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THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

A NEW PHASE of Governor Kerr Scott's public persona was revealed in the long, delivered report to the 1951 General Assembly, inclusive in person in the jam-packed hall of the House of Representatives yesterday.

The Governor was not angry. He was not petulant. There was no chip on his shoulder, as there has been on so many past occasions. The Scott chin did not jut forward.

Instead, the man who is known far and wide as the stormy petrel of Tar Heel politics, appeared to be contented for the first time in his administration. His demeanor was serious, his words earnest. But they were calm and moderate, and throughout the address there were signs of a new willingness to co-operate with the Legislature instead of bemoaning it.

One sentence set the theme for the address: "I am proposing consolidation of the advance we have made, but not that we dig in for stoppage of the advance."

The advance that Governor Scott referred to was his Go Forward program, a vigorous investment in State services to the people during the past two years—roads, schools, utilities, health facilities, institutions. The Governor reported in broad terms on the substantial progress made in these areas.

The consolidation he asked for was a positive rather than a static policy. He wants to fill the remaining gaps in State services to the people, but he wants to do this by the means of the greater national defense effort.

There were several interesting sections in the speech.

His militant advocacy of a sound program for developing North Carolina's river valleys failed to spell out precisely what

steps he would favor. But there were overtones of the larger national debate over river basin authorities, and a pretty equitable might well develop if the Governor later tosses a state TVA at the General Assembly.

His spirited defense of his spending program was in order. The Governor has been roundly scored by many organs of public opinion, including this newspaper, for taking long chances with the state's financial stability. But events have worked in his favor, and he has every right to crow a bit.

Of special interest in this section were his remarks on a State referendum on ABC terms. The Governor stuck by his oft-expressed belief that the people have a right to vote on the liquor question, but he definitely applied the soft pedal, and he went out of his way to compliment the program of enforcement and control under the State ABC set-up.

There were some omissions. He failed to offer a detailed formula for using State road funds on city streets. He asked for additional health facilities, but did not list them. He apparently has no further plans for strengthening the State Utilities Commission, though that regulatory body desperately needs a shot in the arm.

By the nature of a report to the Legislature, and to the people of the state, on the first two years of his Go Forward program. On Monday night he is to deliver his annual budget message, the content of which is still a closely-guarded secret. A good many members of the General Assembly would have complimentary things to say about yesterday's message added this precautionary suggestion: that on Monday night and see what the Governor proposes.

Think There's Any Chance Of A Cease-Fire Over Here?



In Coalition There Is Strength

The Defense Of The West



MR. PATTERSON STATES THE CASE

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However, Secretary Acheson's blessing is received in some quarters as a kiss of death. It is for this reason that the anti-fascist and anti-communist forces are quiet corners to assist our policy makers in the all-important job of selling the policy to the people.

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The letter, reprinted elsewhere on this page, is no exercise in rhetoric; it is a clear statement of certain well-known facts concerning the defense of the Western Hemisphere.

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THE BRITON MISBEHAVES

OCASIONALLY we are appalled by the manner of our Representatives in the Senate. We wince with embarrassment when they begin to club one another about the head in the cloakrooms, as has happened recently. We are sore ashamed when, with volume matched only by absurdity, they belabor one another verbally before packed galleries. But, this week, we were somewhat comforted to learn that even the chambers of the staid old House of Commons in England are not free from such incidents.

Our venerable friend, *The Manchester Guardian*, disturbed by recent cases of "the serious disorder of booting in the House of Commons," turned to the books to find a precedent for the carrying-on and discovered some rather heinous offenses against good behavior.

It found, for instance, a case of "an old doctor of the Civil Law" who "spoke, but because he spoke too long and too low, the House hawked and spat to make him make an end."

And then there was the case of the member who moved that the "moderators be turned out of the House, 'presumably' adds *The Guardian*, "because they snored."

If this sort of thing can happen in the House of Commons, perhaps we can bring ourselves to forgive a slight donnybrook on Capitol Hill or a bit of billingsgate and discover some rather heinous offenses against good behavior.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE PRESIDENT'S message on the beginning of the year has been the best yet. Harry S. Truman. During the next months, he must deal with a receding isolationist Congress. He must unite a worried and divided country. He must prepare to meet the challenge of a gigantic world crisis. He must stand for the survival of the United States.

Those who ought to know give an interesting picture of the way Truman responds to the current situation that ever confronted an American president. Boldly, he is unopposed in his views. He reels and tumbles, the Truman White House continues the established round — the morning staff meetings, the G. O. P. caucus, the occasional evening post-parade, the week-end round-trip to the White House. Yet for all the strain, Harry S. Truman is still the same decent, friendly, unassuming man who in the first such episode, this sort of thing merely happens more often.

