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THE IRON FIST OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

AMERICANS who respect the democratic process should be deeply outraged by the actions of the House Rules Committee in holding up the bill authorizing grain for India.

reported out, so that the full House might have an opportunity to express its opinion. Time is short. The Indian Government has already cut the ration for 125 million people from 15 ounces to 9 ounces a day, and it takes six weeks to load a ship, sail it to India, and unload it. And some of the vessels to be used in the proposed transfer are still in mothballs.

A MUZZLE FOR MACARTHUR

WE ARE NOT disposed to quibble over General MacArthur's offer to confer with the Chinese commander-in-chief "to find any military means" for attaining the U. N. political objectives in Korea.

less words. Does he think that Communist China can now afford to come to him on bended knees after such a lip-curving sneer at its war-making potential? Of course not. MacArthur would lose all his influence, at home and in the surrounding territory, if he bowed down before MacArthur's jingoism.

Attack on Alcoholism

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By DICK YOUNG JR., City Editor, The News (Second of Three Articles) SALISBURY

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THE BIG INFLATION QUESTION

THE thing that worries the Big Three of the national mobilization program—Charles Wilson, Eric Johnston, and Mike DiSalle—is that a violent inflationary upheaval has taken place since Korea in spite of the fact that there was no real reason for it.

and is almost entirely due to speculation, fear buying by individuals and business, and the prospect of heavy purchases by the armed forces. Those purchases, however, were relatively small until the turn of the year. In the first 20 days of January, more than 100 million dollars more than during the preceding six months. Defense spending has now reached the \$5 billion-month level, and is still climbing.

INTERLUDE IN STATE SENATE

FROM the Raleigh News & Observer's sprightly "Under The Dome" column, we call this tidbit:

There are different types of drinkers, social and moderate, the excessive (though not necessarily immoderate) drinker, and the alcoholic. "Alcoholism is a sickness. Some authorities think it is a... form of mental disease. Others think it is the manifestation of physical or mental allergy to alcohol. Most all agree that it is a psychological disease or Republic."

THE SENATE'S NOT HOLY

A FUROR was created in the Senate over the suggestion by Senator Estes Kefauver that an inquiry into ethics in government might include members of the Senate itself.

"I just read the bill, and it sounds all right to me," he said. "I'm going to go along with it." The business is that Senators are immune from any kind of investigation except by the Senate itself. Not only that, they are immune from the libel laws which serve as a restraint upon the utterances of Senators and officials as well as those of private citizens.

Subordinates Follow Suit

WITH these cues tucked on the public horizon for all to see, it is not surprising that subordinates followed suit. It is not hard to understand how \$8,000 mink coats were sported by White House stenographers; why airplane routes were juggled by friends of Pan American; why Donald Dawson pulled loans out of the RFC hat for his friends.

The warning has been voiced in time. If it is not heeded, the Administration and the Congress, the nation is in for an economic jolt that will have serious and lasting effects on a huge segment of our population.

How Pattern Was Set

THE pattern was set. And it's important to remember that, when the man at the top sets a pattern, you can't blame the people below for following it. In substance, Harry Truman flew to Kansas City in an Army plane to attend the funeral of Boss Tom Pendergast.

There are many reasons why this should be so. There is an important difference, however, between the Puritan with his head and hands locked in the stocks and the gambler or gangster squirming under the television lights. The Puritan had been found guilty by a process of law. He had been given at least a semblance of a trial.

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