monday.

Butler added that he has not talked to the senator about the remarks in Richmond.

At the news conference, Scott was asked if he would use his privilege to block the nomination. "I don't think the question you raise will ever come up, Scott replied."

Although in public, Butler and Scott have been saying they are not angry with each other, there are indications of a warm

division among members of the state Republican party over the nomination.

Butler said "it just doesn't appear to me that Sen. Scott has said that he's going to block the confirmation . . . he's just voicing his strong opposition."

Butler said he has "strong support" for his backing of Poff and "the problem still has to be resolved by the Justice Department" in its recommendations to President Ford.

"As of this moment, the Justice Department should be receiving the FBI reports on the two candidates and the formal reports from the American Bar Association have not been received," Butler said Monday.

"So far as I can determine, people who make the recommendations at the Justice Department have not made a decision," the congressman added.

Butler said the Constitution "imposes on the President the ultimate decision which must be ratified by the Senate and so far as I can tell, the White House has not made any prejudgment."

Butler said he doesn't believe Scott has "resolved to take this strong step" of blocking the nomination in the Judiciary Committee.

Butler said he can see no evidence that the White House is delaying action on the nomination.

There had been speculation that Ford, interested in Virginia GOP backing as he seeks the party's nomination to run for a full term, was awaiting passage of a judgeship bill in Congress. It would give the U.S. District Court for Western Virginia an extra judge and thus the President would be able to nominate both Poff and Williams, the theory says.

Butler said Monday he has "no indication that the thing is being delayed. As a matter of fact, I think it can be moved rather fast."

The judgeship became available when Judge Ted Dalton announced that he was requesting a semiretirement status in the big judicial district.

Bar Association Clears Judgeship Candidates

By BEN BEAGLE
Times Staff Writer

The American Bar Association, in an informal report to the U.S. Justice Department, has said both candidates for a Western Virginia federal judgeship are qualified, 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said Monday.

Butler, who is backing William B. Poff, a 43-year-old Roanoke lawyer, for the post in U.S. District Court for Western Virginia, said of the nomination process for the new judge:

"It's going rapidly but no final conclusion has been drawn."

Also in the race is Glen Williams, 55, of Jonesville in

Lee County. His candidacy is backed by U.S. Sen. William L. Scott.

"The basic situation is that an informal report of the American Bar Association has indicated to the department of justice that both are qualified," Butler said.

Butler said he understands this informal report, to be followed by a formal one from the national lawyers' group, will enable the Justice Department to begin investigations into the backgrounds of both men.

In some instances, the congressman said, the Justice Department has passed along a recommendation to the President favoring one candidate over another or simply

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passed along the report that all of the candidates for such a post are qualified.

In any case, it is President Ford who will nominate a man for the judgeship—opened because of Judge Ted Dalton's request last year that he be put on a semiretirement status.

The President's nomination then goes to the U.S. Senate for confirmation.

Butler said Monday he has no idea when the Justice Department will send its report to the White House or when Ford will select the nominee.

Some politicians have fastened unusual importance to the Poff-Williams run for the federal court seat.

They say it represents a confrontation between Scott, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee which would hold hearings on the new judge, and Butler, seen as a possible contender for the Republican nomination to succeed Scott in the Senate.

Poff is well-known among Republicans in the state as a moderate and a hard worker. Some politicians say Ford's

failure to nominate him for the post would hurt him in Virginia in his bid for re-election.

In addition, they say, the Scott-Butler set-to over the appointment of the new judge—although both congressmen say they are not in a fight with each other—might divide the party in a 1978 nominating convention for the Senate seat.

It is known that 6th District Republicans in particular feel that Poff should get the nomination and the post because it has been a long time since a federal judge came from the 6th District as it is constituted today.

Dalton was appointed when the 6th District still included Radford.

But Judge Emory Widener of Bristol was appointed a district judge from the 9th District and later became a member of the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge James C. Turk of Radford was appointed after congressional redistricting had taken Radford out of the 6th District and put it in the 9th.

Federal Judgeship

THE ROANOKE TIMES, Saturday, January 24, 1976

Scott To Block Poff

By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

RICHMOND — U.S. Sen. William L. Scott will block confirmation of William B. Poff if the White House, over the senator's objection, nominates the Roanoke lawyer for a federal judgeship.

"Mr. Poff will not be our next federal judge; is that direct enough?" Scott said Friday when questioned about his opposition to Poff, 6th District GOP chairman.

Scott has asked President Ford to nominate Glen Williams of Jonesville, a longtime GOP leader in far Southwest Virginia.

"I don't mean to indicate Bill Poff is not qualified to sit as a judge, and I don't want to reflect on Bill's qualifications, but Glen Williams' philosophy is a little bit closer to my own. . . ." Scott said.

Insiders say Scott's personal feelings and the intense power struggle going on within the GOP between backers of the two candidates are much more intense than Scott's answers reflected.

But the senator made it plain he can block Poff's election and will leave no

stone unturned to keep him from filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Ted Dalton in the Western District of Virginia.

Scott said he is confident President Ford will nominate Williams instead of Poff, who has the backing of Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, the 6th District congressman from Roanoke. Williams is backed by 9th District Rep. William C. Wampler. Both congressmen are Republicans.

A senator can block confirmation of any nominee from his home state by calling him "personally objectionable" and Scott was asked if he would do this if Poff is nominated.

"I don't think the question you raise will ever come about," Scott replied.

Scott is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and on its subcommittee which first screens White House nominations for the judiciary.

"The Judiciary Committee is not going to appoint a judge from the state of a member of the committee without the specific approval of that senator."

Most of the bar associations in the judicial district have endorsed Poff.

The Judiciary Committee has approved a bill creating 55 new federal judgeships—one of them for Western Virginia.

But Scott said he does not know when the Senate will vote on this bill because the Democratic leadership says it is holding it up because of anticipated floor amendments—including one by Scott which would transfer litigation involving public schools from federal to state courts.

"Frankly, I think they (Democrats) want to wait until they have a Democratic president," Scott said.

Scott, speaking at a news conference, criticized President Ford's budget for the next fiscal year because, he said, it means more deficit spending.

Scott said the President is proposing too much spending and at the same time over estimating income which will combine to swell the national debt.

"My wife refers to it as the new math," Scott told reporters.

Delay on Judgeship Angers State GOP

By BEN BEAGLE
Times Staff Writer

President Ford's nomination of a new federal judge for Western Virginia is continuing to lag and Republican conservatives in the region who supported U.S. Sen. William L. Scott reportedly are getting angrier and angrier at both Scott and Ford.

The anger, said one conservative who didn't want to be identified, is getting to the point at which Scott may find himself in trouble with his own people if he runs for election to the Senate again and Ford may find conservatives delivering the state to former California Gov. Ronald Reagan in this year's presidential campaign.

Thus, the fight over the nomination of a judge to sit in U.S. District Court for Western Virginia appears to be taking on statewide implications for both Ford and Scott.

Scott has recommended the nomination of Glen Williams, a Lee County conservative for the post. Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler is backing Roanoke lawyer William B. Poff, a moderate.

It was reported this week that the nomination for the new judgeship may be delayed as much as a month as Ford struggles with the question of whom he might alienate in Virginia in the same year he is

running for the Republican presidential nomination.

There is speculation among conservatives that Ford may be waiting to see what Congress does with a bill to create 50 new federal judgeships—one of them going to the Western Virginia district. Passage of the bill would create two vacancies.

The theorists say that if the bill passes—and it is now pending on the Senate calendar—Ford's Virginia problems would be solved because he wouldn't have to make a choice between Poff and Williams.

The single vacancy on the court was caused by the request of federal Judge Ted Dalton for semiretirement status in the district—which includes portions of Virginia's mountain, valley and southside areas.

It could be, some sources say, that the bill is being delayed by an amendment Scott himself offered to the judgeship bill. It is an antibusing amendment which would transfer judicial jurisdiction over disputes in public school systems to state, rather than federal, courts.

