TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1950

## GROWTH OF LOBBYING

THE plain American citizen-faspayer. The plain American citizen-faspayer. Treading the reports of heavy spending by lobbysta and pressure groups to influence Federal legislation, must wonder how much of a voice he—one lone individual—as have in the Washington hubbub. The figures are astoundingly high, but wen more disturbing is the implication of the year-to-year increase in lobby spending, i. e., that the spenders are getting consething for their money and hence are willing to spend even more liberally. According to Congressional Querterly, the spending tempo this year has broken all records. Full-year figures are not yet available, but in the first half of 1950, a total of 236 lobby organizations paid out \$527,78.8 Here is the trend as shown in intrat-half reports in previous years.

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Year	Number of	Groups	Amount Spen
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Ten organisations spent more than 00,000 in the first six months of this year. So Committee for Constitutional Government led the list with \$\$17,580, followed the American Farm Bureau Federation 454,1725, the American Medical Association (3547,575), Transportation Association America (3500,531). United Association America (3500,531). United Medical Ass 47,575), Transportation Association rica (\$200,511), United World Fed-(\$191,473), National Association of

Electric Companies (\$184.308), Association of American Railroads (\$188.844). Townsend Pian Inc. (\$183.966), National Small Bustens Men's Association (\$112.486), and National Milk Producers Federation (\$108.-

CQ predicts that 1950 lobby spending will soar far beyond the \$7,269,710 spent by all reporting organizations in 1949. For in-stance, the \$5,27 million half-year total includes many reports from groups that includes many reports from groups that gave financial data for the first three months cally

months only.

The right to petition the government is guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, and no sensible person would advocate abridging that right in any manner whatsoever. Nonetheless, the business of lobbying has become so huge that it threatens to get completely out of hand.

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Mass requiring regular reports from lobby-lists are still too vague and too full of loop-holes. The petitioners can not be restricted, but the Congress can certainly require that they be identified and that the spotlight of public scrutiny be kept playing on their activities. Anything less will be a grave injustice to the millions of Americans who have no voice in their government axes. have no voice in their government save their individual influence with a Repre-

## A STRONG VOICE IS NEEDED

FUEE United States truck itself in the in swivard position of being at wabut not in the war. And we tind men making appeches about the prospects for passe while Americans die in battle. One such apeaker was Herbert Hoover, who advocated a ring of steel about the Western Hemisphere in 8 foreign policy speech last week.

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goover as the much-needed clear, firm roice of foreign policy.

Why? We think it is because the words of such men as Hoover are failing into an apparent vacuum. There is no clear, firm roice of internationalism to combat the stage tones of lociation.

As pointed out yesterday in Bob Sain's ricke on the parallels between Christmas, 1980, and Christmas, 1980, the United latten one before seemed leaderless. The

Time Magazine quote in that story, from the issue of Dec. 23, 1940, applies just as well today:

"Time was running fast last week. The quick Winter days fashed by grey, chill and weit the disappointment, gloom and continuous of leaderless. Houndering Washington uneasily. Eminent men made anny speeches. But the cloudy nation-wide feeling built into one need: isadership. The Poolie into one need: isadership. The provide his owner, and the provided his provided by the continuous c

The heariening thing is that, while Time and most of the people, felt leaderless, there was, in actuality, atrong leadership in Washington, leadership that was to lead us to victory. We hope that, once again, the leadership is there. The foreign policy of the Administration, though vocally weak, is structurally sound, we believe it will prove equal to the task before it.

## HOME HAZARDS

THE new accident reporting service of the local Red Cross chapter is not one its major functions, but it promises to of great help in focusing the attention the community upon accident hazards

in the home.

The first report was mildly amazing.
Covering the short period of two weeks,
it listed 78 home accidents serious enough
to require a visit to a hospital. Obviously
there must have been many others, perhaps running into the hundreds, of a
minor nature that required simple first ald
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A man fell off a chair while helping his wife hang curtains. A curtain rod jammed in the roof of his mouth, cutting it pain-

A woman stuck a crochet needle through

A lad got a holly berry stuck deep in his ear.

Virtually every day, someone in a Char-lotte home was injured through careless-ness or thoughtlessness or plain lack of understanding about home hazards.

There are numerous pamphlets on home safety, and the Red Cross offers public courses on the subject. Although most of our, thoughts are naturally gravitating to the larger dangers of the world situation in these critical days, there is still time to in these critical days, there is still time to think about the hazards underfoot—and to get rid of them.

### From The Asheville Citizen

# NORTH CAROLINA'S SCHOOL REVOLUTION

SOME call it "an experiment unique in America." Whatever it is called, North Carolina's massive school building program could well change the face of the State as it has changed some of its

In Raleigh this week at the second annual Institute of School Planning the full impact of the schoolhouse revolution hit many Tar Heels right between the eyes.

For example, it's not often realized that For example, it's not often realized that the better schools movement is coming up from the grassroots with astonishing speed. According to Dr. Clyde A. Ervin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, local communities will have raised 475,000,000 in local building funds by the middle of next year. These are funds—usually from bond issues—which come out of the pockets of the people in direct taxes. Voted by the people, they express in a most tangible way the conviction of North Carolina that it must have better schools.

