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## MR. JONES, MEET DR. MAGNUSON

CONGRESSMAN Hamilton C. Jones is each patient, year in and year out. We with Dr. Paul B-Magnuson, medical chief empty for lack of staff."

He also answered Congressional clitics constituents in the 19th Congressional District accept his opinion that \$479,000,000.

District accept his opinion that \$279,000,000 in new VA hospital facilities are needed. Mr. Jones was not in Washington last Monday when an election-conscious House of Representatives voted to force the VA to provide 16,000 new beds, even though the VA and the President had canceled the projects because the hospitals aren't needed and couldn't be staffed if they were built.

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In an interview with a representative of the North American Newspaper Alliance, Dr. Magnuson sounded off on this business of "pouring taxpayer money down drains under the guise of helping veterans."

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"I couldn't use 16,000 more beds if they
gave them to me tomorrow. Some folks
have the idea that all you do is spend
\$15,000 to provide one hospital bed and
everything is fine. They forget that, after
the buildings are open, it takes \$12 a day
per patient to fill the bed; that would be
\$122,000 a day, or \$70 million a year for
15,000 beds." he said.
Nor could he staff the new hospitals,
or hospitals? If they want hospitals, it
might be well to remember that it takes
1 1/2 people in a hospital to take care of

He also answered Congressional critics like Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers who said, "It is a cruel thing to prevent men who have fought for us and who were injured from receiving hospitalization."

"There is no such veteran," Dr. Mag-nuson replied. "Any man disabled in the service can have a bed immediately and get the best medical treatment in the world. The only exception is when he in-

world. The only exception is when he insists on going to a specific hospital and refuses to let us send him where there is space available."

Dr. Magnuson admitted there are 25,000 veterans on the waiting list for free VA beds, but all are veterans whose liness is in no way traceable to their service. The law permits hospitalization for non-service-connected disability, provided there is "space available". As of Pérburay 28 of this year, two-thirds of the 99,31 veterans hospitalized were for non-service disabilities.

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He makes out a strong case against this he makes out a strong case against this brand of election-year pork-barrel politics, a good deal stronger case than that put up by Congressman Jones. If the Congressman has any information he thinks is more authoritative than Dr. Magnuson's, he should come through with it, or else back down.

## BAPTIST INDEPENDENCE

THE separation of church and state may be a flexible principle to many mod-ern religious groups but to the North Carolina Baptists, at least, it is hard and

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From the first this has been a private affair. The public's only interest has been the hope that the new wing would be built, thus adding to the State's inadequate total of hospital beds and affording a still greater opportunity for the fine Baptist

The decision of the State Convention to go shead with the project, using Baptist money, astifies this public interest. Hence, we are not disposed to continue a controversy that the Baptists have settled for themselves, and in their own conscience. The decision does however, have a

Ine oreason was, increase, increase, increase, in the first place, the principle of separating church and state has been weak-ened considerably in recent generations. It is encouraging that a large' and vocal denomination has reasserted its faith in a more rigid interpretation of that principle.

ciple.

In the second place, too many of us keep our hands stretched out toward Raleigh and Washington for all sorts of grants and services, many of which we should provide for ourselves. The Bapitats have elevated a new standard for local initiative and for independence of State authority. It files high and wittually unchallenged, because there are so few others on the horizon.

#### THE HAINAN DEBACLE

WEVE been waiting around for the China lobby to start making excuses about the fall of Hainan, but so far there hasn't been a sound.

It will be somewhat harder to pin the blame for this latest Chiang Kai-Shek flazoo on the State Department, General Marshall, Prof. Owen Lattimore, and the various other scapegoats the China jobby-lets have created for Chiang's earlier mis-fortunes.

As recently as March 30. Senator Me-Garthy, most veciferous of the pro-Chiang group, attacked what he called the "de-featist" attitude of the State Department, and asserted without any qualifications whatsoever that the "Nationalist cause... still has the best equipped army of China and is even now on the offensive."

The Nationalists had overshelming no.

The Nationalists had overwhelming nu-

mercial superiority on Hainan Island. They had overwhelming superiority in military supplies. They were strongly entrenched, whereas the Communist attackers crossed from the mainland in junks and other small boats without modern pre-invasion

small boats without modern pre-invasion bombardment.

At first, all the Nationalist communiques told how the Nationalists were winning brilliantly. Then, suddenly, it became known that the top officials had been flown out and the Island surrendered, along with much equipment, to the Communista. It was the old story of the mainland defeats all over again.

