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Old-timers on Capitol Hill, those who have been around here 20 years or more, all seem to agree that no previous congress has ever gotten itself into the mess this one is in. Nor is this a partisan viewpoint. I have heard the same thought expressed as freely by Democrats as by Republicans.

In addition to other troubles, the situation has developed some pretty bitter feeling between the house and the senate. This became clearly evident recently

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when the senate refused to give its consent for the house to take a recess while the senate caught up with its work. I am told such a refusal is almost unheard of. It is always the custom for each house of congress to politely agree to what the other wishes to do for itself.

The details of what happened in Congress recently are too complicated and technical to relate here in detail. However, two or three things about the house recess resolution are interesting, to say the least. In the first place, the senate properly, I believe, objected to the resolution because it proposed that the house be in recess until Sept. 21 completely ignoring the fact that appropriations for the interior department, defense department and the army engineers would expire on the 15th, under a continuing resolution previously enacted. This date error was later corrected by continuing the temporary basis to Oct. 1. Meanwhile, the senate, by a vote of 58 to 25, rejected the house recess resolution. Actually, that action made very little difference to the members of the house. We will recess as planned, but will keep in session technically by meeting and adjourning each 3 days. The practical difference is that the employees of the house of representatives will get no vacation and must stay on duty. Thus, the peeve of the senate is taken out on a couple dozen weary clerks, reporter, pages, reading clerks and door-keepers. Seems to me that was a little beneath what is usually referred to as the dignity of the senate.

I was certainly correct when I said in my letter last week that plans of a member of congress are always subject to sudden change. I had planned to drive home with the family and spend three or four weeks during the recess of the house. We had our

grips packed and the car loaded. Then less than an hour before we were due to start, I received a telephone call from the chairman of my committee asking me to go with him, and the subcommittee on public health, to England and the Scandinavian countries to study health insurance programs in operation in those nations. The trip will be made during the recess. We will fly over and back. In this work one does not lightly refuse a request by a committee chairman—especially when such refusal is for purely personal reasons. So the car was unpacked, and my plans for a short vacation in Oregon were cancelled. Other than for the slight personal inconvenience involved (and of course, the family is not happy about it) I do not regret the change in plans.

As a matter of fact, I feel highly honored that I was chosen as one of the members of the committee to participate in a first-hand study of socialized medicine as it is operating in England. This subject is a hotly controversial one in this congress. Thus far, we have been showered

with printed matter and blasted with oratory—but actual first-hand knowledge has been sadly lacking. Clear cold facts also are obscured by the heat that has been generated around this subject. I believe our committee can obtain information that will really throw some light on the problem so that future decisions can be on the basis of facts.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaal celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary, August 24, when group of neighbors surprised them in the evening, after they had gone to White Rock for dinner.

Miss Charlotte Wallin arrived

last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wallin, after attending summer session at Walla Walla College. She is waiting the final arrangements before leaving for Africa where she will spend the next five years at a Seventh-Day Adventist mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Powell enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Powell's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Art Kirtley and daughter, Roberta, and a friend, Roberta Hauk, all of Merrill, recently. Mrs. Powell had just returned from a two-weeks visit at Bakersfield, Calif., with her daughter, Mrs. Herman Rains, and family.

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