Another theory is that the bill is being delayed by Democrats who are hoping that a Democratic president will be elected and thus the nominations for the 50 new judges would fall into the hands of their own man.

Meanwhile, conservatives in the western judicial district who worked hard for Scott when he surprisingly beat former Democratic U.S. Sen. William B. Spong in 1972, are saying privately but angrily that they are upset with Scott.

They are upset, they say, because Scott has insisted on supporting Williams for the judgeship—despite their pleas for him to change his mind and let Poff have the nomination.

And, as time goes on with the nomination still hanging in Washington, they are becoming angrier and angrier.

The conservatives in the district, one of them said, "are unanimously in favor of Bill Poff" for the judgeship but have been rebuffed by Scott.

Scott, the source said, "hasn't done a damned thing for us" and "he has just been a disaster" in the Senate.

And, the conservative said, if Poff doesn't get the nomination for the judgeship "we will all go against Ford for this reason."

The conservative said that if Ford does nominate Poff for the office and Scott, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee which approves such nominations, blocks the appointment, "He's not going to believe what's going to happen to him."

Unions Seek Extended Benefits

By ANDERS GYLLENHAAL
News-Record Staff Writer

STAUNTON — Union leaders from 10 area plants are attempting to join forces to battle economic setbacks facing workers because of the recession and to force the aid of area congressmen, whom union leaders say ignore the "working man."

The unions, representing more than 6,000 workers in the Harrisonburg, Staunton and Waynesboro areas, set a meeting Feb. 11 in Verona to start the drive and plan to invite U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd Jr., and representatives J. Kenneth Robinson and M. Caldwell Bulter to hear their complaints.

During their second organizational meeting here Tuesday, union members made plans to spread the word in area plants and begin a drive to get area workers involved in the political system.

Although the weather helped keep Tuesday's turnout small, a meeting last Monday attracted nearly 50 members and one of the coordinators, Lance Compa of Westinghouse in Verona, insisted there is a

broadbased interest in the drive.

"This is just a start, but I suppose big things have small beginnings," Mr. Compa said after the meeting.

The unions' main concern currently is to stop the April 3 cutoff of Federal Supplemental Benefits, which have allowed workers to collect unemployment for a maximum of 26 weeks after initial benefits and state benefits (a maximum of 39 weeks) have run out.

The extensions will be cut off because the state's unemployment rate has been below 6.5 per cent for three consecutive months. Extensions in 19 other states also are being phased out.

But while the unemployment statewide is dropping, rates in parts of the Valley remain in double figures. Union leaders claim this is discriminatory and are supporting a bill currently before Congress that would extend benefits to 65 weeks regardless.

"If a person's unemployed," said Gerald Moody, a union leader from Salem, "he's unemployed whether he's in a state with 10

per cent unemployment, 8 per cent or 3 per cent."

The unions also want improvements in state unemployment benefits, job security, the minimum wage, and, in general, are working to "maintain standards of living and if possible improve it," said Mr. Compa.

He said workers will support the drive because despite the economic recovery "on paper," things have not improved for the working man.

"He's living at a lower standard of living than he was 10 years ago," Mr. Compa said. "Really, it comes down to a recovery for whom?"

In addition to the Feb. 11 meeting in Verona, the unions are planning a voter registration drive, demonstrations and a possible trip to Washington, D.C. to lobby for their needs.

The preparation for these will await the outcome of the meeting, to be held 7:30 p.m. at the UIE local 173 Hall in Verona.

Although letters to the three congressmen are to be mailed today, most of the leaders at Tuesday's meeting do not

expect them to attend because, they said, none is concerned with the plight of the working man.

"Guys like Bulter and Robinson and Byrd, as far as getting down to a meeting, I really think they'll have all kinds of excuses," said Irven Bryant of Westinghouse. "Have you heard anything from Bulter about the unemployment rate? Have you heard anything from Robinson? Have you heard anything from Byrd?"

The leaders agreed that the meeting could be just as effective with or without the congressmen, but cited the supposed lack of concern as a reason for union members to get involved in politics.

"For too long . . . in the Valley, each one's been going it's own way," said one member. "We're all representing working people and we all want the same thing."

"The President we got now, he doesn't care about the working man," said another. "Unless we get out in politics, we're going to get it."

"All we want is a fair shake," he said, "a fair shake."

Veto by Ford assured on public works bill

THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Fri., Jan. 30, 1976

WASHINGTON (AP) — Riding high on two straight spending victories, congressional Democrats are planning to push their antirecession program despite President Ford's demand for budgetary restraint.

The House voted 321 to 80 on Thursday to pass a \$6.1-billion bill featuring grants for public works projects and funds to help state and local governments avoid employee layoffs and tax hikes. Sponsors claim the bill would create or preserve up to 800,000 jobs.

(Virginia congressmen voted 7-3 against the public works bill.

Voting against it were Democrats Dan Daniel and Satterfield and Republicans Butler, R. W. Daniel, Robinson, Wampler and Whitehurst.

Democrats Downing, Fisher and Harris voted for the measure.)

Hours before it was passed, Ford's press secretary, Ron Nessen, told reporters the President would veto the bill. A day earlier, Democrats won their first spending battle of the year, overriding Ford's veto of a \$45-billion money bill for labor, health and welfare programs.

Ford made no direct comment on passage of the public works bill, but there was no indication he had changed his mind about vetoing it. The House vote margin was far above the two-thirds needed to override a veto. The Senate approved the bill by voice vote Dec. 17.

Talking to a delegation of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, a group that lobbied hard for the public works bill, Ford said he was "not going for some of these quick fixes that some of the people advocate."

Suggesting that his strategy would be to press for extension of general revenue-sharing instead of specific programs backed by Democrats, Ford later told a group from the

forward movement in Congress on his 8-month-old request for the extension.

Revenue-sharing, inaugurated in the administration of former President Richard M. Nixon, gives state and local governments a share of federal revenues with virtually no strings. Some Democrats advocate putting requirements into the plan if it is extended.

"I think general revenue-sharing is in very deep trouble," Ford said. "We have to launch a massive effort to get some action."

He told the Young Republicans their economic

future looks bright "if we keep our cool and don't try some quick fix that won't work."

But jubilant Democrats hailed Thursday's House vote as evidence that their economy-priming program is rolling. Only 13 Democrats voted against the bill, while Republicans divided 52 for and 67 against.

Democratic Whip John J. McFall of California said the House will act soon on a bill to increase from 310,000 to 600,000 the number of federally funded jobs for the unemployed in state and local governments. Ford has recommended phasing out the jobs program.

"Our actions will reduce the heavy drain on the Treasury from welfare payments and unemployment compensation, create hope and opportunity for the jobless and further advance national economic recovery," McFall said.

"The House of Representatives has sent a clear, positive message to the jobless of this nation," Speaker Carl Albert said. "The central issue was clear — whether we should put 600,000 Americans to work now ... or permit them to remain idle, contributing little and collecting unemployment compensation and welfare. The House acted affirmatively."

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Unions want solons to discuss legislation

Valley trade union representatives agreed Tuesday night to join in an effort to get area political figures to come here to discuss federal legislation concerning Valley workers.

The main item will focus upon a proposed bill, HR 10210, that would reinstate the 26 weeks of federal unemployment benefits to unemployed workers in all states regardless of the individual state's overall unemployment rate. Presently 20 states — including Virginia — will lose the federal money in April because their overall unemployment rate has been below 6.5 per cent for 12 consecutive weeks.

William D. Weaver, president of UE Local 123 at Westinghouse, said that the Valley "constitutes a high unemployment pocket in the Virginia" and the present law takes no account of differences within a state.

The group decided to send a letter to U.S. Reps. M. Caldwell Butler and J. Kenneth Robinson and U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. on behalf of the approximately 6,000

workers represented. The letter requests a meeting tentatively set for Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at IUE Local 173 Hall on U.S. 11 at Verona.

