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THAT GOP-DIXIE COALITION

THE proposal for a Republican-Southern Democratic coalition in next year's Presidential election reminds us of that old story, "How 'pe' gonn, keep ten down on the farm, after they've seen Poree?"

We speak specifically of committee chairmanships in Congress. Anyone who knows anything at all about our national politics is aware of the high value placed on chairmanships.

Look at the list in the Senate there is Allen Ellender of Louisiana, who heads the Agriculture & Forestry Committee; Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee, Appropriations; Dick Russell of Georgia, Armed Services;

Hayden of Arizona, respectively.

The picture in the House is about the same. Harold Cooper of North Carolina heads Agriculture; Carl Vinson of Georgia, Armed Services; John McMillan of South Carolina, District of Columbia; Graham Barden of North Carolina, Education & Labor;

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RECORD OF A REFORM MOVEMENT

IT CAN BE SAID, we believe, without fear of contradiction, that the American people would like to see all of the Hoover Commission recommendations enacted into law, in spirit if not in every precise detail.

But for reasons too numerous and varied to recite here, there is an inertia in Congress, which amounts almost to reluctance, that inertia will prevail unless the American people let their Representatives and Senators know their sentiments.

Considerable progress has been made, to be sure, but still hanging in the balance. A recent tabulation by the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report shows this accomplishment:

- Veterans affairs, 5 per cent accomplished.
Agriculture Department, zero per cent.
Airs, 5 per cent.
Medical activities, 20 per cent.
Treasury Department, 20 per cent.
Interior Department, 20 per cent.
Federal business enterprises, 25 per cent.
Post office, 30 per cent.
Civil Personnel management, 35 per cent.
Armed forces unification, 90 per cent.
Office of General Services, 100 per cent.
Management of the Executive Branch, 80 per cent.
Budgeting and accounting, 85 per cent.
Foreign Affairs, 80 per cent.
Labor Department, 80 per cent.
Commerce Department, 70 per cent.

NOTES ON THE SILLY SEASON

IT HAS BEEN our custom in the past to take note of what we were pleased to entitle the Silly Season. It always seemed inevitable at this time of year that many odd little things happened to many odd little persons, and we were to shrug editorially and remark that it only meant the rising of the sun, or the coming of Spring.

We weren't going to look for the little oddities of the Silly Season this year. The world was in too much of a hurry to get to work, and we were too busy with serious military problems. Yet, inevitably...

An Air Force general in Honolulu suggested to a sailor that the young man ought to join his outfit, and the sailor slapped the

From The Salisbury Post

THE PLAY'S THE THING

SOME days ago the press carried notice of a great private utility company hand announced a major expansion of service far in the soaring peaks of Western North Carolina.

The expansion, the building, the investment, the employment of men, the installation of facilities, all the monetary phenomena are devoted to what we made necessary—the corporation declared—by the unprecedented influx of people from afar come to witness a soul-stirring drama staged against the backdrop of the eternal mountains of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Into These Hills, Kermit Hunter's querulous experiment in amalgamation of drama and historic pageantry—hesitatingly attempted, precariously financed, apologetically proclaimed—fed on the neglected bottom of human benevolence, and simply ran wild as a crowd-drawer, fame-builder, and money-maker in a matter of weeks.

Million Of Dollars Cant Replace Lost Opportunities

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Mr. Truman has not always followed the Hoover Commission in its reform measures. For example, he has twice tried to include health and medical activities in the proposed new welfare department. But generally he has shown more enthusiasm for the Hoover reports than has any other President.

There is a pregnant lesson for the power-that-be in North Carolina in the old Indian Country along the Tennessee line. It is the lesson that the ancient purgation of pity and fear can be a money-maker too. A sense of humility and the commonplace of humankind dramatized by genius may not rank with factories and machinery in "bringing money" into North Carolina.

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There's something comparable here in television. The roving eye in the camera picks up the innocent bystander in America who is not to perform for free—sometimes to his own embarrassment. The camera makes a public record of his ungraceful appearance. It does not show him at peak form, as a wire tap does not show him at his most attractive.

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'We'll Give You Some More When You Need It'



One View Of Politics

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Webster defines a politician as "a man who is a politician." It is a "Sagacious planning—wisely adopted by the people, but we have slipped in our generation from that definition and from the example of our forefathers. Business and professional men are getting to be like politicians. Here is, late in March, and thereby contribute to keeping the peace. Further days and weeks of delay must be the result of a serious handicap. Time passes and with its passage hopes are lost and fears and doubts spring up.

There is a reason for this. The wrong people are in the right places, yet we carry about taxes and blow our tops about politics after we elect them. Talk about your "frozen assets," the biggest "frozen assets" in American life today are the men and women who are capable and honest and have the golden rule in their hearts, but who will not accept for public election. Here is, late in March, and no interest has been shown. In previous election years we have had many candidates out for public office.

One big "bugaboo" in politics has scared away many of our best people. It is the fear of defeat at the polls. Another is the fear of making somebody mad, and thereby losing customers.

Losing an election, by fair means or foul, is always a possibility. I speak with authority on that score. But every venture we attempt in this competitive world holds the risk of defeat. That is a basic fact of our existence. Here is, late in March, and no interest has been shown. In previous election years we have had many candidates out for public office.

There is nothing wrong with politics if the right men are in the right places. Taxes could easily be reduced if business principles were applied to government. Overlapping agencies increase the cost of operations tremendously.

So, gentlemen, to liquidate your frozen assets, reduce your taxes, and protect your own business, get the right men to run for office.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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