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A TIME FOR EFFICIENCY

AST WEEN Dr. Robert L. Johnson,

president of Temple University and
mational chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, laumched a
campaign that every reader of these columns could well afford to support.

Dr. Johnson wrote a letter to Senators
Scott W. Lucas and Robert A. Taft reminded that "if, before the Morean crisis,
there was one good reason for supporting
the Hoover Commission's report, there are
ten today."

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"In a cold war or a hot one, this nation simply cannot afrord Government overlapping, duplication, and waste. I have no way of knowing, as I write this, whether we built it is perfectly clear that—at best—we are not embarking on any international pienic, wrote Dr. Johnson, to lake stock and tighten belts. We need, as never before, a well-organized, smoothy - operating, muscular government. Every dollar we waste is a gitt to the entire of freedom.

so use enemies of freedom."

The citizens' committee chairman pointed out that several reorganization programs recommended by the Hoover Commission had been enacted and are already proving their worth. He cited the National Defense establishment, the State Department, the new General Services Administration, the Maritime Commission,

and the National Security Resources Board as showing the benefits of reorganization. Other measures embodying Hoover Com-mission recommendations would be of equal value, said Dr. Johnson, urging Senators Taft and Lucas to support those per-taining to Central Intelligence, Civilian Defense, a United Medical Administration, the Post Office, Civil Service, and the

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These are just a few of the many issues,
realize that the Congreis can't act on all
f them at once. I know that you have reseatedly spoken up in behalf of the Hoover
Report and voted for many of its measures,
think we all reslize that there is no 'potical capital in the Hoover Report one way
re the other. It was, and is, a bepartson
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tion can save both foliars and lives."
You can help push through the rest of
the Hoover Commission recommendations.
Write your Congressman and your Senators expressing, in your own words, your
desire to see the government operate as
amosthly and efficiently as possible in this
time of emergency. Do it today. Don't wait
until tomorrow.

AN INTRIGUING SUGGESTION Certainly, it would correct a long-stand-ing inequity that is most vexing to city dwellers. Urbanites pay the same state gas tax that rural dwellers pay, but virtually all of the money therefrom goes to the primary and secondary roads outside city limits. The city dweller has to pay for streets through the property tax. Yet we would hesitate to give our endorsement to Mr. Scott's specific scheme. Municipalities need state street aid because they are without funds of their own to do the job. They are without funds of their own to do the job. They are without funds because they are without funds of their own to do the job. They are without funds excused they are without funds of their own to do the job. They are without funds because they are without funds of their own to do the job. They are without funds because they are without funds productive sources of revenue, forcing cities to rely on the property tax for a major portion of their funds. Property can bear just so much, and that practical limit, which varies from locality to locality, has airready been reached in many N. C. cities. The property can be a fund to the state highway fund should be used for city streets. We are not yet convinced that another increase in the stat ax is necessity.

GOV. KERR SCOTT has been accused or many things in the past year and a half but no one, so far as we can recall, has ever said His Excellency is timid about broaching new ideas. On the contrary, Mr. Scott tosses 'em out right and left, no matter how controversial or how far-reaching they might be.

The Governor was strictly in character when he, dropped a bombshell in Greensbero the other day. Would the city folks like for the State to take over the building and maintenance of city streets? And if so, would city dwellers go along with a half-cent or three-quarter-cent gas tax increase to pay for the extra expense.

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It was not the first time that Governor Booth has shown some interest in that particular solution to the municipal street problem. Months ago, when the Municipal Roads Commission was just getting started on its current survey, Mr. Scott said the day might come when the State would have to take over city streets. What gives appecial significance to his latest utterance on the subject is the fact that the Comon the subject is the fact that the Com-mission has virtually completed its inves-tigation and is now at work on a report. Could it be that His Excellency has had a peek at that report? If the Municipal Roads Commission is about to advance a formula for the State to readually assume resonabilities for city

to gradually assume responsibility for city streets, and if that formula takes care of all the problems such a process would in-volve, then North Carolina is truly on the verse of a historic decision. No other state in the Union has undertaken such a broad responsibility for htreets and roads, urban and rural.

