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TAX — SPEND — ELECT

NO WONDER Lighthearted Harry Truman man went broke as a haberdasher. If he didn't know in those early days that he appears to know in his maturity, his eventual insolvency was a certainty.

The failure of a clothing firm in Kansas City and the deterioration of a concern like the United States of America are two vastly different things, but they can be brought about in the same way by a man's inability or unwillingness to deal with a situation. And the situation confronting the United States today is ominous. Despite the highest and the most all-prevailing tax levies in its year-time history, despite booming business conditions, the Government is continuing to add to its debt of one quarter of a trillion dollars.

DUKE'S NEW PRESIDENT

DUKE has become in this century a fabled name in North Carolina, an honored name. In transportation, electric power, tobacco the name leads the list. But in no field is it more honored than in education.

Duke University which grew up on the site of Trinity College at Durham has become in the past 25 years one of the most respected of the nation's institutions of higher learning. Its library, its medical school are not only among the largest, but among the best.

Its far-famed gothic campus, its imposing chapel, its bell tower with a 50-foot carillon are North Carolina landmarks.

Today, as Duke University marked its first quarter century, it took unto itself a new president. Dr. Hollis Edens.

At 48, Dr. Edens can well be described as a self-made man. Son of a preacher and farmer who prayed for him to leave the Tennessee mountains, Hollis Edens worked his way through Cumberland Mountain School, Emory University.

His background, including extensive service in the schools of Georgia, Canada, Dr. Edens well for the role he will fill as a leader in national education and as a spokesman for the South.

'ONE TO WEAR AND ONE TO WASH'

THE CHARLOTTE branch of the Needlework Guild of America will mark its 19th year of fine service in a worthy cause next week with its annual gathering on Wednesday.

A MORAL DUTY MISSED

MORE THAN five months ago the House of Representatives passed by a resounding vote a bill liberating the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 to permit a total of 329,000 victims of both world war and post-war Communist oppression to seek refuge in the United States. This bill was in itself a compromise with the figure of 400,000 urged by President Truman. Now the Senate, after permitting a bipartisan combination to avert the bill for the present session.

The result is that the difficult and discriminatory old bill, which limits admission to 205,000 wartime refugees and excludes the victims of the "cold war," remains in force, and that any modification of it is likely to be delayed until next Spring.

The Government of the United States has become so expensive to the people of the United States cannot afford it. All of us are working about a fourth of our time to support a vast bureaucracy and a spending system designed to perpetuate the office. Lighthearted Harry has taken over the Roosevelt political philosophy, once candidly expressed by the late Harry Hopkins as tax spend elect.

It is not a tolerable situation, yet is exceedingly difficult to deal with. Beneficiaries of this largesse are farmers, veterans, job-holders, education, whole regions of the country, and, primarily, the politicians themselves — are numerous.

Only a brass Democrat would have dared to lead only these three counties in last year's election. Only a hero would be willing to clean up after Harry.

that it must not be bound by geographical lines. Duke University has been and will continue to be in the future to an increasing degree a university of national scope.

However, in a certain sense we cannot forget that this University is located in the South. It must be concerned also with the problems of the South. In 1910, one of the most pressing national problems was the completion of a public school system which would put within reach of every child the opportunity to receive an education through the high school level. Since that time admirable progress has been made not only at this level but in the realm of higher education. Today there are enough colleges to admit a majority of all who have the minimum qualifications and who want to go to college. What the South needs is still better education.

The intellectual resources in our people exceed all other resources put together, and yet no resource has been more neglected than the power of the mind. Those of us in education cannot be content until we admit the best that we have readily available to the South and the Nation.

Duke University's function has been and should continue to be to concentrate on the development of distinguished graduate and professional school programs in limited areas of scholarship and research.

Dr. Edens' concept seems admirably suited to the destiny of Duke and the needs of the South.

In addition to garments the Guild accepts household linen and money. The money is used principally in buying shoes and the Guild follows through on this, a Guild representative going along with the children to see that they are properly shod.

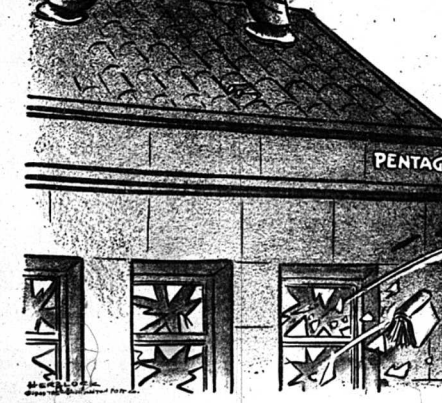
The Charlotte Guild was organized in September, 1930, with Mrs. W. H. Cramer as president, position to which she has been re-elected each year since, and under her leadership the Guild has grown greatly in membership and in accomplishments.