INVITING CONQUEST

In short, abandonment of Western Europe would be nothing but an invitation to conquest of our own country by Soviet Russia. It would play directly into the hands of the Communists. With the reds of the world arrayed against us, we could not maintain ourselves for long on sea, air or land. Our military position would be desperate.

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Truman Long On Courage But Short As A Subtle Intellect

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSO

control our own economy, all march forward abreast. He must manage continuously to distribute the load from his own great power of conflicting advice. And because the load is so heavy, he must do all these multifarious and complicated other things, the value of his simple common sense is increased.

The President in fact has these main deficiencies. He has little power to analyze the complex facts of life, so that he can act upon them. He has little power to witness and even the survival of the United States.

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ILL-EQUIPPED LEADER

Unfortunately, however, in the President's mind, the fact is not a bad thing that in this crisis he cannot lead. It is the fact that a good leader, but have only a good man at our head. For he is not a good man — and no one can doubt that I somehow shall — the vigor and inner energy which he will prove for good and all.

Northern Democrats Worried By Power Of Conservatives

By MARQUIS CHILDS

A LITTLE booklet for newcomers to Washington could be written on the subject of the difference between the Democrats and the Republicans. After the action of the House in voting to impeach a man in choosing their "leader" the distinction is not visible to the naked eye.

This is a matter of no concern at all to the Southern Democrats. They are concerned with the fact that they come back year after year. And a little like this is the Northern brethren are numerous, they are not so numerous as the Southerners as chairmen of most of the committees.

But it is a very practical concern for the Democratic Party in the North. This explains the general gloom in the wake of the selection of Senator Ernest McFarland of Arizona as the majority leader. McFarland's record is a record of failure.

There is still another factor that makes the Northern Democrats distinctly uneasy. That is their realization that the Democrats are in the stage for the Democrats to follow the precedent of the House in the past. They are already on the defensive and they will be increasingly so as the year goes on.

Some of the gloomy Northerners have a feeling that McFarland's record was engineered long in advance of his election. They are already on the defensive and they will be increasingly so as the year goes on.

Visited McCarthy's Office

CONTINUING the cross-examination of Paul Rosenberg, Senator Russell said: "You had not seen either one of them (Neil and William) for some time."

Freeman: Yes, somebody telephoned me from Washington and said: "Two men are coming up to see you about Rosenberg."

Senator Russell: Did you know the man who telephoned you from Washington?

Freeman: Yes, that was what I did. There are two men on the way to New York. Let's go to see them. All right, how long did these two men, Nellor and Burke, stay in your home?

Senator Russell: Did they ask you any questions as to what you knew about Anna Rosenberg?

Drew Pearson's Senators Nite of Clean-Up Smearing

Jewish hatred? Another cable addressed to Tri-Ocean in Bombay, read: "Have negotiated immediate establishment of a committee to investigate the activities of the Rosenberg family." It was this same Freeman who put Fulton Lewis' legman and Senator McCarthy's investigator in touch with the Rosenberg family. Apparently they posed as representatives of the Senate Armed Services Committee. For page 6 of the Senate committee testimony reads:

Senate Agents?

SENATOR RUSSELL: Who were the members of this committee who did you discuss it? (Mrs. Rosenberg's confirmation)

De Solis: The gentleman was introduced to me as one of the investigators of your committee.

Senator Russell: Was he a member of the committee or an investigator?

Gerard L. K. Smith

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INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

IN 1948 North Carolina's State Education Commission, after considerable study, recommended a school construction program to be carried out over a period of ten years at an estimated cost of \$150,000,000.

North Carolina has been in the vanguard among the Southeastern states in its investment in common schools, but the folk were not satisfied with what they were doing. Their unworled slogan was, onward!

In less than three years since then local communities will have raised \$75,000,000 by bond issues, which will be serviced by local direct taxation. In addition, the state government has provided \$50,000,000 for buildings—half of it by bond issue, the other by legislative appropriations.

The program will provide 10,000 classrooms, with facilities for 300,000 children, and upward.

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We hereby nominate for the most thoughtful husband of the year the one in Boston who took his dog to a department store and bought him a sweater with an umbrella. He was buying for his wife, although we still think it would have been simpler to dye the dog. — *Greenboro Daily News*.

If the officials who run our government could profit by the loss of a man, it would be terribly rich in no time at all. — *New Orleans (La.) States*.

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