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Truman's Political Marathon

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S extra special session of Congress is over but the man shows no signs of letting down. His camplagm managers report that Mr. Truman and the public will get no rest until Nov. 2—and that'slb6 days away. It seems that they are mapping out a schedule for him to run for commissioner in every county in the land. They've siready drafted plans for him to make "plenty or whistle stops" in the East, the North and the West, and he may ween invade the South if there's any time left over from his journeyings in other paris of the country where there is more of a demand for his style of oratory. Ho hum!

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Were we are in the midst of the most exetting and strenuous Presidential campaign
in umpteen years, or so we are told by the
Washington columnists, and we can't keep
ower mind on the bustness. It appears that
we did not eat enough of those Missouri
teartips which put all the iron and stamina
in Marry Truman.

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We have to admit that we have a one one of apathy and indifference and it grows worse the more we see of Mr. Truman's efforts to arouse us to our duty as a eithern and a voter in this great democracy. We cant say that the Republicans in Congress have done anything to arouse us from our torpor either, but we have to confess that we have been graftful to Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the Republican Periodential nominee, for the profound eitence he has maintained since he received the nomination late in June. received the nomination late in June.

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This is all wrong, we know, and tomor-row we intend to write a piece taking the public to task for not paying more atten-tion to what happened in the special ses-sion, for not exhibiting more interest in all the affairs of Government, and for neg-lecting to make the people's wishes, advice beeting to make the people's wishes, advice and Congress. Today, hother Administration and Congress. Today, hother Administration and Congress. Today, hother to the town expy left only for a protest to Mr. Truman's sampaign strategists. We ask them to show

a little more consideration for the Presi-dent and the public.

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We go to this trouble because we observed during the special session of Congress that the lethargy from which we are that the lethargy from which we are that the lethargy from which we are the constant of the trouble of the constant of the trouble of the constant of the trouble of the constant o

nothing was said about it.

The session produced a Southern fillbuster, angy refriminations and large head-lines in the papers, but it is the consensus of Washington observers that the excitement was confined aimost entirely to the professional participants in this campaign drama, and even they exhibited many evidences of weariness and boredom. If it hadn't been for the Russian say ring which the Republican Congressional investigators uncovered, the session would have created no stir at all outside the national capital.

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What's wrong with us and other apathetic citisens? It should be obvious to the state of th

Governor Dewey already has shown that his strategy will be to ignore Truman and make very few speeches. On the basis of our reaction to the performance since the conventions, we would say that he could win without uttering another word between now and Nov. 2.

A Knowing Hand In Traffic

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AT LONG LAST Charlotte has a scientific approach to its vexing traffic problem. In the past, we've been much affected with agmentair experts, who for certain, they thought, had the plan that would solve everything, and make it possible for all to go where they wanted when they wanted. Appeals to municipal administrators and letters to the editor held out a traffic Utopial is somebody would only show a little sense and adopt their plan. Fortunately, in the recent past we have been ispared dissertations on these "sure fire" plans as the traffic expert (?) has apparently taken cover and hidden behind his charts. Ferhaps it is a case of darkness fleeting before the sun, ignorance shying away from enlightenment. We are constrained to believe that the garden variety orise against the scientific analysis of rust-now acclimated traffic engineer. Hoose has been here and had opportunity to cast a discerning eye in the direction of Trade and Tryon Streets we have been impressed with the thoroughness and scientific "know how" he has brought to the study of the city's traffic perplexities.

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Latest example of the Hoose approach is the report which he presented the other day on recommendations for extension of the downtown one-way street system. The engineer proposed that four streets be engineer proposed that four streets be designated for east-west one-way traffic

designated for east-west one-way itraffic movement.

