

# CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

Raleigh—At the north end of Fayetteville Street in Raleigh stands the Capitol, which houses the Governor's office.

Three blocks south, on the same street, stands the Insurance Building, which houses—in addition to others—the office of Louis V. Sutton, president of Carolina Power and Light Company and head of the Edison Institute, the private power companies' research and propaganda organization.

Those three blocks make a lot of difference—or at least there's a sight of difference in the views of the two men separated by those three short city blocks.

Last week both gentlemen continued their running commentary on the public-vs-private power controversy. Governor Kerr Scott had his say Tuesday, CPandL President Sutton spoke his piece to the press Thursday.

Shuffling the two sessions, you come up with something like this: Scott says there is a lack of an "abundance of cheap power" in the State that is "choking the very progress of our State."

Sutton says there "is no shortage of power in North Carolina." He admits, however, that his company did not generate as much power as it sold in North Carolina in 1950. Opening of the Goldsboro steam plant this year and adding to the Lumberton steam generating plant next year will add a billion and a half kilowatt hours of production, however, and will give CPandL a production capacity greater than it now is selling, Sutton explains. CPandL now

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On the other hand, Sutton seems convinced that the government is trying to take over private industry. He is opposed to the building of multi-purpose dams. If they are to be built anyway, however, he wants the power produced by them to be channeled out through the private power companies. He does not want the government building transmission lines.

He makes a well-taken point that private industry operates more efficiently and more economically than government. Sutton also admits that the consumer is the one who, after all, pays the power companies' taxes.

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is buying much of its power from outside the state.

Scott says the private power companies have suffered from "lack of vision" in not building power plants that would produce electricity far in excess of that now being used. He adds that surplus always has attracted more industry.

Sutton says it is not economically sound "for a power company to install generating facilities and keep them idle on the remote chance that additional industry will come a long. "We are not permitted to use capital and our revenue for such gambling," he adds.

And that's just a sample. Summed up even more briefly, it seems to come about this:

Without government loans to finance REA cooperatives, rural electrification would be a long way from its present advanced stage. The Governor says the power companies now regret their "mistake" in listening to engineers who said it was impractical to build rural lines. These lines have doubled in the amount of electricity used each five years. Sutton says the private companies have no quarrel with the rural electric coops—"in fact," he says, "they're our best customers."

The governor—who said he did "not necessarily" favor nationalization of the power companies—gives the impression that he wants to see plenty of cheap power on hand regardless of who furnishes it. He says he would rather see private industry do the job, but that the government must step in if industry refuses. He sees nothing wrong in the government providing competition to private industry through such developments as TVA.

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Wearing "where do we go from here" looks are Jack Webb, Gary Cooper, and Eddie Albert in this scene from Twentieth Century-Fox's "You're In The Navy Now," beginning a heralded engagement Sunday at the Watts Theatre. It co-stars lovely Jane Greer with rugged and romantic Gary Cooper, and features Millard Mitchell and Eddie Albert.

be done, regardless of who does it. The other believes that only private industry should operate the power companies, or produce electricity. One believes in advance building for the future—even if it's done by the government. The other believes in building as you grow, and that being done by private capital.

Out of it all comes the distinct impression that the private power companies in general feel that it is "socialism" for the government to build power plants to serve REA coops and government-run Army and other bases. These same private power companies, however, do not seem to feel it is "socialistic" for the government to build power plants if the private companies have the sole title to all power produced.

In all fairness, however, I think it should be pointed out that Sutton is sincere—as are practically all other private power company leaders—in believing that the U. S. Interior Department wants the government to take over the power industry. This would, indeed, be socialism. I think, too, that Governor Scott actually is opposed to complete government-owned and operated power companies.

The just as he would be opposed to the government taking over the dairy industry. I am sure there are some starry-eyed folks in Washington who would do anything to nationalize electric power.

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Willis Smith—the Mr. Smith who went to Washington—writes letters. A Forsyth County Republican got one, trotted to the press with it, and stirred up more conversation than a courtin' couple at a wake.

In the letter, North Carolina's Junior Senator Smith said a mistake was made in recalling General MacArthur, and "I am inclined to think that his view of the situation and his plan for ending the conflict is nearer correct than any so far advanced."

The senator's letter probably would not have caused so much yapping if either his Washington office had released it or if some good Democrat had been responsible for its being published.

But some of the Graham supporters—who called Smith a Republican in sheep's clothing last primary—started up terming him a follow-the-GOP'er.

One of the senator's most ardent admirers, a radio news commentator, immediately jumped into the breach and explained that the

## Turpentine Drippings

Compiled By Bill Sharpe

### DEATH COSTS MORE

(Oxford Public Ledger)

Like taxes, the cost of death is going up.

The Board of City Commissioners in meeting Tuesday night adopted a new scale of grave-digging fees to be charged for services at Elmwood cemetery.

The charges are collected from undertakers requesting the opening of graves in the cemetery and the work is done under supervision of the Street Department.

The charge of opening an adult-size grave is being increased by \$1.50 to \$10; a junior-size grave will cost \$5.00 or \$12.50 more and there will be no addition in the \$2.00 charge for a baby grave.

### SHE'LL BE SOMEWHERE

(Southern Pines Pilot)

She is one of a number of students who were signed up by Paramount for extra roles in the forthcoming film spectacle, "The Big Top." The movie will be made at Sarasota with the Ringling letter was a "form letter" with hundreds just like it being mailed out to anyone who had written Smith asking his views on the MacArthur episode. It was mere chance, the radiofan said, that a Republican happened to be the one who released the letter to the press.

