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★ SAYS ★**

The State of the Union Message given by the President has set the major guidelines for this session of Congress. The Chief Executive ably stated our national goals: "... to keep the economy growing, to open for all Americans the opportunities now enjoyed by most Americans, to improve the quality of life for all." With these laudable objectives, few would quarrel. How to achieve them brings differing views.

Since this opening message to Congress, a swift succession of other special messages have come to Capitol Hill outlining Administration views on health, education, immigration, and foreign aid. Later the Budget Message is expected to set the price tag for the entire program.

Most pre-State of the Union thinking was that the President would center his remarks on a handful of proposals and permit Congress to work toward adjournment by mid-summer. But like many recent State of the Union Messages, this one turned out to be broad with few promises left unmentioned. This could turn an otherwise quiet session into a series of legislative battles requiring Congress to resume its recent pattern of virtually year long sessions.

The second Johnson State of the Union Message had much to commend it. I was encouraged by statements that we are going to remain militarily strong to the extent that it would be folly for anyone to attack us. I was impressed by the emphasis on conservation of natural resources.

On the other hand, the Message and the above-mentioned amplifying special messages are certain to provoke a number of legislative battles. This is particularly true in respect to requests regarding education, Taft-Hartley Act amendments, and foreign aid.

The requests for aid to education renew a long-standing dispute by ecclesiastics over whether the State should implement church revenue sources. Many believe that the proposed aid to parochial schools is a violation of the First Amendment, which prohibits the use of tax monies for the support of religious institutions. Many others think that the proposed parochial school aid is unwise.

The message also raises the long controversial question of revision of Section 14 b of the Taft-Hartley Act. A repeal of Section 14 b would invalidate "right-to-work" laws in twenty states, including North Carolina and make mandatory "union shop" rules legal in every state. Under the "union shop" a person must join a union within a specified time after employment or employment ceases.

Any revision of the Taft-Hartley Act would trigger a legislative battle whereby both management and labor would seek to improve provisions according to their respective views.

Foreign aid requests may again renew a torrid battle over that program's policies and funds. Aid policy reforms promised over the years have been minimal. Many of those have not materialized. The foreign aid program chronically suffers from the same old defects — too much idealism, too little practicality for the world in which we

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Diagnosis Comes Before Cure

You can't do anything about a malignancy unless you recognize its presence. Which is why, for example, increasing emphasis has been placed on importance of early diagnosis in cancer. Disclosure in Wednesday's newspaper that the Negro illegitimacy rate average one out of every four births in Hertford County last year was meant in the nature of an early diag-

nosis of a situation which, in the words of Recorder's Court Judge Joseph Blythe "seeds itself."

Like a malignancy which spreads through the entire system, the effects of this increasing illegitimate birth rate could spread through an entire society to destroy its economy and community life. The problem involves something more than morals — and the morals of an individual we have always been inclined to feel are his own concern so long as they do not interfere with society or hurts others. Unfortunately, in this situation, the illegitimate children are the tragic victims as well as the community which must bear the increasing economic

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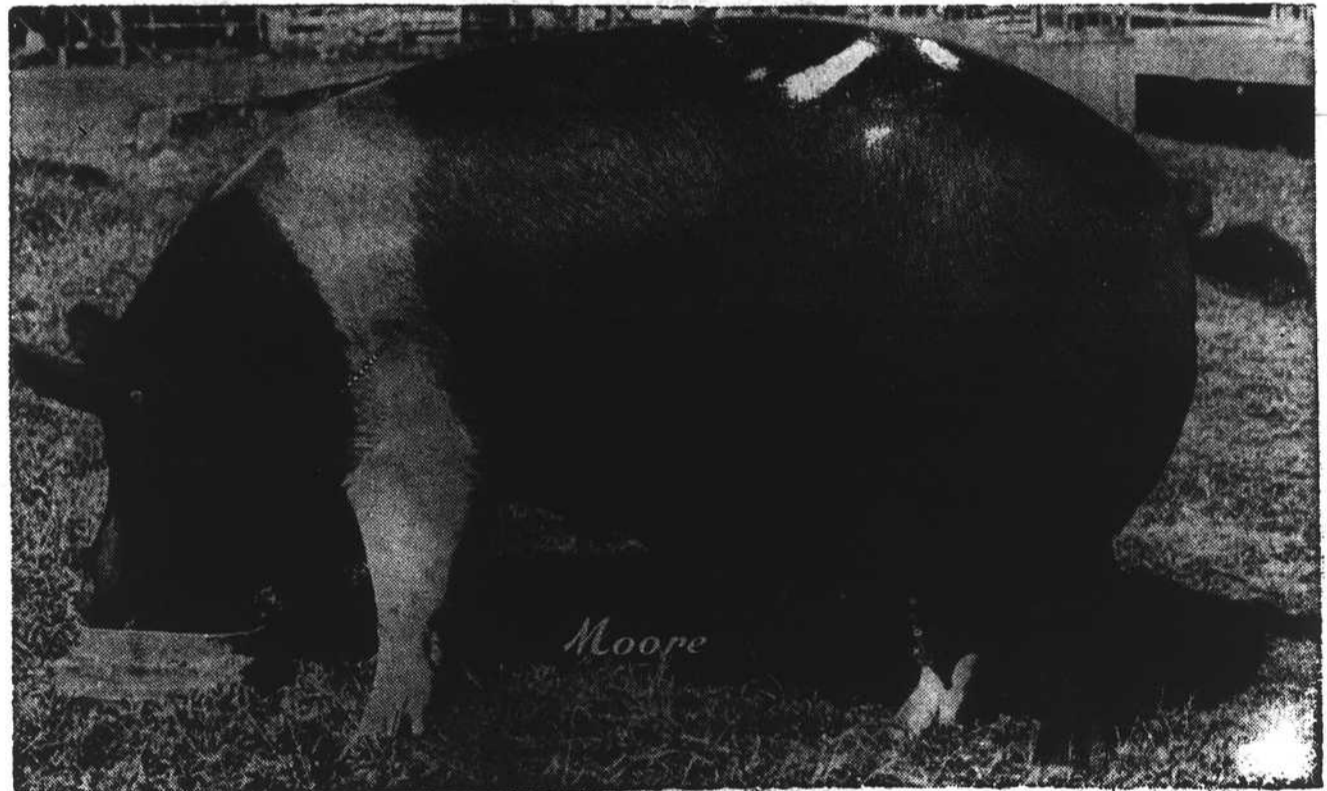
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