

**SENATOR
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★ SAYS ★**



The President has signed the bill increasing rates of pay for members of the armed services. As a member of the Senate Subcommittee which had direct charge of the bill and as a member of the Senate-House conference committee to reconcile Senate-House versions of this bill, I am highly gratified that fair and reasonable increases in rates of pay for servicemen have been enacted.

Recently I attended the ceremony at the White House for the Presidential signing of this bill. Sometimes I think we fail to realize, as the President reminded us during the signing, "of the great service to our country which our armed forces rendered." We are secure in our homes simply because we have trained men stationed all over the world.

The bill recognizes this by encouraging men who are trained at considerable expense to our government to make a career in the armed services and remain there. It is costly to train a man to be a soldier, a sailor, a marine, or a pilot. The government bears a tremendous loss when a highly trained member of the armed forces leaves the services within a short time to return to civilian employment. This measure, I think, was a wise one from this standpoint, and also because it sought to remedy the pay injustices which were a heavy burden to our military personnel.

CRIME HEARINGS

Several decades ago, the nation had a keen appreciation of the ugliness of crime. More recently the public has focused its attention and its energy into other sociological channels. But, last week through the testimony of Joseph Valachi, former member of the underworld crime syndicate, before the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee, the nation found that crime which rose with the advent of huge cities had grown again to fearful proportions.

If Valachi portrayed the evil which festers in murder, narcotics, gambling, extortion, and bribery, he also called attention indirectly to the equally serious problem of home and street crimes which are the daily concern of dwellers in our

largest cities. Typical of this growing crime is the news which greeted Washington, D. C. residents one morning last week when it was revealed that the day before had produced a mid-town bank robbery and the night

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India Divides Its Rule

Prime Minister Nehru is showing his political colors more candidly. The always latent split between conservatives and leftists in the ruling Congress Party has broken out into the open since Mr. Nehru reorganized his Cabinet and dismissed its leading conservatives. Mr. Nehru has now, in a speech at Lucknow, directly challenged the conservatives to leave the party if they oppose the broadly leftist brand of socialism that he has laid down.

It is too early to see what this portends, except that a major right-left controversy is on. This is at least the preliminary maneuvering for the succession when Mr. Nehru retires. The first skirmishes have been won by the conservatives, in states where this might be expected. The Nehru administration has replied by pressing a constitutional amendment which would permit land reform — a social change greatly needed in India which has been

before there were three apparently unrelaxed murders.

The Valachi story does have a meaning beyond the sordid activities of the underworld. It is that good law enforcement in its ultimate analysis is a combination of realistic laws, dedicated officers and courts, and an alert and vigilant public.

A tolerance for a breakdown of law and order can lead only to vastly greater problems involving the foundations of our entire society. The Senate Subcommittee has properly called attention to a problem which merits the concern of the Congress and the people.

blocked in the main by landlord control of the Congress Party.

And now Mr. Nehru openly takes sides with the Socialists. His moves have Communist support, which should be carefully judged because the dominant Communists (Soviet variety) are playing their own game. There is a question as to how large the left in Parliament would be, and how strong its political base in the country, after Mr. Nehru no longer uses his great personal popularity with the people to buttress it. The general outlines of the socialist philosophy would undoubtedly remain, not unlike those of the Labor Party in Britain. But there would be moderate land reform rather than communal farms, to take one example, if the conservatives manage to retain their present momentum and weight in terms of organization throughout the country.

There is another safe conclusion. Party politics, which means organized criticism and constitutional

opposition, are coming into their own for the first time in free India. They already have pushed beyond the limits set earlier by loyalty to Mr. Nehru and the one-party, "phony democracy," in the biting phrase of Indian President Radhakrishnan. How to hold India together and keep it on the path of economic development in the new

era is an immense and unanswered question.

The sooner it can be tackled the better. There is a strong sense of political responsibility in India. It is never far below the surface. It is the best hope for stability in a period when the component parts of the Indian Government will have to pull apart without breaking up.

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