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Congress in Wartime

Courageous Guards

Congress is in recess and most of the senators and representatives have gone home,-home to rest, home to listen to what the people are saying, home to mend a few political fences, home to tell people about what is going on in Washington. Returning congressmen are feeling a bit chesty. They smacked down the administration on some important matters. Irked over "rubber-stamp" accusations, still resentful over "bundles for congressmen," legislators in the 1943 session have sought to be more positive,and have certainly succeeded.

Senator Robert M LaFollette has an article in the July "Atlantic": "A Senator Looks at Congress." It is an excellent appraisal of the status of our national law-making body. Even La-Follette writes a bit on the defensive; but he doesn't stop with defending congress. He makes definite proposals for changes which he believes would improve its efficiency.

LaFollette's most important recommendation is a revamping of committee organization. Now the senate has 33 standing and ten special committees, the house 45 standing and seven special. This means, in the case of the senate, that more than half the members serve on six or more committees, with, the senator thinks, poor results:

"This diffusion of energy and responsibility among a large number of groups, many with overlapping jurisdiction, is not conducive to the formation of coherent and continuous legislative policy. Neither is it conducive to developing a well-organized and continuing relationship with executive agencies administering the laws."

The senator would reduce the number of committees, and he would staff them adequately with experts. Then each senator would concentrate his energies on one or two committees until he would become specially qualified in that field. He would also provide an executive assistant for each senator, who would relieve the member of many of the calls for assistance by constituents, which has become increasingly heavy.

To bring the executive and legislative into closer relationship LaFollette proposes a joint legislative and executive council, composed of representation from the congress and the executive branch, who would meet regularly to confer on legislative and administrative problems. One difficulty with this would be the jealousy now existing between the branches: the congress might object to recommendations from the council for fear the executive was putting

Sol Worden, acting yard captain, and Bert Dunham, guard at the state prison, acted with quickness, courage and firmness when two prisoners sought to escape from the prison. Worden refused the demands of the prisoners to open the gate or surrender his keys, though they were armed with knives; and Dunham didn't hesitate to shoot, after calling out a command, in spite of the risk of hitting Warden. Their conduct showed quick appraisal of the situation and a coolness in meeting the crisis. It is a contrast from what happened some weeks ago when prisoners used one guard for hostage and bluffed another so they made their getaway.

Worden, unfortunately, was badly wounded by knives in the hands of the prisoners; but he has the great satisfaction of having performed his duty and met the test which every prison guard knows some day he may be called on to face.

There is no substitute for rigid discipline in a prison, though that discipline does need to be inhuman or unfair. Nor can this discipline be relaxed; because there are always men enger to make a break, with any weapon at hand.

In apportioning the state school support fund of \$5,000,000, the meticulous state department of education figured out the per-pupil-perday figure to eight decimals, but our office mathematician decided that wasn't enough, for it left undistributed a little more than two ten-thousandths of a cent.

Premier Tojo is quoted as telling his executive council that Japan and its fellow-axians are "flying through all obstacles with final victory in view." That one is a fresh claim for "air power."

News Behind The News By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, July 19-Mr. Roosevelt's action in the Wallace-Jones controversy seemed offhand as if he had at long-last knocked a couple of officious heads together, but the subterranean implications were of far greater significance.

Mr. Roosevelt killed the Wallace global econ policy. He not only killed it, but he buried it with one paragraph of his executive



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KSLM-TURSDAY-1100 Ec. 7:00-News. 7:05-Rise'n' Shine. 7:30-News. 7:45-Morning Moods. 8:00-Cherry City News. 8:10-Music. 8:20-Tango Time. 9:00-Paster's Call. 9:15-Uncle Sam. 9:30-Farm Home Programs. 9:45-Music :00-News.

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Death Goes Native By MAX LONG

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He seemed to think the state of the world an adequate cause for retirement, and before long saked me decently enough to meet the other colonists and to see their cottages. We went ugh palms and bedge to the loward the thatched roofs and came out on a sand path. Facing on this was a line of six es, and one alone across the path opposite the first one. All were surrounded by riots of flowering plants, more or-dered and cared-for than the rank growth and tangle of bloom I had already seen.

to obey. She drawled to Budd, "You notice I made the racket?" and sauntered indoors. Budd was looking quizzically

at the fat man. "Well, Herb?" "Gosh! I didn't know it'd go off like that! You said to get 'em out at four." He thrust out a thick arm to consult a wrist watch His ring of hair was red, his fair skin was burned flery red, and there was a smear of zinc oxide paste on his nose.

Budd grinned tolerantly "Herb, you're a marvel of st-ficiency-but I think I'd forget the drum."

Herb muttered, wilting, "It was just an idea."