At a meeting Jan. 8, Local UE 123 had voted to go to Richmond and then to Washington to meet with the representatives. But an official said last night that the efforts had become too cumbersome and were temporarily abandoned.

After some speculation that the congressmen might not appear at the meeting, Gerald Moody, a field representative of IUE, suggested the unions maintain an organized voter registration drive that would give the congressmen more of an incentive for attending.

Irven Bryant, chairman of the unemployment committee of UE Local 123, said he was pleased at the turnout Tuesday night since previously "each union had gone its own way".

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Butler asked to support bill

U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler has been asked by UE Local 123 officers to support proposed legislation that would restore federal supplemental benefits to unemployed workers in Virginia.

The request was made in a letter to Rep. Butler on behalf of the more than 350 workers laid off from the Westinghouse Electric Corp. plant at Verona.

Under Public Law 94-95, passed in mid 1975, federal supplemental benefits were cut off because the unemployment picture in Virginia as a whole had improved. Local UE President William D. Weaver said this works a "terrible injustice against Virginia workers trapped in pockets of high unemployment, as in this area".

Mr. Weaver continued: "In effect, the existing law subjects working people to an unemployment 'lottery'. Those who live in this area, where there is 10 per cent unemployment and few job prospects, are cut off from federal supplemental benefits and can only draw up to 39 weeks of unemployment compensation, while those in another state with the same unemployment rate in their locality and the same dim prospects for jobs continue to collect up to 65 weeks."

The union president said the rights of people unemployed through no fault of their own should not be jeopardized by such a "luck of the draw" system.

Union officials also have asked to meet with Rep. Butler during the week of Jan. 19-23 in Washington.

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Rep. Butler Will Speak At 6 Schools

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will speak to student assemblies at six high schools in the Staunton-Augusta County area on Wednesday and Thursday.

He will be accompanied by members of his staff. They will discuss the job of the Congressman and respond to such questions as the students may have.

"My purpose," Mr. Butler said, "is to better acquaint these constituents with our job and to avail myself of an opportunity to gain better insight into their concerns."

The schedule of Congressman Butler's appearances at local high schools is as follows:

Wednesday, 9 a.m., Robert E. Lee High School, Staunton; 10:55 a.m., Buffalo Gap High School, Buffalo Gap; 2:15 p.m., Ft. Defiance High School, Ft. Defiance.

Thursday, 10 a.m., Riverheads High School, Greenville; 11:05 a.m., Stuarts Draft High School, Stuarts Draft; 2:15 p.m., Wilson Memorial High School, Fishersville.

Mr. Butler is also scheduled to talk with the Staunton Chamber of Commerce at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the Holiday Inn Downtown during the Board's regular monthly meeting.

2 Staunton, Va., Leader, Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1976

Laid off workers at Westinghouse slate meeting

Laid off workers from the Westinghouse Electric Corp. Verona plant will hold a meeting Thursday night, according to UE Local 123 President William D. Weaver.

Topics at the meeting include "unemployment compensation, severance pay, medical insurance and legislative matters," Mr. Weaver stated. One legislative concern, according to the UE President, is that "Virginia workers face the possibility of losing extended benefits unless a new law pending in Congress is passed".

He explained that "the percentage of unemployment in the state as a whole is at a level that would eliminate Virginia from the federal program. A person laid off this year would get only 39 weeks of benefits, compared to 65 weeks for one laid off last year.

"This would be a disaster for pockets of high unemployment within Virginia like our own," Weaver said. "One objective of this meeting will be to prepare a message for our congressmen on this matter."

Mr. Weaver also stated that the meeting "will consider proposals we would like our state representatives to bring to the General Assembly when it convenes."

He added that local legislators have been invited to attend the meeting, as well as a representative of Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

According to Mr. Weaver, the meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the UE Local 123 Hall, 24 W. Beverley St.

4 THE NEWS-VIRGINIAN, Waynesboro, Va. Tuesday, January 6, 1976

Local 123 Sets Meeting

STAUNTON (Special) — Workers who have been laid off from the Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s Verona plant will have a special meeting Thursday night that will center on problems they face, including a cutoff of federal unemployment funds to the state's unemployed.

William D. Weaver, president of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) Local 123, announced today the meeting will be held to discuss problems of unemployment compensation, severance pay, medical insurance and legislative matters.

Mr. Weaver said one of the meeting's objectives would be to consider proposals to state legislators on possible General Assembly remedies to unemployment problems.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, State Sen. J. Marshall Coleman and Delegates A. R. Giesen and Erwin S. Solomon have been invited to the meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in UE Local 123 Hall, 24 W. Beverly St., Staunton.

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MEETING SLATED

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Staunton, Va., Leader, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1976

Butler speaks at Lee

Accompanying tardy students, 6th District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler checked into Robert E. Lee High School's office before his talk, delayed by this morning's icy rain.

Rep. Butler, with his press assistant Susan Aheron, came to the school to talk to students about the job of a congressman and to listen to their concerns. After his brief description of the ABC's of the legislative end of government, he spent the majority of his time fielding student questions.

Asked about the effect his role in Watergate had on his career, Mr. Butler replied "there is no real way to assess" its effect, although he "did find the experience rewarding and it renewed his faith in the constitution, government and the American people". He added that he

had been advised upon coming to Congress to work on the judiciary committee because it was a "quiet place to learn" about government "without getting involved in any controversies".

To another question Mr. Butler said "we cannot operate on a deficit budget forever. Excessive federal spending is the cause of inflation, which has a brutal effect on the country, especially on those on a tight budget. However, we do need to realize that if we cut expenses, we cut services."

Asked why the government spent \$15 million to study the sex life of the Antarctic penguin, he replied facetiously that it took a lot of money to do such a project. More seriously he said that the National Science Foundation gets one large grant and is not

funded for each individual project. He said before ridiculing a study all the facts should be known. Most projects are justifiable, he said.

Referring to U.S. involvement in Angola, Rep. Butler said he has an "inclination to oppose legislation" that will involve us further. "Just how much this is a Congressional or Presidential decision" has not yet been determined, he said.

"I never had to vote on the ERA," the Representative said, since it never got to the General Assembly while he was there. He said, however, that he probably would vote for it if the opportunity arose.

His position on gun control is that "registration accomplishes nothing". It would be more effective "to punish the offender than to seek out guns". The legislation before the Congress now "will zero in on the hand gun or so-called Saturday night special". The problem has been to define the gun, he said. The ban on importing guns was undermined when the parts began coming in unassembled.

The proposed gun legislation "will increase license fees, eliminating small fly-by-night dealers, and impose a 21-day period after application" to check local, state, and federal records. Before a man could go home and shoot his wife, "now

he would have 21 days to sober up," Mr. Butler quipped.

The Representative will visit other area high schools today before returning to Washington.



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SPEAKING to students at Robert E. Lee High School this morning on the duties of a congressman was U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

(Photo by Jim Hodge)

16 THE NEWS-VIRGINIAN, Waynesboro, Va. Wednesday, January 7, 1976

Butler Meets With Chamber

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will meet with the Staunton-Augusta Chamber of Commerce at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Holiday Inn downtown Staunton.

Following a luncheon, Mr. Butler will answer questions on current legislation and activities of the federal government.

Mr. Butler said, "I am looking forward to talking to Staunton area businessmen about issues now facing the federal government. Having an opportunity to talk with them at this time will be especially helpful to me since a new session of Congress will be convening on Jan. 19."

