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# Editorial

## Free Vacations!

Have you ever read a news story which simply makes you sick? We read such a story in The Dallas Times Herald, April 28, 1968 concerning our Congressman Olin E. Teague and a free vacation he had enjoyed at the expense of billionaire H. L. Hunt of Dallas. Part of the story is reprinted below:

When the physician told Teague it was mandatory that he get away from Washington, relax, lose weight and get rid of tensions, the congressman thought of a retreat.

He remembered getting a phone call a year ago from H. L. Hunt. The Dallas oilman said he understood Mrs. Teague had arthritis in her fingers. The congressman said that was true. Hunt told Teague about Indian Hot Springs, remotely situated on the Rio Grande halfway between El Paso and the Big Bend. He wanted the Teagues to go there

as his guests.

The congressman remembered the offer and, under doctor's orders, he arranged to make the trip.

. . . He felt so good, in fact, that he recounted his experience for the Congressional Record.

"As members of Congress," Teague advised, "We live and work in a perpetual rat race. We have little time for contemplation, little time for study, little time to do anything but act and work and keep up with our correspondence. It is a unique experience to be able to leave all this frenzy behind you for a while, to get out into God's good clean air—which is hard to find these days—and to contemplate in peace the wonders that God has performed, and is still performing."

His account of his experience has brought so many inquiries that Teague inserted in the Record the contacts to be made by interested persons. At the same time, he advised that guests are accepted at Indian Hot Springs on a limited basis and by invitation only.

This story is a sad commentary on this democracy. It is also an indication as to why Hunt was so joyful in his letter to The Dallas News reprinted in our editorial of last week. With Hunt's estimated net income of \$150,000 daily, he can afford to give vacations to members of Congress. And now Congressman Teague is advertising in the Congressional Record that the vacations are available to those members of Congress who are willing to put their conscience in a bank vault.

Personally we think the rule of Senator Wayne Morse is more honest. Morse will accept nothing from a constituent or a lobbyist which cannot be consumed on the spot.

Our thought is that there is something special Hunt wants out of all those Congressmen. However, H. L., if you are simply handing out free vacations, we can furnish you a long list of harried printers who have not had a decent vacation in years.