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 expansive.

Congress forever calling on the executive branch of the govern-ment for more efficiency and econ-omy, acts like an amoeba itself: it multiplies its activies by divid-ing and re-dividig itself. It does a how the foreign the foreign the foreign the fore example: is food shipped abroad a problem for the foreign relations or agriculture commit-tee?

It does so by setting up com-mittees to handle this, that and the other thing. Everybody gets into the act. Congress started out with, and will always have, a num-bo of standing committees. Divide And Create

Divide And Create They handle the regular legis-lative 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 subcom-mittees and special committees-jus all the people hired to sork for them-on top of the standing committees and their staffs, you yet quite a bundle. For example, in 1945 the House alone had 110 special or select committees, subcommittees, and standing committees. The Senate had 75.

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had 75. (In 1948 Congress, grown top-heavy, reorganized itself. The Sen-at'es standing committees, which had multiplied through the years to 33, were reduced to 15. The House's 48 standing committees were cut to 19.) Evenert Evalain Evenert Evalain to think Solution Found Is there any solution for this? to think so: They suggest Congress cut down to think so: They suggest congress the to the to think so: They suggest congress the to the tot to the tot to the to the to the to the



2. The standing committees were not equipped with professional staff people they've hired. For ducting investigations. So when it reorganized itself in 1946 Congress tried to define the jurisdictions of the various staffs competent to help in con-closely. And each of them was voted money to hire permanent, professional staffs. professional staffs. And what's been the result? The report of the experts has some-thing to say on that: The standing committees handle these routine chores the commit-before them, with the help of the these routine chores th commit-tees don't need extra help. But when it comes to investiga-tions, the subcommittees and spe-cial committees get into the act,

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cial 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 peo-ple. That \$8,000,000 what in addi-tion to the salaries of the terman-ent staff people working for the standing committees, plus \$10,000 a year which each standing com-mittee has for expenses. Think Solution Found

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Garden Valley

By MRS. CARL SCHMIDT

By MRS. CARL SCHMIDT Mrs. Garden Valley Sunday school went in a group Sunday morning to the First Baptist church of Rogeburg to hear the Rev. John Parrott preach. More than 30 members attended. The Rev. Parrott is the son of Mr. and Mrz. Freed Parrott and grew up in the valley. He attended local schools. New he is minister of the First Baptist church of Belling-ham, Wash. Some, unable to at-tend the Sunday morning scruces, attended in the evening. The Rev. Parrott's mother. Mrs. FreeDear-rott, who has been ill in the Mercy hospital, is now able to be at home. Mr. and Mrs. Nell C. McChure

Mercy 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 Cres-cent City, Callf., they returned via the coast highway. Bean picking has started in the valley. Pickers in the bean at canord Hess, RayYoung and Mr. Hillbert Lee, This is the 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

Pass. They went to the coast on the way home. John Hanson is working for the forest serve. Raymond Cotton from Myrtle Point spent the weekend with his

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Trover is employed at Ford's mill, Mrs. Merle Doering, sixth-grade teacher at Dillard school, spent the weekend at uer home in Green district. Mrs. Doering is attending the Southern Oregon College of Ed-ucation in Ashland during the sum-mer.

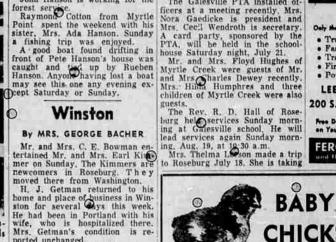
mer. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bosworth Jr. Shipment Of Bibles

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bosworth Jr. and daughter, Nancy, have re-turned 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. Enrouto to Kansas City they traveled through Idaho. Utah. Wyoming and Colorado. They were forced to de-return trip due to flood conditions. WASHINGTON - (A) -The gov ernment has relaxed its ban against any exports to Communist China to permit the shipment of Bibles and testaments, beginning

Shipment also will be permitted of books, newspapers, periodicals, catalogs." pamphiets, calendars, book and sheet music, and movie films "which do not contain any technical data." Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miles and three sons of Shelbina, Mo., are



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