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# Says Congress Lacks Fact Finding Facilities

"Congress woefully lacks accurate and disinterested fact-finding facilities," declares Representative Albert Gore, of Tennessee, a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Mr. Gore calls attention to a handi-

cap that besets Congress when it begins to make appropriations for govmethods and sometimes or-miss" guesswork in determining the proper size of appropriations.

He thinks that the "outmoded recognition of the same need of by the committees of Congress most methods" by which money is made Congress for information, we pro- familiar with the department or acavailable for spending requires cor- posed a plan which, in our opinion, tivity involved. Inasmuch as these rection because "very few members would be extremely beneficial to the committees make an exhaustive study know in detail where the money goes" and he suggests that it is impossible idea of a pension for Congressmen, implemented by an apportion of efto "know under the present system." but, instead of granting the retired fort involved. Of course, the over-

House Ways and Means Committee. suggestion that every Congressman, be subject to some control by the This group is overwhelmed by the upon retirement, become a member central appropriations committees. magnitude of its job and important of the fact-finding group.

sums are appropriated on the basis Thus, if a Congressman retired of hearings before sub-committees. from office, after ten or twelve years' Before them, the Department heads work, he would be available, as an come in and make their claims for employee of Congress, to keep up resented by the Soviet Union, and money. Without adequate means to with the phase of Government activ-check up on the work of the Depart- ity with which he became most famment and very often without adequate iliar during his term of office. A surveys the world and reports that information upon which to base a member who served on the agricul- slightly more than one-fourth of its judgment upon the demands for tural committee, for example, would population now live under one or the cash, the committee member has to be in a position to check up on the request of officials for cash. He do the best he can.

It should be perfectly obvious that would be thoroughly familiar with a government, spending more than the operations of the Department in Ohio, says that the one and a half thirty billion dollars a year, is an the past and in a position to give billion people, outside of the two intricate and vastly involved business. sound and reliable information to systems, represent a decisive group It appears unreasonable to expect the voting members of Congress. the member of a committe to keep The second proposal of Mr. Gore, up with the ramifications of such a that a period of six months elapse spending structure. Certainly, it is between the election of a Congressthat the executive officials, backed man and his taking office, would by the opinions of experts and with vitiate, in part, the benefits derived sistance to China despite its commitample time to present their claims, from the "Norris Lame-Duck Amendare in a better trading position than ment" to the Constitution. Before any individual on the committee. Mr. Gore proposes to solve the elected in November of one year did tween Russia and China. The Soviet the Norris reform, the Congress

problem in two ways: (1) By hir- not begin to legislate, unless there entered into the picture when it deing qualified technicians on a non- was a special session, until December political basis, whose business it of the following year. This time-lag The Chinese National Government, would be to keep up with every phase was not good because, after the elecof government and serve as a fact- tion, the next regular session of Confinding agency for Congressional ap- gress was controlled by the old Conpropriations committees; (2) that gressmen. It sometimes happened there be some time, say, six months, that a change in policy was unduly

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between the election of a Congressman and his taking office. This per- Between November and the couveniod would be designed to give the ing of Congress in January, there

the workings of the Government in Congressman, taking advantage of order to be familiar with his prospective duties.

not think it possible for individual pendent investigation, in order to parent. It is certainly necessary for Congressmen, in the face of an "in- analyze and appraise requests for Congress to do something about the visiting farmers increased to 225. credible volume and variety of money. That the fact-finding group matter. duties," to do more than rely on "hit- should be employed on a non-political basis goes without saying. In connection with this suggestion,

We thoroughly approve the first of the workings of his Government. suggestion of Mr. Gore. It is ab-

It might be possible, for example, to lighten the work of the Appropriations Committees by permitting cerwe recall that some years ago, in tain appropriations to be governed Government. It revolved around the of proposed legislation, which is later Mr. Gore points out that appro-priation bills must orginiate in the quiring them to work, it was our of the Government as a whole, would

> **China Decisive Area** In Clash With Soviet

Recognizing that the future of the world lies between Communism, repmodern freedom, represented by the United States, House sub-committee other of the great systems. The House group, headed by Rep-resentative Francis B. Bolton, of

which may become Democratic or Communistic. Consequently, the committee concludes that China is the "decisive area", and that the United States should continue to extend asments elsewhere in the world.

