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The Union: A State Of Frustration

FOR his party and for the nation, the President has outlined a political landscape streaked with sunlight and shadow. His State of the Union message described the country's outlook as "bright with promise"...

by necessarily looks first to his own salvation—and in his book those who are re-elected are saved. Therefore, the President's recommendations will be measured against personal conviction and expediency.

But in its broad objectives, the program outlined by Mr. Eisenhower yesterday made no large departures from policies of the recent past. In foreign affairs, the emphasis is still on building up the strength and unity of the free world.

There are several issues on and off the President's checklist which deserve attention during the second session of the 84th Congress. Every reasonable effort should be made to keep the nation's books in balance but certain tax revisions should be considered—particularly with reference to small businesses and the lower income groups.

In the domestic field, the President echoed long-familiar middle-of-the-road goals. As usual, there were some faintly Fair Dealish lines here and there but these were invariably coupled with rhetorical concessions to the Republican right wing.

Congress should not authorize additional federal aid to education, but the administration's health reinsurance plan deserves wide support. Defense expenditures should be revamped with greater emphasis on missile warfare and research. Furthermore, improvements are still needed in the nation's military reserve system.

Several big, controversial areas of interest will be tackled in detail later in special messages—namely farm policy and federal aid to education. He faces bitter battles on both issues.

Without doubt, a federal highway program is needed. This is no time, however, for an expansion of Uncle Sam's public housing activities. Nor should Congress allow itself to be hoodwinked into curbing the President's special military powers...

Leave Legal Matters To Legal Minds

THE President's proposal that a bipartisan commission investigate charges that Negroes are being denied the right to vote in some localities was touching but unnecessary. Specifically, Mr. Eisenhower said: It is disturbing that in some localities allegations persist that Negro citizens are being deprived of their right to vote...

There will be a host of other issues which will take time as they come. But one thing is certain: It will undoubtedly be a year of great and gaudy frustrations for one and all—the President, his party, the Democrats and the common, ordinary, run-of-the-mill citizenry. It is inescapable. All concerned will merely have to grin and bear it until the votes are counted in November.

The ABC: A Pot-And-Kettle Case

AFTER eating crop reinstatement of a beer inspector whose dismissal it couldn't justify, the State ABC Board apparently is home safe in firing the supervisor of Beaufort County's ABC stores. The supervisor, A. M. Purvis, who charged "potics" was behind his ouster, has dropped a threat to fight it in court.

man Tom Allen with "galivanting around the town Allen at the expense of liquor companies" the chairman denied galivanting but said he and the ABC board auditor had gone to New York at the expense of a liquor firm to discuss business matters with officials of the firm.

But there is a pot-and-kettle aspect to the current hassle that should not pass unnoticed by Gov. Hodges, who alternately appears full of confidence and full of doubt about the competence of the board. When Purvis charged ABC Chair-

man Tom Allen with "galivanting around the town Allen at the expense of liquor companies" the chairman denied galivanting but said he and the ABC board auditor had gone to New York at the expense of a liquor firm to discuss business matters with officials of the firm.

'I'M GOVERNOR STRATTON'

MRS. MARY VERNOR, a 98-year-old resident of St. Ann's Home for the Aged at Chester, Ill., recently gave Gov. William G. Stratton of that state a lesson that would be good for many of our public officials. After being introduced to the old lady, the Associated Press related the governor, apparently thinking she did not hear him well, repeated his name several times. "I'm very happy to meet you," he said. "I'm Gov. Stratton."

Our public officials, of course, are entitled to a reasonable respect and honor. That is, they are entitled to reasonable respect and honor if they perform their duties worthily. But with the tremendous growth of officialdom in this country in recent years, there has been also a growth of the officials' opinions of their own importance. In fact, many officials clearly consider themselves members of a special, superior and privileged class—and are trying to make themselves so by custom and by law.

Demo Gains Predicted

Question Of Governorships

By CQ

DEMOCRATS STAND to gain twice as many governorships in 1956 as the Republicans, even though each party has 15 governorships to lose.

Democrats have been adding to their gubernatorial total since 1952. After the 1952 elections, Republicans held 30 state administrations; Democrats 18. Democrats added the New Jersey governor's chair in 1953. In 1954 they gained seats in Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, and Pennsylvania to give them their current 27-state total. Republicans have heard the other 21 state administrations.

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Five of the nine GOP seats in danger are in the Midwest where declining farm income worries both parties. Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, and Wisconsin. Democrats also could win in Delaware, Massachusetts, Montana, and Utah.

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"... Be glad you're here, Senator... Just Think About All The Politics Back Home!"

People's Medical Facilities ... Hurricanes ... Resolutions

New Medical Facility Is Needed Immediately

Charlotte, N.C. PICK up your newspapers - what do you read. We need this, that and the other. A committee has been appointed to investigate and report. As a citizen I demand that a committee be appointed to investigate the Health Department. If there is a town in the state that needs a new Health Department building that town is Charlotte. It should be centrally located, not put in that swamp over at Memorial Hospital, where it is unhandy to get to. Build this building in the heart of Charlotte on the bus lines or in walking distance.

Undeserved Barbs Tossed At Bureau

Myrtle Beach, S. C. Editors, The News: THERE is an article in the current Colliers magazine entitled "What's Wrong With The Weather Bureau." There can be only one answer. "Nothing." This article goes on to tell us all about hurricanes and how easy they are to chart and tell exactly where they are going to do. It's not true. They bear down heavily on the statement that during the 1955 season they received a terrible warning in Princeton, N. J., and then nothing happened. However, they better not tell the folks that up in northern South Carolina or in North Carolina, especially around the point of contact with the coast in Onslow Bay. The towns went under water.

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Keep Resolutions And Live Cleanly

Charlotte, N.C. Editors, The News: I AM sure many have made new resolutions as we start in 1956. We will all make them and keep them. We will live a cleaner, Christian life. Be kind to others. Try to win someone to Christ. All.

Quote, Unquote

Said the man refusing to buy the farm he had been considering: "The house overlooks every acre of it. There isn't a spot where a fellow could get out of sight of his wife." - Mattson (Ill.) Journal-Gazette.

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'You Sure You Want To Do That, Lyndon?'



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON, D.C. BROOKLYN-born Congressman Victor Anzuso (D-N.Y.) is a city boy who can't tell a sile from a breaching machine. Though not a farmer, Anzuso is, nevertheless, a member of the House Agricultural Committee and is just back from Rome, where he and Rep. Clifford Ford (R-Kan.) served as official delegates to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization.

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