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WANV news story

SIXTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN CALDWELL BUTLER PRACTICALLY DECLARED HIMSELF AS A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION THIS COMING NOVEMBER DURING A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE STAUNTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THIS AFTERNOON. THE ROANOKE REPUBLICAN SAID HE LIKED THE JOB AND HOPED THAT HE COULD AFFORD TO CONTINUE IN IT - A REFERENCE TO THE HIGH COST OF CAMPAIGNING. BUTLER STARTED HIS INFORMAL REMARKS WITH THE HIGHEST PRAISE FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHOM HE HAS BEEN VISITING IN THE AUGUSTA COUNTY AREA TODAY AND YESTERDAY. HE SAID THAT, BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE QUESTIONS AND THE GENERAL BEHAVIOR OF THE SIX STUDENT ASSEMBLIES THAT HE HAS VISITED, ~~THAT~~ NOBODY SHOULD HAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES. HE REPEATED HIS OWN WELL-KNOWN CONCERNS ABOUT FOREIGN INTERVENTION BY THE UNITED STATES, SUCH AS IN ANGOLA, THAT MIGHT LEAD TO AMERICAN MILITARY OPERATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY FORMER STAUNTON MAYOR RICHARD FARRIER, BUTLER SAID THAT THE CONTINUATION OF GENERAL REVENUE SHARING IS IN REAL DANGER BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONS BY THE LIBERAL ELEMENT, WHICH IS A MAJORITY OF CONGRESS THESE DAYS. HE SAID THAT IF REVENUE SHARING IN THE STATES, CITIES AND COUNTIES IS CONTINUED, IT IS LIKELY TO HAVE SO MANY STRINGS ATTACHED TO IT THAT IT WILL BE A GIANT CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

Butler Aide Visit

Mrs. Hilda DeWitt, district assistant to Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, will be in the Amherst Courthouse on January 13 from 9 A.M. to noon to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

Those with problems should bring all pertinent correspondence and documents, in addition to knowing their veteran's claim and Social Security numbers.

Amherst New Era-Progress

Thurs., Jan. 8, 1976

Butler Says Government Ready To Adopt Ceiling on Spending

By BROWER YORK JR.
N-V Staff Writer

STAUNTON — Congress finally is in a mood to cut down on federal spending, Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler (R-Va.) told directors of the Staunton-Augusta Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Even the "most generous" members of Congress, he said, are now willing to adopt a ceiling on federal expenditures to establish an overall budget before approving appropriations for various spending programs.

Rep. Butler said there is no question that federal spending is "increasing at an alarming pace," and that there will be another deficit, now established at \$70 billion for the current fiscal year — "perhaps more before we get through."

But he said he has found "a growing feeling in Congress that the American people have reached the point where they are prepared to say that we cannot go any farther in federal spending, that we've got to put the brakes on it."

Congressional awareness of this public mood of restraint was exemplified, Mr. Butler said, by the ease with which President Ford was able to sustain his veto of tax cut legislation

because it did not contain provisions for comparable spending reductions.

The action finally taken by Congress "may not be totally binding, but it is more than lip service to a principle," Rep. Butler said.

"You can't take much comfort in the spending ceiling that has been set," he said, "but you can take great comfort in the fact that a substantial number of Congress is insisting on new budget procedures."

On another subject, Rep. Butler admitted that it has been a shock to discover "just how much further administrative agencies of the federal government go (with regulations) than Congress intends in countless numbers of legislative areas."

But he said he is satisfied that Congress is growing increasingly aware of the need to curtail over-regulation. He conceded that he is unable to cite many examples of effective action to curtail federal regulations, but told his listeners that he sees encouragement in the future.

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controls is "not hopeless, but it sure is challenging," Mr. Butler declared.

He said he feels the appropriate approach is through Congressional review of regulations prepared by agencies of the federal government "to see if they have gone beyond legislative intent, to let the agencies know that regulations are but an extension of Congressional intention."

He told his listeners that he is "really optimistic that something will come out of this Congress" to curtail federal regulations.

In response to a question, Rep. Butler said he believes that further Congressional investigation into the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the CIA, and other national security agencies "no longer serves any useful purpose."

He said he has talked with the new director and top officials of the FBI and is satisfied "that they are totally aware of the excesses of the FBI and they are embarrassed by them and determined to correct them."

The continued and prolonged investigations of the security agencies has "really had an adverse effect" on them, he said. The FBI "has done some reprehensible things — perhaps, but to give it a contemporary black eye is not the appropriate thing to do," he said, suggesting the need for Congressional restraint. "The whole Congress," he said, "seems to be suffering from a kind of a Sam Irvine syndrome."

On another subject, the Sixth District Congressman labeled welfare reform "a campaign-year whipping boy (that is) put aside until the next campaign."

He termed the prospects for serious consideration of welfare reform as "not great" in this session of Congress, saying that he doesn't see "any opportunities for any basic change in the welfare program this time."

On the other hand, the Department of Agriculture's food stamp program is "under real attack" in Congress, with a "general awareness that this thing is getting completely out of hand."

Rep. Butler said it is "fantastic the number of people who are eligible right now for the food stamp program, who are not taking advantage of its benefits. If they did, it would probably wreck the government, it's that large."

He said there will have to be substantial reform in the food stamp program, but declined to speculate on what form it will take.

On the subject of general revenue sharing, the Congressman said he could not guarantee an extension, but voiced his personal feeling that it will be.

But he warned that revenue sharing, if it is extended, will be accompanied by more strings attached to it than originally intended.

He told of a major effort in Congress to make revenue sharing "a massive civil rights enforcement piece of legislation."

If this effort succeeds, he said, a locality will not be able to receive funds if it is not "totally pure from discrimination in every aspect of its finances."

In the area of foreign relations, Rep. Butler said he is confident that the U.S. will not get deeply involved in Angola "this soon after Vietnam — we're not to that point, by a long shot."

He said the conduct of day-to-day details in foreign policy should be left to the Administration, asserting that whenever Congress gets into foreign policy, "it will mess the situation up because of a lack of knowledge."

He said Congress did just this when it cut off foreign aid to Turkey, thereby placing NATO bases in that area in jeopardy. He termed the vote to halt aid to Turkey "a serious miscalculation on the part of Congress."

Rep. Butler told of his visits in the last several days to high schools in the area and described the students as "pretty sophisticated and understanding," as well as "interested, concerned and well-behaved."

He said student interest centered on U.S. involvement in Angola, as well as such questions as marijuana use and abortion laws.

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2 Staunton, Va., Leader, Friday, Jan. 9, 1976

Butler criticizes congressional interference in foreign affairs

Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said here Thursday that the current crisis in Angola is not a potential Vietnam but warned that Congress must not "emasculate the President when he is dealing with the affairs of the world".

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prepared for a cutback in federal spending. The government cannot continue this kind of spending."

Presumably referring to Democrats, Rep. Butler noted: "Even the most generous members of Congress are now calling for a cut in spending on the federal level."

Asked whether revenue sharing will be renewed by Congress this year, Rep. Butler said that liberals are opposed to revenue sharing but "they are being met by local governments that have come to depend on the funds".

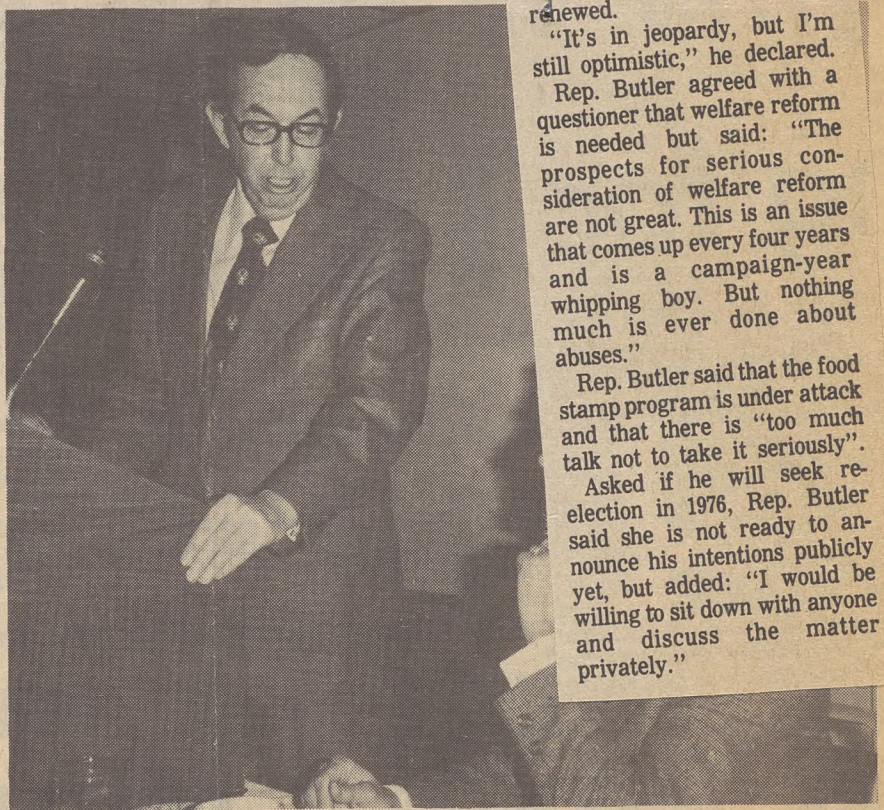
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"It's in jeopardy, but I'm still optimistic," he declared.

