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Now well into the month of March, the first session of this new 81st congress is nearly one-third gone. It came into being with a rush and a roar. With thinly-veiled sneers of contempt for the much-maligned 80th congress, the new majority gave every indication of tearing in and doing things at a breath-taking speed. The show of complete power and the talk of streamlined action deceived me, as it did so many other people, into the belief that we were going to a quick ride down the road to socialism. The Truman control program, obviously patterned after British socialist government actions, seemed certain of prompt enactment.

That was six weeks ago. Things look different now. Organization of committees has been slow. Numerous behind-the-scenes quarrels have developed. The 3-way split in the administration party, evident last year but for a time appeared to be healed by the surprise of the election, appears to be even sharper and more vocal than formerly. The three groups on the Democratic side of the aisle are the regular northern Democrats, the left-wingers or fellow-travelers, and the solid south. Even the statesmanlike efforts of Speaker Rayburn have availed little toward making these three wild horses pull together in administration harness.

The committee on interstate and foreign commerce, of which I am a member, has been exceptionally slow in getting to work. As of the date on which this is written, we have had but one committee meeting, and yet this is one of the most important

committees of the house. It has the widest jurisdiction of any. More than 100 hundred bills have been referred to it, among them the hotly-controversial socialized medicine bill, but we have done nothing thus far this session.

Every congressional office is swamped with replies to radio commentator Fulton Lewis' questionnaire. I suppose most people know it, but the questions represent a complete statement of the provisions of the Taft-Hartley law. Lewis separated it into 19 parts, and people are asked to express yes or no opinion on each one. Replies are running better than 80% in favor of all of the provision of the law. I am not surprised at this result, because by this time, union members have realized that the law has done them no harm. On the contrary, it has prevented countless costly jurisdictional and unwanted strikes and loss of income.

A new volume has been added to the federal security agency's group of books for parents. Called "Your Child from Six to Twelve," it takes up where its three popular predecessors left off. The others are "Pre-natal Care," "Infant Care," and "Your Child from One To Six."

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Mrs. Gardner's maiden name,

Phyllis Lorraine Johnson, was restored to her in the divorce decree. Ed F. Ackley, local attorney, represented her before the court.

Local News Items

Craig Lumber Co. will resume operations at their mill, north of town, next Monday, it was told late last week. The sawmill had been shut down since the long-

storemens strike had affected the lumber market last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Gould and daughter were week-end visitors of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shehan, at North Bend, and took delivery of a Dodge car.

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