

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, June 28—The 75th Congress broke all records for peace-time spending. In its two regular sessions and one short extra session it appropriated more than 21 billion dollars. Considerably less than half of that amount will come out of tax revenues. The rest will have to be, or already has been, borrowed. Political observers with long memories are recalling here the famous remark of Thomas B.

Reed, Speaker of the House in the 1890's. In one two-year period when the Congress had appropriated a billion dollars, Tom Reed replied to a critic of such legislative extravagance: "The United States is a billion-dollar country." It has now become, by the same scale, a twenty-billion-dollar country.

The second session of the 75th Congress spent a third more money than did the first session. In 1937 it appropriated \$9,456,000,000; in 1938 its appropriations amounted to \$12,300,000,000.

Many Major Enactments
Of this huge total slightly more than 5 billion dollars were for the general recovery-and-relief program of the Administration, one and three-quarter billions for the Administration's farm program, almost two billions for national defense and more than ten billions for the regular department-

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crops are fine and tobacco far better than last year.

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Mrs. Nancy Adams and son, Barney Smith, Mrs. Mae Holbrooks and daughter, Miss Annie Bell Holbrooks, all of Elkin, route

1, spent Sunday in Virginia. Among the places they visited were Independence, Gold Hill and other places in Grayson county. During their visit Mrs. Holbrook visited her sister, Mrs. Bessie Anderson, whom she had not seen since childhood when they were orphaned and separated.

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al operations of the government. The list of major enactments by the session just ended includes the Farm Bill, tax revision, wage-standard legislation, naval expansion, Federal highway aid, flood control, civil aeronautics control, housing, food and drug law revision, merchant marine reform, Reconstruction Finance Corporation amendments to provide commercial and industrial credits, and the relief and recovery bill.

Bills not passed included executive reorganization, recommitment in the House after a bitter fight; anti-lynching, killed by a Senate filibuster; railroad financial aid, jettisoned in the last-hour adjournment rush; and the Walsh-Healey government contract bill amendments, providing a "black list" of alleged violators of the National Labor Relations Act, which was killed by the House leadership in the adjournment rush.

This latest session of Congress differed from most of its predecessors in that comparatively few of its acts were the result of pressure from sources outside the government.

The most barefaced attempt at dictation to Congress by a "pressure bloc" failed. That was the attempt of the C. I. O. leader, John L. Lewis, to "turn on the heat" on members of Congress to compel them to adopt a law blacklisting corporations which do not accede to the rulings of the National Labor Relations Board.

President Regains Lost Prestige
In the closing days of the session Lewis obtained from Speaker Bankhead permission to use the Speaker's office as a place in which to interview Members of Congress. That proceeding, and the bullying attitude which Mr. Lewis assumed toward the members who responded to his summons had precisely the opposite effect from what he intended. It created an antagonism toward the C. I. O. and its leader which in

the opinion of many Congressmen, will be difficult to eradicate.

It is regarded as definite that the influence of that major branch of the Labor Lobby has been decidedly weakened. The A. F. L., rather than the C. I. O., can take credit for the final push which put over the wages-and-hours act; but the heaviest pressure for this, as for most of the other acts of this Congress, came from the White House.

Surveying the scene in the light of all that occurred, it is felt here that Mr. Roosevelt regained most of his lost prestige before the session ended. If the November elections go in such a way that he can interpret them as a vote of renewed confidence, there is little doubt that he will press again in the next Congress for his Government Reorganization program, and possibly for the reinstatement in the tax laws of the undistributed profits tax, which was stricken out over his protest.

New York Political Outlook
The outlook for the next Congress is complicated by the sudden death of Senator Copeland of New York. Dr. Copeland, though a Democrat, was one of the most vigorously outspoken anti-New Dealers. His passing makes necessary the election of two new Senators from New York, Senator Wagner's term expiring at the end of this year. Mr. Wagner is as ardent a New Dealer as Dr. Copeland was an opponent of the President.

The New Deal plan had been to run Senator Wagner for Governor of New York and Governor Lehman for Senator. Now it is regarded as probable that this plan will be abandoned, and that Senator Wagner, who has proved himself a strong vote-getter in the past, will be induced to stand for re-election, and that the New Deal will back for the nomination in Senator Copeland's place either Solicitor-General Robert M. Jack-

son or Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins.

There are intimations that former Governor Alfred E. Smith or Mayor F. H. LaGuardia may take the field as a candidate for the senate, though Mr. LaGuardia's ambition is believed to be the Governor's mansion in Albany.

At the present time the Republican Party is strong in New York state, with a clear majority in the lower house of the state legislature, and 22 out of 51 Senators.

In the other states where Democratic primaries are still to be held, the WPA and the President have been put on warning by a powerful committee of Senators that any use of WPA funds or any other direct pressure by the Administration to influence the voters will be bitterly resented and may result in more Democratic Senators "going off the reservation."

COOL SPRINGS

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Conrad and children of Winston-Salem, were with us Sunday evening. Mr. Conrad gave an interesting address and Mrs. Conrad and children furnished two special songs. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pettyjohn, and several other friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Everette Darnell, a fine set of twin boys. Several of the Cool Springs family attended the funeral services held at Swaim's Knobs for Mr. Bill Casper Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harris and sons, Maynard and Carol, and Mrs. J. W. Newman visited Gwendolyn Harris Linder and Mr. Linder, at Salisbury, the past week-end.

Mr. A. C. Wall, an A-1 book-keeper for the warehousemen at Winston-Salem and South Carolina, is proving that he can farm, too. He took down that brag field of red clover last week. Hay

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