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AGAIN THE SENATE

The Senate has refused to confirm four President Truman nominated for Federal offices...

Says the Associated Press: "Home state politics was an issue in every case."

One of the four, Carroll O. Switzer, named to be Southern Iowa Federal judge, was turned down after Senator Gillette of Iowa termed the appointment a "personal affront" to him.

A third, Martin A. Hutchinson, named Federal Trade Commissioner, had erred in challenging the Byrd machine in Virginia.

As all Virginians know, Byrd's memory is long, his vengeance sour.

Similarly, M. Neil Andrews, named Northern Georgia Federal Judge, had offended his home state Senators.

We hold no brief for the gentlemen the Senate rejected. For us, we know, the President's non-nominations were politically-motivated as the rejections. For all we know, moreover, the nominees may be incompetent.

Yet the point is that the question of their competence or incompetence has not, it seems, been raised. The decision has been taken on purely political grounds.

MEMO TO FAST DRIVERS

Comments the bare facts of a news story point up a moral so effectively that any editorial comment is superfluous.

"State Highway Patrolmen ... said that Mrs. Kennedy pulled into Highway 311 from a side road in front of a truck carrying a traveling crew."

"I left the highway and struck a sign warning drivers of a five-foot embankment. The State Highway Patrolman

RADIOS FOR RUSSIA

A prescription for Russia's ailments that has bobbed up frequently over the last few years is the widespread distribution through that land of United States mail order catalogues.

The theory: once the Russians take proper cognizance of the blessings of capitalism, they will throw the Communist rascals out of the Kremlin.

The only half-in-jest proposal is widely believed to have originated with the late Ambassador Roosevelt; but there are those who think that the late, former Ambassador to Egypt and Italy.

So far as we know, no effort has ever been made to put the plan into practice.

We are reminded of it now by another kind of half-truth, cousin, anyway, David Barnoff, who would offer the Russians.

OPERATION PROTOCOL

IT WAS MAY in Washington and the hostesses, in which Washington bounds were beginning to think about next season's dinner parties before the heat made dining uncomfortable.

Secretary of Defense Johnson, nominal headman of the Chiefs-of-Staff (Gen. Vandenberg, Gen. Bradley, Adm. Sherman and Gen. Collins) was also thinking about it.

While the North Koreans rolled up their fingers to committing mayhem on a number of South Koreans, Secretary Johnson felt himself compelled to take a little time out to see that his boys got what was coming to them.

In a letter to Secretary of State Acheson, protocol authority in the protocol-nominations District of Columbia, Johnson stated his case with all the outraged dignity of a dowager.

He declared he was concerned "for the standing and prestige of the Chairman and other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff." These officials, said he, occupy "positions of very great importance in our national governmental structure and he urged that they be given appropriate recognition."

Furthermore, the indignant Secretary declared, the "protocol status of top-level military men in some other nations is higher than that which has, in recent

measured the distance later and said the car didn't hurt again after 90 feet."

The crime of another, Frank E. Hook, nominated to the Motor Carrier Claims commission, was apparently that he dared run against Senator Ferguson of Michigan in 1948. That Hook lost by 45,000 votes did not pacify Ferguson. His thumb came down gave the hook to Hook.

The result: one fifteen-year-old youth instantly killed, another fifteen-year-old boy critically injured; the driver, Mrs. Beulah Kennedy of Kernersville, unconscious with fractured skull, broken back, and all ribs broken.

chairman of the board of RCA, announces that it is entirely possible to mass-produce at \$2 each per unit radio sets able to receive "Voice of America." How the sets are to be gotten into the Russians' hands he does not explain, but he says there are ways.

We have witnessed too many American "miracles" to doubt Mr. Barnoff now. And, as we have seen, it is not so feasible, his cover might very well be blown at any time.

As a mass audience for the "Voice" (for several surveillance of radio sets, it is now sharply believed) would undoubtedly have important results, but not less important would be the tangible proof of America's industrial "know-how" the little radio receivers would offer the Russians.

years, developed here."

Now Secretary Johnson wasn't being selfish. He had nothing personal to gain. Like Secretary Acheson he had a place at the table cheek-by-jowl with the hostess.

