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SORDID BUSINESS IN MISSISSIPPI

THERE is just one bright spot in the Hoey subcommittee's report on Federal job-selling in Mississippi—the practice has been

relling in Mississippi—the practice has been stopped.

Other than that, the 15,000-word report is a hard-hitting indictment of the sordid, cerrupt deeds of the "rump" Mississippi Democratic National Committee, set up in 1598 and recognized by the Democratic National Committee as the patronage-dispensing agency in that Dixicerat stronchold.

The scheme was simple, but diff void-undary" contributions would smooth the way for their applications. Most of the applicants were people of modest means who had never before contributed to a political party. Yet they. Begged or borrowed the money and handed over their donation to the committee. Although the Hoey subcommittee found no evidence that the National Democratic Committee had received any of the money, it charged the committee with being responsible for turning over Federal patron-

age" to the pro-Truman Mississippi group, which collected at least \$65,000 in two and a half years, \$42,000 from contributions and \$21,000 from Jefferson-Jackson Day dinners. These figures probably "do not represent the total amounts handled by the committees" the Hope report added.

Since the Job-selling racket was first cross the probability of the properties of the p fabric of political morality has had new holes

fabric of political morality has had new holes torn in it.

A special assistant attorney general has been sent to Mississippi to initiate a Federal Grand Jury investigation, and to assist in the trial of any criminal prosecution that might result. Stiff jail sentences for the handful of officers who 'usurped' the powers of the Mississippi committee and turned them to corrupt purposes may defer others from selling jobs and influence.

BEYOND THE HORIZON, INFLATION

If there is any one lesson to be learned from the MacArthur hearings on foreign policy, it is that a bit of foreight is worth a great deal more than a wealth of hind-sight. Yet the Congress, which should have learned that less on well by now, seems strangely unaware of it.

There is a growing temptation—and signs of it are seen in the several moves to weaken price controls and credit restrictions—to ignove the gitter and base an extension of the Defense Production Act on the present. In that direction lies cretian error, for the state of the production of control is and the second of the Defense Production Act on the present. In that direction lies cretian for the Defense Production is created by the second of the Defense Production is consistent of the production of coldinary of the production of coldinary of the production of coldinary cost manufactures are through with their cursory examination, they have been properly conditioned for the blandishments of the various special inference, seek trying in its soothing and persuasive way, to get out from under any controls.

Yet the future is much more grim. The defense program, which only recently has picked up from its \$13 billion a year rate to some \$22 billiona—year, will grow to a rate some \$22 billiona—year, will grow to a rate

of some \$50 billion a year by Winter. That will gobble up an increasing quantity of the raw materials now going into production for the civilian markets. It will, simultanefor the civilian markets. It will, simultaneously, require a greater labor force, setting up the compellion for labor that puts a great pressure on wage cellings. It will, furthermore, loose tremendous new spending power which, in the face of civilian shortages, will relentessly force prices up.

All of these things are certain, for Congress has planned the defense program that way. Yet that temporary budget surplus and the temporary, plethors of civilian supplies makes, for a pleasant present, and Congress seems unwilling to face up to the unpleasant future.

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Economic experts like Bernard Baruch and industrial experts like Defense Mobilizer Charles Wilson have warned Congress that the anti-inflation program needs strengthening instead of weakening. Yet their sage advice is apparently to be ignored. The result will be that the millions of American people who are not in producing and selling lines and who, hence, have no way to ride the tide of inflation, will suffer untold and unnecessary hardship, just because a political-minded Congress refuses to do its clear and unmistakable duty.

MACARTHUR THE POLITICIAN

NOW that General MacArthur has returned to New York from his first venture on the hustings, the political experts are trying to fathom his intentions. Will he stick to diplomatic-military issues in his forthcoming speeches? Or will he—as be did in Fort Worth, Texas — jump smack into domestic controversies?

controversies? At Fort Worth the General ignored the Korean War and the ramifications thereof. He lashed out at 'internal subversion and corruption and detailed regimentation over our daily life. the drift away from our competitive system of free enterprise. the drift upward in the cost of bureaurcay. the drift toward Socialism . , the tax burden."

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When he landed at San Francisco, General MacArthur intoned "I have no political aspirations whatsoever." At Madison, Wisconsin, he reiterated his pledge to stick to an issue "higher than politics". In Texas he said "no" to a reporter who saked him if he would seek the Presidency. Yet none of these statements would seem to shut the door on a candidacy for the Pres-

ident. And even if the Presidency proved beyond his reach, the General would get a full measure of grim satisfaction out of helping defeat the Administration that booted him out so ignobly and so clumsily. Nonetheless, MacArthur should realize that much of the respect and dignified treatment that has been accorded him stems from a realization that he is an outstanding expert on military affairs. That is his field. Once he begins dabbling in politics, much of his lustre will be stripped away from him for, in case he's forgotten. American politics is otten a very dirty business indeed.

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THE 82ND 'WORST' CONGRESS

ressors—even the south worst 'congress.

