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The Troubles of Senator McCarthy

We're not sure yet just what condition Senator McCarthy will be in when he finally emerges from his troubles with the army and the titular leadership of the Republican party. A number of the world's most evily-powerful men have experienced set-backs on their road to domination and still conquered, and McCarthy may be another of them.

But we do know that something healthy has come out of the struggle between Secretary Stevens and the McCarthy staff. For the first time, politicians who have borne McCarthy in silence because of his vote-getting proclivities have finally had more than they could stomach, and are speaking out against McCarthy's methods. And, for the first time, too, a great number of voters who were willing to say of McCarthy "we don't agree with his methods but we agree with what he is doing," are beginning to realize that between Communism and the methods of McCarthy there is little for a free man to choose.

And finally, an Administration that thought for awhile that it could avoid the issue of McCarthy has found that it must face up to the existence of McCarthyism . . . and shows signs of doing so. Being rather proud of the leadership of the Republican party, we're pretty sure that President Eisenhower can handle McCarthy . . . any time his advisers get out of his way and let him.

But he's our baby, and it's our government that he is busy wrecking, just as it is our philosophy of life which he has temporarily suspended while he pursues his devious course. Of one thing we are sure. If McCarthy wins in his struggle for power, there will be no Democracy to save from Communism . . . it will have ceased to exist.

Where were you, Parents?

(Reprinted)

How interested are you in your child's education?

Where does he get an education? In a public school you say. Yes a part of it; the part which might be termed his schooling. Has it ever occurred to you that not very much of your child's time is spent in school? A year has 365 days. A school year has 170 teaching days. 170 days for school; 195 days away from school, many days more than half. What are you doing with your 195 days? Do you know what the school is doing with its 170 days?

Another fact you should remember: a day has 24 hours: a school day has a maximum of 5 hours exclusive of noon recess. What are you doing with your 19 hours of the child's school day? Some of your children must devote two hours a day to getting to and from school. That leaves you 17 hours.

Five teaching hours times 170 teaching days gives a total of 850 teaching hours a year. 17 hours times 170 days gives 2,890 hours—your hours for attending to your child's education which does not come under the heading of schooling. What are you doing with your 2,890 hours on school days? Then you have 24 times 195 days makes 4,680 hours which you have to add to your 2,890 hours making a total of 7,570 hours during which you supervise your child's activities against 850 hours during which the teacher has supervision over your child's activities. Eleven per cent for school: 89 per cent for home. What do you think? What shall we do about it? Will you join the P.-T.A. in studying the problem? Thursday there were 45 parents and teachers at the PTA meeting. Why weren't you there—you other 298 parents?

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By

HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M.C.

During the past week the House of Representatives has considered and passed more big and important bills than I have seen acted upon in a similar period of time since I have been a Member of Congress. Majority leader Halleck, of Indiana, was right when he predicted that the week would make legislative history.

Heading the list for the week was the Highway Construction bill involving the expenditure of some \$875,000 annually for two years on roads and highways throughout our country. For the first time the amount to be spent on highways will be just about equal to the amount of money paid by highway users in the form of the Federal tax on gasoline. Of particular importance to our region was the adoption by the House of an amendment by Oregon's new Representative, Sam Coon of Baker, to increase the amount to be allocated for Forest Highways.

Next came the first of the bills to carry out President Eisenhower's recommendations on the subject of health. This was a bill to extend the provisions of the Hill-Burton Act which provides aid for hospital construction. The new hospital construction bill will permit similar grants for the purpose of building non-profit hospitals for the chronically ill, for the construction of nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities and diagnostic or treatment centers.

Then came the Excise-Tax Reduction bill which sharply reduces nearly all of the nuisance taxes such as the tax on theater admissions, telephone calls, train and other transportation — yes, and on women's handbags. By rough calculation the passage of that bill will reduce Federal taxes on such expenditures paid by residents of our Fourth Congressional District nearly \$2,000,000 a year.

As I was driving home from the office the evening after we passed the Excise Tax Reduction bill I turned on my car radio and heard two different "commentators" moaning over what they alleged to be the fact that Republicans in Congress are in bitter dissension—that we are fighting among ourselves and that our ranks are divided into two or more warring factions. At any time this year or last such statements would be funny, but that evening they were especially ridiculous. It happened that on a very controversial roll call on the tax bill that afternoon, the Republican side of the House of Representatives voted UNANIMOUSLY—not a single Republican voted with the opposition. That has not happened before in more than ten years.

We will shortly have another tax bill on the Floor. This one is really a whopper in more ways than one. It is a complete revision of the entire Federal Tax law structure. The printed text requires 875 pages. I am told it is the most voluminous bill ever considered by Congress. That may or may not be so but certainly it is the largest bill I have ever seen.

The House Ways and Means Committee began working on this bill in 1951. As completed it involves some 3,000 changes in the law. A total of 300,000 man hours of work by staff members and experts were required to put it together. The Committee heard testimony from more than 600 witnesses in hearings on the bill.

In addition to simplifying and organizing the Federal Tax laws which have just sort of grown up like "Topsy," the legislation stops



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

Until just recently I have been able to take pride in the fact that I could remain calm in almost any perplexing situation. Likewise, I have gloried in my reputation for being able to ignore trivialities which would ordinarily throw others into what my Aunt Mary refers to as a "tizzy."

Of late, though, I fear that unless something is done soon to ease the tension, I will be faced with a form of frustration which has caused stronger men than I to blow their tops. I refer to the phone conversations to which I am forced to listen since we can't afford a private booth in the living room.

To explain adequately the ordeal I am undergoing, I need only describe a typical conversation as heard from my end of the line. The son, summoned to the phone, picks it up, and this mumbo-jumbo results: "Hi—Who?—Oh, you—Hi—What?—Yeah — Yeah — Yeah — Maybe — What?—When? — Yeah? — Yeah—Sure 6:30? — Yeah—Yeah—No — NO —Okay—Yeah—Bye."

Now that, believe me, is a conversation which could drive anyone frantic. I prefer not to listen but soon find myself struggling to construct the missing pieces of the conversational puzzle of which I can hear only half—and that, without doubt, the most confounding half.

At times I have hit upon the

more than 50 loop-holes, provides specific relief and a fairer taxing basis for retired people, home owners, annuitants, and others who are unduly penalized under existing laws.

idea that this is some sort of an elaborate code which has been devised for the sole purpose of driving me crazy. This theory falls flat, however, when I recall that the same sort of conversation goes on when the younger and feminine member of the family stakes out a claim on the phone. The only difference is that squeals and giggles and "Oh, Kid!" substitute for the meaningless garbling that features the young man's monologue.

One thing is certain; they need never worry about the lack of privacy for their conversations. As far as I'm concerned, they're all alone.

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