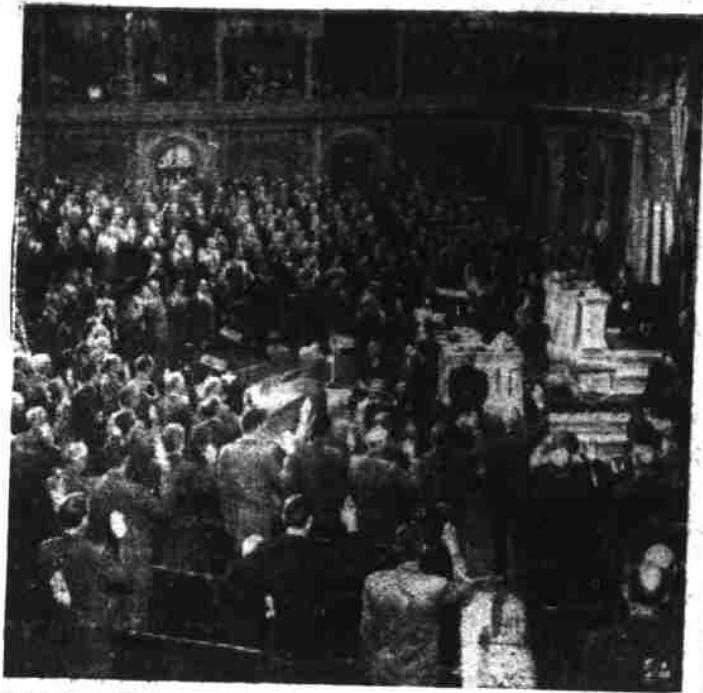


U. S. Congress Comes From Democracy's Melting Pot



OUR CONGRESS IN ACTION—It owes a debt to the democracies of ancient Greece and Rome.

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The 81st Congress of the United States is starting its work. But the headlines out of Washington do not show how old or how tangled is the story of the work that made Congress possible.

The ancient Greek had the first democracy of which we have a clear picture. But Greek democracy wasn't what we call by that name. It could be used only in a small state because all citizens got together and voted in a mass meeting. A few officials were elected most were chosen by lot.

Many of the people were slaves or "foreigners" who couldn't vote. The "foreigners" might have been in the state for five generations, but that made no difference. Even with slaves, most Greek citizens had to work, but they took much time off to fight, vote, serve on juries, etc. Slaves were big, running to hundreds and thousands of men in a small city.

'Class Rule' in Rome
Citizens of Rome voted for officials and for proposed laws. They also were divided into plebeians and patricians, a class idea that still dominates many countries. Between 139 and 107 B.C. Rome developed the secret ballot.

When Rome took over an empire, all the people could not get together and vote. No other system was known. Rome's voters controlled the empire, but that didn't work well. The emperors took over. At first they pretended to be servants of the people. Later emperors who ruled from the Tiber to the Tigris and from England to the upper catacombs of the Nile dropped even the pretense.

Barbarians Routed Traditions
When the barbarians took charge, even the tradition of democracy was gone. It was only with the revival of learning that ideas of self rule began to come back. Men got them from such thinkers as Cicero, Aristotle, Plato and Thucydides. Perhaps the Italian city states—Florence, Genoa, Pisa, Venice and other—were the first to have them again. But they had the same troubles that bothered the Greek—small groups of citizens from which officials often were chosen by lot.

When the kings began to found modern nations, they went over the head of their big nobles to ask support of local leaders. Thus in 1264 King Henry III of England and Genoa is usually referred to as the "coast of the setting sun".

name two knights to meet with the king. Other kings in England and other countries called similar meetings. They all wanted help and many people thought such meetings were a burden.

Parliaments Rose Gradually
Only gradually did the power of parliaments show itself. The meetings began to ask the king for things in return for their help. Finally their members came to be elected — by a small part of the people.

British colonies in America took up the ideas of voting and of legislatures. They kept vote lists limited mostly to property owners. One of the revolutionary ideas of the French revolution of 1848 was that all male adults could vote. That idea spread too.

Many other sources have added to U. S. democratic traditions. The "Australian" ballot, for instance, came to America between 1889 and 1900.

Canton Post Office Shows \$2,000 Gain In Receipts In '48

A gain of more than \$2,000 in postal receipts at the Canton post office during the past year was reported by Postmaster Wade C. Hill. Figures show that receipts for 1948 amounted to \$39,819 compared with \$37,449.98 for the year 1947.

Slates for one and one-half cent stamps indicated that 206,300 Christmas cards were mailed during the last season.

