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A SACRIFICE TO EXPEDIENCY

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THE North Carolina General Ass

ITHE North Carolina General Assembly won ... its battle to conduct budget deliberations in secret yesterday. Whether it wins the war will depend on public reaction. To those of us who watched this week's donnybrook between a corps of Religh reporters and the joint appropriations sub-committee, there was never any doubt that the Legislature had both the power and the inclination to back up its subcommittee. No one was surprised when both houses suspended their rules yesterday and rammed through an amendment permitting the sub-through an amendment permitting the

nession. Yet to the outsider, just come upon the scene, the whole drama had the aspects of a tragedy. A vital and fundamental principle of good government—the open transaction of the people's business—was sacrificed to political expediency. And the sacrifice was made, not after calm and reasonable deliberation in which will the values could be maidred. made, not after calm and reasonable delibera-tion in which all the values could be weighed, but hastily, impetuously, even angrily. It was a subjective act. Emotions ran high— emotions that stemmed from a state of mind rather than from any particular incident or series of incidents.

THE MEN In this General Assembly are I too close to their immediate problem. They have lost their objectivy. Their act of yesterday was not directed at the corps of reporters who cover the Legislature. It was not directed at the North Carolina press in general (the overwhelming majority of which is fair, accurate and responsible). It was, rather, directed at the people of the state than the control of the co

was have no source of information about the General Assembly except their newspan the General Assembly care their newspan their newspan their newspan to the same their newspan to the same their newspan their newspan their newspan to halt the steamoller. Some of them merely made the reasonable request that action be delayed until a representative group of North Carolina publishers could come to Raleigh, present their views to the legislators, and hear in return an explanation of the difficulties of budget mustaing. Others are the same their views the same their views to the same their views to be the same their views to be the same their views the vie

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Perhaps after the dust of battle settles, members of the General Assembly will see the central problem more clearly. The new-papers of this state and this nation have many faults. Written and celled by human beings, they partake of the faults of human nature. They are not infallible, nor is their judgment always perfect.

Yet the makers of the United States Constitutions to valued the right of free informations. The state of the state

Hence the free press has become one of the main bulwarks of the American democracy, how intrinsement of its rights is an expectation of the main bulwarks of the American democracy, how the press demonster information to the people.

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Let NO ONE be misled by the argument that decisions of the subcommittee will be the control of the committee will be taken in open session, and because it be taken in open session, and because it is recommendations must be approved by the full appropriations committee and then by both houses. More important to the formation of public opinion are the facts and the arguments upon which decisions are based. Inow denied to the people by this samendment. The report of the subcommittee will be rubber-stamped sgain by both houses. And the property of the subcommittee will be rubber-stamped sgain by both houses. And the property of the subcommittee will be rubber-stamped sgain by both onese. And the property of the subcommittee will be rubber-stamped sgain by both onese. And the property of the property of the property of the property of the subcommittee will not well fath that they deeped a single the right of free information. With all due respect to them, we say, they were wrong. We hope that the people of North Carolina will not well that this General Assembly does not believe they have any right to know how their tax money is spent and why will not well that this General Assembly does not believe they have any right to know left tax money is spent and why worked for the amendment were miguided.

—C. A. McKNIGHT

ALWAYS THE SPECIAL INTEREST

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The cher day we noted, and concurred with, Bernard Baruch's none-morrepeated advice that Congress enact rigid standby controls. From his own vast experience directing mobilization he knows that exception of certain segments of the economy from controls during an emergency merely paves the way for breakdown of the controls. He knows these exceptions create more inequalities than they prevent. It is an established habit now for Congress to ask Mr. Baruch what to do about controls. He tells them to do what they are reluctant to do. Nevertheless, his wisdom is applicated, on Capital Hill, in the press. Then poptement or various industries and protessional.

advised against, getting themselves excluded from controls legislation.

The newspaper profession, we regret to say, is in there pitching with the other special interests. The current edition of Editor & Publisher calls publisher's attaction to two bills that would establish standby controls. One sould exempt control of newspaper circulation and advertising rates. The "be taken for granted that the protection is assured... If an emergency arises, newspapers should not be hog-tied in their battle for survival in the face of almost certain newsprint restrictions which would vitally effect their revenues."

