

Congress Investigations Running Into Big Money

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The detective business in Congress is running into big money: almost \$8,000,000 spent on special investigations since 1947.

This came out last week in a report by a staff of experts on Congress, working for the Senate's expenditures committee. They don't complain about the number of investigations. But they think they're needlessly expensive.

Congress, forever calling on the executive branch of the government for more efficiency and economy, acts like an amoeba itself; it multiplies its activities by dividing and re-dividing itself.

It does so by setting up committees to handle this, that and the other thing. Everybody gets into the act. Congress started out with, and will always have, a number of standing committees.

Divide And Conquer

They handle the regular legislative problems of government, like finances, commerce, foreign and military affairs, and so on. But these committees divide up special committees are created.

All three kinds of committees make investigations, since that's one of Congress' most important functions: Investigations help in lawmaking, checking on executive branch, and keeping the public informed.

Still, when you pile the subcommittees and special committees—plus all the people hired to work for them—on top of the standing committees and their staffs, you get quite a bundle.

For example, in 1945 the House alone had 110 special or select committees, subcommittees, and standing committees. The Senate had 75.

(In 1946 Congress, grown top-heavy, reorganized itself. The Senate's standing committees, which had multiplied through the years to 33, were reduced to 15. The House's 48 standing committees were cut to 19.)

Experts Explain How account for this maze of committees which had grown up? In their report the experts explain:

1. Part of it was due to the overlapping and indefinite jurisdiction of the standing committees.

For example: is food shipped abroad a problem for the foreign relations or agriculture committee?

2. The standing committees were not equipped with professional staff people they've hired. For directing investigations.

So when it reorganized itself in 1946 Congress tried to define the jurisdictions of the various staffs competent to help in conclusively. And each of them was voted money to hire permanent, professional staffs.

And what's been the result? The report of the experts has something to say on that:

The standing committees handle these routine chores the committees don't need extra help.

But when it comes to investigations, the subcommittees and special committees get into the act, they go out and hire more help, a temporary staff of professional men and clerical workers.

Almost all of the \$8,000,000 spent on investigations since 1947 went to pay these extra, temporary people. That \$8,000,000 was in addition to the salaries of the permanent staff people working for the standing committees, plus \$10,000 a year which each standing committee has for expenses.

Think Solution Found Is there any solution for this? The experts in their report seem to think so:

They suggest Congress cut down on hiring those temporary people for investigations and make better use of the permanent, professional men already on the payroll.

Further, the experts suggest that all investigations not directly connected with lawmaking be given to a central investigating committee.



SIX FELLOW WORKMEN, all from the Dillard mill of the Roseburg Lumber company, accompanied Lee Williams to Finlay field Saturday morning, where they donated a day's labor towards the erection of a roof over a considerable portion of the bleachers at the baseball park there. Bob Potter, with the level and Bob Bayne steady a big upright in the foreground; others are George Finlay, Dave Bly, Art Griese, Oscar Burke and Lee Williams. — (Paul Jenkins)

tee, with a permanent, professional staff to help the congressmen.

Although the experts undoubtedly put a lot of work into making up their report, that doesn't mean Congress will do anything about it.

Camas Valley

By MRS. ESTHER PRYOR
Mr. and Mrs. Norland Yoder of Eugene were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pryor.
Capt R. Staley and wife and son of Fort Ord, Calif., are visiting

Mrs. Staley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tunderie of Hammond, Ind., visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Barth last week.

Art Post is at Fort Lawton, Wash.

Mrs. H. Long, who has been ill is reported improved.

Mrs. Doris Lamm and son, Bruce, and Mr. and Mrs. Robnett are in San Francisco. Mrs. Lamm will meet her husband, who is returning from overseas duty. A barn belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Hank Deen burned Saturday. Mrs. Minow and boys are mov-

ing to Medford this week where they have bought a place.

There will be a dance July 28 for the fire truck benefit.

APPEAL SIGNED

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — (AP) — Appeal papers have been signed that will allow South Carolina Negroes to appeal to the U. S. supreme court a federal court decision upholding racial segregation in public schools.