Rep. Butler agreed with a questioner that welfare reform is needed but said: "The prospects for serious consideration of welfare reform are not great. This is an issue that comes up every four years and is a campaign-year whipping boy. But nothing much is ever done about abuses."

Rep. Butler said that the food stamp program is under attack and that there is "too much talk not to take it seriously".

Asked if he will seek reelection in 1976, Rep. Butler said she is not ready to announce his intentions publicly yet, but added: "I would be willing to sit down with anyone and discuss the matter privately."



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COVINGTON VIRGINIAN, MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1976

Butler Representative Schedules Area Visits

WASHINGTON, D. C. — 6th District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Covington City Hall on Wednesday, January 21 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Covington is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Covington on the third Wednesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to complement the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers. Butler's representative will be in the Bath County Courthouse in Warm Springs on Wednesday, January 21 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. to meet with citizens.

THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Mon., Jan. 12, 1976

Butler aide plans visit

AMHERST — A representative of Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be at the Amherst Courthouse next Tuesday from 9 a.m. until noon to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

Anyone wishing to discuss a particular problem with Butler's aide should bring with them all papers and correspondence relating to the case.

In addition, these persons should know their veterans claim and social security numbers.

-The Daily Review, Mon., Jan. 12, 1976

Butler Rep Here Tuesday

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Sixth District Congressman M. Caldweel Butler's representative will be in the Clifton Forge City Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Clifton Forge is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

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To Visit Here

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Lexington City Hall Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

The Butler aide will be in Buena Vista City Hall from 9 to 10:30 a.m. the same day.

Business Round-Up

Rep. Butler to speak at Jaycees' banquet

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke will speak at the Roanoke Jaycees' annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet on Feb. 10 at the Patrick Henry Hotel.

The Jaycees hold their awards ceremony each year to honor a distinguished citizen over 36 and an outstanding young man, outstanding young law enforcement officer, outstanding young educator and outstanding young fire fighter, all under the age of 36 who have worked "beyond the normal requirements of their employment to make the Roanoke Valley a better place in which to live."

Nominations may be made through the Jaycees' office at 125 West Luck Ave. The last day for nominations is Jan. 19.

Covington Virginian Funds Lacking For *1/14/76* School Bus Garage

BY BILL LUMPKIN

Division Superintendent Benjamin W. Letson told the Alleghany County School Board Tuesday night there is virtually no prospect of obtaining federal funding for a county school bus garage at present. The county had been seeking a federal grant for this purpose. At present, school bus maintenance is being done at the Alleghany County Garage, with the county supervisors consent.

Letson added he still expects about \$40,000 to be left over from the Boiling Springs School construction project when all bills are paid, and suggested the board begin considering how this money should be spent. He said after the meeting that by law the school board can spend this money for improvements to a school building without seeking the consent of the county supervisors, but they can spend it for a county garage only if the supervisors consent.

At Tuesday's meeting Letson noted that the school board had asked the supervisors several months ago for permission to use the \$40,000 for a bus garage built without federal financing, but the supervisors said they wanted to defer approval on use of the \$40,000 until they tried federal funding first. The county had then applied for a grant of around \$167,000 for new the new bus garage.

Bad News on Funding

Letson told the board that Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, Sixth District Congressman, had written County Administrator Nelson E. Thomas the bad news on Dec. 29, 1975 stating that as of that time there seemed no early prospect of getting any HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) funds for a school board garage. Letson said it also appears no funding of such a facility is currently available from the farmer's Home Administration either.

To Tour Central School

Letson recommended the board tour the Central School site at Low Moor as soon as possible to become familiar with that building and site.

He said that after touring the school, they could consider for instance, whether to apply the \$40,000 to expanding the existing school; to building a new structure on the Whitaker property in Mallow, toward a new school bus garage or to some other purpose. He suggested that the entire board visit the school as a body and

spend at least half an hour there. He noted \$40,000 would not be enough for any major structural changes at Central.

Board member Robert B. McCaleb said he had been given a complete tour of the Central building and site around Thanksgiving by Principal William S. Hodges and he feels he has a good mental picture of the situation there without needing to tour it again.

Date Set For Tour

Board Chairman, R. J. Copenhaver said the board should visit Central with a view to deciding what changes they thought could or should be made there. After discussion, the board agreed to meet at Central School at 3 p.m. Jan. 27, then return to Covington for a work session to discuss State Board of Education policies. Central patrons have requested improvements such as a new gym and kindergarten classrooms in the past, but either would cost far more than \$40,000.

Under personnel, the board agreed to accept the resignation of Gary Adams from the English faculty at the high school, effective at the end of first semester Jan. 23. He plans to continue his education. Letson said there are several qualified teachers available in the area and he expects no difficulty in finding a replacement.

The board approved the hiring of Mrs. Sherri Streng as a secretary at the high school and Mrs. Terry Brackman as the library secretary at the high school. Both are replacements. Mrs. Patsy McKinney was approved for a school bus driving position. The board approved the addition of the following names to the substitute teachers list: Mrs. Judith Blue, Mrs. Sandra Bryant, Mrs. Kathleen Drudy, and Mrs. Toni Penn.

Added Insurance

Early in the meeting Letson told the board that upon reading the school system's liability policy it had been found that it excludes coverage for personal injury (libel, slander, defamation of character, false arrest ect.), and it was his feeling and that of board member McCaleb that the board should pay an additional premium of \$79 per year to get this coverage. The board approved paying the additional premium unanimously.

In a report on the building program, Letson said the ad-

ditions to both Sharon School and Callaghan School are "moving along well", but at Callaghan the contractor is waiting for good weather to pour the concrete for the roof. He noted that virtually all exterior and interior walls at the Callaghan site have been completed to roof level and the floors are nearly ready for the pouring of concrete. He said both additions are still scheduled for completion by fall.

Letson then presented the board with four change orders for Boiling Springs School which the architect has asked them to approve. The first concerned a misunderstanding on the part of the electrical contractor in which he had failed to submit a part of his bill for installation of lights amounting to \$405. McCaleb said if the mistake was that of the subcontractor, he saw no reason the board should bail him out. Action on this matter was tabled.

Change Orders Approved

The board unanimously approved three other change orders involving an expense of \$48 to install a vent in the roof of the school to serve a dryer installed by the school board, the return of \$5.40 in unexpended funds from the approximately \$240 appropriated for a plaque at the school; and an appropriation of \$120.56 for hooks and stops for holding open the main doors of the school. The architects indicated that if the school board will pay this last item they will give them credit for this amount in computing their final bill.

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Congressman Butler Aide Sets Meetings

WASHINGTON - A representative from the office of Congressman M. Caldwell Butler will visit in Bath and Highland counties Wednesday, Jan. 21 to meet with citizens who wish to discuss problems they have with the federal government.

