

'Sure—I Could Stand Some Reorganization Myself'

Joseph Alsop The Levers Of Power

PETITION TO THE LEGISLATURE

ANYONE who addresses himself to that vexing question, what to do about liquor, might as well resign at once. Yet, the arguments will appeal to none except those who already agree with him. Prohibition in North Carolina isn't a subject that may be discussed reasonably or considered in the light of practical experience.

Our country concerning the extent of drinking, has not been borne out by sixteen months' experience under the ABC system. City of Charlotte police arrested 6,754 persons for drunkenness in 1946, when this Bootlegger system was in effect. The stores were opened in 1947, 1948, and that year there were 7,947 arrests. In 1948 there were 8,443 arrests for drunkenness.



Congressional Quarterly The Congress At Work

WASHINGTON President Truman's request Jan. 10 for \$41.9 billion for national defense, international affairs, veterans' programs, interest on the debt, health, education, natural resources, aid to states and other measures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, was his big new Congress during its second week.

The bill—first the Senate has passed in the first Congress—would give the Vice-President a \$10,000 yearly. They also would get tax-free expense allowances of \$10,000. Senators Broun and Hoy of North Carolina voted for the measure.

James Marlow Politburo—What, Why

WASHINGTON THE Politburo. You hear it mentioned often. But what is it? It's the real boss of the Communist Party. Joseph Stalin and thirteen other top Russian Communist Party members sit on the Politburo.

SECOND DEGREE CITIZENS

A NEGRO kills a white man in the South, his punishment is usually swift and sure; if a white man kills a Negro, or even a Negro kills another Negro, the chances are good that he will get off with a very light sentence, far less severe than the nature of the crime would demand.

I never saw a case of it. You have conditioned the horrible manner in which the Negro tortured and beat his wife to death with a fire poker, a stick, an axe, and a shotgun. You are failed to support the law. Your failure to do your sworn duty is a matter between you and your God.

Mr. Truman told Congress it would be necessary to raise new revenue—including \$4 billion in corporate and personal income taxes—to pay for his program. He also said that the new taxes would take care of any North Atlantic contingencies.

Quote, Unquote

Those were the good old and non-britannic days when you could buy an article marked down to \$1.98, and not find, a minute later, that including tax, it had been marked up again to \$2.04.

THE UNLEARNED NATURALIST

WE WERE somewhat disturbed last Tuesday when we read the story of the man who makes his living writing nature editorials for a great number of newspapers—including The Wall Street Journal, the New York Times and others.

How long the business index and the stock market can keep on going in opposite directions without meeting each other we do not know. — Greensboro (N. C.) Daily News.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

AS THE clans began to gather in Washington, D. C., it's hard to believe that the man who has been the most popular columnist in the country would be so unpopular in the city.

Circus Fan Bosses Big Inaugural Show

Truman is hoping that this one won't be anything like the one back in 1945. He's hoping that the circus fans that were so busy three years after the end of the war and some of Battery D were still unmarred, still in the process of getting readjusted.

Senator Herbert O'Connor of Maryland, Democratic sponsor of the Government pay-rise bill, died last night in Baltimore. He was an article editor at the Baltimore Sun and a public servant who didn't get paid enough. Yet, when he was appointed to the re-elected cabinet, he strangely left Hoover's name off.

Battery D Celebrates

SECOND only to the days in 1918 when they wheeled their French T-26 into action in the House of Representatives, Battery D celebrated its 31st birthday on Jan. 18, 1949.

Capt. Truman Under Fire

WHEN Harry Truman was a very green and nervous artillery captain pointed into the rear of the line, he ran across Judge Bennett Clark, former Senator from Missouri, and son of the famed Speaker Champ Clark.

J. Edgar Hoover's Pay

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