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A TIME FOR EFFICIENCY

LAST WEEK Dr. Robert L. Johnson, president of Temple University and national chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, launched a campaign that every reader of these columns could well afford to support.

In a cold war or a hot one, this nation must provide its own Government with the best of what is available, in every way of knowing, as well as in every way of doing. It is not only a patriotic duty but it is a patriotic pleasure.

This is a time to take stock and tighten belts. We need, as never before, a well-organized, smoothly-operating, muscular Government. Every dollar we waste is a gift to the enemy.

AN INTRIGUING SUGGESTION

GOV. KEER SCOTT has been accused of many things in the past year and a half but no one, so far as we can recall, has ever said His Excellency is timid about broaching new ideas.

The Governor was strictly in character when he dropped a bombshell in Greensboro the other day. Would the city folks like to see the State take over the building and maintenance of city streets?

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THE COST OF SLUMS

MOST municipal officials know, without having to check their records too closely, that slums are the most expensive a heavy burden on the taxpaying public by requiring a disproportionate share of public services and facilities.

Denver found that its blighted area comprises less than ten per cent of the land in the city, holds only six per cent of the population, and contains only six per cent of the city's dwelling units.

At least ten per cent of all general relief funds—some seven times its "share" on a population basis—go to the care of children in slums.

From The Durham Herald

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and the National Security Resources Board

as showing the benefits of reorganization. Other measures embodying Hoover Commission recommendations would be of equal value, said Dr. Johnson, urging those Senators (Tamm and Lucas) to support these proposals.

Concluding his letter, Dr. Johnson said: "These are just a few of the many issues. I realize that the Congress can't act on all of them at once, but I believe you have repeatedly spoken up in behalf of the Hoover Report and voted for many of its measures.

"You get letters all day long from people with axes to grind. Let's grind the biggest axe of all—the nation's axe. . . . Reorganization can save both dollars and lives.

Editorial Reprint accurate

Anybody Want To Start A Landslide?



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Communism and Christianity, now is the time for every Christian to make his witness. It might be from a purely academic point of view. Interesting to see the Christians and Communists fight it out with guns, atom bombs and various assorted funds to prove, once and for all, which of them best represents the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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They Pay Off On Victory, Not On The Suicide Stuff

By ROBERT RUARK

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Oklahoma Race May Reveal Effect Of War On Politics

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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