### Washington Digest

## Know Your Congressman To Make Democracy Work

The representa-tives of the people are about to assure you that you have been well - represented, and that they would like to continue to do the

representing. And who are you to say no, if you don't know exactly how well your represent-

atives in the house of representatives or in the senate have carried out your interests? Issues are being joined, there are

sharp cleavages of thought these days. And if you don't take the trouble to vote for the men in congress who are voting the way you want them to, you have no right to lambast congress. True, it does take some trouble to learn to the congress. some trouble to learn to read your congressman's record correctly. A simple statement by a candidate that he voted for the X bill (the one you wanted passed) doesn't mean too much.

A number of energetic organiza-tions are out to tell you how to read the lawmaker's records. One organization is the National Citi-zen's Political Action committee, which reminds voters: which reminds voters:

"A favorite device of congressmen is to vote for a series of mangling amendments, or to procrasti-nate with investigations or recomnate with investigations or recom-mittal. Then, having partially or completely wrecked the usefulness of a bill, they may vote for the final version. Don't take these votes at face value."

In other words, don't be satisfied with the record of the final vote. See how your congressman voted on the

The NC-PAC literature concludes with a warning that any voter, what-ever side he is on, may well take to heart:

"When your congressmen start promising in their forthcoming campaigns, check their past voting records very carefully. Don't take it for granted that if they voted for a measure, they were for it, and fought for it. Perhaps they helped cripple it first."

## Disguise Enmity To Legislation

To Legislation

That is true, and with a little investigation, you will learn that a lot of congressmen, whose real views and activities you really wouldn't subscribe to at all, may have been voting in favor of some of the bills you would like to see passed. Later, when he is soliciting your support, he will point with pride to these measures, omitting to mention the fact that he helped to emasculate them carefully before hand.

You will also find sometimes that although he has loudly shouted down a bill (which you didn't like, and, secretly, he did), he did not actually work against it. Perhaps, smally he even voted for it if there finally, he even voted for it if there was no roll call.

Another way in which a congress-man can fool his constituents is to offer an amendment which appeals to his particular locality, but which he knows can't possibly go through. That appeases the constituents and, at the same time, doesn't furt the congressman with the particular interests with whom he may be friendly. They know, as well as he does, that the whole thing is just an empty gesture.

#### Kill Bill With Recommittal

The vote to "recommit" is a fa-vorite trick, and usually reveals the true sentiments of a senator or con-gressman. Not much attention is paid to these votes. When a bill is "recommitted," it is sent back to committee, supposedly for recon-sideration. Actually, recommittal usually means the measure is pi-geonholed forever.

On the other hand, when a power-al committee pigeonholes a bill you ful committee pigeonholes a bill you would like to see passed, and your congressman is willing to sign a petition to try to get it out, you can be pretty certain he is sincerely working to get it through.

Of course, what goes on secretly in committees is most important, and can usually be found out, for the newspaper and radio correspondents make every effort to

BARBS . . . by Baukhage

After all that batting around in congressional committees, OPA, as expected, came out battered rather

The Supreme court controversy oils down to what is really only a flerence of opinion — something hich is taken for granted among dividuals, and which is said to take horse-racing interesting.

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The time of the singing of candidates has come, and the voice of the mock - turtle is heard in the land.

Teport the inside facts. This is not difficult for the reporters, since committee members whose efforts were defeated are usually willing to divulge the machinations of the majority — if there were any machinations.

Admittedly getting all this information takes time and trouble on your part. But that is the price you your part. But that is the price you have to pay for the kind of government ment you want. The government makes you take time to figure out your income tax and to do a lot of other little chores, but it doesn't force you to inform yourself on how your government is being run. However, the information is all there, if you care to take the trouble to. if you care to take the trouble to get it. Reports of public hearings, as well as the record of what happens on house and senate floors, are avail-able for the asking. That is a part of your congressman's job — report-

or your congressman's job — reporting to you.

As Lowell Mellett says in his "Handbook of Politics":

"The true test of a member of congress is not the good bills for which he voted, but the good bills he voted against — plus the number of bad bills he voted for."

Nobody can ever take demogracy.

Nobody can ever take democracy away from you — you have to give it away, by default. And such "defaulting" is no rare occurrence. Within the last few months, I know of four organizations which discovered there was a Communist in their there was a Communist in their midst. Furthermore, that Communist, using his own energy, and taking advantage of the indifference of the other members, had gained a key position in the group. As soon as the rest woke up and realized the real purpose of measures taken under what amounted to this man's minority rule they threw him out.

You know, "eternal vigilance..."
Knowledge is power. Know your
congressman, don't knock him.