In all fairness, it should be pointed out that the Chiefs-of-Staff were being treated like country cousins. For Gen. Vandenberg and Adm. Sherman were eight seats away from the hostess, as at dinners for dozens of members of the State and Defense Departments—and, clearly, they could not have been farther removed from the head of the table.

So Secretary Acheson considered the matter carefully and decided the gentlemen in uniform should be displayed a little more prominently. Thus Gen. Bradley now sits four seats from the host, Gen. Collins and Adm. Sherman five seats away, and Gen. Vandenberg six seats away.

There has been some moaning about the displaced members of the civilian staffs of the two departments—poor Mr. Alexander, who once backed in the glory of fifth seat from the host has been demoted to seventh seat; Mr. McCone, once sixth from the host is now relegated to the virtual edge of the awful eighth chair.

There has been moaning, but for those inclined to submit to these shenanigans, you have not a tear.

They have instead, one firm vote at the old system of pole-mele, i. e. open the dining room doors, ring the bell, and may the best man win.

FREEZING IN AUGUST

A DOUBT is recommended by authorities in the frozen-food trade as a good device to pack the store in the home economy.

Home freezers are becoming more numerous every year and they are playing an increasingly important role in preserving products of the orchard and garden.

By no stretch of the imagination can the processing of home-grown foods, either by canning, dehydration or freezing, be regarded as hoarding in a time of national emergency.

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People's Platform

MacArthur Can Do The Job In Korea

Editors, The News:

I WONDER how we would do without our home-front war strategists? Everytime our boys in Korea withdraw, our strategists would like us to think these poor discomfited people who have nothing to do but an arm and a leg and a hope in their hearts.

All three of them (the occupants) had been thrown out of the smashed car. Their last and bleeding injury were strewn along the route the big car had taken after striking the highway.

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Steel Cartel Blocks Mining Of Manganese In N. America

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ONE OF THE things that almost no one in Washington talks about for Soviet strategic stockpiles of strategic materials.

This is a gray kind of secret because it is a matter of national deficiencies to public view.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(Ed. Note.—While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation, his column will be written by members of his staff, Jack Anderson and Fred Benschel.)

WASHINGTON

THE Kremlin Embassy reports from Moscow that the U. S. Senate's recent decision to deny the nomination of Martin Luther King as ambassador to the Soviet Union is a "blow to the prestige of the United States."

In fact, the Russians are already planning to use this as a new tool for anti-American propaganda. The Reds have already had four nominees from their own lips more popular than anything they could invent. Here are a few names that the Communists will be flinging in our faces:

1937.—To Hitler "Pervert wages as the great German people advance under the glorious emblem of the Swastika. Hitler Hitler."

1938.—To Hitler "Cordial congratulations on the anniversary of the Czechs." "Bismarck Hitler."

1941.—"What joy to see the German bombers once again punishing the innocence of the sky-scrapers of New York."

Private Admission

ALTHOUGH President Truman was plenty miffed when the Senate rejected his major nominations last week, he was not so miffed when Congress handed him this season's admitted privately that he might have wanted the same man.

USSR Set With Franco on Propaganda

Senate confirming any of the four nominations. I strongly suggest that you withdraw them.

Lucas pointed out it was useless to back the long-standing Senate nomination of never approving a nominee who is objectionable to a Senator from the same state.

"I am sorry I can't accept your recommendation, Scott," said the senator. "But I made the wrong choice. I was not a member of them—all of them. They are good men, well qualified for the positions to which I have named them."

"That may be true, but you'll never get them through the Senate," countered Lucas. The Illinoisan then returned to stand back of them—a member of them.

"Yes, I remember that," retorted Truman, without batting an eye. "And if I were in the Senate now I would do the same thing."

Now.—The other two Truman appointees, turned down by the Senate, were New Andrews, secretary of the Federal Judges and Frank Hook of Michigan for the Motor Carrier Claims Commission.

Capital Chaff

A ROOKIE Capital cop, saying a "suspicious" character: A browsing through newspapers in the House lounge, gruffly inquired: "Are you a member?" The "member" grinned his quarry, GOP Minority Leader Joe Martin of Massachusetts. "No," House Public Works Committee Chairman Frank B. Rowan replied. "I am not one in it when the next Congress convenes. Chairman William Whittington of Mississippi, who is retiring from

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