



HONORED . . . Lt. Col. William C. Jones, right, whose wife, Tina, lives at 2131 W. 230th St., receives congratulations and the Army Commendation Medal from Air Force Maj. Gen. Harry J. Sands Jr., senior member of the United Nations Command Component, Military Armistice Commission, during ceremonies in Korea, Dec. 13. Col. Jones received the awards for meritorious service as a member of the VI U.S. Army Corps with Detachment 5, U. S. Army ROTC Instructor Group, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Mich., from August 1962 to October 1965. Col. Jones is commanding officer of the U. S. Army Support Group, Joint Security Area, in Korea. He arrived overseas on this tour of duty last October.

JAMES DORAIS

Federal Aid Funds Given Directly to Local Areas

Three decades of battle between the states and the federal government have convinced not a few modern historians that the state system is on its way out, with their dwindling powers and prerogatives virtually expropriated by Washington.

But the close Senatorial battle over the proposed Dirksen amendment on reapportionment indicated renewed intensity in the old fight, and the recent Governors Conference in Minneapolis gave promising evidence of new life in the states themselves.

Alan Otten of the Wall Street Journal, reporting on the conference, said the state chief executives of both parties were deep in private talks on what can be done to preserve the traditional federal-state system. "Their talk," he said, was "often cautiously optimistic that the tide may be turning."

But the task they face apparently is no less than monumental.

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Ottens cited two causes of the states' difficulties: one, that cities and counties, finding the states unwilling or unable to handle their problems, have turned directly to Washington for help; two, the spread of new federal programs—the anti-poverty war, pollution-fighting, aid to education, etc.—that bypass the states and funnel federal funds directly to local groups.

Further, he said, the governors are unhappy because they are making little headway in winning President Johnson's approval of a plan to turn back to the states each year some \$2.5 billion or more of federal tax collections, to be used as the states choose.

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The immensity of their

task of trying to stem the tide of federal power was cited by George Champion, Chairman of the Board of the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York, in an article published by the Tax Foundation. He noted that in 30 of the 50 states the federal government has more civilian employees than the state governments, and that federal grants to states and localities have more than tripled in the past decade.

With these mammoth outlays have come federal "guidelines," he said, as to how they shall be spent. Farmers, school lunches, medical care, schools, urban renewal, the anti-poverty program, all are or will be governed by "guidelines."

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Champion says the use of guidelines for wages, prices, labor relations, television advertising — even guidelines for how much you put

in the collection plate on Sunday — to name but a few, have the same effect as controls, without having the same political connotations. They "represent a giant step away from self-reliance and personal responsibility, and toward federal domination of our national economy," he declared.

They also would seem to symbolize the built-in political power with which official Washington has fortified itself — and against

which the Gabriels in the 50 governors' mansions must blow their horns if the states are to retrieve their lost powers, prerogatives, and revenues.

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