Thousands of children in orphanages and numerous patients in the charity wards of hospitals have benefited from the outstretched work of the hundreds of members of the Guild.

What is more, the arguments advanced against the bill are not stated examination in the light of the facts. According to the opposition, the liberalized bill would "flood the country with aliens" — and here is where racial and religious bias rears its head. The interest of a particular group of Europeans. The fact is that immigration into the United States from Europe and the Near East since the war has been at least one million persons less than could have entered under the regular quotas set by Congress. This certainly leaves room for the additional 134,000 authorized by the bill.

But the decisive factor in the situation is that, while the United States has always accepted a quota system for refugees, it excludes most of those fleeing from the Communists, for whose expansion we cannot wholly disclaim responsibility. The United States has thus far accepted far fewer than its proportional share as compared with other countries, notably Great Britain. That is scarcely the interest of a particular group or our tradition as the classic land of political asylum. It must be expected that Congress will find the courage to pass the bill as soon as it reassembles in January.

The Ramparts We Watch



Congressmen Return Home

The Battle On The Hustings Begins

By TOM SCHELSINGER
Charlotte News Special Writer

AFTER ten months of either a very good or very bad first session, depending upon your point of view, the 81st Congress finally is on its way. And again, depending upon your point of view, it may or may not be a vacation. Take the case of the 100 members of the Senate. They are the 100 who have the right to convene, they will still be around.

The reasoning runs something like this: The traditional opposition from labor, it must be recalled, was not in the last election out of 100, and in those areas, labor had nothing to do with the outcome. In fact, the Senator, while he isn't being quoted upon the AFL-Blacklist at the moment, said he intended to mention it frequently in his campaigning.

A CHECK here this week revealed that neither a Redden nor Deane intend to run, or at least, not in the way they might seem to be. "Very interested," his friends have been sampling opinion. In fact, Deane wants the office Governor Scott while in Washington recently felt that a candidate running against How would be something that he isn't. The purpose will be for a buildup when they finally steps down, or some other office.

SENATOR GRAHAM looks a sure bet. He has the backing of the South organization, the UNG slum, the farmers, labor and the Negroes. The Senator has a long record in the office. He is also a close friend of Graham's. The fact that Graham has not been on the ballot when election time rolls around.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

AS THE debate of the 81st Congress is well under way, the friends of Drew Pearson are breathing down their necks, it can be truthfully said. The fact that he is not on the ballot when election time rolls around.

Chief told on the 81st Congress that it failed to pass an old-age pension-security bill at a time when the House was in session. The fact that he is not on the ballot when election time rolls around.

During the closing week of Congress for instance the following Senators were "surviving" conditions in Europe. The fact that he is not on the ballot when election time rolls around.

Marquis Childs

Cartel Troubles

AN issue is developing in Norway which illustrates with remarkable clarity the problem of European integration. The issue is the political currents out of the past. In this example, the European Community as though of a miniature stage, all the hopes and fears for next year.

Now Norway was to build a steel plant, employing cheap electric power from the mountains. The steel plant would be a government owned and operated monopoly. All other political parties, including the Labor Party, have endorsed the project.

Only a small amount of Marshall Plan money had been received. The million dollars — is contemplated to help build the plant. The Norwegian government is in a dilemma. The balance.

One thing seems unmistakably clear to me. When the Organization for European Economic Co-operation, which is an adjunct of Marshall Plan money, is in question, the influence of the steel cartel would be frankly faced. The steel cartel would be a government owned and operated monopoly.

Robert C. Ruark

Old Man River

WE had a call on the night of the 21st. He had the right to convene, they will still be around. The fact that he is not on the ballot when election time rolls around.

Mr. Lombardo has crossed some waters between 25 and 30 million dollars. The fact that he is not on the ballot when election time rolls around.

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READ AND REMEMBER

By W. L. GORDON

Danacus, the chief city of Syria, generally regarded as the oldest in the world. Evidence indicates that the city was founded in the time of Abraham, who lived about 2,000 years ago.

Probably the largest fish caught for food are the sturgeon, tunny, and sword fish, which sometimes attain a weight of a thousand pounds.

Merry-Go-Round

GENERAL MACARTHUR has informed the State Dept. that the Chinese Communists plan to set up a formal government for all China by the end of the year. The fact that he is not on the ballot when election time rolls around.

Strange Roumanian

There is something peculiar about the way certain American diplomats and judicial experts have been hobnobbing with a Roumanian in New York who is the registered agent of Stalin's chief lieutenant.