Carolina that it must have better schools. In addition to the \$15,000,000 the State Itself through one bond issue of \$35,000,000 and a legislative appropriation of \$25,000,000 has provided \$50,000,000 for school buildings. Thus in an amazingly short space of time school building funds have mounted to \$125,000,000, or cnly \$25,000,000 ahort of the long-term goal which the State Education Commission set out in 1946 when it recommended: "The State should undertake a school construction program ... during the next fee years at an estimated cost of \$150,000,000."

Thomas Jefferson was not altogether correct when he said that "people generally have more feeling for canals and roads than education."

What will this construction program nean, then, in terms of our "feeling for iducation?" First, it is adding 10,000 class-noms with facilities for 300,000 children.

We can think of no comparable building program in the history of the State and indeed in the history of the United States and States bisiness houses and even landscaping is likely to be profound. It may well be as profound as the influence of cathedral architecture in the middle ages or any sim-liar period when institutional building set styles which often were followed down to the very doors and windows of humble homes.

These are some of the dimensions of North Carolina's breathtaking school de-velopment. It takes no prophet or son of a prophet to sense the effect upon a state which is in an active stage of economic growth.

A sign in Gene's Radio Store says: "Pa-tronizing Us Is Like Making Love To A Widow. You Can't Over Do It."—Carlisle (Ky.) Nicholas County Star.

Courtesy doesn't cost anything, but judging from the manner in which some folk dispense it, you would think it was rationed, just like sugar in wartime—Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.

Arkansas is the Land of Opportunity and Little Rock is the city of no oppor-tunity to park.—Arkansas Gazette,

Best thing about a snow, is to sit and watch it go.—Greensboro Daily News.

# With America Rests Hope Of Christian World's Survival

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

part of the world is rushing down upon us with gathering speed.

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By ROBERT C. RUARK

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# People's Platform

# Comment On Hoover Editorial

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-A. D. R. SCHOENFELD.

## Outstanding Editorial

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# Rare Degree Of Courtesy CHARLOTTE

Editor. Tox News:

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ing I could do would start the car. Frankly, 15th

very frightened. There apparently was no one awake in the homes in the neighborhood, as all of them were dark.

CAPEHART

About twenty minutes later, a Yellow Cab driver, stopped and asked me if there was something he could do.

As a newcomer to Charlotte, you can well ima-gine my reaction and appreciation of this wonderfu-kindness.

-MRS. C. LANNIN, 200 N. Laurel Ave.

## The Queen City

(NOTE: The following letter to the Charlotte Merchant's Association is of such general interest that it is being published in the People's Platform. —Editors, The News.)

HAD the pleasure of being in your city last week and I (sel impelled to write a few lines in praise of your beautifull) decorated attents and stores.

If I may use a slang expression, "Your city is out of this world in beauty".

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The People's Platform to available to any The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscenity will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Such letter must be signed.—Editors, Tem News

#### Defense Dept. Plans Auto, TV Cutback Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

This may mean cutbacks in automobiles and television sets sooner than otherwise expected.

The secret memo outlining the befense Department's views follows: "It appears to be most desirable to convert extension to the convert extension to the convert extension to the convert extension than the convert extension that the convert extension that the convert extension that the converted extension to the converted extension to the converted extension to prepare a "standby" plant for production. In it ments to prepare a "standby" plant for production, ing but also installation of a production organization and the recruitment and training or necessary labor," explains the secret memo.

NOTE—Taking the simpless industry as an examine, the memo shows he organization of industries "which will produce 18,000 plants in the first tweet months will produce 18,000 plants in the second year and 50,000 plants in the third year."

#### Truman's Christmas List

AT THE White House just before Christmas, Congressman Compton White of Idaho saked Mr. Truman: "Mr. President, next to world peace, which we all have at the top of our Christmas list, what do you want the most this Christmas."

"I'd like," replied the President, "to be all alone for about ten days."

NOTE-When the President leaves Washington, all official duties move with him.

Truman And Acheson

O'Es of the first things Secretary Acheson did on returning from Brussels was to thank President Truman for his cross state of the Carlon Brussels was to thank President Truman for his cross that the contract of the Carlon Carlon Brussels and the proud to be a member of the Capinet.

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said:
"Dean, as long as I'm President there will never be any other Secretary of State. I don't care how much the Republicans belighench. You're going to be here at my dich because I know what you've done to prepare our country against Communism."

#### Washington Brains

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Rollroad Strike

DURING the middle of the railroad labor negotiations at the White House, John Steelman, likable administrative assistant to the President, clime into the room holding a copy coing Mr. Steelman was not pleased.

The column stated: 'Inside fact is that President Truman was warned weeks ago of a railroad strike unless John

Stelman, his genial White House side, brought union and management together. . . Senator Morse of Orecon, exchairman of the War Labor Board, had advised Truman-Bring both sides into a hotel room and keep time there will be the side of the side of

#### Lives Vs. Factorie.

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It is smeat unbelierable that a Congressman would consider factories more important than human lives. Yet that is what Congressman Clare Hoffman, Mchigan Republican, and on the House floor the other day. Arguing selbs bill to protect, for example, the blast furnaces of ... Pennsylvania, or if it was something like that I could see the reason for it, because we must have blast furnaces. We must have a production industries, I could see the reason for it and or slong with it. But here is a hill to protect the civilian population, who cannot be in any danger unless there is a no story of the country of the control of the country of the coun

## Washington Pipeline