

# Memo of the Month:

*(This feature, new in this issue, will recur as frequently as our readers supply us with appropriate examples.)*

## THE UNDER SECRETARY OF LABOR WASHINGTON

### MEMORANDUM TO SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

The 1969 Savings Bond Campaign will commence in the Department of Labor on April 21. In order to demonstrate that Department management enthusiastically endorses the campaign, it is planned to use supervisory employees as canvassers. The basic guidelines under which they will operate are:

1. There will be no pressure put upon employees, but all will be seriously urged to sign up.
2. Please emphasize that in making the Department of Labor a stimulating place to work we are building an esprit de corps and unity of purpose. We particularly want to excel in pro-

grams where we can be compared with others. Therefore, all employees are urged to respond to this appeal.

3. Payroll deduction is a convenient way of saving, helps support the Government and, of course, is a sound and valuable investment, but the paramount appeal by the Department is widespread participation in this joint effort, not investment.
4. The Government has set a goal of 80 percent participation in the bond payroll savings plan. However, the Department of Labor likes to excel in responding to worthy causes, to do just a little better than other agencies. Therefore, we are setting ourselves a goal of at least 90 percent employee participation. Many other organizations both in Government and private industry regularly exceed this figure so the target is not unreasonable.
5. Any person who does not sign the card after a discussion with his supervisor will be talked to by the next higher level of supervision to insure he or she is fully aware of the importance the Department places on this program. If discussion at these two levels of supervision does not result in participation, no higher referrals will be made.
6. Employees should be advised that any payroll deduction authorization effective in July will count in this year's drive. Therefore, it is appropriate to point out that there will be a substantial Government-wide pay raise effective in July.
7. It is the fact of participation, not the size of the deduction, that is important in this particular drive, a minimum deduction may be all that some will wish. No encouragement for higher amounts should be extended in such cases.
8. The payroll deduction method is reliable. Employees now receive their bonds regularly and promptly.

Please accept my thanks for your efforts in this program. Only through leadership on the part of its supervision can the Department expect to achieve the leadership position to which it aspires.

/S/ James D. Hodgson  
Under Secretary

Students for a Democratic Society had as much chance of escaping the attentions of the House Un-American Activities Committee as Frankenstein's monster had of getting through Hollywood without meeting Wolfman.

S.D.S., of course, is the monster allegedly fathered by a permissive-liberal Dr. Frankenstein. June's opening installment of a serial which seems certain to continue into the far future did nothing to stir the slumbrous air of the capital. That, it was a flat beginning for so epic a Confrontation is a tribute to the new committee's new way of going about its work.

How new is the committee—which will henceforward have to be insulted as HISC instead of as HUAC? Well, the new chairman, Richard Ichord

(D-Mo.), has been a member since 1963; he owes his present eminence to the deaths and political calamities of his senior colleagues. Ichord experienced his baptism of fire last October when he presided over unmanageable hearings involving several of the more colorful personalities of the Chicago convention demonstrations, such as Yippies Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman and S.D.S. emeritus Tom Hayden.

On the Republican side, lingering members John M. Ashbrook of Ohio, Richard L. Roudebush of Indiana, and Albert W. Watson of South Carolina, who was a Democrat prior to LBJ's Great Betrayal of the Confederacy, have been joined by William J. Scherle of Iowa, thus maintaining an ideological balance somewhere to the right of Ronald Reagan. All the Democrats, with

# The Committee Revisited

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