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WASHINGTON
The miserably, petty practice of Congressmen who compel their constituents to pay for their salaries or for put names on the Congressional payroll of those who are elected to office has been exposed. Rep. J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey is involved in the similar case which has been brought against Rep. Alvin O'Konaki of Wisconsin.
Senators also seem petty indeed alongside the need for investigation of what may be a much more important, but less publicized, matter. Ever since the middle of the Summer rumors have persisted that the Hon. J. Parnell Thomas would spend millions of dollars to defeat President Truman.
But their interest was in the vast wealth of idealism of which they are now exploiting. President Truman's good will in keeping the oil in the tidal waters under Federal jurisdiction. He has been backed by national defense circles who have argued the acute necessity for military reserves.
On the other hand the Republican platform called for turning over the oil in the Gulf of Mexico to the States. Therefore, it was essential to major oil interests to insure that the oil would not be turned over to the States.
One way was to underwrite a revolt in the States of the Middle West and South. In a close election the electoral votes of three or four Southern States might provide the margin between defeat and victory.
In August hints came from the Democratic States of the Middle West that oil interests in Texas were providing unlimited funds for the States of the Middle West. President's Civil Rights Program, and genuine liberalism in the South, was a convenient battle front.
REPORTS LOOK O. K.
The report of expenditures by the Democrats' party holding that it was not a party with paper money. But such reports, and this is true not only of the Democrats but also of the Republicans to encroach more and more on the realm of fiction.
Repetition of the 1st Congress battle against the District campaign was not a costly one. There were many sources of funds for the campaign, but the land companies. Perhaps the oil interests did not have to come through the States of the Middle West.
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The AFE has called for military alliance between U. S. and Western European nations and the American Legion has asked for military and economic co-operation between U. S. and Western Europe, but with no aid to be provided any nation threatening attack.
Groups surveyed were generally in favor of BGA extension with the exception of the Committee for Constitutional Government Inc., which fought the launching of the ERP Program. It opposes any U. S. participation in European affairs. The CIO, not surveyed, went on record overwhelmingly for Marshall Plan support Nov. 23 at its Portland, Ore. convention.
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The Legislature & The Man From Haw River
PREVIEW OF THE 1949 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RALEIGH—North Carolina's political upheaval this year was less sensational than the Democratic Party victory in the nation—but old-liners in political circles view the upcoming General Assembly as a spiritual offshoot of the Truman sweep.
In his outspoken way Governor Scott went so far last week as to label what happened in North Carolina politics this year as a "revolution" and Governor-elect should know. In a last minute whirlwind campaign the man from Haw River split wide open what strength remained in the old Gardner "political machine". Mr. Scott has been riding high, wide and handsome ever since.
The first maneuvering in this Scott "revolution"—if it is a revolution—will be full-blown on the Tar Heel scene early next year when the new Governor makes his inaugural address to the General Assembly. That body, undisputed ruler of North Carolina, convenes January 5. Governor Scott, being without veto power unlike his 47 contemporaries in the nation, will exert his political power through the General Assembly, not that former Tar Heel Governors know that the persuasive value of influence can be considerable.
The new Governor, a self-styled dirt farmer and the state's first in many decades to be elected to office, has announced his plans except in a general way. But they seem to be ambitious—and to put them over will require close work with the 170 men and women of the Legislature.
The important question: Will relations between Governor Scott and the Legislature be harmonious?
Several good reasons present themselves why they should be and several why they shouldn't be.
On the plus side of the ledger:
(1) North Carolina's Legislatures are traditionally rural in flavor, like the counties they represent and the voters they speak for. Mr. Scott's rural folks will have a leader who intends to back them all down the line. This has not been true in the past to the same extent it is with Governor Scott; he grew out of his way to remind people of it.
(2) Like a President Truman, Governor Scott was swept into office as the triumph under-dog, as the champion of the "people's" interest and as the result of a campaign in which he was seen cleaning Legislators, servants of the people, have their ears to the ground among the grassroots; like the national Congress, they will want to swing along with the voter as long as they feel comfortable with the job.
(3) Governor Scott has politically-adept advisors who want to consolidate his under-dog victory and establish a new political dynasty in the state.
On the minus side of the ledger:
(1) The new Governor, in his public appearances since November 2, has already emphasized that he won't speak in the dulcet tones of the conventional politician, and where to do so might win him well-learned friends. In fact, he has set out his way to challenge groups which seem to want a truce.
(2) The 1949 Legislature contains large groups of former Johnson supporters who are not only well-meaning but who would probably be formidable enemies if aroused.
(3) Governor Scott is faced with the almost super-human task of keeping whoppers out of the 1949 budget. He has been so far from his usual success in succeeding spokesman appeared before the recent Budget Commission hearings. He has before him the unpopular job of learning to say "no" to a number of public groups who think they have him sewed up.
All these factors may help make the 1949 Legislature one of the most bombastic in decades; on the other hand they may melt it into the meekest low-heat on record. Much depends on the Scott technique.

