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Dogpatch In National Politics

A NYONE who keeps himself posted on A social progress in Doppatch, through the medium of Al Capp's Lill Abner comic strip in Twe News, will have a fair idea of the importance of the turnip in Missourf, Preident Truman's native state. The Missourians share Pappy Yokum's appreciation of this distinctive vegetable, and there are many citizens of the "Show Me" State who insist that the original of Doppatch exists somewhere in the depths of the Missouri Ozarks.

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In cailling Congress back into session for July 26, a date which he identified as Turnip Day in Missouri, Harry Truman took a Missouri farmer's way of indicating that this summons was his supreme contribution to the 1948 Presidential campaign. From the response that his ammouncement has brought in the last few on July 28 and thereafter is not a sack of turnips for the voters but a national commotion that corresponds to an invasion of turnip termites in Dognatch.

PERHAPS it is more exact to say that Mr. Truman's maneuver has turned what seemed to be a rather cut-and-dried Presidential race into an affair possessing some of the exciting and grotesque features of Sadie Hawkins Day, the annual free-for-all when the unmarried malders pursue the uncaptured males of Dognatch—with no holds barred.

While everyone appears to be satisfied that Harry Truman inn't going to be the Lift Abore of this affair, the favorite of all the ladies who is saved for another day by a miracle at the last minute, there is some difference of opinion as to whether the Republicans or Democrata are going to do the pursuing in the Turnip Day shambles.

jursuing in the Juring Day anamoles. Jarf. Truman is under the impression that he and the Democratz are going to chase the Republicans all over Washington dur-ing the remainder of the Summer in a drive to get action on inflation control, housing, social security, health, civil rights, education and other legislation which the GOP has promised in its platform but not delivered. However, the more we survey the delivered. However, the more we survey the more was survey than the more survey of the more survey of the more survey of the more survey the more was survey the more survey survey the more survey the more survey survey survey the

prospects the clearer it becomes that the President himself will have to do a lot of dodging. It also appears that he will be pursued by numerous Democrats as well as the full Republican pack. Lacking the vision in these things of Ole Man Mose, the Dogpatch hermit who sees all and knows all, we can't positively predict Mr. Truman's fate but it doesn't look good from our corner at the moment.

One of the first possibilities at the spe-cial session is a long Senate fillbuster con-ducted by Southern Democrats against the Truman civil rights program. That will serve to revive the rout that already is well serve to retive the root that already is went started in the Democratic Party. During the period while Congress and the cam-paign are stalled by the fillibuster, the in-ternational crisis will go on and it will not be made easier by the added strain which the brawl in Congress places on our bipartisan foreign policy.

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Southern Democrats and other conservative members of Mr. Truman's party may
balk quite as much as the Republicans at
price control, housing, social security and
other social legislation which the President
wafts. If Mr. Truman gets anything at all
from this season, it is likely be will get bills
he doean't want, calling for more vetoes
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THE \$64 QUESTION still is why Mr. Truman decided to take this extraordinary step. It is widely reported that he opposed the plan to call the special seasion but was overruied by his advisers, among whom was not Ole' Man Mose. Their clinching argument seems to have been that the special seasion would provide the President an inexpensive form of election campaign, a large consideration in view of the low state of, the Democratic campaign coffers.

Fundamentally, the decision to proceed with this risky operation could have come only from desperation. It is the last wild throw of the gamblee who already has lost everything except his shirt. It is the action that the state of the st

Italian 'Bogota' In Reverse

WE ARE reminded again that the Com-munists can make mistakes in the "cold war", and that they have been mak-ing them more frequently since the ad-vantage in the European struggle turned decisively to the West with the Italian elections last April. Up to that time the im-pression was being created that all the blunders and oversights were being made by the democratic side.

Italy again is the scene of an important setback for the Communists. That has dome with the breaking of the general strike and the revolutionary disturbances promoted by the Communists following the

the Colombian liberal leader. That revolt cocurred soon after the opening of the Pan-American Conference in Bogota, to the profound dismay of the United States Government, which had carefully arranged the conference for the purpose of strengthening the Western hemispheric front against Communist penetration.

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suspicions that Communists in Italy arranged the assassination of their own leader, Togliatti, in order to provoke a similar result. However, there is more reason to think that the Communists were not prepared for the attempt on Togliatti's life, for their effort to exploit it miscarried badly.

From Russia's Premier Stalin himself From Russia's Premier Stalin himself comes one indication that the Italian discorders were not part of a well-laid plot but represented premature action by local leaders. In a message to the Italian Communists, Stalin given no encouragement to the Charge that the De Gasperl Government of Laist, Stalin given no encouragement to the Charge that the De Gasperl Government of the Italian Reds for Tack of discipline and failure to provide better protection for their leader.

