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Congress in Wartime

Congress is in recess and most of the senators and representatives have gone home...

Senator Robert M. LaFollette has an article in the July "Atlantic": "A Senator Looks at Congress."

LaFollette's most important recommendation is a revamping of committee organization.

"This diffusion of energy and responsibility among a large number of groups, many with overlapping jurisdictions, is not conducive to the formation of coherent and continuous legislative policy."

The senator would reduce the number of committees, and he would staff them adequately with experts.

To bring the executive and legislative into closer relationship LaFollette proposes a joint legislative and executive council...

The other suggestion, requiring the attendance of cabinet officers and heads of agencies before the congress for questioning...

With regard to complaints about "deterioration" of membership and leadership in congress, LaFollette quotes the observation of the French political scientist, Alexis de Tocqueville...

War makes difficult the parliamentary process, which is essentially deliberative and argumentative.

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.

If senators and congressmen listen to public opinion they will find that the people want them to cooperate fully in winning the war...

Unless the allies need northern Italy for air bases they might bypass the peninsula and go ahead with invasion at other points.

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.

While picking out military objectives for precision bombing in Rome does spare the great relics of the ancient city, wouldn't it be all right to drop one on the Palazzo Venezia...

Courageous Guards

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...

There is no substitute for rigid discipline in a prison, though that discipline does need to be inhuman or unfair.

In apportioning the state school support fund of \$5,000,000, the meticulous state department of education figured out the per-pupil-per-day figure to eight decimals...

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."

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...

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

In effect, Mr. Roosevelt passed temporary control over foreign planning to the much more conservative majority of the war mobilization committee...

The new economic warfare director, Leo T. Crowley, is an able man, respected by all factions, but is also on the conservative side...

Thus passeth the Milo Perkins regime which originated the quart of milk a day theory for all cannibals, headhunters, and pygmies.

Has Mr. Roosevelt 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...

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 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.

Essentially, however, capitalism is as self-interested as human nature, in profit for self, not only individually but nationally.

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.

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.

Finally, wouldn't it be interesting if Mr. Roosevelt left Mr. Willkie holding the "one world" sack



Twenty One Years of 'Monkey Business'

Today's Radio Programs

Table listing radio programs for Tuesday, July 23, 1941, across various stations like KXII, KXII-TV, KGW, and KOAC. Includes program names, times, and hosts.

Death Goes Native

By MAX LONG

Chapter 2 Continued He seemed to think the state of the world an adequate cause for retirement, and before long asked me decently enough to meet the other colonists...

As we approached the first dwelling I realized it was not the traditional grass hut of old Hawaii which I had expected, but a Tahitian "birdcage" house.

Someone stirred in a room back of the shaded lanai, voices came to us indistinctly, and then a sputtering thudding sound, ending with a tinkle, proclaimed a noiseless typewriter.

From the cottage a woman emerged heavily, calling out in a suppressed tone as if wishing not to disturb someone inside.

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

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.

"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."

Chapter 3 Continued He seemed to think the state of the world an adequate cause for retirement, and before long asked me decently enough to meet the other colonists...

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