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A letter from the PUBLISHER

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LIKE most people who work in
big, sealed office towers, our staff
in New York's Time and Life Build-
ing has long felt safe from air pollu-
tion inside our air-conditioned of-
fices. Most of us had a rude shock
when it turned out, during research
for this week's cover story, that a
great deal of the contaminating stuff
in the air outside comes right in
through the air-conditioning filters.
While this discovery was disillusion-
ing, it only increased the conviction
with which our writers and editors
prepared our story on the polluted
atmosphere.

A big part of the story, we felt,
was visual, but we did not want to
use stock pictures, or even medium-
old ones. We wanted to show what
the situation is like right now. So
Picture Editors Charles Jackson and
Arnold Drapkin dispatched 23 pho-
tographers, gave them three days to
record the grimy scenes in the air.
In the U.S. and abroad, the photog-
raphers shot 160 rolls of film and
shipped them back to Senior Editor
Marshall Loeb, in charge of TIME's
color projects, and Researcher An-
drea Svedberg. From the mass of
transparencies, the editors selected
the best and most representative for
the eight-page color section. The
photographers worked mostly from
rooftops or light aircraft; Larry Lee,
who shot the cover picture, explored
the Los Angeles smog in a helicopter.
One photographer in Chicago, shoot-
ing through a large telephoto lens,
experienced a few difficult moments
when he was mistaken for a Peeping
Tom by suspicious cops.

For many of the people involved,
the assignment was marked by other
hazards: much wheezing and sneez-
ing. Peter Bird Martin, who edited
the story, set out for the office ready
to start his cover week with a clear
eye and an open mind, but caught
an outrageous chunk of Manhattan



PHOTOGRAPHER LEE OVER LOS ANGELES

soot in his eye. Writer Leon Jaroff
and Researcher Sydnor Vander-
schmidt were also afflicted. "The
more we got into the story," says
Jaroff, "the more we coughed. Psycho-
somatic, no doubt."

IN a final flurry, the 89th Con-
gress concluded an unparalleled
legislative record, enacting all but
one of the following:

A. A near-record \$58 billion de-
fense appropriation.

B. A new civil rights bill with the
controversial open-housing clause.

C. A \$4 billion federal college-aid
measure.

D. A \$3.7 billion anti-water-pollu-
tion bill.

This is one of 100 questions in the
1967 edition of the TIME Current
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has helped students in schools and
colleges throughout the U.S. and
Canada to review their knowledge of
the news.

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dringstraat, Amsterdam 18, The
Netherlands. Incidentally, if your an-
swer to the question above was B,
you're on your way to a good score.

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