The Congress has been meeting, all right falthough attendance is noticeably slender from Friday through Monday). And the members have been exércising their, vocal cords. But nothing much has come out except what Bob Ruark likes to call yackety-vik.

Here it is, near the first of July, when a new fiscal year begins, and Congress hasn't passed a single major appropriations measure. It has given ne thought to the whopping 850 billion defense budget. It has shied sways 850 billion defense budget. The has held sways from tackling the controversial \$25 billion foreign all program. It has not even faced up to the all migratual part of the second of the seco

these past few days would weaken the anti-inflation program instead of strengthening

It. Meanwhile, there are investigations galore—more than a doren of them are now in progress. And there are the customary Summer junkets at taxpayers' expense to all parts of the globe, to check up on business that Congress has not yet got around to doing.

Imagine the tempest it would sir up in Congress if some of the executive departments dragged their seeks in such an unconscionable fashier heeks in such an unconscionable fashier heeks in of the exclusive property of bureaucray. The Congress is one of the worst offenders of all. It has the power reorganize liself and streamline some of the archaic functions, but it has consistently refused to tackle the job realistically through the years. The net product is the \$23d Congress A lazy, irresponsible, inefficient, non-productive.

From The Asheville Citizen

UNHAND THE PIANO PLAYER

OUT in Hollywood Mister Petrillo's union like that. A pianoplaying dog — well, it stages unless a union piantic hirde as stand-by during his performance. We are sorry about this, not because it looks like dog-in-the-mangering but because Tacholikow-tay (is, or is alleged to be. a piano-playing sooch who deserves an audience.

What was it Sam Johnson said about omen preachers: "A weman preaching is a a dog's walking on his hind legs. It is t done well; but you are surprised to find done at all"? Tschalkowsky is something

Governor Scott says it will take 200 to 300 hogs for the mammoth 1952 Alamance barbecue launching the national Democratic campaign. He ought to consider barbecued beef. A lot of bull will be floating around anyway that day

How Is One To Determine Quantity X?

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON
WITH INTENSE reluctance but
an unquestioning obedience to
higher authority instilled may
years ago, this reporter recently
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States.

B) This potential enemy will quite soon — by 1933, if the accepted estimates of Soviet atomic production are correct — have the weapons needed to wound this country most savagely, perhaps almost mortally.

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C) The United States has, and did continue to have, the capacity of destroy most of the industrial otential (and a high proportion of an epopulation) of the Soviet inion, in case of war.

Union, in case of war.

D) But in case of war in the near-future, the whole Eurasian continent will be overrun by the Soviets and their satellites, the an-cient civilizations from which our own civilization derives will be most ruthlessly uprototed, and the warming war which cannot be worked to the control of the contro

Surely it mould be possible to examine A. B. C. and D. as a student examines a problem in mathematica, and come up with the course ruled out. Another X is decreased to the control of the

When Does He Start Posting Some Grades?



Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

The Insouciant Winner (Southern Pines Pilot)

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Deflation

(We the People)

The lives of our more remotely settled mountaineers are colored by a faith that is no longer very strong in the city dweller. Take patent medicine testimonials, for instance.

The patent medicine testimonials, for instance. The man movie stars chose to rough tit in the Oard Mountains, Ooe day he was strutting his stuff before a crowd around he village store, when one native inquired: "Muster, ain't I seen you somewhere?"

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Intimate eigh Spotlight)

SIIM VOUNTEERS

(Greenabore News)

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Twin Plague (Florence Morning News)

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For generations the South was kept povertystricken by one-crop economy and one-party point
ics. We are licking the problem of a one-crop
economy but one-party politics is with us still.
Multi-crop agriculture has come by applying
sound intelligence to our agricultural potential. Twoparty politics will come when the same sort of
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the same and political patronage are not bedrellows.

99 Is About Right

(Asheville Citizen)

Another difficulty is the relatively painless law for dope offenders. The maximum Federal painless for third offenders is only five years. Certainly it should be 20 years, as a bill before Congress provides.

for unit should be 20 years, as a bill betue would not should be 20 years, as a bill betue we would not blink an eye it the law read 90 years for a first olf ender. There is no crime in our opinion which dredges deeper into the alien of human cupidity than making dope addicts of children.

Rarely In Court

(Laurinburg Exchange)
Here in Laurinburg, for instance, it is a matter
of everyday observation that big buses and trucks
speed along the streets. They pass all kinds of traitics at street interactions and pay little, if any attentics are the street interactions and pay little, if any attentics who ever saw one of them in court answering to a
charge of traffic violation?

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Not A Heathen

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Those Helpful Days

(Billy Whitted, Fairmont Messenger)
We see that the government is tinkering with the idea of letting citizens pay their igcome tax at their local bank. The scheme won't prove popular. Most folks like that few days grace it takes a check to clear from Greensboro.

