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FROM MARYLAND TO OHIO

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Tow that the report on the Maryland election is out of the way, a subcommittee of the Senate Rules Committee has decided to investigate the Tatl-Ferguson campaign spending. And in Ohio, it will be mining a rich lode. Shortly after the election was over, reports from Senator Tatt and six of his committees to the Ohio Secretary of State totaled aimost \$244,000. Since then there have been other reports described by the subcommittee as 'substantially in excess' of that amount.

Expenditures in the oblic campaign reached stratopheric heights mainly because of intense national Interest in the outcome. Tast was billed as "Mr. Republican", and his revisibled as "Mr. Republican", and his reduction became as calculated to be Pacific Dollars round into Ohio in an ever-growing stream.

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Though they had a weak candidate in State Auditor Joe Ferguson, the Democratic coffer was overflowing.

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The Ohio Senatorial battle climaxed a trend toward expensive elections. It varied from the pattern in Maryland, in North Carolina, and in Florida only in the sheer volume of spending.

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This trend, if not stopped, poser a grave threat to genuine democracy. Unan already made it difficult for a man without heavy financial backing to seek public office. It will eventually make it impossible.

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The law is full of loopholes. There is no limit to the number of "committees" that can be organized. Wealthy families evade the individual contribution limitation by making donations under several names. Election laws need revision. Thay need

Election laws need revision. They need tightening. If the Congress is willing to act, it should get all the data it needs from the forthcoming Ohio inquiry.

SPENDTHRIFT SENATE

THE Senate is up to its old tricks again.

The House voted \$400.704.000 for the Interior Department. The Senate increased it to \$310.005.333. A conference committee settled on \$312.006.038.

The House voted \$400.000.000 for the Bureau of Rechamation. The Senate raised that to \$300.535.430. The conference committee compromised on \$200.707.725.

The House approved \$907.745.233 for the Department of Agriculture. The Senate and the Committee report is still pending.

And so it goes. Year after year, bill after bill, the Senate increases apporpiations over the amounts recommended by the House. A study by Rep. Furcolo of Massachusetts last year showed that in the past eleven

years the Senate increased House appr priations by a total of more than \$18 bil-

We have never understood why the Sen-ate should be more profligate than the House. It should be the other way around. The House, with 433 members seeking Fed-dal handouts for their districts, needs a chekkrein, and the Senate, being the senior house and theoretically more conservative, is ideally suited for the assignment.

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The Senate is not, however, meeting its responsibility. Hence, there is no exercise of the control of t

HIGH-POWERED POLITICS

THE mountain residents of Polk County, Tennessee, have just conducted another

arily, a county election doesn't raise Ordinarily, a county election doesn't raise much dust even in other parts of a state, but the Polk County folk take their politics more seriously than most people. For example, one of the vacancies in this election is a post on the County Court—the county's governing body—whose chairman stopped a load of buckshot last May. In 1948 three men died with their boots on by the time the

Good Government League had ousted the entrenched Democratic machine. This year, the GGL chairman didn't expect any trouble unless "that (Ducktown mob comes down here intimidating."

Bullets and ballots don't mix well, and Polk County's previous excesses are not to be condoned. But the vigorous interest in government of these Tennessecans is commendable. Other communities could profit by being equally interested—without the shooting torn, of course.

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WE HAVE always enjoyed reading The Congressional Record, daybook of our august representatives in the Capitol. The verbatim denings of the long-winded solons we usually sean over briefly, hastening to the more varied and lighter Appendix in the back of the book.

The Appendix abounds in poetry and literature (Shakespeare, Tennyson and Long-fellow seem to be preferred, leulogies, strictly political material intended for the folks back hame (each Senator Ryeceises 100 free copies, Representatives 60), all sorts of statistics, from the referral death down to the strictly provided to the copies, and the strictly appendix be averaged to the copies, and out of spinch and found several good recipes. One on an Idaho home contained to the copies, and out of spinch and found several good recipes. One on an Idaho home contained to the copies and out of spinch and found several good recipes. One on an Idaho home contained to the copies of the Senate's bean soup has become an institution in our house hold.

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We are not prepared to pass on the quali-ties of this product of Tennessee. We do, however, question the inclusion of such an article, at the taxpayer's expense, in The

Record.

We would hate to see The Record de-prived of its most readable portion, this Appendix. However, it might be an incutive to brevity if the bills for printing free ad-vertising and political propaganda were footed by the individual Congressman.

TWO VICTORIES

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report school board meetings in the lewn of Fairhaven. What could be more essential to citizens of a community than to know what is happening to their schools which involved expenditure of \$300,000 of public funds per

The alarming thing is that two situations like this could exist in the first place, that public officials should wish to hide their actions from public view. There are done of similar situations around the country, as the ASNE Committee has discovered, which can and must be corrected by fighting news-

Life Guard At The Beach



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Editors. The News:

YOUR editorial of July 30, covering North Carollina's Income Tax, plus a reprint of the article subject of State and Federal Income Taxes, represents. I think, a genuine service to your constituency, if I may use such a term in this connection. But your concluding sentence furnishes active the sentence of the sen

loss, or virtually so.

I realize, of course, the futility of individual protest; but if enough such protests are made, something may be accomplished. It is upon that basis that I enter protests, and shall continue to do so.

The U. S. Constitution gives Congress power to levy and collect taxes to pay debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare. Now, what constitutes common defense. And general welfare? These questions must be answered, and

s Editor. The News reserves the right to condense, answered in relation to and within the limitations of our taxpaying ability. We have currently great property and a national debt equivalent to the total indebtedness of the so-called free word—a situation that can afford no, or but little, consolation to any thinking person. Under the commences provision of the Indepted Carlot of the Carlot

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Furthermore, where are our defense barriers;
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Onerous Burden

Foreign Aid Spending Urgent

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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'Pitchmen Of The Press'

Drew Pearson-III

(With this third article on Drew Pearson, The Providence, R. L., surnal's series reaches the half-way point. Next in order: Fallewis Jr. and Westbreek Pegler. The series, originally, published mid:1956, won the 1951 Feabody Award and is reprinted here by remispin of The Journal. — Editors, The News.)

DREW PEARSON, the newspa-per columnist and radio com-mentalor, has a number of useful skills-end one of them is the abil-ity to make politicians boiling

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Propaganda Behind Curtain Needed Now

is the first of his cabled dispatches from Central Europe.)

If there was ever a time when propaganda was needed to
encourage and stimulate the people behind the Jron
Already the pole of the satellite countries and even
Already the people are torn by doubt and dissension
and distrust. Their restlessness has been churring for
some time but now it's near the boiling point.

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the Russian Bear has swallowed too much and will have
to regurgitate. A beer flaff's suffering from seute indigestion is not usually beliguered too much and will have
ton some tasking beliguerate ones, the Voice of America and every other device possible could help increase
that sickness and tip the scales for peace.

Furthermore, messages of friendship and encouragement to the popole behind the Iron Curfain at this time
can help produce another. The in Poland, Czechoslovakia
of Hungary. That of course, is what Stalin sters most.

reports I can get of what is happening behind the Curtain.
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Kremlin Suspicion Increasing

day. Production is dropping. The Catholic Church is leading a potent underground and the Kremlin has become so suspicious of top Polish generals that nine of them have now been tried.

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to the 30,000 abready in concentration camps, while treason
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