Lobbies Get Set For Congress
Military Aid For Europe To Be Urged

WASHINGTON
Substantial support from major organizations is lining up behind proposals that the United States give military aid to Europe.
A Congressional Quarterly survey of foreign demands which fourteen big lobby groups will press on the 81st Congress shows four major organizations definitely included in the military aid principle in advance of proposals which may come from the Administration. The American Legion, American General Federation of Women's Clubs and the American Federation of Labor have taken a stand in support.
Veterans of Foreign War will decide its own position on the issue at a January security committee meeting and the National Association of Manufacturers will consider the situation when the Administration presents its plan.
Sole organization to oppose military aid flatly among the fourteen big groups Congressional Quarterly military aid stands range from specific to general.
"Large organizations not surveyed but which may take stands on the question in current or coming national conventions are the Senate Foreign Relations and American Veterans Committee.
Among the four organizations already favoring military aid are the American Legion, American General Federation of Women's Clubs and the American Federation of Labor. The American Legion is calling for a Congress-approved mutual aid, self-help plan. The General Federation of Women's Clubs is calling for a "city year" in Raleigh. The League will be lucky to squeeze anything through; the A. F. of L. is everywhere in its rural needs.
The Administration of Justice, a group which would be a fair share of the 1947, will bring back a report which may call for some sweeping changes in court jurisdiction and procedure.
The Commission to Study Examining Boards has already handed its recommendations to the Governor, and they will receive due attention by the 1949 lawmakers; the investigators recommend a super-examining board, but there will be much pressure against it; the "hook" which will be pushed aside for another two years. There may be some legislative recommendations from the Southern Governors' Council on Regional Education which has an early December meeting scheduled in Congress.
THE FLAVOR and atmosphere of the 1949 General Assembly will depend, in great measure, on the impact made on it by the Man from Haw River. He voiced his wariness last week when he called the state's "political aristocrats", and he simultaneously issued a clarion call in behalf of the "little man". It remains to be seen how well he can execute his self-styled Tar Heel Revolution.
One factor overlooked by the teachers who want 50 per cent pay raises and the numerous State agencies that ask for the money: A request by Legislators themselves, for a well-earned raise. It was flatly denied November 2 by the people. This makes Legislators practically the only group without a pay raise in the last twenty years.
This could make the legislative session shorter than usual—and it could make the solons inclined to pinch some pennies themselves. But in the furious action of this biennial melee, they'll probably forget it.—W.D.S.
Maybe G. Washington couldn't tell a lie but we'll bet his secretary wrote people who sent ally presents that the President was lying to receive them.—Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.
It is better to allow yourself some of the fullness and wholesome joy of life as you are also than to try to save too much of it for a later time.—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.
More mystified each day is the average man who doesn't understand his wife, his teen-age boy or Washington's party support for surplus prunes.—Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union.
The fellow who took Hoover at his word and built a two-car garage now rents it to two families.—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

Good News For Change

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The decision is now apparently out of the President's hands and he yields to the President's urging to stay on at the State Dept.
Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal will remain unchanged.
Secretary of State George Marshall is being directed against his chief foreign and defense officials. Every confidence and deep admiration are being poured into the hands of the President's new Secretary of State.
Such is the simplest way to state the uncertainties of the situation at the moment. The President's chief was given at Key West, when Governor Eisenhower was named to head the American delegation in Paris in Secretary Marshall's place. This was done although Truman is convinced, rightly or wrongly, that Dulles did not play well during the election.
Particularly, the White House thinks that the information given to the foreign policy to help Gov. Thomas get the job done.
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People's Platform
Mr. Hilker's Book

CHARLOTTE
ONE of the pressing needs in the field of religion is an answer to the question of "how" religion is to be spread.
The book by Elmer Hilker, "It Does Add Up" is a "how" book, for in a beautiful and winsome way, Mr. Hilker shows how religion will help solve their problems, overcome defeats, and make their souls' desires come true.
The book is "It Does Add Up", the sort of book which can be read at one sitting, or read easy by easy over a longer period. Perhaps the real genius lies in the way that Mr. Hilker has demonstrated the common experiences of life and encourages to the spiritual life.
The little book inspires faith and encourages one to seek God's creative power in making life harmonious and joyous.
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Critique

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Marshall Blasts Giant Defense Budget

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THE text will never be published, but Secretary of State Marshall has written a stinging, private letter to the House Committee on Appropriations, of great interest to every taxpayer.
Marshall and Forrestal agree on many things, usually they are found smiling together.
In his letter, the Secretary of State described Forrestal's demand of a \$24 billion expenditure as basically dishonest since it presupposes the omniscience of the American people.
Marshall said that if the budget was reduced from \$24 billions to \$15 billions, he would support it.
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