Chapter Three

As we approached the first dwelling I realized it was not By this time several people the traditional grass but of old Hawaii which I had expected, but a Tahitian "birdcage" house. I paused in astonishment, surwere shouting from their houses down the path to know what was up. Herb shouted back that it was time for their swim. veying it. It was built of bam-boo slats under its thatched roof, with window holes and rolled somehow regaining his own sense of importance. Then he fo-cused on me sharply, suspiciousshelter curtains. Moreover, a ly, and I was sure he, too, was deep lanal stretched across the bout to question my presence in Waimaka when he was disfront, roofed with palm fronds, floored with sand, pillared with tracted by a woman calling him from the next house. palm trunks. Budd said, "We brought Herb from Honolulu to supervise our building and gardening, and he stayed on. He's very useful-but he still lives by his watch."

Mr. Budd remarked: "I thought the houses I'd seen in Tahiti were more adapted to comfort than anything we could devise. The materials were at hand here, the."

Someone stirred in a room back of the shaded lanel, voices came to us indistinctly, and then ,a sputtering thudding sound, ending with a tinkle, proclaimed a noiseless typewriter. "Electric refrigeration, 'too?"

I asked dryly. He laughed, "The typewriter is probably our most modern, note, Oil lamps and oil cookstoves serve us very well."

From the cottage a woman emerged hastily, calling out in a suppressed tone as if wishing not to disturb someone inside, "Oh, Mr. Budd!" She saw me, halted abruptly, then came toward us across the clean-swept sand. A short woman, wearing a sarong. That struck me as overdoing the simple life-after all, a cotton dress would have

been just as comfortable and certainly more typically Hawaiian. She regarded me curiously and I thought a trifle apprehensively, as she said to Budd in a still lowered voice:

"Bronson's in a frenzy over the last lines-we'll just skip the swim today."

face and aleepy yellow eyes, and the mop of hair variegated from

orange to tan-no doubt by the

sun-was extraordinarily like

the markings of a brindle cat.

She began to say something,

"You mean you want-" but her

words ended in a scream as a

devastating sound tore the air

"Of course," Budd responded. "Mrs. Delmar, Mr. Hoyt. He seems to be like us, Bessie y yearns for a Kanaka existence."

the right eye. "Turva, this is Mr. Hoyt," Budd began. "He dropped into Waimaka in a sampan." Then, to me: "Miss Massic." "A sampan?" she queried un-easily. It was past understan-ding, the reluctance they all evinced at admitting a stronger, but at the time I laid it to the reported criticism of their colony by the plantation people. Turva Massic lighted a cigarette she had brought with her and proposed: "Let's go see his sam-

A young woman had joined

Herb, pulling a rubber cad over

a fluff of thick black hair. She

was as brown as any Hawaiian girl, and except that she was too thin she, also, might have passed for a native. I thought

that until she came closer. Then she raised her eyes. They were

very light grey, arresting in her

dark face and there was a long faint scar on her cheek run-ning from her chin well toward

pan." She started off through gap in the hedge and when Herb and Budd and I caught up with her on the beach she was exclaiming with what seemed real enthusiasm, "What siasm, "What a smart little craft! It

something over; and the president might feel the legislative members were trying to run the administrative departments.

, The other suggestion, requiring the attendance of eabinet officers and heads of agencies before the congress for questioning at stated intervals follows the plan of the British house of commons which holds the prime minister and his cabinet to strict accountability. Now we aim at the same thing with our congressional investigating committees. Formal and regular appearance of administrators might dignify the interrogation and be less of a grid-iron quiz.

With regard to complaints about "deterioration" of membership and leadership in congress, LaFollette quotes the observation of the French political scientist, Alexis de Tocqueville, who visited this country about a century ago, and remarked: "The race of American statesmen has evidently dwindled most remarkably in the course of the last fifty years."

War makes difficult the parliamentary process, which is essentially deliberate and argumentative. War calls for executive action, for decisions based on military demands. Civil laws often must yield out of military necessity. The law-making body therefore mkaes general and broad grants of power to the executive, that the war may be organized and prosecuted most efficiently;and provides with little questioning. the funds which the military says are needed. Public attention is absorbed in the war; so congress postpones till the war is over consideration of many public questions.

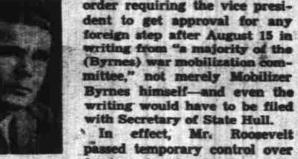
Thus left stranded, congress is apt to busy itself with the conduct of the war. It did so in the civil war, to Lincoln's great embarrassment. In this war the congress, while at times going too far in the direction of war management, has principally confined its activities to investigations on the civilian front, especially in the fields of production, of organization, and of wartime controls. The Truman committee has done a very good job of inquiry, exposing waste and mismanagement. It fact it points a way for congress to function effectively in wartime, as a body to which the whole executive department must feel a responsibility. The people depend on congress to act as its representative for auditing of accounts of the executive, for dollars spent and for results of the policies adopted.

