

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Sept. 27 — The failure of the President's attempt to "purge" the Democratic party of Senators who have opposed any of his major legislative proposals is the main topic of political comment in Washington these days. One can hear as many theories as to how it happened and what its consequences are likely to be as there are people talking about it.

There is no doubt left in the mind of any impartial observer of public affairs that the split in the Democratic party goes much deeper than the surface and reaches down through the mass of the party voters.

There is no other way to account for the rejection at the party primaries of the White House appeals for the defeat of

Senators Gillette of Iowa, Adams of Colorado, McCarran of Nevada, Van Nuys of Indiana, Smith of South Carolina, Tydings of Maryland, Loneragan of Connecticut and George of Georgia. Either in person or through his political aides the President urged Democrats to choose between loyalty to himself and those Senators who had opposed him, and in each case the Senator whom he opposed won in the primary contest.

In two other instances, where the President threw the weight of his personal appeal behind New Deal Senators who sought renomination, McAdoo, of California and Pope of Idaho, both Senators were defeated.

The Presidential indorsement was heeded by the voters at the Democratic primaries which renominated the New Deal Senators Barkley of Kentucky, Thomas of Oklahoma, Bulkley of Ohio, Pepper of Florida and Mrs. Caraway of Arkansas.

Independent Congress
While it is conceded by almost every intelligent observer here that the President's personal popularity with the masses of the people is still only slightly dimmed, it is generally considered that the failure of voters of his

own party to act on his appeal will make it extremely difficult for him to get the next Congress, even though its complexion be overwhelmingly Democratic, to enact new reforms or revive measures which he has urged before and which the last Congress refused him.

It seems certain that it will be a much more independent Congress than any which has sat in the Capitol since 1932. Its members have learned that it is no longer politically unsafe for them to refuse to "go along" with the President, even when his proposals run counter to their own best judgment.

No matter how cocky and independent the 76th Congress may feel and behave, however, there is no guarantee that it will be any more economical than its recent predecessors. Congress has never been noted for economy, and the pressure for more government spending is becoming greater, rather than less.

Close to the President is a group of political advisers who are committed to greater and greater government expenditures. Opposing them in Administration councils are the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Budget, who want to put an end

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to annual deficits, without resorting to heavier taxation.

Despite the Treasury attitude, it seems clear that the new Congress will be overwhelmed by demands from many sources for new spending, some from within the Administration, more from outside sources. Harry Hopkins, WPA administrator, will want more money than ever appropriated for relief. Secretary Wallace is preparing to ask record-breaking sums for farm subsidies. The pressure from the old-age pension groups will be extremely strong, and quite non-partisan.

Republican as well as Democratic candidates for Congress are pledging themselves to support the Townsend Plan or some modification of it, for old-age pensions for everybody. While the Republicans elected their entire state and Congressional ticket in Maine on September 13, all three of the Representatives chosen had agreed to support the Federal old-age pension project.

National Defense Sums
The Navy Department will ask, and the President will back it up, for more money for more fighting ships and planes. If the war situation in Europe, develops to what seems like danger to the United States it will be impossible for Congress to turn down appeals for the national defense.

There is much gossip about the chance of the President calling a special session of Congress to meet immediately after the November election. The possible advantage to him would be that it would give him a last chance to urge his pet measures on a Congress which has been, in the main, responsive to his requests; for the Congress about to be elected will not take office until January 3, 1939, and a session called now would include all the "lame ducks" who will have been defeated.

Some smart political prognosticators figure that the President might get his Reorganization Bill through this Congress, whereas it seems to face certain failure in the next.

If the European war situation seems to be affecting American interests, it is quite probable that a special session will be called to consider such things as revision of our neutrality laws, further strengthening of our naval air force, and our financial relations with European nations. Reports which are widely credited are reaching Washington from sources usually trustworthy that the British government has prepared a proposal to submit to the United States for the payment of their war debt on terms which, it is stated, are satisfactory to the Administration.

If such a proposal is received it might stand more chance of acceptance by the outgoing Congress than by the new one, and so in itself might provide a sufficient reason for a special session.

RONDA

Mr. and Mrs. Fred White and family, accompanied by Mr. John Hudson, of Statesville, were the Sunday guests of Mr. White's parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. J. White.

Miss Edith Crater, who holds a position in Wilkesboro, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Crater.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Dobbins were in Elkin shopping Saturday afternoon.

The W. M. U. of the Briar Creek Association met at Shiloh for their annual convention Sat-

urday. Those attending from Ronda were Rev. Grady Burgess, Mrs. R. C. Martin, Mrs. R. R. Crater, Mrs. Hugh Hanks, Mrs. O. D. Bentley, Mrs. R. L. Jones, Mrs. Marvin Walls, Mrs. Hobson Blackburn and daughter, Vivian Mae.

Miss Mary Mathis spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mathis in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Dolly Byrd of Elkin, spent Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boger spent the week-end with Mrs. Boger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McBride.

Mr. Vance McBride had as his week-end guest, Mr. Floyd Ferguson.

Mr. Ben Martin motored to Winston-Salem Saturday and was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Chas. Mathis, returning to his home here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Edwards spent the week-end with Mrs. Edwards' mother, Mrs. A. C. Green, of Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones in Elkin Sunday.

Miss Mae Bryant spent the week-end with her parents in Boone.

Messrs. Bobby and Billy Harris and Paul and Clay Blackburn of Elkin, spent Sunday with Dewey James York, Jr.

Misses Myrtle and Vinnie Lee Mathis, Alma Nicholson and Clarice Dean Wellborne visited Miss Chloë Dell Byrd Thursday.

Mrs. R. R. Crater and son, Jimmy, spent Friday afternoon in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Rufus Farler and son, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Henderson.

Why Bring That Up?

A candidate for office came home in the wee small hours and gave his wife the glorious news: "Darling, I've been elected!"

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Homecoming day will be observed at the Pleasant Ridge Methodist church next Sunday. Services will begin at 11:00 o'clock. All those attending are requested to bring a basket lunch. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend. We would also like to have all of the former pastors present.

Misses Thelma Swift and Judy Ellis spent last Saturday in Mt. Airy on business.

Mr. Hugh Smith, of High Point, is spending a few days here with relatives and also attending the revival services at the Methodist church.

Mrs. Lena Dockery, of Elkin, is spending this week here with her daughter, Mrs. Elyse Parks, and family.

Mr. R. B. Blackweller, principal of the Zephyr school, spent the week-end in Concord at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Jarvis, of

Mt. Airy, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Edna Snow was the guest of Miss Thelma Swift last Sunday.

Misses Edith and Mabel Eldridge spent the week-end in Elkin with relatives.

Mr. Mack Parks spent last Saturday in Elkin on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Dockery and family, of Elkin, spent last Sunday afternoon here the guests of relatives.

Large crowds are attending the revival services which are in progress at the Methodist church. Services are held each evening at 7:30 o'clock in charge of Rev. H. M. Boyd, of Waynesboro, Ky.

Several of the farmers are in Winston-Salem and Mt. Airy with tobacco. All are looking forward to a good price.

Mrs. Nannie Snow and her daughter, Miss Vertie Snow, of Fairview, spent last Sunday here with friends and relatives. They are former residents of this community.

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