The aide will be at the Bath courthouse in Warm Springs from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and at the Highland Courthouse in Monterey from 2 to 4 p.m.

Citizens are asked to bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with their cases, as well as veterans claims numbers and social security numbers.

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10 THE NEWS-VIRGINIAN, Waynesboro a. Saturday, January 17, 1970



CONGRESSIONAL INTERN — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler poses on the Capitol steps with his new intern, Jennifer W. Barger of Waynesboro. Miss Barger, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. C. P. Barger, will serve as an intern through January in a winter term program offered by Hollins College, where she is a senior history major.

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Staunton, Va., News-Leader, Sun., Jan. 18, 1976 35

Interns work with Butler

WASHINGTON — Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler announced today that Miss Jennifer W. Barger and Miss Paula J. Brown are serving as interns in his Washington office during January.

Miss Barger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Barger of Waynesboro and is a senior history major at Hollins College.

Miss Brown is a sophomore at Sweet Briar College where

she plans to major in government. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Brown of Fairfax Station.

Both Hollins and Sweet Briar colleges offer winter terms which give their students the opportunity to leave the campus for educational experiences outside the normal academic curriculum. Miss Barger and Miss Brown will be using the opportunity of this winter term to learn how a congressional office operates.

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COVINGTON VIRGINIAN, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1976

Rep. Butler Assists In Bicentennial Opening

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler participated in the Congressional ceremony to mark the opening of the Bicentennial Year Monday at the U. S. Capitol.

Butler is a member of the Joint Committee on Arrangements for Commemoration of the Bicentennial and a member of the Board of the American Revolution

Bicentennial Administration. Activities at the ceremony included raising of the Bicentennial flag and the opening of a centennial safe.

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The centennial safe, placed in the U. S. Capitol in December 1877, was first exhibited at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. Visitors to that Exposition were asked to autograph pages of large albums to be included in the safe.

At the close of the Exposition, Mrs. Charles F. Deihm, owner of the safe, toured the country to gather photographs and autographs of distinguished political and business leaders, orators, clergymen, and poets.

Inside the outer door of the safe is a glass door preserving the items contained inside. Mrs. Deihm requested that the glass door not be opened until July 4, 1976. The outside door was opened Monday, and the safe will be left on display in the Capitol until July 4, 1976 when the inner glass door will be opened, and the items removed.

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Butler Likes Restraint In Budget

By GEORGE KEGLEY
Times Business Editor

President Ford "talked good and acted like a president... and probably strengthened his position in the Republican party" in his Monday night State of the Union address, said Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

Butler said he approves of Ford's approach to fiscal restraint and regulatory reform and "I share his optimism on the economy."

The 6th District congressman has reservations about the wisdom of the President's tax cut "but I will support it if it is accompanied by appropriate spending reductions."

Butler, who flew to Roanoke Tuesday to make a speech on excesses in government spending, said he doesn't like the proposal to raise Social Security taxes because "wage earners are carrying too much of the load now."

Higher Social Security payments "may be inevitable" but Butler wants "to think about it before passing judgment."

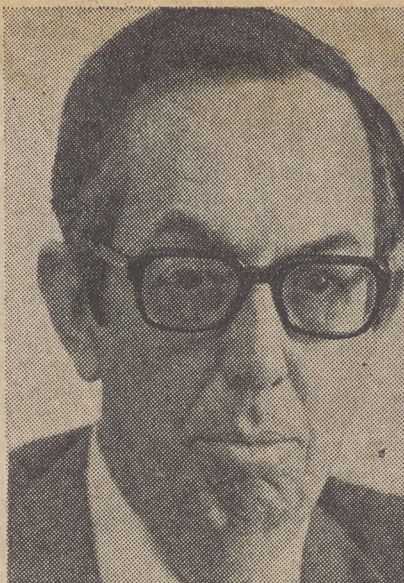
Ford's suggested health program improvement and some other areas in which he wants to move "are a little unrealistic, to think they will be accomplished, but appropriate."

Butler backs such tax reform proposals as business incentives and estate tax relief and he's optimistic about their chances in Congress.

As he heard Ford, the President was "candid, had improved delivery, better articulation and was structurally improved."

His emphasis on a challenge to Congress was "a good change in style" and he saw indications that in an election year Ford is "gaining confidence in himself, which means better leadership."

In his talk prepared for a meeting of the Roanoke Valley chapter of the International Management Council at Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center, Butler said federal spending has increased 83 per cent in the last five years to its current level of \$360 billion a year.



Rep. M. Caldwell Butler

Butler told the organization of supervisors he looks to management in the private sector to tell "when and where" government management can be improved.

You may be assured, he added, "that the federal government is not going to be bashful about telling you how to manage your business."

Government overregulation, wasteful spending and an unresponsive bureaucracy, Butler said, are "symptomatic of a government which has expanded faster than our ability to monitor its activities."

The best protections to control government are "an alert citizenry and a fortified Congress."

Butler said the oversight or continuing review process of Congress is increasingly important because it has been required by legislative reform and because of the "rather dramatic shift in the attitude of the American people about the federal budget."

Even the most liberal members of Congress, he said, "are beginning to discuss the concept that the federal treasury is not a bottomless pit."

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Roanoke's Steel Art

Sculptor Made 10% Profit

The Alabama man who created the controversial steel sculpture in front of Roanoke's new Richard H. Poff Federal Building did not clear more than 10 per cent—or \$5,800—for his work.

Don Thalacker, fine arts director for the General Services Administration (GSA), said more than \$20,000 or almost half of the total cost of \$58,000 was spent for the self-rusting steel in the two-pronged sculpture.

Thalacker told Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's office he "would be surprised if John Rietta's profit was more than 10 per cent."

Rietta, a Birmingham artist, had a contract based on a formula of one-half of one per cent of the building cost for fine art.

GSA officials, Thalacker said, reviewed a model of the sculpture to make sure it was structurally safe and esthetically appropriate.

As new federal buildings are built, he said, the architects are "encouraged or permitted" to include art work as part of the whole design.

Some critics have questioned the cost and the design of the sculpture.

Rep. Butler's Man Here Next Tuesday

Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in Bedford next Tuesday, Jan. 27, to meet with any of Mr. Butler's constituents who have problems with the federal Government. He will be in the Bedford Municipal Building from nine to 10:30 a.m. Those having business to discuss should bring all correspondence and documents bearing on the problem. Mr. Butler's man can not help with problems between the constituent and the state, county or city governments.

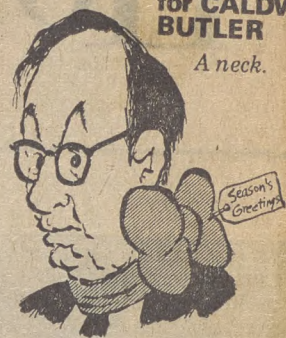
The Bedford Bulletin-Democrat, January 22, 1976

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SOME EARLY XMAS GIFT IDEAS FOR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE PEOPLE



for ANDY MILLER
A statewide race without opponents so there's no risk of losing.



for CALDWELL BUTLER
A neck.

for HENRY HOWELL
Some more big boys to rant and rave about.



for BILL SCOTT
One sensible remark.



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Jefferson Birthday Recognition Sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Virginia's 10-member delegation in the U. S. House of Representatives has introduced a resolution calling for official national recognition of April 13 as Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

The resolution, which would require approval of both the House and Senate, would request the President to proclaim April 13 "Thomas Jefferson Day" and call for "the observance of such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

The 7th District, represented by Republican Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, includes Monticello, Jefferson's home, and the University of Virginia, which he founded.

The resolution noted that Jefferson "as author of the Declaration of Independence, is a major figure in this year's Bicentennial observance, and, while others in Congress have called attention to his birthday anniversary, it seemed particularly fitting that the 10 Virginia members of the House sponsor jointly a resolution specifically citing a few of his many accomplishments."

