

### Special Congress Session Promises Huge Overdose of Political Venom

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With President Truman's recall of Congress, the booby prize campaign will begin in earnest. Right now it looks as if the President had Congress over a barrel. But it is certain that the Republican strategists will do everything they can to try to make this maneuver backfire on Mr. Truman.

The maneuver is frankly political. The president has called the 80th Congress "the worst." Now, he says, this special session is "the test." He is calling it to get action on a lot of hot-potato issues like high prices, housing, civil rights and minimum wages. These are urgently important measures left among the 80th Congress' unfinished business. But they surely will not be considered with the statesman-like deliberation that they deserve, if indeed they are considered at all. Mr. Truman is making the record of this Congress the principal target of his campaign. And its unfinished business will be the

bull's-eye of that target. He obviously hopes that anything the special session does will react to his advantage.

#### Can Aid Truman

All that a president can do, of course, is to summon Congress into special session. He cannot force the members to act once they have assembled. He cannot prevent them from adjourning the day after they meet.

But if Congress adjourns without action, Mr. Truman will have won his point. If it fails to consider major legislation, or defeats any or all important bills that are presented, he will have scored again. And if the legislators should pass a civil rights bill, or up the minimum wage to 75 cents or pass the Taft-Hartley-Wagner housing bill, or impose any sort of price control, he would undoubtedly take credit for it.

The Republicans' difficulty is that some of the things Mr. Truman asks are also in their own platform. But, with the exception of civil rights, they are also responsible for the lack of action on them.

If this Republican Congress does anything, it will probably draft bills to cover some of these important matters, in a recognizably Republican pattern, and then wait hopefully for Mr. Truman to make a mistake. For then it would be the wisdom of Congress against Mr. Truman's wisdom. And unless the new laws were grossly inadequate, the Republicans would probably not only defend them vigorously but also attack the president for trying to dictate to a body which, in the end, has greater authority than his own office.

#### Dixiecrats Mad

There is no certainty that Congress will do anything. It's campaign time and they will be in



**MANACLED CHILDREN FOUND**—Police Officer Joe LaMonica questions two small boys found with a younger brother in downtown Los Angeles with their legs manacled together by a pair of handcuffs (arrow). Their father Samuel McPhail, an employee of a private detective agency, was booked on suspicion of child neglect. The children are Patrick, 1½, Robert (pointing), 4, and Samuel, Jr., 5. (AP Wirephoto)

### Palestine Victim



(NEA Telephoto) Ole Helge Bakke (above), a Norwegian subject who joined UN staff in 1946, was killed on road to Mt. Scopus in Palestine, according to word received by UN Secretary General Trygve Lie. He will be buried in temporary grave on Mt. Scopus and UN flag at Lake Success will be flown at half mast.

no mood for work—especially at the height of a Washington summer. All the Republican members and most of their Southern Democratic colleagues are hopping mad at Mr. Truman. They certainly won't want to work at his behest, especially since it is clear that he is trying to put them on the spot.

So all signs indicate that the special session will be drenched

in political venom. It promises to be a free-for-all, with insults flying thick and fast from both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. Since the campaign will be bitter enough at best, and since critical world events, which take no time out for American politics, will be demanding our highest governmental wisdom, it may be best to hope that under the circumstances the session will be brief.

Work on the Washington Monument in Washington, D. C. was suspended in 1954 when the shaft was 150 feet high and was not resumed until 1980.

Hong Kong is a rocky island about 11 miles long in the South China Sea.

### Delegates Report On Convention Of Active Clubs

Traveling a total of 1126 miles, Ken Atterbury and Bob Ligett returned Monday from Calgary, Canada, where they attended as delegates from the Roseburg Active Club, the international convention.

Reports of the convention were given at the club's weekly meeting Wednesday night at the Del Ray Cafe. Atterbury reported on the business sessions, while Ligett reported on the trip and social portion of the convention. Doc Benson of Omak, Wash., was elected international president; Marv Vaster, Eugene, first vice-president, and Joe England, Spokane, second vice-president, said Atterbury. Other phases of the convention, of special interest to the club, were told.

Ligett said that the trip to Canada via the McKenzie Pass, Spokane, Wash., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and thence into Canada, required beyond the Canadian border a 100-mile detour made necessary by flood conditions. They returned by traveling directly south from Calgary to Montana. Road conditions were much better in the States than in Canada, he said.

Ligett described Lake Louise and the many scenic attractions they witnessed enroute. Game, he reported, was plentiful. As this was the regular social night, business was held to a minimum, and after the report by the delegates the meeting was turned over to Roy Byrd, social chairman, who showed eight millimeter movies.

Flowers were ordered sent to Dick Gilman, who underwent an operation in Portland this week. Bill Adair was named to put out next month's bulletin.

### PUD Purchases System In Eastern Washington

WENATCHEE, July 23.—(AP)—The Chelan County Public Utility District yesterday announced purchase of the Eastern Washington distribution system of the Puget Sound Power and Light Company. The PUD paid \$8,131,000 for the system, PUD Commissioner Kirby Billingsley said.

The sale includes all distribution properties in Chelan, Douglas, and part of Grant counties, he said. The Rock Island Dam, Tumwater Canyon Dam, and the 110-KV line to the coast are not included. The purchase was financed with revenue bonds.

### Dewey Joins in Effort To Break Berlin Blockade

PAWLING, N. Y., July 23.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said he is cooperating with the Truman administration in trying to find a way to break the Russian blockade of Berlin without taking action that could lead to war. The Republican presidential candidate told reporters he is in frequent communication with John Foster Dulles, his foreign affairs adviser. "I'm being kept in daily de-

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