

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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General Service Means An All-Out War Effort

There has been considerable discussion about the advisability of a universal service law affording civilians which would give the government the right to determine, among other things, whether persons shall continue at their present jobs or be shifted to more essential industries.

James F. Byrnes, Director of War Relocation, does not recommend passage of a universal service law although he shares the conviction of military commanders that it is needed, largely because he does not believe that Congress would pass a law providing for universal service. This is regrettable because, in the opinion of Walter Lippman, there is a general agreement among the top officials that it is impossible to be sure that our two great enemies will be defeated conclusively in the shortest possible time and at the least cost in wounds and death out of such a law.

It brings us to the observation that the people of the United States, in their participation in two great wars that engage our forces throughout the world continue to be, for some reason, that the nation can win both wars without committing itself to the thorough and complete mobilization of our resources of men and materiel.

Fighting men are now engaged in full force and it appears that they will require a much larger volume of supplies, equipment, weapons and ammunition than was supposed. When we were engaged on the fighting, our troops possessed what was considered to be an overwhelming superiority to the enemy and undoubtedly saved the lives of our fighting men. Now that we are engaged in massive battles, it is important that all of our resources enjoy the greatest superiority in weapons and ammunition.

There has been general agreement in the past that our military leaders deserve special commendation for their consideration of the safety and lives of our fighting men. They have not only adopted the policy, at the beginning, that our fighters would be protected to the greatest extent possible by the use of the great initial capacity of this nation.

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Vote of GOP Gives Life to Dies Committee

The new House of Representatives got off to a poor start by putting the so-called Dies committee on an investigating status, almost everything in the way of liberties in the past.

Republicans can be blamed for the continuance of the committee, which was given a 207-186 vote of approval. The Democrats were split, 150 to 70, but the GOP leaders, in their first legislative vote, voted 137 to 34 in favor of the bill.

Worth noting that four of the members which widely proclaimed investigation into "un-American activities," failed to come back to Congress. The committee spent over \$600,000 in eight months to make a vast record of charges. The net result of its granda has been close to nothing.

Bills For Civil Workers Would Be An Improvement

Congressman Ervin of North Carolina introduced a bill to establish a Civil Service Academy to train civilians for diplomatic and consular service abroad.

As we have not seen the bill, it is hard to say, but the general idea is that career representatives should be trained in a manner similar to that of the Army and Navy officers who graduate from West Point and Annapolis. Interests of the nation would be served by the passage of the bill introduced by the North Carolina Congressman.

It follows closely along the lines of a similar proposal made several years ago that the United States establish adequate training for the purpose of providing civilian and education for all persons.

Ervin's bill, we think, is a good one but it does not go far enough. It provides for the training of civilians for the various departments of the government, as well as

the diplomatic and consular service. Byrnes Recommends Changes For Congress

In a recent magazine article, James F. Byrnes proposes that there be something like a "Congressional Cabinet" to establish a closer relationship between the White House and Capitol Hill. He also suggests that members of the Cabinet should be authorized, upon invitation from Congress, to appear on the floor to answer questions and thus increase the information of legislators.

These recommendations should receive serious attention. They add something to the suggestion already made as to the creation of a permanent staff of career men to aid and advise Congressional committees on legislation.

Mr. Byrnes also suggests that Senators and Representatives be given an assistant, at a salary of at least \$6,000, to look after the business of constituents with government departments. This is a good recommendation because it will leave the legislator free to carry on his tasks as a legislator.

There is nothing wrong with the suggestion, also made by Mr. Byrnes, that the salary of Senators and Representatives be increased to \$15,000. In view of the higher cost of living in Washington, the necessity of maintaining two residences and various obvious expenditures which must be made if a Congressman is to retain his position in Congress, the sum of \$15,000 is not excessive.

We are also interested in the statement, made by Mr. Byrnes, that complaint of executive domination of Congress is unfounded. He thinks that the trouble is not with the personnel of Congress but that the Congress, as an institution, "falls too far short of being the sum of all its parts."

No Treaty of Peace Will Satisfy Everybody

Joseph C. Grew, Under-Secretary of State, tells the people of the United States: "We must realize that whatever peace structure is erected, it will not satisfy everybody."

This is an important observation if enough people believe it. Obviously, if no treaty of peace will satisfy everybody, no treaty of peace will satisfy the people of the United States one hundred per cent.

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Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of living—life itself—is constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure.

When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up at night, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel tired, nervous, all worn out.

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countries, may actually retard it. So long as there is encouragement from this country, in the way of statements proclaiming the right of the people to govern, every faction of any size in liberated countries will attempt to acquire control of their government.

Hard to Regulate Use of Campaign Funds

The House of Representatives, through an investigating committee, has been looking into the activities of various organizations, other than established political parties, which took part in the 1944 campaign.

The committee admits that it cannot guess at the amount of money spent. It recommends that the activity of these new political groups be covered by legislation requiring a public accounting of campaign spending and that the law also apply to "educational, civic, fraternal, social, patriotic, recreational, religious and welfare" organizations.

The campaign investigating committee calls attention to the fact that "organizations engaging in political activity" will "more often than not be found masquerading under one of these non-political heads."

The attempt to regulate campaign expenditures has been underway for some years, but there are many difficulties connected with enforcement of legislation. We see very little objection to open and above-board expenditures for campaign purposes by certain organizations plainly identified.

The most objectionable feature is the practice of some interests to set up a "front" organization for political activity, depending for its effectiveness upon the secrecy as to the sources of its income.

There have been numerous instances of committees formed, under high-sounding titles, apparently of unselfish design, but representing nothing but propaganda which would lose its effectiveness if distributed by its sponsor.

