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POOR LOCAL LEADERSHIP

A REPORT from Raleigh, elsewhere in this week's NEWS, on the State's hospital building program should give deep satisfaction to the people of North Carolina. For the first time, many of our basic health deficiencies are being corrected and it is possible to look forward with confidence to an era of better health.

THE SECURITY CURB ON INFORMATION

THE President's sweeping executive order which requires tight military security on information from Government civilian agencies is, in our opinion, undesirable and unwarranted. Instead of defending against disclosures which the President called "harmful to the security of the United States," this new order will defend incompetence in Government and stifle attempts to obtain legitimate news.

POLITICS IN THE POST OFFICE

BACK IN 1947 President Truman appointed Jesse M. Donaldson, a long-time postal official, as Postmaster General, thus breaking the precedent that the top Post Office job was to the national committee chairman of the Party in power.

As that as it may, the Postmaster General has now incurred the wrath of the chief of the letter carriers' union who has asked the President to fire Donaldson. The complaint seems to be that some funds and mail routes have been cut off.

NO TINKERING WITH THE POLE

ONE of those literal-minded persons in Alaska has been trying to get the Air Force to drop a pole of his design at the North Pole. He evidently thinks the North Pole is not a Pole without a pole, and he keeps telling the Air Force, in its flights over the Arctic, to do something about it.

icipation in the Medical Care Commission projects is based on ability to pay, as measured by a six-year average of individual income tax payments. It runs from a low of 16 per cent of the total cost, and as high as 56 per cent in the wealthier counties.

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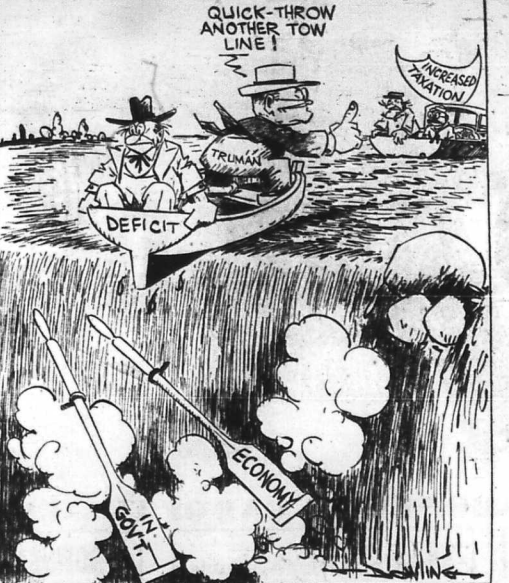
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WASHINGTON (UPI)—The position of party too long in power is abundantly evident here in Washington. What happens to a party too long in power is not so obvious but it is equally serious. Guy Gabrielson, the chairman of the Republican National Committee, is either himself simple-minded or he assumes that most people are when he says that a telephone call from him would have no particular influence at the Reconstruction Finance Corp. or any Congressional committee had the courage to tackle it, the record would show that some of the Senators used their influence almost more boldly and crudely than some Democratic party members.

Facts Can Prove McCarran's Tax Taking False Testimony

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A courageous letter from Senator Truman, Henry A. Wallace has now provided the strongest documentary support for certain very grave charges previously made in this space. The article and its enclosures contain every essential fact needed to prove that the McCarran subcommittee counsel, the semi-senior Senator Vincent, testified that during this trip Wallace was "guided" along the Communist Party line by the Communist Party official, John Carter Vincent. He further testified that Vincent was a "trustworthy Communist Party" at that time.

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