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CONSUMER CONCERNS continue to reflect in Congress. Sen. Warren Magnuson (D.-Wash.) announces his new subcommittee on consumer affairs will "act as a magnet to attract information and expressions of concern" from consumers victimized in the market-place. Magnuson will plump for truth-in-lending and truth-in-packaging laws, a disclosure law to curb small-print deceit in warranties, a motor insurance guarantee law to assure payment of auto claims.

BIRCHERS REV UP NEW ATTACK on Chief Justice Earl Warren. JBS "Impeach Earl Warren" campaign has lagged in recent years. New plan is to start petitions, concentrate on goal in JBS speeches and publications, turn loose 80 full-time field coordinators on the project. Impeachment unlikely, but smear campaign inevitable.

TEXAS AFL-CIO officials go to court, succeed in knocking out law requiring annual voter registration. Law was Texas' way to skirt poll tax requirement, keep voting rolls uncluttered with citizens' names. State will appeal the decision.

SPEAKING OF TEXAS, a Lone Star State conservative sang a tune recently liberals have been singing for years. GOP Sen. John Tower, discussing his reelection victory over reactionary Democrat Waggoner Carr, said Carr played for the conservative vote, ignored fact that these days a Democrat in Texas needs liberal support to win statewide race.

RONALD REAGAN, California's new governor, wields big pruning shears on state spending right off the bat, says in maiden address to state legislature, "We are going to squeeze and cut and trim until we reduce the cost of government." This statement came on the heels of the costliest inauguration in California history. One Reagan aide said he wanted it to be "second only to the Kennedy inauguration."

REAGAN, MEANWHILE, has named Allan Grant, a member of the National Right to Work Committee, as president of the California Board of Agriculture at a time when farm-worker organizing is one of the big events on the California scene.

NEW OPEN HOUSING APPROACH reportedly is being studied by Johnson administration. Rather than call for immediate end to bias in private housing, it would require gradual open occupancy beginning with large housing developments and winding up finally with single-family units. In addition, it would grant grace periods of two or three years before mandatory provisions take effect.

RIGHT WING LIBERTY LOBBY steps up activity with kick-off Washington convention coinciding with opening of first session of 90th Congress. Liberty Lobby runs the whole gamut of rightist causes, lists many pals in Congress, among them according to columnist Drew Pearson: Reps. E. Y. Berry (R.-S.D.), W. J. Bryan Dorn (D.-S.C.), John Dowdy (D.-Texas), Otto Passman (D.-La.), James Utt (R.-Calif.), Joe Waggoner, Jr. (D.-La.), John Bell Williams (D.-Miss.), Albert Watson (R.-S.C.). Pearson charges Liberty Lobby's founder and leader, Willis Carto, is outspoken admirer of Adolph Hitler, leadership is loaded with anti-semites and race-haters.

FOR THE RECORD—It's Lester Maddox by 3-1 in Georgia as state legislature votes 182-66 to seat him as governor over Republican Howard Calloway. . . . Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D.-N.Y.) loses chairmanship of House Labor and Education Committee and is refused his seat in Congress pending a special committee investigation. Action follows charges of misuse of funds as committee chairman. His successor as committee chairman will be Carl Perkins (D.-Ky.).

WHILE TAX HIKE TALK is in the air, it's warming to learn that 19 persons with annual incomes exceeding $1 million got off the hook for no taxes in 1964, according to Internal Revenue.

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