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NIXON'S REPORT TO THE NATION

SENATOR RICHARD NIXON undoubtedly enriched millions of Americans last night that he intended no wrong in using a special fund of over \$18,000 for political expenses.

Nixon is a personable young man, with a flair for the dramatic and just the right mixture of bravado and humility for the mass American audience. Despite the lapses into the melodrama, his radio-TV report to the nation was an effective and compelling argument that he be left on the Republican ticket. We presume that he will be.

Unless there is some tangible evidence to the contrary, then, fair-minded Americans will accept Nixon's story as an honest explanation of his motives in accepting and using the special fund, and will assume that the donors did not expect and have not received any special consideration in return for their gifts.

A HISTORIC DAY IN CHARLOTTE

THERE isn't a single red-blooded schoolboy who knows who wouldn't have helped cheer the Indians out of the Northwest Territory or panned gold in Alder Gulch if he had had the chance. It's more fun to take part in the adventure than to read what some stuffy old historian or newspaperman wrote about it afterwards.

Insurance For The Taxpayer
SOMEWHAT belatedly, it seems to us, the County School Board has recognized that long range, scientific planning of school building design and placement is essential if the taxpayers' dollars are to be invested wisely.

HOW NOT TO HANDLE WITNESSES

EACH YEAR scores of investigations are conducted by Congressional committees. Some get considerable public attention because of the information they gather or the techniques they use.

Compare that reasonable preface with the statements of Richard Aron, staff director of a McCarran subcommittee, to a witness: "Where did you get the idea you had a right to counsel before an investigating subcommittee..."

Perhaps the reason why some committees get the facts without fanfare and hubbub, while the McCarran Committee arouses the ire of witnesses, is that they are not comparing the attitudes toward witnesses by committee staffers.

A House Veterans' Affairs Committee headed by Rep. Otis Bowen of Texas last week investigated charges of the G. I. Bill. Congressman Teague started off the probe with this statement:

"I would like to remind all the witnesses from The Richmond News Leader

WHAM

IT WE HAD to choose from among heaps of political rot of the week, we'd pick that crackjack tossed out by Stanley Ginn, Columbia, Mo., attorney. For two days, years President Truman has been receiving the ham judged to be the best at the Boone County, Mo., Fair.

This year, Mr. Truman isn't going to get the ham. Mr. Ginn, after paying \$9 per pound for this year's champion ham (weighing 13 1/2 pounds), declared he was sending the ham to Mr. Eisenhower.

"President Truman," said Mr. Ginn, "has

behalf of private enterprise and integrity in government... (Governor) Warren has too much the social point of view for the people behind Dick. We couldn't go for Warren, but Dick did just what we wanted him to do."

Nixon admitted that it was wrong—not illegal—to use the fund. And it is that point that should be emphasized.

News items have said that Nixon showed incredible good judgment. We still think so. If U. S. Congressmen do not make enough money to meet expenses, they should be paid more by the Government. No member of Congress should accept gifts or favors from his constituents or anyone else that might in any way compromise his integrity or weaken his independence.

Taken out of its campaign context, the Nixon story shows the pressing need for a law requiring all Federal employees in policy-making positions, legislative and administrative, to report outside income.

In a good spot—running around and sending stories to the world about what's going on right here in your home town.

Well, Friday there's going to be a big day like that in Charlotte. General Eisenhower, one of the greatest generals and most popular men of all time, will be our next President.

Charlotte will be honored by the visit of the Republican Presidential nominee, just as it would if Governor Stevenson came to town. Let's pull out all the stops, and show again that the Queen City is a gracious and friendly hostess.

By James K. Alexander
Negroes Making Progress
Editors, The News:
THE Negroes of the South are going forward. They are driving better automobiles, they are living in better homes, and they are getting a better education.

By John W. Burks
Why Break Tradition?
ABLENE, TEXAS
Editors, The News:
ACCORDING to history, there hasn't been a bald-headed man elected as President of our country since the election of John Quincy Adams in 1824.

By PINEHURST
Nixon Editorial Praised
Editors, The News:
YOUR editorial covering the Nixon affair was based upon a sound philosophy of proper conduct in office.

By WASHINGTON
Drew Pearson's Merry-Garland
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People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor.

other Congressmen and Senators to "go into and out of the States." It takes no imagination to realize what would happen to the country and to Congress if subsidization becomes, even partially, standard procedure.

Canadian Official Impressed

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I TAKE this opportunity of thanking you sincerely for your kindness and help, which was given me during my visit to Charlotte.

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Effect Of Nixon Fund Story Impossible To Appraise Yet

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THE HARM done to the Republic by the revelation that the President's son-in-law, Richard Nixon, has benefited from a private fund of \$18,000, provided by influential constituents in California, has to be appraised. It is not too early to say that Nixon under a grave handicap in going about the country and discharging his duties in government.

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The Marse proposal would help if it were really enforced, though the price, this is hard to understand. Take a salary of \$12,500 a year, \$2,500 in the extra expense allowance that can be used in any way he desires, and up to \$60,000 a year for office expenses.

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Nixon Is Not The Only One To Get Gloom On The Side

NEW YORK
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