Other professional groups, or industries,

fact remains that the battle for survival of any industry, in event of war, will be pic-ayunish alongside the spectacle of the great battle for survival itself. And we would like to see some special interests speak out at last for the national interest.

PROMPT REPLY

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O'NIV last week President Eisenhower said, in response to the question of a Netro reporter. that he did not know of any school sergeation on Army posts. He promised a quick study, restated his off-repeated conviction that discrimination in the use of Pederal funds was unjustified.

It did not take long for the President Newdonsday the facts, and act on them. Wednesday the facts, and act on them. Wednesday the facts, and provided the facts of the facts of

WIND, SAND AND TAXES

ET US PAUSE briefly to lament the in-trusion upon what was once man's last refuge from society and the law-the French Foreign Legien. New there was an outlit where a man could always find escape from a wife, or wives, or policemen and bill collectors. From Casablance to Saigon the Legionnaires were, if the songs and stories responsible will be suited to the share and, responsible only to the commandant. But, alsa no more—net to these days of

responsible only to the commandant. But, also, more—not in these days of pooled resources, infrastructure, joint command and repartiation. The Legion is becoming almost disgutingly respectable. Its efficiers, some of Lhem graduate of St. Cyr. France's West Point, are more at home in a medium tank or the Camp Leguen PX than on a loping camel. And now the final blow:

swith the second of the second the second three years age. He fought with the gien, wen his wounds in Inde-China Newhals been returned to America in humility, for face U. S. Isw., which brings him to justice? You guessed the tax men. Seems he helped folks also set their taxes and even was nice ough to take over the trouble of collecting me face clients. But, it is charged, he negted to that the taxes over to Usack Sam.

We regret the passing of the Legion as a refuge for troubled males. Even its mem-bers can't get away from the tax collectors. But we're also rather proud of our per-sistent tax men, darn 'em.

A restaurant in Florida advertises "candid" sweet potatoes. This is quite a masterpiece of Burbanking since it is so difficult to find anything that is both at the earlier time.—

Lexington (Ky.) Herald.

Definition of a journalist given by Spanish philosopher Salvador de Madariaga at Paris news conference: "One who can clearly explain something he doesn't understand."

—Des Moines Tribune.

Prices Help Mr. Benson

WASHINGTON S THE Administration under-AS THE Administration under-takes to quiet the family quarrel in the foreign department, tem-porarily peace has been achieved in another branch. This is in agri-culture, where the forces making for conflict are more deeply rooted than those that have been stirring up headlines in the Bohlen affair.

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This tends to take the pressure off the Department of Agriculture. This tends some short imming the pressure of the Department of Agriculture. Secretary Benson's first major action had something to do with the research. After foot and spatial content of the con

conditioned iff think over quite apan of years that the chain linking him to the government are also the chains that sustain his also the chains that sustain his also the chains that sustain his ready as a secretary Benon believes to throw off those golden-well anyway aliver-plated—chains. The other looming reality contains the contains that the contains the contains the committee of the farm program and the foreign policy of the Eisenhewer Administration. The Administration is committeed to extending the recommittee to extending the recommittee of extending the barriers to the goods of riendly autions. This is the "Trade Not Aid" thesis. But, the power program of the contains the contains the post of the

ter and so forth from all over the world.

Plainly, however, if the door is closed to such products—they are the only products that some countries, Denmark and New Zealand, for example, have to export—no free trade program is possible. That is the kind of reality that the earnest Secretary of Agriculture must confront.

Firmer Farm

By MARQUIS CHILDS



'I Was Serious' At Chicago

Senor Romany Basks In Fame

'Anything Shaken Loose Here In Washington?'

BY ROBERT M. HALLETT In The Christian Science Monit

SAN JUAN, FUERTO RICO
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New Policy On Resources Takes Shape

CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY
THE Eisenhower Administration
is revamping Federal policy
on the development and conservation of the nation's natural regources — its land, electric power,
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The problems involved are political dynamite in many areas of the nation. A Congressional Quarterly survey shows these are some of the tough questions with which the Administration is faced:

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Greek Shipowners Waxed Fat On U. S. Aid

Merry-Go-Round

IN May, 1951, nearly two years ago, this column revealed the years ago, this column revealed the rettain greedy forces ship owners had being forces and years ago, the Liberty ships on a shoestring, sailed them under a done different flag to escape taxes, then repaid American generative by the liberty of the contributed goods to our ensurement of the column of th

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