THE COST OF SLUMS

MOST municipal officials know, withMost municipal officials know, without having to check their records too
closely, that lumin and highred areas impose a heavy burden on the taxpaying
public by requiring a disproportionate
share of public services and facilities. ReJently the city of Denver, Colorado, set out
to determine just how much its blighted
areas really do cost.

Denver found that its blighted area comprises less than ten per cent of the land
in the city, holds only six per cent of
the city's dwelling units. Yet this area
requires:

40 per cent of all general relief funds-

for city streets. We are not yet convinced that another increase in the gas tax is nec-

essary. And we are not at all sure that the removing of controls over local street projects from local governing bodies is a

projects from local governing bodies is a good idea.

The better plan, it seems to us, is that advanced by the N. C. League of Munici-palities. The League recommends that the State allocation to cities be gradually in-creased over a period of years, with au-thority over spending the money retained by the cities. Local selection of projects and State awarding of contracts and super-vision of the work might be a happy com-mormise.

22 per cent of all police calls, more than three times its "share" on a geographic basis," 30 per cent of Denver General Hospitals case load comes from the area—five times its "share" on a population basis.

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The United States Municipal News, which reported the fesuits of the Denver survey, drew no conclusions. It was not necessary to do so. The figures speak for themselves. And the story they tell should be of interest to the City Administration, which will finally have to pass on a proposed urban redevelopment program, and to the North Carolina General Assembly, which will have to adopt a special enabling act-before Tat Hele clitics can effectively clear away their costly blighted areas.

om The Durham Herald

GRAHAM'S VOTE ON FEPC ISSUE

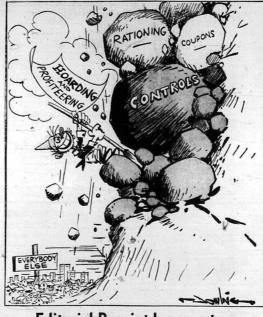
Tably more interest in Senator Graham's vote against limiting debate on a motion to take up the Administration's proposal to establish a Fair Employment Practices Commission than in the failure of the Benate to limit that debate—at least there was equal interest there in the junior Senator Graham pointed out, plar vote on limit debate on consideration of this legislation was taken (with similar result) during the course of the campaign leading to the first primary in this state, Senator Gramam was ill, and his position was unrecorded.

Ties unfortunate that the issue of fair employment practices has become a political above the contract of the course o

Despite the evidence submitted to the roters of Senator Graham's opposition to FEPC with compulsory powers, the question of his attitude toward this legislation continued a major issue in the campaign for the Senatorial nomination which pr. Graham lost to Willis Smith. Senator Braham's wote leaves no doubt of the singesty of the position which he expressed using the campaign.

tion in employment is right and proper. But the compulsory features of the proposed legislation constitute an unfair in-

Anybody Want To Start A Landslide?



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of which is self explanatory. . J. E. BUTLER.

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Oklahoma Race May Reveal Effect Of War On Politics

Democrats are also nominating tomorrow in Arkansas, where a governorship race has involved the movement of the Truman Ad-ministration of the Truman where where Senator Russell Long is att-er his first full term in the office held by his father, Huey P. Long.

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man of the GOP Senatorial Cam-paign Committee, said the Republi-cans are going to pour on the coal for their Senatorial nominee there.

He is the Rev. William Alexan-der, pastor of an Oklahoma City church, who quit the Democratic Primary and switched to the Re-publican banner and won that par-ty's nomination.

Drew Pearson's Fightin' Harry Deserves Our Support Merry-Go-Round

Truman Needs Help

Truman Deserves Support

MR. TRUMAN happens to have given rather wide put any part of the world, folks seem to know of it and remin me of it. However, regardless of personal feelings, he's ou President—my President. And if some people feel he am a strong President, then it's up to us to help him and mak him a little stronger.

isenship.

And while I am not abdicating my right to point out Harry's mistakes, nevertheless, I hope in one or two future columns to make a small contribution as a citizen to Harry's tough job of keeping the American public incomed as to some of the real issues behind this Korean crisis.