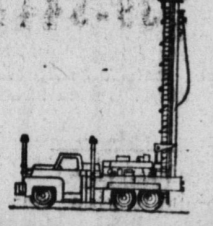


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By **WILSON GRIFFIN**

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The USS North Carolina, battleship of World War II fame, was the first of the new dreadnoughts built by the U. S. Navy prior to and during the war.

**LAME DUCKS AND LOST WEEKENDS**

One must urge that Congress, aware of the multiple urgencies facing it, will legislate now with a minimum of hickering and filibuster, a maximum of quick accomplishment.

This may not happen in the current "lame duck" session, the first since the Korean war (save a brief Senate-convening to censor Sen. Joe McCarthy). Some holdover legislators, defeated in the November elections, may just fly off on their last junkets at taxpayer's expense. Others could reflect the campaign's acrimony in their conduct.

But Congress needs to remember that voters will ponder its overall conduct — they are shrewder than once upon a time, they have longer memories, they are more concerned. In America's adversary system, with two parties

Both parties will be girding legislation for 1972. President Nixon has his game plan, which envisages the Vietnam war ended and economic recovery in full swing by then. The Democrats will push to depict Mr. Nixon and his party as neglecting vital domestic problems.

One can expect that a four-some of Democratic presidential possibilities — Senators Muskie, Humphrey, Kennedy, and McGovern — will push national health insurance, aid to city cores, bigger pollution drives, and wage-price control. Immediately in the lame duck session the Democrats will try to override the Nixon veto on campaign-spending limitation.

This lame duck session happened, in part, because the Senate languished so long over Cambodia. It is also indication that the press of issues requires a longer legislative year. Last year Congress met for 355 days, one of the longest sessions since World War II.

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ing so-and-so to a postmastership was one of the main avenues of political patronage. While it may not have greatly harmed the postal service, it certainly did little to improve it. Furthermore, this practice was a denial of the fundamental democratic principle that men should be chosen on merit and not on influence.

Postmaster General Winton M. Blount will soon appoint what are said to be the first merit-chosen, nonpolitical postmasters

in America's history. And eventually, if this admirable practice is kept, the nation's 32,000 postmasterships will all be filled in this way. We should like to see a similar system introduced in other walks of public life where, when civil service is not at stake, political considerations too often dictate the choice of sheer humblers.

President Nixon has set an excellent example in this.

**Christian Science Monitor**

So there is stressed the need for organizational reform — the updating of procedures — so that Congress can act with dispatch. A Congress survey by this newspaper finds strong support in both Houses for reform embracing chairman-choosing, seniority, campaign financing, filibusters, ethics. Congress must realize that a lot of people are wondering if it is truly in tune with these times — able to function at all effectively. It must prove, by constructive conduct, that it is indeed a viable institution.

—**Christian Science Monitor**

**MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**

Despite the North Vietnamese refusal to grant an interview, the group of North Carolinians — mostly Charlotteans — who journeyed to Paris with four tons of letters may return home knowing their mission has been accomplished. The North Vietnamese could not have failed to be impressed: Not so much that some large firms, principally Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Co., gave of their resources to spur the "Write Hanoi" campaign, but that some 380,000 persons, mostly in the Piedmont, were enough involved in the war and its prisoners to take a few minutes to write, asking that POW's be treated humanely.

The ultimate effect of the campaign is, of course, unknowable. There is, however, evidence that the North Vietnamese are acutely sensitive to American public opinion. Names of some of the prisoners have been released by Hanoi apparently as a result of other letter writing campaigns. Hopefully, we shall see some favorable results of this campaign. It is difficult to see how a person, or country, could remain unmoved at the fact that almost 400,000 private citizens cared enough to write, and got involved.

—**The Charlotte News**

**PICKING BETTER POSTMASTERS**

It is doubtless true that President Nixon is an instinctive politician who loves politics. But in one thing he has shown himself less politically motivated than any of his predecessors in office. This is in his important and admirable step of ending the practice of appointing postmasters for political reasons.

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