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By Harris Elsworth

The early days of this second session of the 80th Congress have been uneventful. Hearings have been started on the Marshall Plan Bills. The Appropriation Committee is at work on several regular appropriation bills—some of the minor ones may be reported to the House shortly. Other major controversial bill including military training and tax reduction may be brought to the floor at any time.

Although each term of Congress is divided into two regular sessions, the break between the sessions does not alter the progress of previously introduced legislation. In other words, the progress of a bill introduced early last year continues just as if no break between sessions had occurred.

A term of Congress runs for two years. All of the members of the House of Representatives and one third of the members of the Senate are elected in November of each even-numbered year—1944, 1946, 1948, etc. After each general election, a new term of Congress begins. No legislation carries over from one Congress to another. All legislation previously pending must be re-introduced if Congressional action is still sought. The present term of Congress is designated as the 80th Congress. On January third next year, the 81st Congress will convene.

Although I have made no formal announcement of the fact, it seems to be taken for granted in my district that I will be a candidate for re-election—and that is correct. I hope I may have the honor of representing the fourth District of Oregon as its Representative in the 81st Congress. My formal filing will be sent to the Secretary of State in the near future.

The two year term served by Congressmen is a short time. In Oregon, we have only fifteen months between the general election and the time for filing in the next primary election. The shortness of the term of House members (as compared with the six year term for the Senators) has its disadvantages, especially to the members, but

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it gives the people an opportunity to completely change the House of Representatives every two years—which means a Congress more responsive to current thinking.

Except for his proposal for tax reduction, the "State of the Union" speech made by President Truman to the opening of this session was quite similar to his other recent messages to Congress.

The "Forty dollars for everybody" reduction he proposed may have its advantages as political thunder, but is not taken very seriously here on the hill. Under the President's plan, single taxpayers earning between \$1200 and \$2000 per year would pay a much higher tax than they would have paid under the 30 percent reduction provided in the bill which the President vetoed. On the other hand, under the Truman plan, the head of an average family of four would pay no tax at all until his income rose above \$3000.

In spite of propaganda statements to the contrary, the 30 percent reduction we passed and which was vetoed by the President is as good or better relief for the small and medium income taxpayers than the forty dollars for everybody plan.

One short paragraph in the President's message seems worthy of special note in view of what it seems to imply. He said: "I trust that within the shortest possible time the Congress will make available TO THE GOVERNMENT (the emphasis is mine) the weapons that are so desperately needed in the fight against inflation."

Does that mean that he and his new deal advisors no longer look upon the Congress as a part of our government? How far have we traveled away from our true representative form of government since 1932?

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vincent left Saturday for Los Angeles where they will attend the west coast showing of gift items, with the idea of stocking goods for next year for their shop.

With The Churches Baptist Community

Rev. Nick N. Newfeld, Pastor
O. C. Turley, Music Director
9-45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Young Peoples Fellowship

7:45 p.m. Evening Service
In our recent business meeting of the Church, Mrs. Jeanette Pierce was elected superintendent of the Sunday school. Immediate plans are being made to separate or divide the children from the adults in the opening exercises of the Sunday school. Next Sunday, February 1, the children through the junior grades will meet in the basement of the church for their opening and closing exercises.

Another new officer of the church was added at our recent business meeting. Lynn Hampton was elected church treasurer. On February 8, church will observe Boy Scout Sunday in

connection with National Boy Scout week that is being observed the previous week. The Boy Scouts will meet and attend the service in a body. The parents and friends of the Scouts are cordially invited to that service.

In our Bible Study on Wednesday evening we are studying the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ. In a week or so, we will start a study on one of the greatest themes of the Bible, "The Second Coming of Christ". We are going to approach the subject from a Biblical basis and not from the teaching or belief of any church. If you want to know the Biblical facts on this greatest theme, please be present in our Bible study on Wednesday evening, at 7:30 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Services Sunday at 11 a. m. at the I. O. O. F. hall. The public is cordially invited to attend.

"Love" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 1.

The Golden Text is "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us" (I John 4:12).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (I John 4:8) together with the following from the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy: "Love enriches the nature enlarging, purifying, and elevating it" (p. 57).

Seventh Day Adventist

Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m.
Church service at 11 a. m.
Young peoples meeting at 4 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday. Visitors are welcome.

Curry County Mission of the
Episcopal Church
Brookings: St. Timothy's Chapel.
Priest-in-charge, The Rev. Fr. Luther O. Ison (phone 662 Gold

Beach). Service every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. On Saint's Days when announced.

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:00. Morning prayer 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:00a.m. Chapel is across from High School. All are welcome.

Church School every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Rev. Fr. Babyak, Pastor
First Sunday of month at 12 noon.
All other Sundays at 8 a. m.

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