### Ike Leaves Secrets Untold

The final report of General Eisenhower to the combined chiefs of staff, which has at last been released, is a splendid example of terse and comprehensive exposition. Into less than 123 pages is compressed the epic of the greatest military operation in history, extending from D-Day to V-E Day.

It is unfortunate, for the sake of

It is unfortunate, for the sake of mystery lovers, that the document does not go into detail concerning one phase of the invasion which has rightly been called the "greatest deception in history"—the clever ruses which caused the enemy to make his fatal miscalculations.

The Germans knew that the Allied landing must be made some-where within a relatively lim-ited length of shore-line, but despite this, they were completely deceived as to where that landing was to be. The result was that the Allies were able to get a toehold which they might never have been able to se-cure, had the Germans guessed the prospective location of the real beachheads.

Obviously, the natural place for a landing would be in reasonable proximity to Calais, where the English channel is narrowest. Actually, the nearest beachhead was estab-lished more than a hundred miles farther to the west, but the whole German 15th army remained immo-bilized in that locality until it was

But even after the landings were made, the Germans were not sure they were the main objectives. This was because of a five-prong plan of deception, all the prongs pointing ted diversionary attack by land, sea and air, away from the actual invasion area.

One simulated attack was at Cap d'Antifer, northwest of Le Havre, far to the east of the invasion area. There, planes, ships and balloons moved in, gradually producing echoes on the German radar warning instruments similar to the approach of a convoy.

Another fake landing was staged in the direction of Boulogne, still farther east, with 16 ships and accompanying planes. The steady patrolling of the skies was taken by the Germans to be the air covered an encountry armeds.

by the Germans to be the air cover of an oncoming armada.

Far to the west, halfway down the Cherbourg peninsula, and at various other points, dummy airborne invasions were carried out. The Germans finally decided that the real thing was approaching Boulogne, and opened up with all they had. Meantime, the actual invasion forces crossed the channel without any interference by air or sea.

It was a grand fake.

#### A Case for The Foreaken 'R'

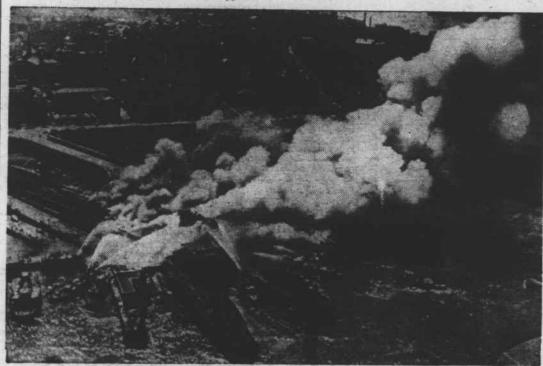
As a midwesterner born, I have battled many years for the letter

"R."

Therefore I was overjoyed to find further distinction for the "Rs" as against the "R-nots." It was in that strangely intriguing "Book About a Thousand Things" by George Stimpson (whose "Book About the Bible" I have mentioned before in these columns) that I learned that "R" and "L" are the "last and most difficult consonants added to appeach."



CONGRESSMEN OFF TO PHILIPPINES . . . Seven senators and representatives left Washington airport for a round-the-world tour during which they expect to participate in the celebration at Manila marking Philippine independence. Left to right: Gen. H. L. George; Rep. Karl LeCompte (R., Ia.); Rep. J. W. Robinson, (D., Utah); Vernon Moore, secretary, Filipino rehabilitation commission; Sen. Hugh Butler, (R., Nebr.); Rep. Fred Crawford, (R., Mich.); J. Weldon Jones, President Truman's representative; Sen. Allen Ellender, (D., La.); Rep. George Miller, (D., Calif.); Sen. Owen Brewster (R., Maine); and Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo, resident commissioner of the Philippines.



This air view shows tons of water being pumped into the oil-fed fire that blazed in four slips of the St. George ferry terminal on Staten island. A number of persons were trapped in the buildings. Nine alarms quickly sounded, summoning every piece of apparatus available and three fireboats.



INDIANS SELL OUT . . . The Cleveland Indians baseball team was sold after almost a week of negotiations and offers. Acceptance of an offer by Bill Veeck of Chicago and his associates was made by Aiva Bradley, ex-president of the Indians, for his former stockhoiders. Photo shows, left to right, Joseph Hostetler, attorney for Bradley and now secretary for the new combine; Harry Grabiner, new vice president and treasurer, and Bill Veeck, new president of the club.



SPEED RECORD . . . The fastest airmail delivery in the history of the United States was accomplished when a P-80 jet propelled plane carrying mail left Schenoctady, N. Y., and arrived in Washington, D. C., in & minutes. Capt. Robert Baird, pilot, of Clarkudale, Miss., is handing the ponch and a letter from W. Stuart Symington, assistant accretary of war for air, to Vincent Burko, postmaster at Washington. The plane reached a top speed of 500 miles an hour.