If senators and congressmen listen to public opinion they will find that the people want them to cooperate fully in winning the war, and also to act as a continuing check against administrative weakness and waste.

Unless the allies need northern Italy for air bases they might by-pass the peninsula and go ahead with invasion at other points. Italy is alread knocked out so far as both sides are concerned; but if the allies take over they will have to feed the populace. It would seem bread should go first to those for whom we are fighting.

Probably there are a good many Italian-Americans serving in the army of invasion who will take their opportunity to visit grandfather's. native village, while on the island. And will they be received, especially if they have a few cigarettes!

While picking out military objectives for precision bombing in Rome does spare the great relies of the ancient city, wouldn't it be all.



passed temporary control over foreign planning to the much **Paul Mailon** nore conservative majority of the war mobilization committee, and gave the equally conservative Mr. Hull at least a prior knowledge of what is to be

The new economic warfare director, Leo T. Crowley, is an able man, respected by all factions, but is also on the conservative side, as far as conservatism goes in the new deal. Fundamentally he is a banker by experience and practice. He will function as such at the head of economic warfare, not as a world reformer.

Thus passeth the Milo Perkins regime which originated the quart of milk a day theory for all cannibals, headhunters, and pygmies. Thus ariseth the post-war prospect of feeding on the basis of need rather than altered diets, and upon our ability to help reasonable rehabilitation rather than on a world WPA.

Has Mr. Rooscevelt heard the winds in the country lately? Is this the first step of a change of front to make the government conform to popular public opinion?

Inner government officials think so. They know the argument between Messrs. Wallace and Jones ran deeper than the superficialities mentioned in public, and really involved basic post-war policy. To them, it also confirms what they formerly suspected, namely that Mr. Wallace will not be on the ourth term ticket.

What the president will need in the way of a running mate next year is a southern farm bloc democrat, who can bring him quietude from the restless south and support from organized farm bloc elements.

It seems very likely the center of post-war economics will now shift to Mr. Hull's department and to Mr. Lehman's food relief. Both have been functioning on the subject, and Lehman will shortly seek a half billion dollars. The elimination of Wallace raises the dignity of their efforts and cuts off a tangent which out-clamored them. It should also eliminate at least 50 per cent of the chaos enveloping the subject.

The Wallace board of economic warfare has been accused, justly or unjustly, of having favored Great Britain to the detriment of all other world nations in its stockpiling and world economic policies. Britain needs help less than other smaller nations involved. Whether the change will mean any alteration in this Wallace design is not yet clear.

Essentially, however, capitalism is as self-interested as human nature, in profit for self, not, only individually but nationally. You can't run capitalism on globaloney. If Mr. Roosevelt intends to accept these realizations, it will no doubt be evident in steps soon to come.

On the other side, the president's action took away from Jesse Jones not only his war materials corporation, but his pre-war export-import bank, which his adversaries in the government long had wished to release from his clutches. The conservative Mr. Jones is thus shorn of much power, henceforth to be used by more amenable and pliable Roosevelt agents.

Unfortunately, no one believes the change will be followed through to the extent that the other government officials, holding four or more important positions on the average, may be cut down to their main duties. It is said that Interior Secretary Ickes, for instance, has so many other jobs that he hires two secretaries for the special purpose of keeping himself informed as to what they are,

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Interpreting **The War News**

Caught between the devil of Hitlerism and the deep sea of all-out Anglo-American attack. the Italian segment of the illstarred axis is creaking with

The American aerial attack on Rome capped an allied invasion of Sicily that is sweeping like an irresistable flood over the big island outpost. Strategic keys to the Catania plain are in allied hands. The fate of that area is sealed and with it that of all Sicily and of the nearby Italian

It has been patent for days in tome broadcasts and Italian

it gives that Washington and don see a prospect of early Italian collapse to pave the way for drives from the Sicilian advance base against the continent itself, not at some remote time, but soon. With Sicily swept clear of the foe, the allied road northwestward to the coast of France would begin to open. To the northeast, from footholds on the lian mainland boot, the allies could launch a drive at the Greek peninsula and the Bal-

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"Herb!" Budd exclaimed sharply. I whirled to see a plump, semi-bald man in bathing trunks holding a stick in one hand and in the other a silly-looking drum made of a bucket with a stretch of red rubber on it. He looked es & Highlights. as startled as we were and ars of Today. ducked when a roar came from ers the News. within the house: -Rose Room. -David Harum. -Open Door. -Larry Smith. -Mirth and Made "Bessie! Stop that noise and

come in here and type this!" I caught a glimpse of a large man shaking a fistful of yellow papers toward us. The cat-woman did not leap :45—Norman Nesbitt 5:00—Gabriel Heatter 6:00-Gabriel-Heatter. 6:15-Newa 7:00-John B. Hughes 7:15-Movie Parade. 8:00-Music. 8:45-Sinfonietta. 9:00-News. 9:15-Manhatters. 9:15—Manhètters. 9:35—General Barrows. 9:45—Ray Henle. 10:00—Orchestra 10:15—Treasury Star Parade. 10:30—News. 10:45—Music 11:45—Music