Another GOP Loss Could Be A-Making By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
The company will be the milling.
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door-die... and faithful worker in the Republican vineyard, with the seed of the Republican vineyard, and with the very interest of the independent contain element of the independent contains in the property of the property of the property of the property of the Republican delution.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WAFs' Ire Mounts At Jacqueline Cochran

THE ladies of the Air Force are getting more and more wrathful over Jacqueline Cochran's request that the WAFS aren't glamorous or shapely. Miss Cochran, who is the wide of Wall Street Financier Floyd Odlum, but who operates a cosmetic business on her own, has submothed the compact of the Cochran State of the Cochran State

A new shakeup in the WAFS has just taken place s a result of Miss Cochran's "glamor" report, and Miss ary Jo Sheliy of Bennington College, Va., has replaced AF Commander Col. Geraldine May, who opposed Miss ochran's conclusions. However, the furor continues.

What Jacky Said

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MISS COCHRAN came into the Air Force on temporary
duty to advise. General Vandenberg, and submitted
heresport from Larkland Air Base, Texas. Though Jacky's
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and enly a few top Wafer has never been published
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however, has obtained a copy.

"It is estimated that about one-third of all the
enlisted personnel that have been indoctrinated at Lackland are not fit material," she summed up bluntly. "I

personally came across a WAF who was approximately 4 feet, 9 inches tall, and who admittedly weighed 134 pounds. This is far too much weight for the height, but what is even worse, abe as very much out of proportion as to bodily profile, and in addition, she is cross-eyed. "And I was informed that this type of error duplicated many times," she added in horror.

More 'Bodily Profile'

MISS COCHRAN suggested that WAFS should be at least 61 inches tail, but not more than 72 inches. In order that they appear more ladylike, she also suggested abolishing the 30-inch marching step. But most important, she stressed "bodily profile."

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"Whatever difference is 'allowed over or below the standard weight should be based upon the bone structure, the distribution of weight and the gaussel tone of the applicant, 'she laid down the standards for shapelinest, 'she laid down the standards for shapelinest. She laid down the standards for shapelinest. Wiss Cochran also misisted something must be done about WAF clothing.
"I have seen several hundred of the WAFS at Lackland, and they are the most tattered, bedraggled persons I have ever seen in the service." She complained. "The fatigue uniforms which were being worn by the trainees were seen in the service." She complained. The fatigue uniforms which were being worn by the trainees were seen in the service. She complained. "The fatigue uniforms which were being worn by the trainees were seen in the service." She complained. "The fatigue uniforms which were being worn by the trainees were seen in the service." She complained. "The fatigue uniforms which were being worn by the trainees were seen in the service." She complained. "The fatigue uniforms which were being worn by the trainees were seen in the service." She complained. "The fatigue uniforms which were being worn by the trainees were seen in the service." She complained. "The fatigue uniforms which were being worn by the trainees were seen in the service." She complained. "The fatigue uniforms which were seen in the service." She complained to the worn was a service of the service. The service was a service which were serviced to the service which were service. The service was a service was a service which were service. The service was a service which were service." She complained the service was a service which were serviced to the service was a service was a service which were service. The service was a service which were service." She complained the service was a service was a service was a ser

only in dress uniforms but in fatigue uniforms is pro-cured."

"The WAPS should be equal to the best among the women's services." the pleaded. "It should be the aim to make them the best. But." she saded sorrowfully." "Bellowerer General Vandenberg lowered Miss Coch-ran's minimum slightly. For example, he thought 60 inches was tall enough for WAPS, instead of 61 inches, But he agreed that the WAPS should be more attractive, But he gareed that the WAPS abould be more attractive, but he gareed that the WAPS and the work of the should be should be more attractive, and the should be more attractive, but he gareed management of the should be more attractive, but he gareed management of the should be more attractive, but he gareed was a should be more attractive, and the should be more attractive, but he gareed was a should be more attractive, and the should be more attractive, but he gareed was a should be more attractive, and the should be more attractive, but he gareed was a should be more attractive, and the should be more attractive, but he gareed was a should be more attractive, and the should be more attractive, but he gareed was a should be more attractive, and the shou

Small-Business Filibuster

THE late Huey Long, father of Louisiana's Sen. Rus-sell Long, set one of the top records for a Sense fillibuster. He talked for fifteen hours, second only to the elder La Follette's eighteen-hour fillibuster against war

fillbuster. He taiked for Histern Bours, second only deferred in Follette's eighteen-hour fillbuster against war with Germány.

Now young Senator Long has a fillbuster which will him the support of many Senators. He plans to "taik sha him the support of many Senators. He plans to "taik sha him the support of many Senators. He plans to "taik sha him the support of many Senators. He plans to "taik sha him the support of the Supreme Court and restore the "Pittsburgh plus" cost in Supreme Court and restore the "Pittsburgh plus" cost in Supreme Court and the section of the same price no matter where their factories are located, and no matter what the cost of transnortation.

When the Supreme Court ruled this out, McCarran of transnortation of Colorado introduced legislation to overrish foliance of Colorado introduced legislation to overrish foliance of the other hand, the Senate champions of small business the other hand, the Senate champions of small business of History of Tennessee, Sparkman of Alabama, Douglas of History and Humphrey of Minnesota—will vigorously support Russell Long.