OWNER OF CROWN JEWELS ... A photo of the Countess Von Hesse, princess of Prussia, as she looked in the days when Hitler and Goering were entertained at her Kronberg eastle. It was from this eastle that the Hesse-Darmstadt jewels were stolen.



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SHIFT OF VINSON TO COURT WEAKENS TREASURY POLICY

WASHINGTON. - Senate reluc-tance about the Vinson-Snyder shift at the top of government is some-what difficult to explain, but it has symptoms of soundness behind it. Mr. Truman had been searching

Mr. Truman had been searching for the best available legal mind in the judiciary to straighten out the complete tangle in the Supreme court. He embarked upon this course in resistance to pressure at the death of Republican Chief Justice Stone that he elevate one of the sitting justices. the sitting justices, all of whom are involved in factions in the strife which has confused court decisions. He had plenty of time as the court is finishing now until fall. Then sud-denly, within 24 hours apparently, he decided to name one of the best men from his own cabinet, Mr. Vinson, and push his old friend from Missouri, Mr. Snyder, into the treas-

why he stopped searching for judicial talent has not been made clear. He could have afforded to appoint a nonpartisan or even a Republican as chief justice. The ceurt was already 7 to 1 Democratic, Justice Bur-ton being the lone Republican left.

The best politics, indeed, might have called for a Republican to re-place a Republican, as an appearance of one party unanimity makes the court look somewhat like a Rus-sian election in this respect. It weakens the judicial front of the court, by increasing its political one-sidedness, and thus delays the pur-pose of unity or stability of law which Mr. Truman apparently is striving for.

FINANCIAL POLICY PERILED

But he weakened himself more, by this effort to furnish the court leadership for reformation. An attack upon his treasury department is being conducted by former Treasury Secretary Morgenthau. Quite evidently the associates of Mr. Morgenthau are attempting to break Truman policy in the department, which is of utmost importance in the presence of inflationary threats.

Mr. Snyder has not previously sought to distinguish himself by standing up against attack. As the standing up against attack. As the first Truman appointee from Missouri, Snyder is a loyal, sincere and earnest friend, but in the reconversion his economic abadership has not been especially clear. What is needed in treasury is someone of experience with the "know-how" of expe

needed in treasury is someone of experience with the "know-how" of politics, economics and finance, to stand against inflation.

Now Mr. Truman no doubt figured he would send his best available experienced man (next to State Secretary Byrnes) upstairs to try to straighten out the court, and run the treasury himself through an old friend—but what he may have done is to open up the financial policies which were being rather carefully established, to new pressures and possibilities of change. What to do about it? Don't ask me. The above is only a report of the factors, difficult to explain precisely, which have animated the senate's reluctance to confirm the hasty step. Chairman McCarran of the senate judiciary committee immediately announced consideration of appointments would follow the usual course and be held over a week in order to give interested witnesses due notice and opportunity to be heard. Certainly the senate nesses due notice and opportunity to be heard. Certainly the senate will hardly choose to let the appointments slip through without any analysis of the deeper and greater policy possibilities behind the change. By at least going into them, knowing them and considering them, the Democratic leaders the legislative branch will be able to raise some bulwark repre-senting their own viewpoint, and prepare their own pressure for future use.

MIDWEST WELL FED. PROSPEROUS

While the East hears so much of and pays such great attention to the CIO, the Midwest numerically, politically and economically is still the small town village of the dirt farmer, whose first concern is the amount of moisture distributed amount of moistire distributed through this area by unprecedented rains. He is watching the clouds for corn growing weather, and has seen his son come back from the war. What State Secretary Byrnes is doing in Paris or the CIO in De-troit is of only incidental concern to him. He wants to raise food for man and beast, and get his help

The food situation is easy in Chi-The food situation is easy in Chicago, but harder up through Wisconsin and down into central Illinois. In those latter two places it is more like the East. You stand in line for nearly everything, excepting in the smaller towns, and when you get up to the counter you will more than likely find it gone, and you will take what they have or let it go.

In Chicago they still have comfed roastbeef, and occasionally a steak which is not likely to be comfed There the hotels are crowded, and so also are the trains, which are nearer on time than during the war.

### Gems of Thought

DO NOT be ashamed to say what you are not ashamed to think.—Montaigne.

Character is what we are in

The infant, on first opening his eyes, ought to see his country, and to the hour of his death never lose sight of it.—Rousseau.

In women's hands lies the solution to the world's greatest problem — peace. — Eugene Brieux.

Methinks wisdom is ofttimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar .- Wordsworth.

Knowledge comes but wis-dom lingers.—Tennyson.

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