Thus, in the latest storm in Italy, we have had a heartening demonstration of the De Gasperi Government's ability to defend itself, a showing of Communist weakfend itself, a showing of Communist weak-ness and contusion, and a sign that Mos-cow is not ready for such daring ventures as the overthrow of the Italian regime we are supporting. This development raises hopes for the success of the Allies in their present struggle with Russia for possession of Berlin. It provides additional evidence that the Soviets have neither the power nor the intention to go all the way through with the menacing operations which they have initiated in an attempt to move the Allies out of the German capital.

Substitute Caution For Fear

FEAR is contagious. A nervous shout will jet's a theater audience to its fee's, send it stampeding toward an eart. Soldiers who experienced combat during the war will remember that one man breaking under tension when a showdown was near could do almost as much damage to a squad as the enemy could.

Fear sometimes gives rise to caution, more often not. Too often fear will blossom into panic. And panic is often as destruc-tive as the object of fear.

This city and this state now are alarmed over the pollo epidemic. Pollo is a dread disease; there is no cure for it and health authorities have not yet discovered a sure means to control it. But fear certainly will not prevent it. The only product of fear is frayed nerves.

If parents will translate their fear into eaution, good will come of it.

We do not here attempt to minimize the danger of pollo. It cannot be minimized for persons who have children in the age roup most often hit. But if these persons will remember that polio is not a major menace to the health of the nation, that influenza, for instance, takes more lives . . . tubercu-losis, heart ailments. Even accidents.

that dwell on the disease, believe nothing in regard to polio that does not come from authoritative medical sources, they can help themselves and their neighbors.

You may now purchase a colony of ants in a glass case to watch for amusement and education. Or, you may take them on a picnic in their tight glass container and

We are able to report today, after exten We are able to report today, after extensive research, garnered while reading newspaper fillers at the water cooler, that every earthworm has ten hearts, and each worm is a complete male and a complete female, too. Don't forget to splt on them when you balt your hook, either. Brings luck. — Opelousas /La.) World.

Republicans shouldn't get the idea Can-didate Dewey is entirely attack-proof. A bitter campaign against mustaches already is under way. — Joplin (Mo.) Globe.

A flock of pelipans, emblem of Louisiana against the background of an evening sky like so many big bills passing is review reminded us of our Legislature with its bill passing proclivity. Presumably we will get the bird in due tisses. — Lajourche (La) Comet.



People's Platform

Danger In City's Open Streams

His Honor The Mayor The City Council City Hall Charlotte, N. C.

DURINO this particular time, I believe it advisable to call the Charlotte citizens' attention to the uncovered creeks which abound through the city. There can be no doubt that these numerous streams are breeders of flies and mosquitoes and naturally, disease.

Hospital.

During this clean-up campaigh, we have spread DDT from one end of the our lot to the other, in the garbage can and saturated all the screens, windows and door facings. However, what good is this with the breeding ground cutting our back yard in two.

Giving The North A Lesson

unity one timing left to do, the South must pull out not let the Yanke Democratis sweat in their own and let the Yanke Democratis sweat in their own and the Yanke Democratis Party can't elect a President to save their, without un a man since the Civil War. It's high time to pull out and teach our leaders a lesson, as well as the out of national politics every one should play a fair game of hall.

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—MIRS. THOMAS CROWE.

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Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Truman Vs. Congress

James Marlow

Pushing Congress

WASHINGTON
THERE'S an important difference
The between a new can be compress and a special session like the
one President Truman has called
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Drew Pearson's Alben Barkley Could Be Party Pacifier Merry-Go-Round

of Mentucky.

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Barkley used to have a sharp tongue and a fifty temper.

Concally as "that book Senator from Texas," and once, the referred to his now good friend Senator Tom Connally as "that book Senator from Texas," and once, an abody two, Barkley remarked: "The Senator ought to know something about shoddy, since that is something which he is an expert."

Then there was also the memorable occasion in 1944 when the Kentucky mountainer that turks in Albers Barkette Mentucky mountainer t

or Franklin Roosevelt for his velo of the tax bill.

That speech — that flare-up of temper — probably affected the history of the USA more than any Senate speech in half a decade. For lad Barkley not lashed out at Roosevelt, PDR undoubtedly would have picked him for Vice-President at the Chicago convention three months later. In that case Alben Barkley, not Harry Truman would be President of the United States today.

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to summent his Serials salary; and for a long time he economized, forwert an automobile, and filled lecture engagements to pay the doctor's bills.

"A little." replied Huey modestly.

Barkley calls dressing for dinner putting on the "heavy harmes" When Chip Robert asked how the Indice liked blare patch". Toosting the lale Mrs. Edward T. Stofesbury, then aged 80 but looking 60, Barkley said; "May Mrs. Stofebur pitch by to look her age."

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