Those streets and the directional flow were designated after extensive traffic counts and studies had been made. For instance, Mr. House's report, giving the number of vehicles in a twelve-hour period, revealed that 56 per cent of the traffic is desirous of westbound travel on Fourth Street between College and Church Streets and 53 per cent of the traffic on Fifth the College in the Co

Melchior Palyi In Saturday Evening Post

Public Housing Isn't The Answer

THE United States Government has a \$30,000,000 stake in housing through ownership and mortgage quarantees. Now it is proposed to overcome the shortage of housing for low-income families by more Government spending. The idea is that alums should be cleared and the slum dwellers housed in new Government-housing states.

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Who is a sium dweller? Suppose we define slightlilly for Government housing in terms of incomes under \$2.000. If so, every terms of incomes under \$2.000. If so, every terms of incomes under \$2.000. If so, every last the people with \$2.100 income are not entitled to it. They will premain nolder and less desirable housing than those in the lower-income bracket. Wherever the limit is drawn, it leads to this same uneconomical and unsocial result—a premium is placed on earning less ... or convincing the housing officials that one earns less. The highest he limit is drawn, the more families of the supplemental to the supplemental

last seven years we have made unparalleled progress in improving our housing situation. The 1947 housing survey showed 93.2 per cent of all urban homes to be in satisfactory yearif, as compared to 88.5 per cent in 1849. Every year of prosperity will white the satisfactory year of prosperity will white 1840 to 1840 to

rent control.

Furthermore, the City of Baltimore is proving that enforcement of the existing City housing lass can go a long say in eliminating slum conditions. Block by block, the City is compelling property owners to meet minimum housing standards. The elimination of junk, throken fences and odd buildings in the yards alone has brought surprising results. The advantage of rehabilitation is that it does not reduce the supply of housing at this time of excess demand.

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Where whole neighborhoods are too deglerorated for rehabilitation, the local Government can buy up sium tracts, cle arthem and sell the land for private redevelopment on a closely regulated requestion of the land of the

Public Power



A Special Court

Baltimore Enforces Housing Law

present or rubble Works, the Fire Department, the Police Department, and the Redevelopment Control of the Police Department and the Redevelopment Control of the Police Department and the Realth operations. This procedure is a first order to correct the Volkston with which the Langestiness and to call on other agencies as need to remain the Police Department and the Realth Departm

Court, to hear all cases of violation of ordinances pertaining to housing or sanitation.

Simultaneously with the establishment of a Housing Court a special Sanitation Corps was created in the Police Department. It consisted of an experiment of the property of the consistency of the responsibility of this group of policemen to devote their full time to correction of insanitary conditions and registry to the control of the control of the control of the Court's work speaks for itself. In the year proceeding its creation 140 persons were brought before proceeding its creation 140 persons were brought before and the control of the c

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Dewey Reportedly With Truman On DPs

of it."
Ives also added his own hearty endorsement.
However, Missouri's Forrest Donnell backed up Revercomb and insisted that the subcommittee had been "open-minded"-in writing the act.

Taft's Filibuster

SENATE boss Bob Taft was more concerned about breakform in the Southern filibuster which he, himself, had brought on. It was Taft's idea to throw the Senate into a issue

anarl over anti-poll-tax legislation to demonstrate the disunity in the Democratic Party. But at the caucus he wanted
to clear the decks for the Senate wind-up.

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'Cake' Stevenson Of Texas

FX-GOV. COKE STEVENSON of Texas, who now aspires

to be a Senator, won a new name for himself, Around
Capitol Hill clostrooms he is now called 'Gake' Sievenson,
befause, when it comes to the 'Tait-fartley act and other
controversial basies, Coke wanta to have his cake and est

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"But a lot of Texans still say they don't know what your stand is on the Tail-Statler Act, Covernor."

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That-Hartley Act. And I guarantee to quote you vertrait reminds me, partied the man who wants to be
Senator, "of the lawyer who wanted a res-or-no answer
to the question "Have you stoped beating your wife?"

"Till be happy to have you use as many words in making
No, gentlemen I can't say anything more: replied Mr
Stevenson.
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to what the newsman referred to its that "Cake" Stevenson
has mapaged to make the American Federation of Labot
think he is opposed to the Taft-Hartley Act, while making
Texas businessne think he is for it.