Stalling Each Other

Fiance—"I haven't the courage to tell your father of my debts."

Fiancee—"What cowards you men are! Father hasn't the courage to tell you of his."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors for the help and kindness during the illness and death of our precious little one, Marjorie Lou Hunter, and also for the beautiful flowers and cars loaned.

THE FAMILY.

TAYLOR THEATRE

EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA We Have the Shows

Friday, Jan. 19—
Anne Baxter and John Hodiak in "SUNDAY DINNER FOR A SOLDIER"

Also Latest News—Color Cartoon

Saturday, Jan. 20—

Wild Bill Elliott and Bobby Blake in "SHERIFF OF LAS VEGAS"

'Manhunt of Mystery Island' No. 1 Comedy

Sunday, Jan. 21—

Jinx Falkenburg and Dave O'Brien in "TAHITI NIGHTS"

Also "World Without Borders"

Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 22-23—

Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer in "TOGETHER AGAIN"

Latest News

Wednesday, Jan. 24—

Bob Crosby and Lyn Merrick in "MEET MISS BOBBY SOCKS"

Last Chapter "Great Alaskan Mystery"

Thursday-Friday, Jan. 25-26—

Jon Hall and Maria Montez in "GYPSY WILDCAT"

Coming Feb. 1-2—

"HOLLYWOOD CANTEEN"

UNC Celebrates Its 150th Anniversary

University of North Carolina alumni of this section were interested this week in the celebration held in the State Capitol in Raleigh, of the 150th anniversary of the opening of the institution in 1795.

The ceremonies were held in the Hall of the House of Representatives Monday night, January 15, at 8 o'clock, with Lieut-Gov. L. Y. Salentine, president pro-tem of the Senate, and Representative Oscar Richardson, Speaker of the House, presiding jointly. Members of the General Assembly and as many guests as could be accommodated were present.

The principal speakers were Governor R. Gregg Cherry, President Clarence K. Dykstra of the University of Wisconsin, and President Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina.

Victor S. Bryant of Durham, chairman of the Legislative Com-

mission on the Sesquicentennial, gave a brief address on the significance of the occasion, and Dean of Administration Robert B. House of the University at Chapel Hill, introduced President Dykstra.

Pointing out that the University of North Carolina was the first State university in the nation to open its doors to students, Governor Cherry, President Dykstra and President Graham stressed the point that the University is truly a child of the American Revolution, for it was conceived in the year of Independence and born with the founding of the Republic (1789).

Up to that time, they said, education had been for the privileged few. Almost every commonwealth has followed North Carolina's example with a State University and these institutions have been one of the nation's most powerful forces in translating into action the concept of democracy enunciated in the Declaration of 1776.

Needed Warmth

Mrs. Benham—The furnace has gone out.

Benham—I hope it has gone to get warm.

Truckers Need Not Renew Certificates

Certificates of War Necessity issued to commercial motor vehicle operators are good indefinitely until cancelled and need not be renewed on an annual basis, the District Office of Defense Transportation at Raleigh declared this week.

Under ODT regulations, operators do not have to have their certificates reissued unless they propose to change the character of their services or the territories for which the present certificates were issued, ODT said.

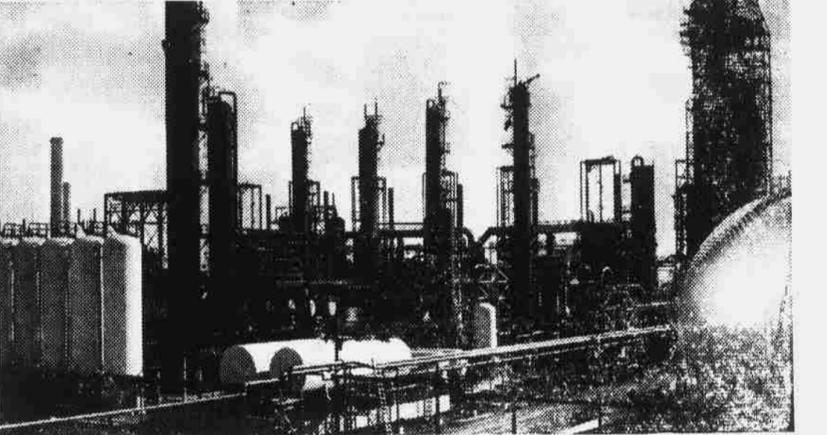
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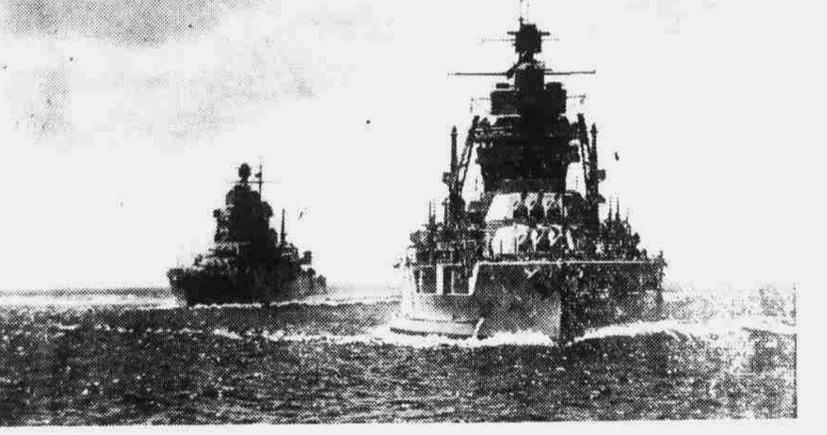
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