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OBSTACLE REMOVED

MOST Americans, we believe, will get a lift out of the news that the two houses of Congress have settled their differences and adopted a workable law authorizing the President to carry out the recommendations of the Hoover Commission.

Now, after all these weeks of delay, we are past the first major stumbling block. Under the law as finally adopted, the President has all the authority he needs to undertake this important assignment; yet the prerogatives of the Congress are amply protected.

The House and Senate bills had differed in certain fundamental respects: 1. The House measure exempted 16 agencies and departments...

The compromise, approved by both houses yesterday, is about what President Truman and Mr. Hoover had asked. It exempts no agencies, and requires that a majority of the whole Congress...

THE GOLDEN DOOR?

MANY years ago when construction on the Statue of Liberty was under way in New York's harbor, a woman named Emma Lazarus was commissioned to write a poem to be engraved on the lady with the torch.

... Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

TODAY in Washington, Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.) is guiding a Senate Judiciary subcommittee through the ratification of a House-passed measure liberalizing the present Displaced Persons law.

The law now in effect—the Wiley-Revercomb Law—is a bad one. Here are some of the things wrong with it:

(1) It defines a displaced person as one who is in DP camps of Germany, Austria and Italy on or before Dec. 22, 1945. The great mass of Jewish displaced persons entered camps after the war.

ORDINANCE IS NEEDED

THE action of the Planning Board in revising the setback ordinance makes good sense. It is the time that the issue be met squarely by the Council, and a decision reached.

PROFIT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

A BOOK publishing firm has sold more books in the past ten years than the combined total of the rest of the industry. This firm has sold 260 million books.

much harder for pressure groups and lobbyists to persuade Congress to kill any reorganization bill presented immediately.

The initiative is now the President's. Under the law, no reorganization bill can become effective until it has stayed before Congress 60 days.

A suggestion has been made that a special session of Congress be called for November 1 at which reorganization of the Federal Government would be the main item of business.

With nothing else to divert them, Congressmen could act swiftly. Both parties would have an opportunity to participate in this non-partisan movement to ward economy and greater efficiency in Government.

The Hoover Commission reports are so vast and so detailed that the people have been slow to absorb their contents. But the movement to eliminate the astounding waste, inefficiency, and duplication in our overgrown Federal Government is daily gaining new adherents.

(3) The act requires that each DP have a job and a home lined up before he can be admitted to the United States. The most needed members of the group, those who have no "pull" or family connection in the U. S.

The measure passed by the House is somewhat better. But Sen. McCarran does not like the House measure. He stands staunchly behind the old, restrictive Wiley-Revercomb anti-DP law.

It is to be hoped that McGrath will try to get the committee to override its chairman or, failing in that, to move on the floor that the whole Senate discharge the committee after the bill is reported to the Senate.

ready has the necessary legal authority and that no new acts were needed. The present proposal by the Planning Board, we believe, the best yet offered.

It limits setback regulation to certain specified streets which figure in future plans for eliminating traffic congestion. Other streets can be added from time to time.

The people of Charlotte, by approving the million dollar paving bond issue, have signified their desire to do something about traffic conditions in the uptown business area.

lishers know now that there is a market for books, if they are offered at a reasonable price. And the public, long stumped by \$3 and \$4 prices, is learning to read and like it.

But 200 million books turned loose on the minds of a nation will have an effect on the mental population just as \$200 million dollars turned loose in volume would have an effect of economic prosperity.

Don't Forget To Water The WHOLE Garden



THINGS CONGRESS LIKES. A cartoon showing a man watering a large garden with a watering can. The garden is filled with various plants, some labeled with names like 'MORRISON', 'SHARPE', 'MORRISON', 'SHARPE', 'MORRISON', 'SHARPE'.

Hoover Commission Reports

Office Of General Services

(Fifth in a series of articles explaining the reports of the Hoover Commission on reorganizing the Federal Government.)

THE estimated value of the supplies and equipment stored in the Federal Government has in storage in the continental U. S. is \$27 billion. Nobody can even guess the worth of Government property actually in use.

The Government continues to buy about \$6 billion worth of new supplies and equipment every year, spends \$1 billion a year for transporting its property, and pays \$40 million a year in salaries to its 150,000 supply workers.

Most of the waste is in supply operations. Purchasing is unplanned, chaotic. The Bureau of Federal Supply handles no standard specifications. Treasury Dept. lacks funds and staff to do a proper centralized buying job.

Most agencies simply do not know what supplies they have or what condition their supplies are in. Many agencies have no property controls at all. Many have not inventoried their property for years.

ABOUT half of the 13 million Government purchases a chase orders issued each year are for \$10 or less. The average cost of the paper work and other red tape involved in each order far exceeds \$10.

