

# Disagrees on Issue Of Rules Committee

To the Editor:

Cong. William Broomfield's letter in your Feb. 9 issue does great violence to the intelligence of the voters of Oakland County. What the entire literate population of America has seen as a partisan struggle, he tries to pass off on us as a genuine act of statesmanship. The central question involved in the House Rules Committee vote was whether the members of the House were to delegate their powers and authority to a few men. Congressman Broomfield apparently is willing to let a few Democrats and Hallack-dominated Republicans make his decisions for him. Rather than limiting debate and preventing amendments, the Rules Committee will now be able to bring bills up to the floor for debate by all of the Representatives.

WHEREAS controversial bills formerly withheld and died in the Rules Committee, they can now be given the consideration of the entire House—as was intended by the writers of the Constitution. Of course, this means all members will have to "stand up and be counted" on controversial issues. Our congressman seems to find that distasteful. The Broomfield letter was liberally sprinkled with scare words such as "pack," "gag" and "closed rules." It should be remembered

that, when the Rules Committee recommends the number of hours of debate on a bill, that time is EQUALLY divided between the majority and minority. If such procedures were not used, each Representative (487) would be entitled to speak one hour on each bill, and the legislative process would come to a grinding halt.

THE "CLOSED RULE" which sounds so ominous is rarely used, and, when it is used, is generally with the concurrence of BOTH Parties. "Closed rule" is used only on tax and revenue bills which, because they have been thoroughly worked out in committee and because further debate on the floor could add nothing, require a vote of "aye" or "no."

It is gratifying to note that our congressman is going to do all he can in the interests of fair play and equity. Positive action in any direction on his part will be such a novelty it will command the interest of many.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Cong. Broomfield answers this letter in another letter to the editor in Sec. D.

# Organize 'Hams' For Emergency Relay by Radio

Howard P. Estes, 4010 Beach Road, Birmingham, has been selected to set up an organization of Oakland County amateur radio operators prepared to furnish or-

ganized emergency communications in time or disaster, it was announced today by Communications Manager F. E. Handy of the American Radio Relay League, na-

tional association of radio amateurs. Estes' assignment, which carries the title of emergency coordinator, is to band together members of

the amateur radio service in his community to perfect arrangements for emergency radio communication by hams in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies. IN ADDITION to use of normal station equipment working from

Feb. 23, 1961 THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC 7-B commercial power, amateur stations use self-powered radio transmitting and receiving equipment as needed. Estes, as ARRL Emergency Coordinator, will call local meetings of amateurs, establish common operating procedures, and arrange regular drill periods when the hams' personal stations may be mobilized under simulated emergency conditions.

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ELMER KEPHART  
CITY ASSESSOR

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Russell T. Berger  
City Treasurer

February 17, 1961

# Film Edited, Slanted To Establish a Point

To the Editor:

One of the tenets of our democracy is that each one of us is given the right to our own opinion and the right to freely express that opinion. That to me is one of the basic differences between the USA & the USSR. There is seldom unanimity of opinion on any single issue, but expressed differences should be based on facts and their interpretation, not on innuendoes, especially anonymous ones. I am among those who feel that no good can come from showing the film "Operation Abolition" without at least explaining that it is edited and slanted to prove a certain point. Even William Wheeler, chief committee investigator on the West Coast, under questioning, admitted the film has "distortions and inaccuracies." The "Reporter", Nov. 24, 1960, had an article on the episode and making of the film. One should read it before forming an opinion of the film.

onstrations in Washington, Jan. 2, against the House un-American Activities Committee, I missed it. By the way, "un-American Activities Committee" is the official name of the committee. I have articles and pictures that appeared in both the Washington Post and Star newspapers. It is more than disturbing that the pictures show that those who demonstrated against the student demonstration wore Nazi arm bands and carried such signs as "Stop treason, support the committee." An editorial in the Washington Post, Jan. 5, says in part: "The principle picketers were college youngsters urging the abolition of the HUAC. Their behavior was so disciplined, orderly and circumspect as to win warm praise from the police; we wonder if the HUAC will distribute a movie of it as a model for right of assembly and petition." Will they? The news pictures are available.

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