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STATES RIGHTS BUREAU

Many Southerners who opposed the third party candidacy of Gov. Strom Thurmond last year were in sympathy with at least two of his principles: (1) alarm over the steady deterioration of states' rights and responsibilities; and (2) a cordial dislike of the Communists who were every Truman and the new national Democratic Party.

Yet they felt that a third party could accomplish nothing, and either supported the President's candidacy in the hope that Southern Democrats in the Congress could continue to protect state interests, or threw their vote to Gov. Dewey in the belief that the mushrooming of the Federal Government might be slowed up and perhaps reversed by a Republican Administration.

Those same people will applaud the establishment of a States Rights Bureau in Washington—provided it is not a poorly-disguised effort to promote another splinter party in the South.

Such a bureau can be of real service to

the whole nation, not merely the South. One of the saddest spectacles of modern U. S. history is the ever-growing tendency of local and state governments to shrug off their responsibilities and let Washington worry about them.

We need a new definition of states' rights which will enable us to see an alert, aggressive organization to assemble each piece of legislation and determine whether it further weakens the web of local responsibility. We need the judicious application of pressure in behalf of states' rights to combat some of the pressure from those who would create a national super state.

But it must not be a negative process. It must encompass states' responsibilities as well as states' rights, and it must exert its influence upon the states to assume those obligations.

With such a platform, the new States Rights Bureau can be of great help. But the errors of 1948 must be avoided.

PSYCHOPATHIC WARD

There are several areas of disagreement in the current local project to construct a small hospital or psychopathic ward for the observation, treatment or detention of mental patients here. There is one point, however, upon which all—City, County and State officials—agree: that the facilities are much needed.

At this moment there are from one to six persons locked up in the County Jail because they are mentally ill. That is one of the major objections to the present system of commitment to a State hospital. With all due respect to county jailers all over the State, the fact remains that they are not psychiatrists and they are not psychologists, and they are not trained to know anything about the proper care of mental patients.

Yet these jailers sometimes find themselves called upon to minister to some mental patients for as long as two weeks. It is true that while they are in jail, mentally ill persons cannot be of any harm to society, but they can sometimes hurt themselves irreparably.

The only method yet devised to rid the

State of this antiquated and barbaric system of detention is that recommended by both R. Z. Thomas Jr., administrator of the Memorial Hospital here and Dr. Vernon Kinross-Wright, director of the Mental Hygiene Clinic.

They both urge the construction of a hospital adjunct in which mentally ill persons can be observed, treated or held pending admission to a State hospital.

A major question in connection with the construction of such a unit is, of course, that of funds.

While most of those interested in the establishment of the unit feel that it is the responsibility of the State to provide for the care of mental patients, the State has not yet assumed the obligation and shows no immediate inclination to do so.

The problem thus falls back on the City and the County. How this responsibility can be met will be determined at a meeting of City and County officials and other interested persons soon to be called by Mr. Thomas.

Since both the County and the City seem to be cognizant of the problem, a prompt development of the project is possible.

A START TOWARD ECONOMY

President Truman and his White House buddies must be chortling over the discomfiture of lawmakers whose home districts will be hard hit by Defense Secretary Johnson's big slash in defense expenditures.

Since the 81st Congress convened in January, the President and his free-riding Deal have been fair game for the economy boys in Congress. They have taken every opportunity to criticize unnecessary Government spending.

Now the tables are turned, the Congressmen are on the receiving end. "As one Midwestern Congressman said: 'It depends on whose ox is being gored.' That gentleman has been bombarded with mail urging support for lower appropriations; he's getting telegrams and telephone calls protesting the Johnson economy edict."

The Hoover Commission turned up a treasure of information about the Defense Establishment—its excess of civilian employees, its high ratio of civilian to military personnel, its plethora of unneeded shore establishments. Congress came along and approved a Unification Bill which gave Secretary Johnson vastly increased power to fry the fat out of the defense budget.

He has started on that job, and he has done it in what appears to be an eminently fair and courageous sort of way. First he called the affected Congressmen to the

Pentagon and gave them the bad news. Then he informed the nation that: (1) 135,000 civilian employees would be fired; (2) 50 installations would be locked up and others heavily cut back; and (3) 12,000 military officers would be returned to civilian life.

He estimated the savings as \$200 million by June 30, and \$500 million annually thereafter—a fine start toward the Hoover Commission's \$1.5 billion annual goal.

The curtailment of the defense establishment does not mean that the nation's security has been weakened. At the end of World War II the number of men in uniform dropped drastically, but there was never any corresponding reduction in the vast assembly of civilian employees; nor was there a corresponding drop in the number of high-ranking officers.

If anything, a tighter streamlined national security organization will put us in better fighting trim.

Senator Harry F. Byrd, whose own state will see 2,803 persons lose jobs, was not among the walling wailers. He thoroughly approved Johnson's action, calling it "the first honest-to-goodness effort that has been made toward reduction in Government personnel during the 10 years I have been chairman of the joint committee on reduction of nonessential Federal Expenditures."

Most Americans will find themselves in agreement with that estimate.