Garden Valley

By MRS. CARL SCHMIDT

Mrs. Garden Valley Sunday school went in a group Sunday morning to the First Baptist church of Roseburg to hear the Rev. John Parrott preach. More than 30 members attended. The Rev. Parrott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrott and grew up in the valley. He attended local schools. Now he is minister of the First Baptist church of Bellingham, Wash. Some, unable to attend the Sunday morning services, attended in the evening. The Rev. Parrott's mother, Mrs. Fred Parrott, who has been ill in the Merely hospital, is now able to be at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil C. McClure of Richland, Wash., visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Love of Garden Valley. Mr. and Mrs. McClure were enroute home after a tour in southern Oregon, Crater lake and Oregon caves after going to Crescent City, Calif., they returned via the coast highway.

Bean picking has started in the valley. Pickers are in the bean fields at Laurel, Hess, Ray Young and Mr. Hilbert Lee. This is the first in the valley. Usually the harvest starts the first of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hanson have returned to their home in Garden Valley after a trip to Klamath Falls, Bend and the McKenzie Pass. They went to the coast on the way home.

John Hanson is working for the forest service.

Raymond Cotton from Myrtle Point spent the weekend with his sister, Mrs. Ada Hanson. Sunday a fishing trip was enjoyed.

A good boat found drifting in front of Pete Hanson's house was caught and towed up by Rueben Hanson. Anyone having lost a boat may see this one any evening except Saturday or Sunday.

Winston

By MRS. GEORGE BACHER

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kimmer on Sunday. The Kimmers are newcomers in Roseburg. They moved there from Washington.

H. J. Getman returned to his home and place of business in Winston for several days this week. He had been in Portland with his wife, who is hospitalized there. Mrs. Getman's condition is reported unchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wilkins have returned home following a trip along the coast and to Tennessee lake to fish. The couple moved here last month, and Mr. Wilkins operates a logging truck. They formerly made their home in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson have started building a home on property recently purchased in Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith of Eugene were Thursday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Troyer, who has been ill. Mr. and Mrs. Troyer and sons, Larry and Jack, moved here recently from Coos Bay, Mr.

Troyer is employed at Ford's mill. Mrs. Merle Doering, sixth-grade teacher at Dillard school, spent the weekend at her home in Green district. Mrs. Doering is attending the Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bosworth Jr. and daughter, Nancy, have returned from a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. Clem Myers and family, in Kansas City, Mo. They made the trip by automobile and were gone two weeks. Enroute to Kansas City they traveled through Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado. They were forced to de-

return trip due to flood conditions.

Azalea

By MRS. ILA QUIRKE

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miles and three sons of Shebina, Mo., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leo Allen on Barton road.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Coyle of Azalea visited her sister, Mrs. Lucy Bliss, of Gilcrest, Ore., over the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fieldmiller and Mrs. Paul Newman of Azalea recently visited in California. They visited Mr. Fieldmiller's brother, Walter Fieldmiller.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brenner recently were Mrs. Matty Baker and son of Portland. They stopped enroute to California.

The Galeville PTA installed officers at a meeting recently. Mrs. Nora Gaeddicke is president and Mrs. Cecil Wendroth is secretary. A card party, sponsored by the PTA, will be held in the schoolhouse Saturday night, July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hughes of Myrtle Creek were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dewey recently. Mrs. Hilma Humphreys and three children of Myrtle Creek were also guests.

The Rev. R. D. Hall of Roseburg held services Sunday morning at Gatesville school. He will lead services again Sunday morning, Aug. 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Thelma Larson made a trip to Roseburg July 18. She is taking

sewing lessons at the Singer sewing school. William Quirke returned from Portland July 17. He has been taking treatments for an injury received when he fell.

Shipment Of Bibles To Red China Permitted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government has relaxed its ban against any exports to Communist China to permit the shipment of Bibles and testaments, beginning July 24.

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The Secretary of State, Earl T. Newbry, warns that it allows no free accident and has no technical loopholes. Its penalties are automatic both as to circumstance and time. Every driver involved in an accident resulting in death or injury or property damage in excess of an allowable minimum, must be prepared to furnish proof of financial responsibility up to \$11,000 or expect to lose both driver's license and owner's registration within 60 days.

The owner who has in effect, at the time of an accident, a form of liability insurance which covers damage claims up to \$11,000 automatically satisfies the requirements of the new law. We know that the motoring public will welcome the protection provided by this new law.

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