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CONGRESS PARTLY TO BLAME?

ARMY Coach Earl Clark says that prep school gridiron stars visited West Point for a "crash course" with interested alumni...

Point blame now, although Senator Hoey had just previously indicated strongly that at least a preliminary check would be made...

SPOTLIGHT ON CHARLOTTE

THE friendly rays of national spotlight again fall on the Queen City in June. The Saturday Evening Post featured Charlotte last month a Life cover story...

Confederacy don't have much influence any more. Factors which have contributed to the city's phenomenal rise as a distribution center...

This latest article dips into our "unfathomable" city's life to determine the reason for Charlotte's rapid growth...

Business Week found a few things lacking. "There isn't a really decent auditorium in town..."

DIOGENES, HERE'S YOUR MAN

IN AN ERA of deteriorating morals and ethics, any act of honesty is conspicuous...

lected their \$50,000, and gone their way. But they voluntarily notified the City of their find...

This week, Clear-View's attorney, Robert Lassiter Jr., started checking company records...

Such honesty merits commendation from the taxpayers, who stand to save \$29,000 from it.

A LOYAL GUARDSMAN

THE THOSE peaceful years of prosperity and depression between 1920 and 1940 the National Guard lost much of its World War I lustre...

Colonel Youns joined the Guard in 1918. He fought in World War I. He maintained an active interest in the National Guard...

Through that period of unpreparedness, a few men labored hard to keep the National Guard together...

Colonel Youns' desire to devote full time to his personal and business affairs after 30 years with the National Guard is quite understandable...

One of the men responsible for keeping the Guard together in the years between the two World Wars was Paul R. Youns...

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CONGRESS NEEDS AN OVER-HAULING

ELSEWHERE on today's editorial page is an article from Business Week that merits the attention of every taxpayer...

and non-essential spending. Furthermore this uncertainty makes Congress reluctant to support economy moves by the few members who do understand the budget...

PIGEON LEGACY

A WEALTHY Chicago widow left a \$5,000 bequest to feed pigeons three times a week on two downtown street corners...

only the best and of beady eyes. They strut like a Napoleon before the time of Elba, or even like a second lieutenant newly come into his shoulder bars...

As it is, pigeons are about the most arrogant birds a-wing. They take over public buildings and statues and park benches...

All these things they did before ever the widow passed on to them her bequest. What heights of pride will they not reach now...

Drew Pearson

(This is the first of three articles on Drew Pearson from the Providence, R. I. Journal's Peabody prize-winning series of 1950, reprinted by permission of The Journal. Others to follow: Fulton Lewis Jr. and Westbrook Keeg, Editors, The News.)



New System Needed

Congress Poorly Equipped To Handle Whopping Budget

(The following article is reprinted from the August 4 issue of "Business Week" with special permission. -Editors, The News.)

CONGRESS is trying once again to put new and tighter reins on the Federal Government's spending. Congress is attempting to establish its own counterpart of the Administration's Bureau of the Budget...

I. Too Big To See

THIS proposed "joint committee on the budget," backed by a staff of experts, is the latest idea in the long fight to arm Congress to do a better job of appraising the fantastically huge U. S. budget...

Taxes currently on the books will bring in some \$53.5 billion. So to balance the budget, anywhere from \$5.5 billion to \$10 billion is needed in new taxes...

Congress ordinarily has about six months to consider and decide how much it's going to vote its appropriations bills. But this year's performance demonstrates again that Congress just isn't equipped to do the job...

The Congress has got bigger, the record of Congress in budgeting the budget has got sordid and sordid...

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

IT IS a grave matter for a Senator to introduce a resolution aimed at unseating a fellow Senator. However, Senator Benton of Connecticut carefully documented the case against Senator McCarthy before calling for his ouster...

Senator McCarthy has tried to intimidate his press critics with the greatest challenge to freedom of the press since the Civil War. For example, McCarthy has charged that the Washington Post is a Communist front...

Unwitting Tool Of Commies

SENATOR McCarthy has succeeded where the Communists have failed—in undermining the U. S. Government. Two chief targets of Communist propaganda have been Secretary of State Acheson and Secretary of Defense Marshall...

around the edges of what the subcommittee approves. For a joint committee member knows he is an unequal battle. Scores of colonels and higher brass, for instance, may appear to back up a department bill...

The entire staff of two committees comes to about a dozen men each. Obviously, these experts have a full-time job during the appropriation season just arranging the hearing schedules and keeping up with the paper work.

II. What To Do About It WHEN Congress took a look at itself and the Government after World War II, it passed the legislative reorganization act to make its own operations more efficient...

Another attempt at check-reining Government spending was the single-package appropriation bill, tried out last year. The theory was that this would give Congress a look at the whole spending program; they wouldn't have to vote billions in bits and pieces without knowing what the whole thing amounted to...

But this year Congress decided to go back to the old system. The theory was that the single-package procedure allowed highly skilled, capable men, and the omnibus bill was wide open for log-rolling and riders.

Another committee idea has all a lot of backers. None expects miracles, but all agree that Congress and the country would probably benefit from a professional budget staff on Capitol Hill...

III. What's In The Way

THE biggest obstacle to adoption and use of the joint committee idea is the internal politics of Capitol Hill. The Appropriations committee are—like all committees—jealous of their authority. Most members see no need for setting up another committee to duplicate what is already done in their territory...

Senator McClellan and other backers of the joint committee idea are willing to compromise. They figure it would take at least a couple of years before much could be expected. McClellan's bill—S. 913—stands a good chance in the Senate. But it will have hard sledding in the House...

McCarthy came out with sensational charges that the Army had tortured German war criminals. These charges were cooked up in Germany and mailed to McCarthy in brown manila envelopes...

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Headline Hunter

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SOMEONE after 6:30 o'clock on any Sunday night, some 15,000 people hear an excited announcer proclaim: "Now, Drew Pearson with tonight's predictions of the national election..."

NEARER 47 PER CENT The accuracy of Drew Pearson's radio predictions of 15 weeks shows that the announcer, if he is talking about the current election, is not Drew Pearson's prophesying career if he said: "The news that has proved 47 per cent accurate..."

Three tabulations A strict tabulation which held Pearson accountable for every prediction and which called a prediction inaccurate if any part of it was inaccurate...

A GENERAL ASSUMPTION (These future events will be 100 per cent accurate because of a generous assumption. Some of the stiff untested predictions are that if the present administration continues to change the color of paper money to orange, racketeers will be foiled; that the present administration will get too close to an American shore the Navy will not hesitate to shoot down the ship...

CONGRESSIONAL QUIZ (From QW Newsfeatures) Q—Why did President Truman sign the new controls bill after saying it was the kind of legislation that would "push prices up" and "threaten the stability of the dollar?"

Senator Benton has nearly 100 pages of examples of how McCarthy has deliberately lied in his pursuit of headlines instead of facts. For example, McCarthy charged that Owen Lattimore was a spy for the Soviet Union. This was denied by all the living relatives of State since 1933, who pointed out that Lattimore had never even worked for the State Department...

Senator McCarthy's ethics, alone, are enough to disqualify him from the job of Secretary of State. He has been a Communist agent for the Soviet Union since 1933, and he will say, "Owen Lattimore" is a Communist agent for the Soviet Union since 1933, and he will say, "Owen Lattimore" is a Communist agent for the Soviet Union since 1933...

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