

BARE-FACED BID FOR HEADLINES

Beginning at 7 o'clock last Saturday night, those Americans who happened to be listening to their radios were bombarded with an excited babble of assorted comment on some "highly secret" State Department papers which had been released for publication by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S SCHOOL MEETING

The report of the State Education Commission on schools, students and teachers in North Carolina is frightening—in its bulk and in its implications. Those in the state who received the huge, mimeographed report will be reading it with interest and careful reading of it in this form would take almost as long as the Commission took to prepare it.

THE CASE OF THE SLANDEROUS TOMBSTONE

The strange case of Hamp Kendall and the slanderous tombstone lies in neatly with Governor Cherry's recent observation that the meeting out of justice is not a scientific thing. Hamp, an 81-year-old resident of Caldwell County, was wrongfully imprisoned by the State of North Carolina in 1907. Governor Bickett pardoned him in 1917 when the real murderer of the man he supposedly killed confessed and then shot him.

edge for the great disclosure. If performed the a d d e d service of notifying newspaper deak well in advance to hold a few columns open for the papers in the Sunday morning issue, preferably on the front page, that would suit the Committee fine, too.

What happened, of course, is the same thing that happens every time an important story is served up in advance for publication. A certain time. Copies of the report were handed over to newspaper men and radio announcers that a s m e night, and the full text was moved by all press associations before midnight Friday.

There have been many indications that the House Un-American Affairs Committee is more interested in getting headlines for itself and discrediting the Justice Department and the Administration than in rounding up and convicting Communist espionage agents. But nothing it has done before has been quite such a bare-faced display of its attitude as this.

From the standpoint of the public, the Committee's action is utterly unparliamentary. If the papers were of such vital importance to the citizens of the United States, no member of the Thomas Committee should have had the right to hold them back 24 hours or one hour or one minute. They should have been released immediately upon clearance by the State Department.



Lobbies Getting Set For Battle Welfare Issues In The 81st Congress

(From Congressional Quarterly) WASHINGTON Plan the winter session arranged to 90 and seeks \$3,000 income tax exemption in appealing for labor support of its revolving pension plan.

People's Platform 'My Brother's Keeper'

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Alabama is a good example of how sharply the issue of the Disarmament of Communism has become. The Disarmament of Communism in Alabama was boosted by the Disarmament of Communism in the North. The same issue is a matter of interest to the people of Alabama.

Next month McKellar will be 8 years old. During the campaign he put on a party performance as in the South. Such intervention it is believed, is being reported. The reform of the argument, however, will be made locally if it is to be effective.

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