

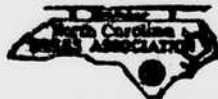
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EDITORIAL

CRITICISM OF CONGRESS

Wherever dictators and usurpers have climbed to autocratic power in any country, their first care has been to strike at the representatives of the people in the legislative branch of the government. Oliver Cromwell, in proroguing the English Parliament, pointed his sword at the mace lying upon the table of the House of Commons and cried, "Take away this dauble." When it was carried out there went with it representative government in all England.

Again, Napoleon, stalking into the French Chamber of Deputies at the head of his grenadiers, cried, "Follow me. I am destiny. I am the divinity of the day." As his bayonets drove out the representatives of the people, some of them climbing through windows to escape, they drove out civil and religious liberty.

From that day until the end of the Napoleonic dynasty, France, and all Europe controlled by France, was without representative government.

Again, so recently, Hitler, endeavoring to seize the reins of government in Germany, as the first step toward world domination, burned down the Reichstag Building, so that Germany's house of representatives, unable to meet, was scattered in confusion, and before it could reassemble, a large number had been proscribed or were in concentration camps, and free government in Germany had been destroyed, and free government was in peril throughout the world.

Here in America, whenever any man or group of men have sought to establish autocratic control, whether political, economic, or industrial, they have struck, either directly or by innuendo, at the influence of the representatives of the American people in Congress. Of course, the American people have long ago advanced beyond the stage of armed interference with the legislative branch of the Government by military authorities.

Our state of civilization does not countenance the political prison or the concentration camp. But there are other ways of undermining the standing and influence of the Congress in the regard and confidence of the people, which, whether with or without sinister motives, can be just as effective when carried to their ultimate conclusion.

The Congress has been subject to criticism—as it should be — ever since the establishment of the Republic. One of the most priceless prerogatives of every American is the right to criticize Congress and the Members of Congress, and that right has been widely and fully exercised from the

First Congress down to the Seventy-ninth Congress. At times that criticism has been more violent and more undeserved than at others. And that is as it should be. Better that Congress and Congressmen be unjustly accused on many occasions than that they should escape merited stricture on any single occasion.

But in the last two years such a flood of unwarranted and unsupported abuse and castigation has been loosed against Congress and its procedure as has no equal in the annals of congressional condemnation.

Mrs. Wilmer Collier Entertains Her Club

Mrs. Wilmer Collier was hostess to her club Wednesday evening with three tables of contract bridge. The tables were laid in the living room and dining room which was lovely with fall flowers attractively arranged.

During the evening of play Mrs. Collier served coca-cola.

High score was won by Mrs. Dick Taylor and she was presented an attractive prize.

A sweet course was enjoyed at refreshment time.

Guests for the evening were: Mesdames Dick Taylor, Clayton Gurley, L. B. Brown, T. R. Wilson, T. J. Taylor, C. D. Liske, Houston Fuller, Roderick Meikle, Wyche Land, D. E. Bennett, W. D. Hall and R. A. Daniels.

Here's Your Dog

Have you lost a small Boston Bulldog? If you have you should see Officer C. R. Greene. The dog was picked up on the streets of the city by the officer this week. It may be yours if you've lost one.

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TOWN TALK

Willis Murphrey, III, student at Wake Forest College, spent the week end here with his parents, Dr and Mrs. W. E. Murphrey.

Ralph Higgins mother left yesterday for her home in Greensboro. She has been visiting here for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Huff Connor and son of La Crosse spent Monday with Mrs. W. L. Hall.

Crawford Britton and Mrs. Lillian Batton Kinker and son spent Sunday in Richmond.

Capt. W. M. Land, Jr., of Eglin Field, Fla., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Don Tillar Tuesday.

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