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She smiled at me perfunctorfun to sail her. We've all fly-not a real smile, but a mere grown to used to nothing but stretching of the lips. She was canoes " rather like a cat with her round

We had come out just where the small plank outriggers lay, and now I surmised that they belonged to the colonists. I glanced along the curve of beach to the heavy koawood canoes and fishnets. "There are Hawaijan fishermen here, too, aren't there?"

"Oh, yes." Budd waved to-ward a littered palm grove beyond where the canoes lay. "They have a village over be-hind that grove. Supply us with fish. None of us is an ardent fisherman like yourself."

"We raise chickens and vegetable," Herb offered.

Turva Massic wrinkled her nose at him. "If you'd only learn to eat poi and breadfruit, we wouldn't have to farm so hard."

Budd chuckled. "Turva is the only one of us who has how ly gone native. Well, come along let's have that swim."

To my surprise he turned away from the quiet blue bay and led off through the hedges with Turva.

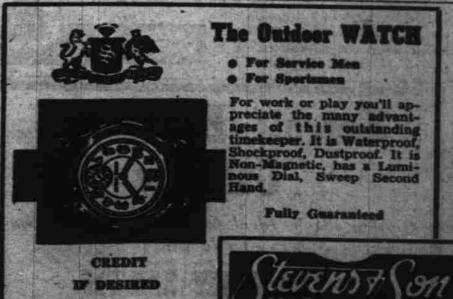
"Don't you swim here in the inlet?" I asked at his heels.

"No, no, we've got a pool," Herb sputtered behind me. "A damned shark lives in the bay here-pet of the Hawaiians. Ruins our distance swimming." "But sharks are harmless in Hawaii," I protested. "They'd

"So the Hawaiians tell us," Bud said over his shoulder, "but we don't care to risk it. Sin looking devils, sharks-bad international reputations. It's for-tunate we have the pool."

I had heard before of a fresh-water pool Tormed by the stream from the waterfall, and we came upon it as we started up the valley. It was ringed with cocoanut paims which leaned out to be reflected in the clear deep water. Slanting sun rays painted patches of golden light on the sandy bottom. Great tawny butterflies gilded lazily above the surface.

(To be continued)



By KIRKE L. SIMPSON portents of utter collapse.

"boot" itself from toe to heel.

press comment that only fear of the nazi overlords is holding revolt in Italy in check. Italian propagandists preaching continued resistance hold out no victory hope to the war sickened Italian people, only the plea that there is no escape from war even by surrender. German masters would still make Italy a battle ground, they assert.

But the moment cannot be far listant when dread of the terrific rolling air barrage of the allies will outweigh even fear of nazi reprisals upon a weak-ening war ally. That was the ogy of the carefully med and executed bombis ttack on Rome.

Its significance lies in the hint

American troops which too

AP War Analyist for The Statesman central Sicily from their south-

ern bridgeheads. They are in a position to widen and deepen their penetration to the north coast of the island swiftly, splitting it in half. Eastward, General Montgom-

ery's British veterans have set foot on the Catania plain as well. They are reported closing in westward on the Gerbini air base and northward in the outskirts of the port of Catania. Once that port falls, the British can sweep northwest around the inshore base of Mount Etna to widen the swathe which allied forces on the left and center are cutting toward the north coast. Western Sicily, the certain advance base for French-American advance upon Sardinia, Corsica and continental France itself, seems ripening to fall into allied hands almost without opposition once the allies complete their drive across the center of the island. That will expedite the hour when Fighting French troops from Africa join in the assault in more than token strength. That is likely to be

strictly a French-American affair as far as ground forces are concerned, leaving the British in eastern Sicily to spearhead the attack on the Italian mainland itself, if that proves neces-Sary.

There are immediate allied objectives at the lower end of the Italian boot, however, which could condition the next phase of the fight. Once the toe and heel and the Gulf of Taranto between them were taken by the allies, Italian forces garrisoning Albania and Greece could be virtually cut off from contact with Italy by sea. And from the Italian boot heel it would be easy for massed flights of big bombers to reach the Rumanian oil fields in sustained and devastating attacks.

Destruction from the air of Caltanissetta, geographical hub those Balkan oil sources would of Sicily and vital road and rail strike a more serious blow to the