Hainan fell because Chiang Kal-Shek's cause is rotten to the core, because his own troops are no longer loyal to him. Hainan was not "betrayed" by the Lattimores and the Marshalis. The China jobby will have to find a new scapegoat this time.

From The Washington Evening Star

#### THE MADDENING TRIBUTE OF TIPPING

IN A number of respects, Mississipi may

It be less forward looking than a lot of
her sister states. Even so, no one can deny
-not even the most professional of professtonal Northerners—that two members of
her Legislature are striking a real blow
for liberty and progress in sponsoring a
bill to outlaw tipping.

The bill is a hundinger. It would impose a 100 line on any establishmentsuch as a restaurant—found guilty of tolerating the practice. Further, carrying
things to a splendid extreme, it would slap
a \$80 penalty on each and every individual
causit in the act of either giving or accetting a tip.

a \$50 penalty on each and every individual causeht in the act of either giving or accepting a tip.

What could be more enlichtened? What could be better calculated to end the oppressions of the stratuity racket? Who can tell you all about it.—Speria (IGa) Ishmedite.

State road engineers are planning to reduce the stratuity racket? Who can tell you can tell you can fall to praise it to the sky who has paid triputes without end to doormen, cab drivers, barbers, shoeshine bovs, beilhops, waiters, hatcheck girls and the legion of others engaged in rendering service to a sorely put-tuon public?

Certainly, here is inspired and truly mobile legislation. Universally applied, it would do away forever with such abourdants until the original price of his fedora has been paid several times over.

Burely, there are few things in life more frintaling, or toughte on the pockets book, than the practice of tippins, with rever exceptions—Law then service is above and beyond the call of duly—gratuities

It beats us how hard it is to find out the exact details of a story before the paper is published, then afterwards almost anyone can tell you all about it.—Sparta (Ga.) Ishmælite.

And Behind That Curtain?



### **News From The Capital**

## Senate Campaigns Are Expensive

By TOM SCHLESINGEE
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WASHINGTON.
ONE reason that Senator Heey's unoposed in the
May 37 primary is strictly a matter of economics.
Even the most conservative race would cost a candiate and the backers at least 180,000.

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Drew Pearson's

Merry-Go-Round

because it would cost \$437 million.

Buil—to set the facts straigh—neither the 500bed hospital in Charlotte nor the 921-bed hospital
in Salisbury subtorised by this bill has a shoot of
a chance of completion under this measure.

The bill must pass the Senate and, even if that
happened, it would need the President's signature to
become law—which it is unlikely to get House mebers knew this, but there was a chance to look good
before the veteran' lobbite and the voters back

before the veterans lobbies and the voters back home.

One of the few honest votes of the two-hour action came from a young Wisconsin Republican, Reo-Olenn R. Davis, a veteran himself. The dissemble of the control of the part of the body. It smacks too much attempting to whow up" the President, It will not be good holder of the body. It smacks too much attempting to whow up" the President, It will not be good have been talking economy should vote against this, but those of you who have been talking economy should vote against this, but those of you who have been talking economy should vote against this, but those of you who have been talking economy about one against this, but those of you who have been talking economy about a supplier of the president of the p

## Destruction Pulls Ahead In Struggle With Law And Order

REALISTS
he Russians are pretty hardde realists. They know very
that reconnaissance by any
every means is an inherent
of the present situation. They
undoubtedly using all the
ns at their disposal to probe
defenses.

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The same thing is true with repect to espionage. The only sound
and safe assumption is that the

## **Headquarters Reflect Aims And Attitudes Of Parties**

By STEWART ALSOP

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# Liberals Attend GOP Cocktail Party

sion. Mrs. Bacon blistfully hereing, Ignorant of this dis-sion Mrs. Bacon blistfully hered her guests into a min of Russell. Deep risk and been set up and bade them in to Russell. Deep risk and the distribution of Portune Magazine, a bit hesitantly, Davenpore.

Harold Stassen Listens

A few other guests also made cautious remarks, then ther nervously the meeting adjourned. It appeared that sot of Mrs. Bacon's GOP guests were a little timid about eddy Roosevelt progressivism.

Capital News Capsules

e discussion that followed Minnesots's Sen. Ed Thye plained that the Republicans weren't paying enough on to the farm yook while Salponsali was "concentration that the Republican Party and agreed to the