From The St. Louis Globe-Democrat

POTATO INSANITY

THIS SERIES of articles, concluded today in the *Globe-Democrat*, on the fantastic results of last year's Federal potato support program, ought to jolt every housewife into vigorous protest. While housewives were paying outrageous high prices for potatoes at retail, the Government was paying out \$225,000,000 of their husbands' tax money to the growers to prevent prices falling to reasonable levels.

In Maine alone \$67,000,000 was paid out, and in one county 31 farmers received \$100,000 or more each. Alleged "farm welfare" checks frequently were many times the value of the farms. The bonanza was paid to the growers, while the farmers were paying outrageous high prices for potatoes at retail.

Did that end it? No. The Government paid \$23,000,000 more in freight and handling charges giving away, destroying or selling at giveaway prices the mountains of unwanted spuds.

Unwisely the handsome windfalls went to the big operators whose per-acre production costs were less than the small. This is one of the evils of support prices—just as many life insurance companies owning large farms have received in the past the largest payments for not planting various crops.

But how fared the so-called underprivileged farmer about whom Congress is traditionally so much concerned? So far, fairly well, even though his costs were higher and he was clipped for numerous labor and brokerage fees and commissions. But meanwhile, high prices are forcing down potato consumption; his future market is being ruined. When the break comes the big operator can shift to other crops; the small one cannot. And all are sure a break is coming. They know such a preposterous mockery of economic laws cannot endure.

Yet the Brannan plan proposes to worsen this expense by extending approximately present supports to eight other crops, simultaneously guaranteeing these incomes to farmers and lowering prices to consumers. While this plan fortunately is dead for this session of Congress, supporters undoubtedly will be continued next year at some high level.

When will we begin to learn from such lessons in insane economics?

A man or woman who has had a lot of experience in meeting a pay roll is apt to have some pretty good ideas on the state of the country that one of the advisory ex-committees doesn't know about. —*Lamar (M.O.) Democrat*



Profile Of Klan Chieftain

The Dragon Learned The Truth

By RALPH MCGILL
(In The Atlanta Constitution)

I WAS out on town on business when Death came for the Grand Dragon, and I read with interest the account of his death. It was a sad end to a life that was devoted to the cause of the Klan. This was a native, yet understandable, revealing report.

I recalled a telephone call of some five years ago from a person who identified himself as a member of the family and who said something like "He is a good man. And before he got so mixed up in this business he was happy and kept good company. He was never around bad men. Not he is worried and he has to keep the company of bad-looking men who are not his kind of people. Isn't there something you can think of to get him out of this thing?"

It was a wistful call and I could have followed it up for a good story, but being emotional and at least occasionally unkind, as a well-known columnist has said, and hoping never to lose the quality of feeling strongly about things, I let it pass, saying to her that after all, if Doc wouldn't listen to those close to him, there wasn't anything anyone else could do.

A WISTFUL SORT OF FELLOW

BUT, from that day I really expected the Dragon to leave his sordid outfit one fine day and give it the back of his hand. He was a wistful sort of fellow, which is why I always referred to him as "The Reluctant Dragon," a phrase which parodied him considerably. I heard from sources close to the Dragon's den.

Doc was a gaunt, quick-eyed little man with a little Hitler mustache, but big complex. Though all I knew was that he was a wistful sort of fellow, he was a wistful sort of fellow. He didn't feel he had been in a really first-rate medical school. It was some third-rate place, and Doc was really an obscure physician in a shabby sort of office. He had always a ranking sort of resentment against things he could never quite define, and which he never quite understood. All this made him the mumble-jumbo foolishness of the Klan and its titles which can make little men feel "status" or a sense of "belonging" to a group. I could never get steamed up about him personally because I knew that as long as Doc was as wistful as he was, he would never be organized into any effective force. Doc loved parades. A cross-burning on Mount Mainland's heights sent him tingling.

I am pretty sure that he never personally okayed any violence.

He was a wistful sort of fellow, in the Communist Party and in Hitler groups such as the Klan, you will find so many of those persons who seem to be afraid to make a mistake, who are afraid to be considered "important," and who feel lonely and lost unless they have a definite "status" or a sense of "belonging" to a group. Some turn to the Communies and some turn to the Black Party, the Brown Shirts, or the robes of the Klan. They are many, many, and they are scattered far and wide, hidden behind the robes.

Long before his death, Doc knew that he was a wistful sort of fellow, and that he was a wistful sort of fellow. He was a wistful sort of fellow, and that he was a wistful sort of fellow. He was a wistful sort of fellow, and that he was a wistful sort of fellow.

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Washington Merry-Go-Round

(NOTE—While Drew Pearson is on vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his aid partner, Robert S. Allen—Editors, The News.)

THE President's steel-wake fact-finding board which decided it will not be able to make its report by the Aug. 30 deadline.

Presently the three-man board is to ask for a "time extension, possibly as much as two weeks."

Reason for this is the unexpected length of the board's public hearings. It had been anticipated that the board could be concluded in a few weeks. Instead, it consumed a week. Best inside source is that the board will hold no work on its report to the President.

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