Money orders going out from the local office reached an all-time high of \$541,260.75, not including the amount of postal note sales, which were listed at \$10,348.02.

Recent changes in postal rates placed airmail back to six cents after 20 months at five cents. Special delivery rates jumped from 13 to 15 cents.

Also increased are fees for money orders, postal notes, COD packages, insurance and registered mail. Rates for books, catalogues, seeds and plants, which have been under a "preferential rate" for some time, went up from one cent to a cent and a half for each two ounces.

The word "Biviera" is derived from the Latin word ripe, meaning bank and the portion between Nice and Genoa is usually referred to as the "coast of the setting sun".

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we are bona fide residents and legal voters of the Town of Hazelwood, North Carolina, and that we have been informed that Grover C. Davis, the present Representative from Haywood County in the General Assembly proposes to secure legislative enactment of a bill to consolidate the Towns of Waynesville and of Hazelwood. We had no notice of Mr. Davis' intention until the day he left for Raleigh for the meeting of the General Assembly. Our leaders called a meeting of the citizens of Hazelwood and more than 600 were present and this question was discussed and explained and we failed to find that either Town would derive any benefit from the consolidation and the consolidation would be unfair, unreasonable and unjust to the people of Hazelwood and from an economic standpoint would cost Hazelwood many thousands of dollars and would disturb the existing set up in Hazelwood which is satisfactory to all of us, and would cause so many changes and unfavorable conditions that would affect the people of Hazelwood and in an unfavorable manner for many years to come. We, therefore, respectfully petition that the Bill for the consolidation

be withdrawn, or that it is not enacted. This petition is made to Represent the Legislative Committee, to the Assembly as a whole and to the people of Waynesville.

We are perfectly willing that the Creek area South of Hazelwood be des into the corporate limits of Hazelwood will petition the Board of Aldermen of Hazelwood to take such action as essary to take this section in, if the volved votes to come in.

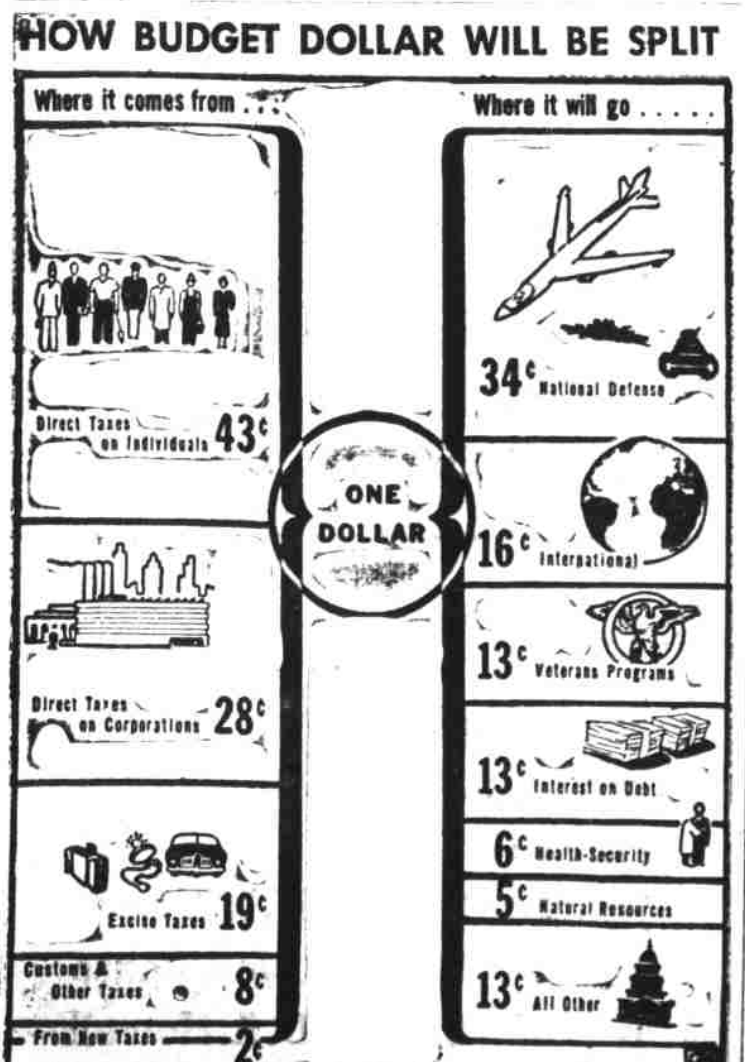
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