



REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

By **Willis Smith**

WASHINGTON—Spring has really come to Washington—as well as a full work load for the Senate.

One day last week, a Raleigh man walked into our office at 5 p. m. I think he was a little surprised to find us all hard at work. If he had come by at 7:30 that evening he might have been even more surprised, for we were still at it.

And I don't contemplate a chance to relax any time soon. Last week I was named chairman of another Senate committee which I consider to be quite important. Naturally I was honored to have been selected, but, at the same time, I am mindful of the responsibility which has been placed with me.

You may remember that in this column a week ago, I mentioned President Truman's seizure of the steel mills. Last Wednesday, 16 Senators introduced a resolution calling for a study to determine what authority, if any, the President had to seize the private prop-

erty of the steel mills.

COMMITTEE NAMED

A seven-man subcommittee was appointed, with me as chairman, to study this matter. Last Thursday, I called a meeting of the committee and we set forth the rules under which the committee would operate. Then we wired President Truman, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Commerce, the CIO, the steel industry and other interested parties, inviting them to appear before the committee.

Now here's the point. Our committee will not attempt to decide who's right and who's wrong in the labor dispute. What we want to determine is whether President Truman violated the law or the Constitution in seizing the steel plants. We will not permit any testimony other than that based on the law and the Constitution.

Most of all, we will not permit any individual, on either side, to get up and make a long speech for or against the labor unions, or for or against the steel industry.

30-MINUTE LIMIT

Each person to testify will be limited to 30 minutes. He must stick to the law and the Constitution, and he must not attempt to wander off into a political speech. I certainly don't have time to listen to any political speeches, and I don't intend to tolerate them.

If the President can find authority to back up his action, then he will have this opportunity to point it out. If not, we will be able to determine that.

OTHER DUTIES

When I was notified of this new assignment I was in the midst of organizing another investigating committee, of which I had been named chairman some weeks ago. This other committee was established to look into the operation of the Office of the Alien Property Custodian. As you know, our government seized considerable property during the last war owned

by citizens of countries with which we were at war. This property is being disposed of and the money is being used to pay some of our war expenses.

Some charges have been made of irregularity in the disposal of that property—"big deals" being pulled which allegedly made certain people wealthy.

That is what we are to look into—to see if there's anything to the charge.

MANY VISITORS

Thanks to conventions of the DAR and the newspaper editors in Washington, I was able to see a great many folks from North Carolina last week. Also, we had a number of school groups to come by the office.

There's at least one nice thing about Washington: A large number of conventions are held here. Any any time you have a convention of more than two people, you'll always find a Tar Heel.

DICK RUSSELL

The announcement last week by Governor Stevenson of Illinois that he would not be a candidate for President will, I think, result in more support for Senator Russell of Georgia.

I am becoming more encouraged all the time about Senator Russell's chances. To my thinking he is by far the best qualified man in the race for the Democratic nomination and I hope that we will have an opportunity to vote for him on the Democratic ticket this fall. That will depend, of course, on what happens in July at the convention at Chicago.

Two Break-ins Reported Here

One break-in in which something was stolen and another in which something was left by the intruder, were reported over the week-end to the Dunn Police Department.

At Henry's Body Shop a burglar broke a back window, rifled the cash register and pried open the door. Some change was taken from the machine but the cash register contained nothing.

At White's Studio, the owner, Louis White, heard the door close and went to investigate. He found a ladies' green pocketbook, dropped near the door, and turned it over to police.

Traveling salesmen were involved in the least number of fatal traffic accidents than any other class of drivers in North Carolina last year.

Coats Social Happenings

By CLYDE BRYAN

DINNER PARTY

Mr. John Collier of Coats was host at a delightful dinner party honoring members of his family and a number of his friends, on Monday evening at the Coats Cafe. A bountiful meal of Southern fried chicken with all the trimmings was served to the following: Mrs. Hal Ausley and daughter, Miss Joyce Collier, of Lillington; Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Stewart, Buie's Creek; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Allgood, Jr., and son Kirk of Boydton, Va.; Mrs. Herbert H. Day, and daughter Margaret, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Collier and children, Bobby and Alice Margaret, of Garner; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stewart and sons Donald and Kenneth, and Mrs. F. H. Fleming all of Coats. The gathering included children, grandchildren and great-grand children of Mr. Collier who presided graciously as befit his nearly eighty-one years. He is still a regular employee of the Erwin Mills.

and children, Peggy, Larry, Ralph, and Carolyn; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson; Mrs. Fred Flemming and sons, Bland and Nesbit, all of Coats. The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Richardson and daughter, Marcia, of Spartenburg, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Brady Denning and daughter, Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Turlington, all of Buie's Creek; Mr. and Mrs. C. Otis Willford and daughter Jenny of Goldston; Mrs. Keith S. Byerly and children of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Denning of Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Turlington and son of Buie's Creek; and Miss Eula Willford of Danville, Va.

Mr. Byerly is to be stationed at Ft. Bragg after his furlough of thirty days.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Guy and daughters Sybil and Ann Beasley; Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Phillips and children were weekend guests of Mr. Cecil Fuquay of Carolina Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Anthony of Wilson and Mrs. Robert H. Day and daughter, Margaret, of Winston-Salem were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stewart, during Easter holidays.

Mrs. Doris Kelly and daughter Kathy are spending sometime with Mrs. Lucy Kelly.

Miss Mattie Bain visited her brother Dr. C. D. Bain of Dunn during the holidays.

Miss Lucille Allen and Mrs. Mildred Creech spent Sunday with their sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Abernathy of Raleigh.

Mr. Russ Carlson, of Bridgeport, Conn., spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. Carlson in Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Parrish and son Wayne spent the holidays with Mrs. Parrish's father Mr. C. A. Snipes of Bynum.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Corbett of Wilson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrish during the weekend. Mrs. Corbett is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. William Holt and son, of Washington, D. C. were

former Alva Turlington.

Mr. Herbert Johnson and Mr. J. D. Norris had decided that there is no need to travel as far as Curruck Sound or Florida for good fishing when Black River is even a more productive place for real fishing. They were exhibiting some mighty fine fish on the streets of Coats which they claim, were caught in Black River.

Miss Edith Allen spent the weekend with her parents at Warren-ton.

Miss Phyllis Timberlake spent the holidays with her mother and sister in Farmville, Va.

Among the college students who were home for the holidays were: Laura Frances Pope; Rebecca Whittington; Wilma Barnes, Doris

Messer, and Sherrill Willis from East Carolina College, Greenville, Doris Johnson, Woman's College, Greensboro, Evangeline Stewart, Wake Forest, Max Avery and Kenneth Keene, Louisburg.

Mrs. K. R. Williams returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Atlanta, Ga.

A study of turkey flocks in An-son and Union counties illustrates the importance of flock size. Small flock owners with less than 500 birds made an average profit of only 14 cents per bird raised in 1947. Producers with more than 1,000 birds averaged 67 cents on each bird raised.

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