The resolution notes Jefferson's authorship of the Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom; his founding of the University of Virginia and strong advocacy of public education; encouragement of national expansion while President through the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Louisiana Purchase; negotiation of treaties of friendship while Minister to France, and his commitment to progressive agriculture through experimentation on his lands at Monticello.

THE NEWS, Lynchburg, Va., Sun., Jan. 25, 1976

21 Staunton, Va., News-Leader, Sun. Jan. 25, 1976

City a hit on Russian television

Scenes of Staunton and interviews with local officials flickered on television sets before one hundred million Soviet viewers last summer.

Joury V. Solton, chief of the Washington bureau of Soviet Television and Radio, told an aide for U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler that the five-to-six minute segment which appeared on an international round-up of news in June, was "warmly received". It was broadcast throughout the U.S.S.R. by the Soviet internal satellite system.

Rep. Butler had been asked by The Staunton Leader to try and obtain a transcript of the narration of the segment. Those efforts were unsuccessful, aside from obtaining comments from Mr. Solton.

In his efforts to portray "an ordinary small town" in America, the veteran Soviet foreign correspondent and a cameraman filmed Woodrow Wilson Birthplace, Mary Baldwin College, downtown Beverley Street, historic sections of the city and residential areas.

In addition, Vice Mayor James R. Cooke and former City Manager Edwin D. Martin answered questions on problems in Staunton, unemployment and detente for Soviet viewers. No "man on the street" interviews were sought, although Mr. Solton said he interviewed a member of Local 123 who also showed him around.

The Soviet newsman commented to Rep. Butler's aide that he enjoyed doing the segment and would like to do others like it.

8 Staunton, Va., News-Leader, Sun., Jan. 25, 1976



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What Congressmen Found Back Home

SOME RAYS OF OPTIMISM

THE MOOD OF AMERICANS IN BRIEF

As reported by members of Congress—

A feeling that things are looking up is now cropping out here and there across the country.

The shift in mood is only marginal and is far from universal. But it's a welcome change after months of unrelieved gloom.

So report members of Congress returning to the Capitol from a month back home among their constituents.

From the wide array of Senators and Representatives of both parties interviewed by staff members of *U.S. News & World Report* comes plenty of evidence of unhappiness. There were complaints about inflation, government spending and red tape, welfare, and much distrust of politicians generally.

But many members also found new glimmers of optimism that better times are on the way—an idea that was scoffed at by almost everyone only a few months ago.

In detail:

The economy. Congressmen who report a lessening of pessimism in their districts point mainly to local signs of economic recovery. Some mention a surge of Christmas buying. Others cite rehiring by industry.

"The General Motors plant in my district is working two 9-hour shifts a day—a 49-hour week for some, with overtime," reports Representative Willis D. Gradison, Jr. (Rep.), of Ohio. "There is more optimism than the surveys in the newspapers indicate."

The typical member was quick to add some big qualifiers, however.

"People are not as pessimistic as they were five to seven months ago," declared Senator Pete Domenici (Rep.), of New Mexico. "But there is still a lot of uncertainty and pressure on people."

Many members said concern about a renewal of high inflation continues to run strong. People still feel that recovery will be painfully slow.

What's more, Congressmen from areas with above-average rates of joblessness generally found little evidence of any lessening in public pessimism.

Comments Representative Torbert H. Macdonald (Dem.), of Massachusetts, a State in which unemployment hovers around 9 per cent: "People are starting to run out of unemployment insurance. They have bills and they don't know how they're going to meet them. Those who are lucky enough to have a job are concerned about losing it. They almost always have somebody in the family—an in-law, a cousin or a brother—who is out of work."

Spirits are reported to be even lower in New York City.

"We're steadily going down hill," says Representative Herman Badillo (Dem.), of New York. "There is a sense of waiting for the ax to fall. The fear is that the poor and the elderly are going to be hurt more than anybody else."

Energy. Most Congressmen report that the sense of crisis that has envel-



BUSINESS. Belief that better times are coming is starting to take hold, but anxiety lingers in many places. Still a worry: renewed inflation.



ENERGY. "Crisis" feeling is easing in most places, with fear of fuel shortages waning. People seem resigned to high energy prices. Energy woes still run strong in New England.



"BIG GOVERNMENT." Resentment and dismay run strong over political squabbling, red tape, welfare, big deficits. Bureaucrats are viewed not as problem solvers but as a source of problems.

AT THE GRASS ROOTS

oped the energy issue for the last couple of years has eased considerably.

One reason, they made clear, is decreased fear of shortages. For one thing, the natural-gas shortage talked about last fall didn't materialize. And gasoline supplies are ample everywhere.

"Talk about energy has pretty much faded away," says Representative Charles E. Grassley (Rep.), of Iowa. "There is even an occasional gas war. Gas is selling as low as 47.9 cents per gallon in my part of the State."

Where gasoline prices are higher, a mood of resignation is growing.

"I hear hardly any complaints any more about 60 cents plus for a gallon of gas. It's accepted as a fact of life," says Representative James M. Hanley (Dem.), of upstate New York.

New England Congressmen, however, see no fall-off in concern about energy costs among their constituents. A reason for that, they explain, is the cold winter so far in the Northeast.

Foreign concerns. Congressmen found that the two foreign issues uppermost in peoples' minds are U.S. aid to Angola and détente with Russia.

On Angola, a typical comment came from Senator Wendell H. Ford (Dem.), of Kentucky: "People are saying unanimously: 'Stay out!'"

From Senator James B. Pearson (Rep.), of Kansas: "People can't understand what our national interest is in that part of the world."

Fear is widespread that U.S. involvement could lead to "another Vietnam."

Détente with Russia is generally getting some pretty hard knocks from Americans, Congressmen report. There is a strong feeling that the Soviets aren't giving enough in return for U.S. grain and technology. On the rise is criticism of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

"People feel the Russians are coming out on top and there is suspicion of Kissinger," says Representative Don Bonker (Dem.), of Washington. "The feeling is that he's too powerful and that he's been in there too long."

Some Americans would like to see grain shipments to Russia ended, but there's far from a consensus on this. Farmers, still fuming about last year's wheat embargo, favor more sales.

Says a Midwestern Republican: "The farmers don't want wheat used as a bargaining tool, or a power chip, in world politics."

Reported from some areas is increased worry that the U.S. may not be spending enough on defense.

The drive to cut military spending "has lost its sting," says Senator John V. Tunney (Dem.), of California. "There is concern about the Russian build-up and not the same intensity to cut defense as there was six months ago."

Distrust of government. As it has since Watergate, a deep tide of distrust of government is running strong.

The targets are legion: welfare cheat-

ing, massive deficits, red tape and rising State and local taxes lead the list.

What one Senator called "dumb government" at all levels is under fire.

"People just aren't convinced that either the White House or Congress is coming to grips with their problems," says one Democrat. "They are frustrated by political maneuvering, with one side blaming the other, instead of getting together to solve problems."

Many Californians "believe they are being ripped off by big government and big business, too," reports Representative Leo J. Ryan, a Democrat from the San Francisco suburbs. "They want to see government get control of things without getting any bigger."

President Ford. Public confidence in the President is sagging, according to many members of both parties.

"He's not the sort of guy who inspires people," says Republican Representative M. Caldwell Butler, of Virginia.

"People look at him as a man of indecision," says Representative David F. Emery (Rep.), of Maine.

Though one Representative reported that, among Republicans, Ronald Reagan "is riding a white horse now," others described the Ford-Reagan contest for the party's presidential nomination as "neck and neck." A burst of leadership by Mr. Ford could produce a quick upturn in his standing, many suggested.

Among Democratic presidential candidates, none apparently has caught on with the public at large.

From every sign, Congressmen indicated, all politicians this year will have a much harder time than usual.

People have had enough "soap-box oratory," says Representative Edward J. Derwinski (Rep.), of Illinois. "They are saying we've heard it all before and we're not having any more of it."