The Government pays 100,000 employees more than \$270 million a year to store and issue supplies. Most agencies have enough of certain supplies on hand to last them one to fifty years.

For Chairman Carl Vinson of the Armed Services Committee is not merely probing the B-36. He is investigating the source of the smear stories against Secretary of Defense Johnson and Secretary of Air Armstrong.

The Vinson committee is also expected to apply the microscope to the most powerful backstage lobbying organization in Washington—the Navy League.

History Reports HARRY TRUMAN isn't the first President to have trouble with the Navy League. Herbert Hoover also had his

The Scott Technique

By W. T. BOST (In the Greensboro Daily News) ... The Scott Technique is a method of teaching the art of persuasion.

EDITOR Robert Love Thompson of High Point and The Enterprise writes a column for the odds of two to one that Bill Sharpe perceives the employment of a private employment agency.

Mr. Sharpe has not said and will not say that the High Point editor and his newspaper are and Bill Sharpe has not been able to conceal from Gov. Scott from anybody else the dislike for the way Gov. Scott disposes of public property.

Bill Sharpe had every assurance that his own buying would be only Governor who so far had not refused to accept the charge for Scott appears to the voter to be a man who is not for getting that which he filed Bill Sharpe simply did not like Charley Johnson and like Ralph W. McQuinn for whom he voted twice.

RECOMMENDATIONS About half of the average Government agency's records could be moved from its main office to a "records center" especially designed for such storage.

total stocks were excess. All told, the Commission estimates that the Government has \$2.5 billion worth of excess supplies in storage.

A departmental stockroom is operated by the Department of Justice, and the Federal Office of General Services stockroom in the same building, duplicating many of the items carried in the department stockroom.

1. An Office of General Services should be created to supervise all operations, records management, and operation and maintenance of public buildings.

2. The new office would prescribe uniform standards and procedures for doing central buying and storage, arrange for most agencies to do their own specialized supplies and equipment.

People's Platform Noté Of Appreciation CHARLOTTE I SHOULD like to thank you for the support given by the Charlotte News to the bond issue for improving and expanding the alarm system for the Fire Department.

Political Verse ROCKINGHAM Editors, The News: THREE more years of Scott. If we can stand for that, We'll be superhuman. —GEORGE L. WOOD.

headaches. Just seventeen years ago he got into such a muddling duel with the Navy League that the latter was charging the President of the United States with "abysmal incompetence."

Attempting to practice economy, Hoover had ordered the admirals to cut their 1933 budget. Instead the admirals had increased their 1934 budget by \$200,000,000 over 1933.

Most folks have forgotten the origin of the Navy League. It was the brainchild of a group of men who met in the Carnegie Steel Co. Col. R. M. Thompson, International Harvester Steel Corp. and owner of a controlling interest in the Carnegie Steel Co., Col. R. M. Thompson, International Harvester Steel Corp. and owner of a controlling interest in the Carnegie Steel Co., Col. R. M. Thompson, International Harvester Steel Corp. and owner of a controlling interest in the Carnegie Steel Co.

Steel Companies Want Big Navy THERE is a good reason why these gentlemen and their successors should be the most powerful, unscrupulous, and consistently irrepressible propagandists for a big Navy. It is that they are the most powerful, unscrupulous, and consistently irrepressible propagandists for a big Navy.

Marquis Childs

Marshall Plan For U. S.?

THE European Co-Operation Administration here in Washington has a small number of specialists in trade union organization and labor relations. One of these specialists was talking to a conference of New England union leaders.

When the question period came, the business agent for the workers in New Hampshire took the floor. He asked the speaker to explain that European aid is not the kind of aid that we need.

At ECA headquarters they are acutely conscious of the fact that it grows as unemployment grows. And the most serious unemployment today is that of the unskilled laborer.

"We ought to have a Marshall Plan for New England," said a speaker at the conference. "It would be a Marshall Plan for the American people."

The Communist foes of the Marshall Plan are exploiting this in the name of the American people. They are building up competition to take away American jobs.

Every effort is being made by ECA to educate unions and employers on the need of restoring Western Europe's economy. The Marshall Plan is, of course, the core

didn't want naval limitations to succeed. Dividends, for them, came in the form of a new Navy League. At Geneva, Shearer would have got nowhere if he had not had the aid of a co-operation of several U. S. naval officers.

One of Shearer's most active naval collaborators was Admiral John S. Spongberg. He was the Navy League's chief in the Senate Naval Affairs Committee. During the balance of the war, Spongberg had kept an unimpaired disfigure. But after the war, he was actually rewarded for his services as commander-in-chief of the fleet.

It may be a surprise to President Truman and Louis Howe that the Navy League now for copies of material to send your friends. Help arrange for speakers before the next meeting. Tell the story. Speak up for America and the U. S. Navy.