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WHAT IS A LOBBYIST?

THE acquittal of former Congressman Roger C. Slaughter on charges of vio-lating the U.S. lobby law leaves that im-portant statute in a highly unsettled status. Still to be determined are (1) its

portant statute in a highly unsettled status. Still to be determined are (1) its constitutionality, and (2) its application. Slaughter had admitted working for certain laws and against other laws on behalf of clients and for substantial fees. But the contended he did so as a lawer, not as a lobbyist, and refused to register as the law-working.

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He contended, furthermore, that the law abridges the rights of free speech, press, and petition, and quoted the First Amendment to the Constitution which asys 'Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for redress of grievance.'

Finally he argued that the law is so vague and uncertain that it fails to meet the due process requirements of the Fifth Amendment.

Amendment.

In a preliminary decision, a Federal District Court had held that the particular section of the lobby law under which Siaughter was indicted "may stand alone and apart from other provisions and is

not on its face unconstitutional". The court further said that the law does not sbridge constitutional rights "since it leaves everyone free to exercise those rights, cailing upon him only tor say for whom he is speaking, who pays him, how much, and the scope in general of his activity with regard to legislation. This, the Congress should, and in the court's opin-lon, does have the right to demand."

Hence the question before U. S. Datrict Court Judge Alexander Holtzoff was whether or not the Covernment had proved its contentions that Sauester tried to influence the nassance or defeat of sectific levislation. In his opinion, the Government failed to do so.

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Perhaps the Justice Department bungsed the case, as it apparently did in the re-cent proceedings against John L. Lewis. Still, there is ample reason to believe that the present lobby law is unsatisfactory from many standpoints, and that it should spell out in more precise detail the dif-ference between lobbying and petitioning Congress. Perhaps the Justice Department hungled

HELPING OLD FOLKS

The various participants—a physician, a psychiatrist, a clergyman, social workers—all gained a broader picture of the problems of old age. And fortunately, so did the general public through newspaper accounts of the meeting.

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PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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The New York Times

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Ty ducation editor of The New York
Times, discovered that:

Only 34 per cent of all institutions of high-learning make United States history a re-fred course for all undergraduates. Only 27 per cent of all colleges require a year of U. S. history for admission.

In decrying this lack of emphasis on the nation's history, Dr. Carl R. Woodward, president of Rhode Island State College.

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A GEORGIA INVENTION

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An understanding of the past is essential to comprehension of present events and essential to sensible planning for a livable future.

The Supreme Court said it had no right to interfere with the way a State appor-tions its voting strength. We agree. Purthermore, it would be ludicrous for the court to criticise the county unit system as long as the archaic and equally inas long as the archaic and equally inequitable electoral college system prevals
in national elections. The electoral college
distranchises the minority group in each
unit (the State) and gives some units
(States) greater influence in groportion
to the population than others.

The unit system artifice is a Georgia
invention. Let the people of Georgia wreatie with it, and with its product—Herman
Talmadge, who said, with a perfectly
straight face, that "There will never be a
political boss in Georgia as long as the
county unit system remains in effect."

MASSEY HILL PROJECT

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Why The Editorial Reprint?

Proceed With Caution

Modern psychiatry has made great strides in the diagnosis and therapeutic care of the mentally dis-turbed, but it hasn't kept pace with the down-ward graph of our national mental health. We must have a set the year 2000 find us with two classes

Gas Bill Veto Blow To Fall Plans Of GOP Campaigners

Difficulty Of Construction **Big Argument Against H-Bomb** By STEWART ALSOP

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

RFC Money Goes Into McCarthy's Purse

nuence with his old friends of the Brooklyn tablet. Regardless of this, Lobbytis Goodwin definitely has an interesting connection with Sen. Bob Taft, and this may account for Taft's statements—which have satonized manyold friends—supporting McCarthy, Goodwin occupies an orfice, while in Washington, with Paul Marshall, formerly a member of Taft's staff, and, during the 1948 election campain, Goodwin was one of Taft's political workers.

New Drug Addicts—An Indian cult of drug mon in the West, is now moving eastward. Thi cult bulk around the use of psyote a drug de seed pod of cactus. The Indians chew on the d night rituals around the campfire.

Merry-Go-Round