



YOUR SENATOR
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VICENTE T. XIMENES CONFIRMED ✓

It gives me the greatest of pleasure to announce that Mr. Vicente T. Ximenes has been confirmed by the full United States Senate as a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He brings honor to our state as well as himself, and will provide a meaningful voice where it is needed most.

I had testified before the Senate Labor Committee and delivered a speech on the floor of the Senate in support of Mr. Ximenes' nomination, which was made by the President. He will be the first person of Spanish-speaking descent to serve in this capacity.

This truly is a long overdue appointment of a superlatively qualified man to a very necessary position. The Spanish-speaking people of this country have long

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NEW BUILDING FOR VOCATIONAL ED

We have received a \$223,200 Economic Development Administration grant to help establish a vocational education building in Bernalillo, where disadvantaged citizens will be trained for jobs. Trainees will mainly be the unemployed, underemployed and school dropouts. The majority will be Indians or Spanish-speaking citizens.

The building will be a part of a vocational education complex that is now partially completed in East Bernalillo on school property. Total cost of the project will be \$279,000. In addition to the EDA grant, the Bernalillo Board of Education and the New Mexico State Department of Education will provide \$55,800. Completion of the project is expected to take approximately a year.

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needed someone who understands their heritage, desires and needs to represent them on this commission, which is so intimately concerned with discrimination in employment.

Mr. Ximenes, who has been serving as Deputy Director of the U. S. AID Mission in Panama, has served as a program economist with the U. S. AID Mission in Ecuador and as an assistant to the inspector general of OEO. He was founder of the G.I. Forum of our state and taught economics for several years at the University of New Mexico.

This is not merely the appointment of a man to a position to satisfy a given group. Rather, it is the recognition that he can play an enormously constructive role in helping people rise in our society by their own efforts.

Vicente T. Ximenes understands the problems of alienation, acculturation, exclusion and the fundamental value orientation of our Spanish-speaking community.

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In view of the continuing campaign I have waged for more and better vocational education facilities in our state, this to me is exceptionally good news. We will never be able to attract the new industries we seek if we do not offer them a pool of skilled and semi-skilled workers. Companies from the older and tired areas of the north and Mid-

west are not only seeking a better environment for their operations, but are ever alert to that major factor...labor supply.

If we can take people who are either public charges or close to it and teach them skills, we turn public charges into taxpayers. I am deeply gratified over this news, and hope every citizen of our state will join me in pressing for more of these facilities. I would go so far as to place the need for them on a par with regular school buildings, public health facilities and homes.

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EXPANDING ALBUQUERQUE'S AIR SERVICE

It gives me enormous pleasure to inform you that Trans World Airlines is inaugurating two non-stop flights; Albuquerque-Chicago and Albuquerque-San Francisco. They will go into effect on July 16. Our entire Congressional delegation had worked on this for months.

The new flights will give Albuquerque its fourth nonstop flight to Chicago, and provide direct air service to San Francisco for the first time.

Morning service to Phoenix also will be made available beginning July 1 with a flight leaving Albuquerque at 7 A.M. and arriving in Phoenix at 7:56 A.M.

This new service is in line with TWA's steady efforts to increase service for Albuquerque. Since 1964 when TWA began all jet

service, daily departures have increased from ten to nineteen flights.

Albuquerque and the rest of New Mexico deserve this improvement of existing air service. I am grateful to both Trans World Airlines and the Civil Aeronautics Board for their cooperation and willingness to help fill our growing needs.

The entire Congressional delegation has worked continually to bring expanded airline service to our state, and will continue these efforts in the future. This new service by TWA is only a beginning in what I hope is a future trend to bring Albuquerque into the network connecting other large urban centers.

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RESTORING EDUCATION \$

Last week in this report I voiced my concern over the fact that Federally impacted school districts would not receive money they need to function effectively and serve their students. 9 of these school districts with applications pending for funds are in our state of New Mexico.

Senior United States Senator Clinton P. Anderson joined me in asking the Appropriations Committee of the Senate to restore supplemental funds for Fiscal Year 1967 to assist these schools all over the nation under Public Law 815.

I am most pleased to report that the Senate Appropriations

Committee has acceded to this request and restored supplemental funds for Fiscal Year 1967.

The 9 New Mexico school districts that stand to benefit are Espanola, Pojoaque #1, Las Cruces #2, Kirtland #2, Gallup-McKinley, Tularosa #4, Clovis, Jemez Springs and Los Lunas.

Funds requested for all 9 total \$3,425,628.

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CRIME & SMALL BUSINESS

I have joined in sponsoring the Small Business Crime Protection Insurance Act of 1967 as a result of findings brought out by recent hearings of the Senate Small Business Committee on the impact of crime on small businessmen.

The bill establishes a corporation in the Small Business Administration that will insure small businessmen against crime in those areas where such insurance is not available from commercial sources at reasonable rates.

Such a program should be attractive to the small businessmen in all areas of the nation, because it should also tend to lower commercial insurance premiums of business units in states and localities relatively free from crime.

This bill is an attempt to cushion the impact of crime upon the small businessman. As a member of the Senate Small Business Committee, I was shocked to discover at our hearings how the average small businessman is



John W. Unger, National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, poses with Senator Joseph M. Montoya (D.-N.M.) and Charles L. Huber, National Director of Legislation. Senator Montoya is the author of S.16, a bill to extend additional readjustment assistance to veterans who served in the Armed Forces during the "Vietnam Era." Effective date of bill is August 5, 1964, and ending at such time as may be set by Concurrent Resolution of Congress or by Proclamation of the President.

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being penalized insurance-wise by the acts of the criminal. He must have some surcease and relief.

The Senate Small Business Committee's hearings brought out three major points:

First, in 1965, 30 per cent of all robberies took place in commercial establishments.

Second, small store owners in urban high crime rate localities are so victimized by robberies, burglaries and acts of vandalism that many small businessmen literally live in daily fear of their lives.

Third, once a small businessman

has been victimized, either his insurance policy is cancelled or the premiums become prohibitive.

I have come to the realization that this double penalty of crime and insurance cancellation is hurting the already hard-pressed small businessman beyond endurance. It certainly seems reasonable, therefore, to give these merchants an alternative when their insurance rates rise or their policies are cancelled altogether.

Joseph M. Montoya