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WASHINGTON WEEK

By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

Back in Washington. The new 83rd Congress is organized and going business at the old stand. Until after the 20th of January (Inauguration Day) however, nothing that happens here will seem to be very important. The whole Capital City seems to be in a state of suspended animation awaiting the installation of President Eisenhower and his new executive department heads. The organization of Congress by Republican majorities in both House and Senate received only perfunctory notice. It was a foregone conclusion as a result of the election. Truman made his speech to Congress on the State of the Union as required by the Constitution, but it aroused little comment. Nor did his budget message create any stir. Folks are mostly just looking out windows and yawning, waiting until the new administration takes over. Then, I expect, there will be considerable action.

The congressional recess in 1952 was the longest since I have been a member of Congress. Helen and I took advantage of the unusually long time at home to rebuild and add to our house in Roseburg. As so often happens with a construction job—especially a remodeling one such as this was—it was not completed by the time it was necessary for me to return to Washington, D.C. for the opening of Congress. Therefore, Helen had to stay home until the job was completed while I came on here alone to be sworn in and to take my part in the organizing of the House of Representatives. She expects to get here just before the 20th.

Under conditions which generally exist at the opening of a session there would be no urgent need for me to be present on opening day. Usually nothing much gets under way until a week or so after the session be-

gins so that the absence of a few members is not noticed. This time it was different. We Republican members of the House have only a slim majority so it was urgently requested that all members be present on Jan. 3 without fail. I could not and, of course, did not refuse that summons. As it turned out every Republican member was present when the roll was called. As the result of some absentees on the other side of the aisle, the majority by which Honorable Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts was elected speaker was quite respectable—220 to 201.

At least on one occasion in our history the elected Republican majority of the House of Representatives did not elect a Speaker and organize the House when a new Congress convened. In the election of 1930, the Republican party elected a House majority of 219 to 215 Democrats and one Farmer-Laborite. However, Congress did not meet in regular session until December 1931—13 months following the election. During this interim several Republican members died and in special elections were replaced by Democrats. When the Congress finally convened the majorities were reversed. The Democrats had 218 members, the Republicans 214. There was still the one Farmer-Laborite and two vacancies. As a result, John Nance Garner was elected Speaker and the committee was controlled by Democrats. In light of that sad experience, it is easy to understand why such emphasis was placed on all of us being here on January 3.

House committees are being organized and will be functioning soon. I will continue as a member of the Rules Committee. Walter Norblad will stay on the Committee of Armed Services, and Homer Angell will be one of the top men on the Committee on Public Works. Our new member, Sam Coon of Baker, who succeeded Lowell Stockman from the Eastern Oregon Congressional district, has not been assigned a committee as yet, but that will likely be done soon.

For What It's Worth

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

A POPULAR writer of our century is supposed to have said at one time that he had never known anyone whom he disliked. The thought behind such a statement is indeed a noble, but I have my doubts as to its honesty.

I have known people whom I disliked, and I am well aware of the fact that there were many who disliked me. Nevertheless, it is a circumstance for which I can see no reason to be ashamed.

The dictionary defines "like" as "agreeable to one's tastes." In other words, I form my likes and dislikes according to my own tastes. There are books I like and books that I dislike. In the same manner, there are people I like and those I dislike.

For example, I heartily dislike people who believe in "special privilege": Those who believe that because of a certain position they hold in society or government, they should be exempt from certain obligations which must still hold for others. In this category I include officials who believe they should be able to park their cars in front of parking meters without contributing the customary penny or nickel. The implication is that the police are under obligation to overlook the violation in order to hold their jobs or to receive favor.

In my humble way of reasoning, such actions smack of corruption just as much as the acceptance of mink coats or deep freezes as bribes in the upper brackets of government. The deed is a definite conspiracy to defraud the city and its citizens and involves equally the officer of the law who overlooks the violation and the official or member of his family who commits it.

Since I have been taught that laws are for the government of all, it is only natural that I, along with the majority, cannot respect those who create for themselves the "special privilege" of elected office as an excuse for violation of the law.

On the Main Drag

That gift layette in Tots to Teens Toggery window.

Mrs. Maycock doing crossword puzzles on her day off—birthday too!

Everybody singing "The Inventory Blues."

Father Dimmick his sunny self, Nancy H. and Hugh A. making bowling scores.

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The solution of difficult problems in fruit metabolism has been made possible by the development of radio-active tracer techniques by OSC chemists during the past four years.

Radio-active carbon compounds are being used in the study. With them the scientists hope to uncover new findings on such inner plant goings-on as formation of sugars, acids and proteins in fruits. These processes are inter-related and are responsible for the life cycle of the fruit.

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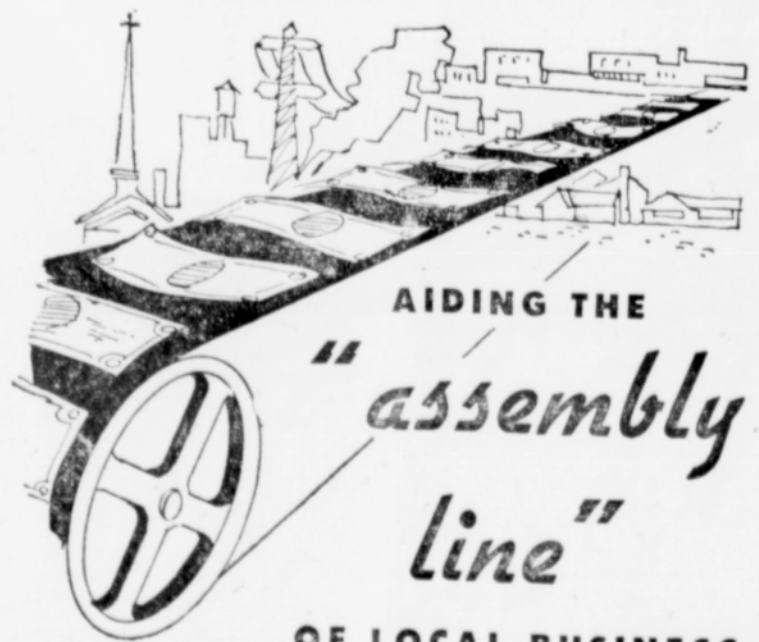


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