The Committee gives some history in connection with the relations beclared war against Japan in 1945. hampered by poor transportation facilities and Communist interference, was unable to disarm the Japanese troops and the result was that Japanese arms were taken over by Chinese Communists. They are called one of the strongest Communist parties in the world, with about two million members, an effective army and control of an area that has a population equal to the United States. The survival of China as a Democratic nation is vital to the safety of all Democratic nations, in the opinion of the Committee, which points out that the internal balance of China is easily overturned by "any substantial intervention". The Chinese National Government, it is believed, needs military assistance in the form of rifles and "other simple and rudimentary equipment". Consequently, o achieve stability, the Chinese Goy

delayed by the votes of Congressmen who had been defeated for reelection. seed, labor and fertilizer on the official contest acre was \$75.50. He ap-The part of the second suggestion plied fertilization as follows: April that points out the benefit to be ob-26, 11 wagonloads of stable manure broadcast; April 29, 900 pounds 4-10-6 tained by permitting Congressmen fertilizer; May 8 (planting time), 200 to have an opportunity to visit and pounds 4-10-6; June 3, 300 pounds study the workings of the Government is extremely sound. It could Cal-Nitro and 100 pounds potash; be put into effect, in part, without June 19, 300 pounds Cal-Nitro; July postponing the time of taking office. 6, 400 pounds Chilean soda; July 27, 200 pounds soda and 42 pounds potash; August 7, 200 pounds soda and legislator an opportunity to study are two months and a newly-elected 100 pounds potash.

Some 65 neighbors helped harvest modern travel by air, could get the corn on the Simpson farm. The around and see a considerable part Simpson daughters, Eula and Cora, who helped grow the corn, served a There is no use quibbling about dinner to the group with the help of solutely necessary for Congress to details, however, because the defects visiting women and the home demeramental administration. He does have information, secured by inde- in legislating money bills are ap- onstration agent, Mrs. Hilda L. Hudson. In the afternoon, the group of

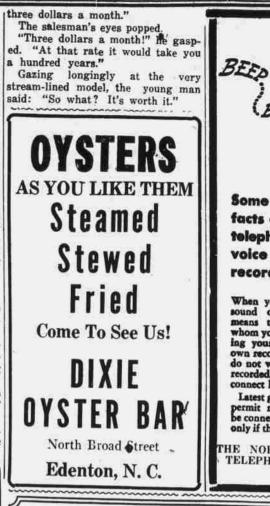
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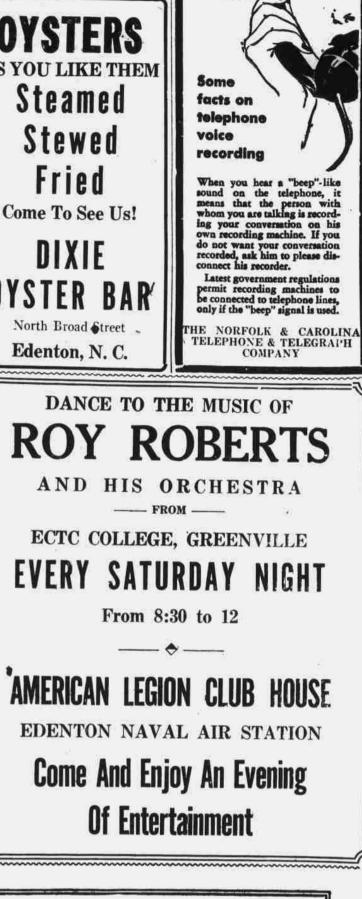
With a sparkle in his eyes, the young fellow walked into the show-"If I bought this car by install-

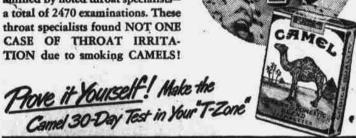
ments," he said, pointing to a par-ticularly "sporty" model, "how long would it take me to pay for it?" "That would depend on how much you could afford each month, sir,'

replied the salesman, cautiously. The young man scratched his chin. "Well, I think I could manage









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ernment must have "an immediate shot in the arm."

While it is possible that the Committee is overly-impressed with the probable importance of China in the struggle between the Communists and non-Communist world, there is much to be gained by making sure that the Chinese Government remains outside the Communist orbit. Talk But Not Action

The Soviet Union now proposes hat atomic controls and atom bomb prohibitions come into being at the same time.

This is no advance because the hitch, heretofore, has been the refusal of Russia to accept international inspection which is the world's only protection against the secret development of atomic bombs in some coun-

try. The United States is not expected to fall for the Russian manoeuvre. Our country has insistently stood for adequate controls before the atomic bomb is outlawed. Until this is effective, there is no reason why the United States should give up the protective power of the bomb.

## **Union County Farmer** Has High Corn Yield

A 77-year-old Union County farmer, J. R. Simpson, Waxhaw, Route 2, is now leading the North Carolina 1948 corn production contest in which an assortment of regional and State prizes will be given, according to Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of Extension agronomy at State College.

Mr. Simpson took the lead with a yield of 9,981 pounds-almost five tons-of corn on one acre planted to Dixie 17 hybrid. On the basis of 56 pounds per bushel and a moisture content of 15.5 per cent, this is a yield of 136.24 bushels for the one

Mr. Simpson's yield exceeded that of last year's State champion, John Mullinax of Henderson County, by 4.74 bushels. The 1948 contest, however, will not be completed until sev-eral more fields have been checked. Beside the 136-bushel agre, grother scre planted to an open-pollinated variety produced only 101.27 bushels. Total cost of Mr. Simpson's corn have CHEVROLET'S VALUE

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