

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Mar. 28—There are three distinct groups, one almost might say three parties, into which the Congress of the United States is divided. They are the Republicans, the Conservative Democrats and the New Deal Democrats.

Of the three, the Republican group is the most efficiently organized, under the leadership of Representative "Joe" Martin of Massachusetts. On every question involving political considerations, the Republicans have consistently voted as a unit.

The other two groups are divided and less sharply unified. One branch of the Democrats are thick-and-thin supporters of President Roosevelt, and if they do not actually take their orders from the White House they go along on any matter in which he is believed to be especially interested.

The third group, the old-line Conservative Democrats, is a fairly well-knit element, composed of Senators and Representatives who regard themselves as the "real" Democrats and reserve the right to take issue with the Administration on any question which does not conform to their ideas of the best interests of their Party and the Nation.

The real leader of this third group, which holds the balance of power and can by its voters decide the issue on any legislative question, is Vice-President Garner.

Difficult To Agree

All of the Democrats would like to go along with the President, but many of the middle party find it difficult to agree with many of his proposals. Therefore a committee of four Democratic Senators paid a personal call on Mr. Roosevelt a few days ago, to find out just what he really wants of Congress. They reported back to their colleagues that the President wants particularly the following items of legislation:

First, the restoration of the \$150,000,000 for W. P. A., which was cut out of the Relief appropriation bill against the Presidential wishes.

Then he wants new laws to aid distressed railroads; an expanded farm tenancy program and more aid for cotton, wheat and corn farmers; revision of taxes but not to reduce the Government's income; extension of the mortgage-insurance powers of F.H.A. and 80 millions more for slum-clearance work; no change in the Labor Relations law until the Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations have composed their differences; a system of additional credits for small business concerns and the appropriation of the additional \$550 million for national defense for which he has already asked.

The reaction on Capitol Hill to the report made by the President's visitors was that if that was all he wanted he could have it, all but the \$150,000,000 for W.P.A.

On most of the rest of the President's desires there is substantially no opposition in principle in any of the three legislative groups. There may, and doubtless will be, a lot of partisan quarrelling over details, but if Congress felt assured that the program reported by the volunteer committee represents all that the President will ask of this session of Congress, the road ahead for the rest of the year would be clear.

More Defenses Wanted

Hitler's latest move in seizing what was left of Czechoslovakia after he had promised France and Britain that he would go no farther in that direction has "thrown a scare" into official Washington, and definitely united all elements behind a national defense policy even more extensive than has been so far put forth.

Defense measures already voted or in process of passage through Congress provide for a modernized Navy at least equal in size to any other, an air force larger than that of any other nation, an increase of 40,000 officers and men in the regular Army, the mobilization of industry to turn out 12,000 planes a year and the necessary arms and munitions to equip a force of a million fighting men.

Estimates of the cost of these preparations for defensive war, if



necessary, run to as high as four billion dollars over the next two fiscal years.

The very sharp note sent to Reichsfuehrer Hitler by our State Department, protesting against the seizure of Bohemia and Moravia, reflects an almost unanimous feeling in Washington that international events are drawing the United States more and more toward war; war for the preservation of American ideals of liberty and human justice and war for the insurance of American rights throughout the world.

No stronger note of indignation and protest has ever been sent to a foreign nation than that which Under-Secretary Sumner Welles sent to Hitler after consulting with the President.

It was followed up by an order from the State Department increasing by 25 percent the duties imposed on the importation of all merchandise from Germany. That and the note are among the "measures short of war" to which President Roosevelt recently referred as a means of bringing dictators to their senses.

Tax Shows Decline

The preparedness program is necessarily having a serious effect upon the economy program. The tax-shaping committees of both houses are getting under way, but they are facing a very difficult problem. The early estimates of income tax returns showed a decline of revenue from that source of about 250 million dollars.

There is an earnest desire to revise the tax laws so as to remove some of the handicaps to business enterprise which the present laws have created; but how to do that and at the same time bring in enough revenue to keep the government machinery running is a tough problem.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. R. F. Yarborough, County Health Officer

Tubercular Clinic
Again your attention is called to the fact that Dr. Godwin will hold a tubercular clinic at the Health Department in Louisburg April 3rd to 8th. If you have been living in the house with some one who has tuberculosis or have been closely associated with such a person come to the Health Office and make an engagement for an examination. If you have been persistently losing weight or have a cough lasting for an unusually long time be examined. If you do not have tuberculosis it will be a relief to know it. If you have an early case you can be cured.

Typhoid Fever, Small-Pox and Diphtheria

Now is the season of the year to be vaccinated against these diseases. If you have not recently been vaccinated go to your family physician and be vaccinated or come to the Health Office for free vaccination. Vaccination against these diseases is practically an insurance against same.

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MONOGRAM CLUB INITIATED NINE NEW MEMBERS

Marion, Alabama, March 21.—Special—The Monogram Club of Marion Institute initiated nine new members into the Club from the 1938-39 basketball team and one from the 1938 varsity baseball team.

The Club is a social club made up of the letter winners in varsity athletics at Marion Institute.

Those initiated into the Club were: Cadets WILLIAM BARROW, JR., Louisburg, N. C.; Frasier Craddock, Humboldt, Tenn.; Robert Busby, Gerkeley, Calif.; Warren Drake, Fort McLellan, Ala.; Fred Seales, Crawford, Miss.; Summerfield Taylor, Jr., Austin, Texas; David Rupert, Canton, Ohio; and Rice Wilson, Jr., Jackson, Miss.; all varsity letter winners on the 1938-39 varsity basketball team. Frank MacPherison, St. Joseph, La., was also taken in the club as a varsity letter man on the 1938 baseball team.

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Your county agent or experiment station will tell you whether you applied enough potash at planting time. See your fertilizer dealer or manufacturer about adding the equivalent of 50-100 lbs. of muriate of potash in a nitrogen-potash top-dresser. Keep your plants growing vigorously into the profits which you plan to make this year.

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