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But the most refrigerated version we can think of right now are Keat's:

**IT WAS THERE**  
(News and Observer)  
Billy A-thur, Jacksonville columnist, will be quoted in the March issue of Cosmopolitan. The quote: "One thing you've got to admit about the little red school house—it had something back of it."

**HE WILL BE**  
(Sanford Herald)  
Norman Branch was talking to a friend who was planning to go out of town for a few days. Norman said, "You're going down to Miami, huh. You ought to have a fine time there. I understand they've got all kinds of nice bars."

Well, cucumbers are not so cold, stones are colder especially when you are sitting on them, and pad-

ocks sound coldest of all, probably because we are not sure just what they are.

Yeah," his friend replied. "It reminds me of the time I got out of the navy. I was going to be passing through Miami and one of my buddies told me to be sure and come by to see him. I asked how I could find him in as big as a town as Miami and he said, 'Oh, just walk down the street till you come to a bar and go in. If I'm not there, I will be'."

**INFLATION**  
(Goldsboro News-Argus)  
A man who ran a small chicken ranch needed wheat for his chickens, so he offered to work for a farmer paid him five dollars a day. He used the five dollars to buy wheat from the farmer at one dollar a bushel. Every day he worked he took home five bushels of wheat.

One day the man said to the farmer, "I've got to have more

money for my work: I want six dollars a day."

"I know it is," said the farmer, "but my expenses are going up, and I've got to have more money for my wheat. Starting today, wheat will cost you one dollar and twenty cents a bushel."

So the man worked for six dollars, and took home five bushels of wheat for his earnings.

After awhile the man made further demands for more wages, until he was getting ten dollars for his day's work, and the farmer's price for wheat raised until it was two dollars a bushel.

One day the man with the chicken ranch said to his wife, "Isn't it wonderful? I'm getting twice the wages I used to get!"

And the farmer said to his wife, "Isn't it wonderful? I'm getting twice as much for my wheat as I used to get!"

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<b>JIM DANDY</b>	5-Lb. Pkg.	<b>40¢</b>	
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<b>TISSUE</b>	Roll	<b>12¢</b>	
<b>LIMA BEANS</b>	17-Oz. Can	<b>15¢</b>	
<b>BEEF HASH</b>	16-Oz. Can	<b>40¢</b>	
<b>JUNE PEAS</b>	17-Oz. Can	<b>13¢</b>	
<b>CABBAGE</b>	Firm Green Medium Size	3 lbs.	<b>10c</b>
<b>POTATOES</b>	U. S. No. 1 New Crop Red Bliss	5 pounds	<b>25c</b>
<b>GRAPEFRUIT</b>	Juicy Medium Size Florida	4 for	<b>25c</b>
<b>APPLES</b>	Red Ripe Virginia Winesap	2 pounds	<b>19c</b>
<b>STRAWBERRIES</b>	New Crop Fresh Frozen Dixiana Brand	12-Oz. Pkg.	<b>29c</b>
<b>STREAK-O-LEAN</b>	ECONOMICAL BALT MEAT Center Cut Pork	Lb.	<b>27c</b>
<b>CHOPS</b>	CHEF'S PRIDE BARBECUED	--- pound	<b>69c</b>
<b>SPARE RIBS</b>	CHEF'S PRIDE FRESH MADE	Lb.	<b>89c</b>
<b>COLE SLAW</b>	Tender Meaty Pork	Lb.	<b>23c</b>
<b>ROAST PERCH</b>	Ocean-Fresh Seafoods	Lb.	<b>39c</b>
<b>RITZ</b>	NABISCO CRACKERS	1-Lb. Pkg.	<b>34c</b>
<b>DINNER</b>	CHEF'S BOY-AR-DEE SPAGHETTI	Pkg.	<b>41c</b>
<b>CHICKEN</b>	DERBY WHOLE CANNED	3-Lbs.	<b>\$1.82</b>
<b>RICE</b>	BLUE RIBBON LONG GRAIN	3-Lb. Pkg.	<b>49c</b>
<b>MACARONI</b>	SKINNER'S LONG	7-Oz.	<b>11c</b>
<b>SYRUP</b>	KARO RED LABEL	No. 11	<b>22c</b>
<b>DASH</b>	ARMOUR'S DOG FOOD	16-Oz. Can	<b>16c</b>
<b>CLOROX</b>	LAUNDRY BLEACH	Quart	<b>17c</b>
<b>SPIC &amp; SPAN</b>	HOUSEHOLD CLEANER	2 Cans	<b>49c</b>
<b>DRETT</b>	FOR DISHES	Large	<b>32c</b>
<b>OXYDOL</b>	GETS CLOTHES CLEANER	Large	<b>32c</b>
<b>IVORY</b>	SOAP FLAKES	Large	<b>32c</b>
<b>BEANS</b>	HEINZ OVEN BAKED	16 Oz.	<b>16c</b>
<b>JUNKET</b>	FUDGE MIX	12 Oz.	<b>32c</b>
<b>BAB-O</b>	HOUSEHOLD CLEANER	14-Oz.	<b>12c</b>
<b>DIAL SOAP</b>	NEW DEODORANT	Bar	<b>17c</b>
<b>LAVA SOAP</b>	GETS THE DIRTY DIRT	2 Bars	<b>21c</b>
<b>CAMAY</b>	TOILET SOAP	Bath	<b>14c</b>
<b>IVORY</b>	BATH, 100% SOAP	2 Paks.	<b>13c</b>

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