ANGOLA. U.S. intervention is vigorously opposed by most. People question U.S. stake in area, worry that Angola will become "another Vietnam."



DETENTE. Upsurge of anti-Soviet feeling is fueling criticism of détente. Many view it as one-way street, with the Russians the big gainer. On the rise: criticism of Henry Kissinger.



FORD. Confidence in the President is generally weak, with people wanting stronger leadership. Democratic presidential candidates, similarly, have yet to capture public confidence. Ford-Reagan contest is judged neck-and-neck.

porter of the "911" single, emergency number. Increasingly this simple, three-digit number is being adopted throughout the United States. The figures for last year are not as yet available, but at least 33,000,000 Americans now have "911". Invariably when the number is adopted newspaper articles attest to its value through the comments of local citizens. I would like to include at this time a short article from the South Bend Tribune which is published in South Bend, Ind., not far from my own congressional district in Indiana. South Bend just adopted "911" last year:

CALLED 911

A tragedy hit my house last week. My baby tripped on a cord and was badly burned by hot grease. For the first time I used South Bend's emergency number—911. I'm only writing to thank everyone involved.

They were very calm and gave me instructions as to how to treat her until an ambulance arrived. They never got off of the phone for a minute until she was ready to go to the hospital. I don't think people realize what a wonderful thing those three little numbers can do.

Mrs. JOSEPH JUD.
South Bend, Ind.

THE BICENTENNIAL

SPEECH OF

HON. M. CALDWELL BUTLER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 19, 1976

Mr. BUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I joined many of my colleagues in participating in the earlier ceremony to mark the convening of the 2d session of the 94th Congress, the Congress of our Bicentennial year. As symbols of our unusual heritage, the Bicentennial flag and the Centennial Safe appropriately remind us of the spirit generated by the 56 delegates of the First Continental Congress over 200 years ago.

Many citizens of this country will join the celebration this year. As a member of the Board of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, I am very pleased by the initiative of many who are designing meaningful activities to mark the Bicentennial.

Historical societies, dedicated writers, and creative producers have put many new books and movies into our hands. A great understanding of our heritage of religious freedom is being promoted by Project Forward. Special Bicentennial tours will help many to experience our beautiful terrain on exciting tours. For those who cannot get away from home, they can view America by going to the "Freedom Train" when it stops in their town.

The U.S. Capitol Historical Society has planned a special sound and light production for the East Front of the Capitol Building. "Johnny Horizon '76," an environmental action campaign to clean up America, is gaining support, and 27 national religious societies have planned programs to commemorate the Bicentennial.

There are many school programs which serve to better educate our chil-

dren about our Nation's past, as well as instilling in them an awareness that our future is guided by the activities we engage in today.

Truly, America is responding to the Bicentennial by reminding ourselves once more of our heritage of 200 years, celebrating the story of our Nation's beginning, and reflecting on how we can prove ourselves worthy of our great heritage in the years ahead.

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30 THE NEWS-VIRGINIAN, Waynesboro, Va. Wednesday, January 28, 1976

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The Bedford Bulletin-Democrat, February 5, 1976

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Reagan Strength Reported

THE NEWS, Lynchburg, Va., Wed., Jan. 28, 1976

In the Lynchburg area, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan has an edge over President Gerald R. Ford in the Republican presidential race, according to Carroll P. Freeman, city Republican chairman.

Freeman said based on conversations with area Republicans, Reagan has the backing of more persons, both Republican and Independent, than Ford.

Freeman also said Reagan's strength seems to be stronger than Ford's.

Much of the support for Ford is pragmatic, he said.

The Ford backers seem to feel someone more to the center of the political spectrum is "more electable", he said.

Freeman also sees no real opposition emerging within the party to nominating Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler to a third term in the House of Representatives.

Butler would be nominated at the same convention that would select the district's three delegates to the Republican National Convention.

Freeman said even Reagan supporters who consider Butler more closely tied to Ford will for practical reasons support the congressman's renomination.

Butler votes to sustain Ford's veto

Rep. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said today that he voted to sustain President Ford's veto of a bill to fund labor, health, welfare and related programs partly because of the side effects the money bill would have.

Among other things, he said, it would add 800,000 people to the federal payroll, increase the national debt and require more money next year to continue projects that would be carried out under the bill.

The House overrode President Ford's veto of a \$36 million bill in a 310 to 113 vote yesterday.

The Virginia delegation voted 7-3 to sustain the veto. In addition to Butler, they are two Democrats, Rep. Herbert Harris of the 8th District and Rep. Joseph Fisher of the 10th.

Butler said that the Democrats want more money in the social projects picture but President Ford wanted to hold the amount to \$36 million.

He said that there were no educational funds in the measure and that education was taken care of in other appropriations.

"I'll stick with the \$36 million," Butler said in a telephone interview.

Butler said that President Ford had a "fall-back position" under which he would have approved an increase of about \$491 million over his \$36 million proposal.

Butler said that before voting not to override the presidential veto, he considered the basic problems that would be encountered.

"I called people in the 6th District to find what impact the reduction would have. Weighing the situation, I felt that we should hold the line."

Butler calls action on Angola a mistake

By FRANK HANCOCK
Senior Writer

The action of Congress in killing further financial aid to Western-backed factions in Angola was a mistake "that tells the world that our Congress will not permit the President to challenge the Russians," Rep. Caldwell Butler, 6th District congressman from Roanoke, said today.

"It is an invitation to the Soviets to continue this type of probing action around the world."

Butler was one of three Virginia members of the House that voted to continue financial aid to Angola. The House rejected the aid proposal 323-99, however.

Butler is a Republican and the other Virginians favoring aid are both Democrats—Rep. Herbert Harris of the 8th District and Rep. Joseph Fisher of the 10th District.

Butler said in a telephone interview that he wants to make it clear that he is against any action that would involve the United States in another situation such as Vietnam and that he would not favor any use of Americans in the conflict in the small African nation.

Butler also said that in voting for aid to Angola that "I didn't view it as a charge to the President to spend the money.

"This is a decision that the Congress should not make. In my judgment, we should give the President the opportunity to use his own judgment in such matters."

Butler said that the U.S. Constitution gives the President the responsibility of conducting foreign policy.

"I have reservations on our (Congress) day-to-day actions such as the mistakes we made in cutting aid to Turkey. We have created problems in the past that indicates that this is not the proper way to do it."

President Ford, Butler added, "has the same reservations about aid to Angola as

other Americans. He can read the mood of the country and if he gets too far out of line, we can correct him."

Butler reiterated that one of his big concerns is that congressional action is denying Angola financial aid is that world opinion of the United States will be further harmed and the action would be considered as backing down from a confrontation with the Russians and Cubans involved in Angola.

— THE DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Va., Thurs., Jan. 29, 1976 —

Butler hits ban on Angola funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., has called the move by Congress to deprive the President of funds for assistance to Angola "a mistake," and warns that the action may encourage more aggression by the Soviet Union.

Though he stressed he did not want the U. S. to get into another Vietnam-type situation, Butler said Wednesday he felt the ban on further financial aid to Angola demonstrates to the rest of the world that Congress will not permit the President to challenge the Russians.

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Most Virginians support President

WASHINGTON — A majority of Virginia's 10 congressmen supported President Ford Tuesday when the House voted to override his veto of a \$45 billion Labor-Health, Education and Welfare appropriation and also when it voted to prohibit funds for Angola military involvement.

The Virginia delegation voted 7 to 3 against overriding the veto. Voting to sustain the President's veto were Reps. W. C. (Dan) Daniel, M. Caldwell Butler, Thomas N. Downing, David E. Satterfield, R. W. Daniel, J. Kenneth Robinson and G. William Whitehurst. Voting to override the veto were Reps. Joseph L. Fisher, Herbert E. Harris and William C. Wampler.

They voted 8 to 2 against banning funds for Angola with only Fisher and Harris voting to cut off the money.