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## Dear Reader:

We hardly need call your attention to Alan Stang's compelling study of John Schmitz, the brilliant, effective, and colorful Conservative Congressman. After all, the man's name is a full three picas high on the next page — which ought to be magnet enough for any Conservative... or informed "Liberal" for that matter. (Yes, Medford, I know that business after the ellipses is paradoxical, but we're trying to be friendly. Some of those fellows are coming around.)

What I'm getting to (slowly enough) is that this month we are not going to use this space to rave to you about the contents of this issue, except to say that Alan Stang and Gary Allen, Reed Benson and Robert Lee, and Professors Merrill Root and Medford Evans, perform here at as exciting and inspiring a pace as we have ever seen. Even the new boy, Rudyard Kipling, does a right creditable job.

Instead, we want to pass on to you the exciting news that as this issue of *American Opinion* reaches you there will be 6 million copies in print of Contributing Editor Gary Allen's new book, *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*. You know about the book from Dr. Medford Evans' enthusiastic review of it last month. But unless each of you has ordered ten dozen to bury in your cellar, one incredible lot of other Americans is getting from that book a first shocking look at the *Insiders* behind the Conspiracy working to destroy our country, its traditions, and our liberties.

What is happening at last is that we are breaking through. We are breaking through the carefully created myths and obfuscation and malignant lies. We are breaking through to the American people — and they are reading and listening.

It is our belief that *American Opinion* has contributed its share to that breakthrough. For it was here that not only Gary Allen, but many other Conservative authors, began their writing, and research, and pursuit of the enemies of America. We are proud of that, as we have been proud of the sixty-five articles that Gary Allen has written for us, from his first effort in 1965, to his latest powerful monograph on the *Insiders* of World Government which begins on Page 49.

What the great Taylor Caldwell calls "the prowling sound of heated thunder" is being heard at last. And America is stirring and waking. Thank God and keep working.

Sincerely,

Scott Stanley Jr.

## JOHN SCHMITZ

## Mr. Nixon's Conservative Congressman

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■ THE auditorium at Paramus Catholic High School in New Jersey is jammed with an overflow crowd of more than nine hundred, and the guest of honor steps to the microphone. "Gee, I really appreciate that," he says of the standing ovation. "That's the first time my wife has applauded me in a long while... I know she doesn't look like the mother of our seven children — but she is. We are public enemy number one to Zero Population Growth out in southern California."

The crowd laughs heartily and settles down. "I am a former college instructor," he says. "You talk about being a member of a minority group: How about a John Birch member making his living as a college instructor?"

Speaking of his membership in The John Birch Society, he recalls when he was a California State Senator and a woman confronted him at the rear of the Senate chamber. "How can you belong to such a monolithic organization?" she asked. "Well," he replied, "I've been a

Catholic all my life. Why should I quit?" Actually, he tells the delighted audience, "I had eight years of Jesuit education. But I returned to the Church."

The speaker says the audience may wonder how he can be here in New Jersey, when he is in the midst of a fight for reelection in California. Campaigning is easier, he explains, now that someone has invented a slogan that does it all: "When you're out of Schmitz, you're out of gear." He recalls that because his name does sound like a popular beer, friends suggested he change it to Smith when he entered politics. He told them his real name was Smith, and that he had had to change it to Schmitz, because as John and Mary Smith he and his wife couldn't get a motel room.

"Well, I have a serious message here, somewhere," he says. He does, indeed, and he delivers it.

The speaker is Republican Representative John G. Schmitz of California, who represents among other places the town of San Clemente, and is therefore Richard Nixon's Congressman.

## The Congressman's Day

Washington, as you have heard, is an exciting place. But don't plan on going there. It isn't safe. Since its "liberation" by a succession of permissive Administrations, it has become a capital of crime. On one weekend just before Christmas last year, eight people were murdered there. Theft is commonplace. A Congressman's personal secretary tells me that women are regularly raped in the ladies' rooms of the various House office buildings. Indeed, she says, there is also a



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