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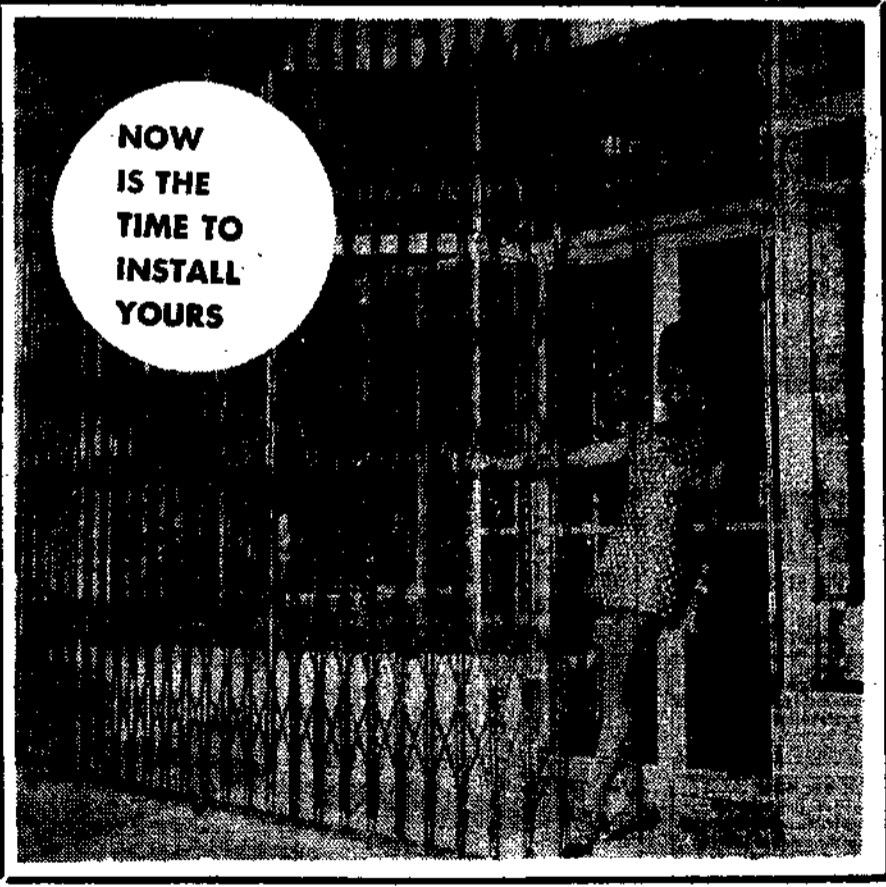
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**Congressional record to cost more**

By Alan Emory

WASHINGTON, April 30 (NANA) Congress may be talking less, but it is costing more to print what the lawmakers say. The price of the congressional record is going up from US\$119 to US\$128 a page. Two years ago, the record only needed 33,786 pages to take care of the legislative activities on the floor of the house and senate. This fiscal year, the estimate is for about 45,000 pages, and next year 44,000. The record accounts for a significant part of the government's annual printing bill, which comes to nearly half-a-billion US dollars not counting duplicating.

Some of the job is done in the Government printing office's (GPO) field printing offices, and about 57 per cent is farmed out to private firms. The GPO says it has "tremendous problems" getting qualified people to work for it.

**What it costs**

The cost of the record, considering its 47,000 copies a day, is less than a cent a page, according to J. L. Harrison, the Public Printer. Harrison expects to print the same number of envelopes in which official government business can be mailed without a stamp, but the cost will rise from US\$4.60 to US\$5.25 per 1,000. He sees the cost of legislation up US\$2 a page to US\$18, and 20,000 more pages, of committee reports up US\$3 a page to US\$35, with no more pages, and of hearings, up US\$3 a page to US\$22, with 10,000 more pages.

When it comes to the federal register which prints all official government decisions, the page cost jumps from US\$7 to US\$85, boosting the bill another US\$360,000.

**New offices**

In addition to those in Chicago, Kansas City, Miami, and San Francisco, congress authorized new ones in Boston, Atlanta and Los Angeles for the current year and consideration is being given to three more from among Dallas, Denver, New York City, Philadelphia, Detroit, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Seattle, New Orleans, Miami, Florida, Albuquerque, Cleveland, Portland, Oregon, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Baltimore, Newark and Honolulu.

Buckley says he tries to fill orders within two weeks and achieves that goal about half the time. This coming year it may be reached nearly twice in three tries, he says. Very little money is lost on bad cheques.

Harrison says government printing outside Washington in federal plants concentrates on small jobs, such as government invitations for bids and awards in Chicago "a real hotshot operation" — and civil service examinations in Denver. Small jobs are hard to "buy," Harrison explains, especially items like 150 copies of a four-page publication over a night. A bid setup would probably cost more than the job itself, he says, and the printing industry is "not particularly interested in this type of work."

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The Directors of  
**THE BROWN'S TOWN BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY**  
&  
**THE ST. ANN BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY**

are now extremely pleased to announce that, after thorough consultation and full discussion of the circumstances, they are

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THAT BROWN'S TOWN AND ST. ANN BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETIES NOW JOIN IN THE PROPOSED MERGER OF THE WESTMORELAND AND ST. JAMES BUILDING SOCIETIES.

The Merged Society will be known as:

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"operating as a Savings and Home Loan Association".

In view of this new development, the dates of the Special General Meetings of THE WESTMORELAND BUILDING SOCIETY and THE ST. JAMES BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY have had to be altered. ALL FOUR BUILDING SOCIETIES will be holding their respective Special General Meetings as soon as conveniently possible, at which their Shareholders' support will be sought. (Individual letters will be sent to the Shareholders of each Building Society giving fuller information of the terms of the merger, prior to their Special General Meeting.

THE MAJOR ADVANTAGES of such a merger are that:—

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The Directors of All Four Building Societies once again wish to assure their Members that they have continuously borne in mind that the terms of the proposed mergers must protect and, wherever possible, improve the rights and interests of Members, and now unreservedly ask for their Members' encouragement and backing at this important time in all their Societies' development.

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