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What's Wrong with Congress?

Under the LaFollette-Monroney plan for reorganization of congress the present session should have been concluded by July 31st. Instead it is running on with no prospect of adjournment before the last of October. Big appropriation bills that should have been passed before July 1st when the fiscal year begins, are still in the legislative works. Only stop-gap legislation to permit spending at the rate of the last fiscal year has prevented a breakdown of important departments of government. As for the rule for determining the total for the budget within six weeks that has proved unworkable and is now virtually in the discard.

Inssatistaction with the way congress func-. times exists over the country and within the congress itself. What ought to be done is made the subject of an article in the New York Times Magazine by Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. Kerauver is new to the senate but he served several sessions in the house. To win the senate seat he had to break the back of the old Ed Crump machine. Kelauver is to polite to say so in print, but one thing wrong with congress is his colleague from Tennessee old Kenneth McKellar, stupporn, vituperative and obstructive. As chairman (by virtue of the seniority rule) of the powerful committee on appropriations, McKellar is pretty much of a roadolock in the senate, as well as a vindictive tyrant on appropriations matters.

To get back to Kelauver's article. He puts "errang-running as one the heaviest burden on members of congress. He says that few members do not spend from 50 to 60 per cent of their time doing chores for individual constituents "Our errand-boy work gives us too meager a chance to study or think about the larger issues or the common welfare." Private claims bills, personal problems dealing with citizenship, passports, etc., representing local business before administrative podies all absorb much of the time of senator or representative.

-Such items as calling the roll kill a lot of time (sometimes on purpose). The house, with its long roll, kills as much as a hour just in calling the roll. He proposes electric voting equipment which would reduce the call of the roll to a matter of a few minutes.

In the matter of debate the Tennessee senator thinks the house is too tight with its time allowance and the senate too loose. More time is lost by committee hearings in "quadruplicate" -by senate and house committees separately before a project is authorized, then by the

it is one of the biggest obstacles to the better functioning of congress.

What chances are there for improvement? Not many: congress is a law unto itself, rutted in ancient procedure, composed of many persons of mediocre mentality, jealous of its prerogatives. The "Young Turks" like Kefauver will have a hard time driving through the reforms which are necessary. Congress will continue to muddle along, with only minor alterations in its old rules.

Divorce Because of Allergy

The case of Mrs. Joyce Holdridge, the allergic whe who won'a divorce in Los Angeles, has been treated with more levity than it deserves. She testified that although she and her husband both loved each other she was affected with an outbreak of rash whenever she was with him. She had spent 18 months of their two-year marriage in a hospital as a result. Judge Brockman who granted her the divorce gave a very intelligent statement when he said:

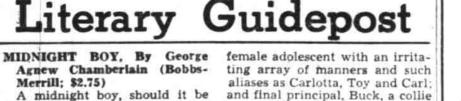
"Courts may be forced to recognize what medical science has discovered - that such allergies as Mrs. Holdridge complains of are a fact and not a caprice."

There seems little doubt that nervous tensions do result sometimes in skin irritations. The super-sensitivity may be localized in specific spots-women sometimes have acute irritations at the back of the head. Men working under strain may develop skin trouble which resists ointments, lotions and other medication. Mrs. Holdridge seems to have developed an allergy when in the presence of her husband, which obviously is brought on by some nerve reaction.

Instead of making fun of the lady, she deserves sympathy, as does her recent husband. To avoid such allergies and irritations of the skin folk need to learn to relax, mentally and physically.

Familiar Trial Orgy

Hungary is the latest country to stage a trial orgy of an accused communist. Laszlo Raik who until a few months ago was a top communist and head of the police system is being tried on charges of plotting to overthrow the government. At his trial he admits his sins glibly and says he plotted with Americans (some of whom he names) and with Yugoslavs to assassinate Rakoski, the leading communist who runs the country and to set up a Titoist government.



GERMAN STEEL FOR BRITAIN - Girders of

a bombed bridge over the Spree, purchased by England, are cut

into lengths for shipment to furnaces in the German western zone.

A midnight boy, should it be that you haven't heard, is a lad who picks the strokes of 12 for birth, thereby achieving a lifetime of unbeatable fine fortune. Mark Perry, the protagonist of Mr. Chamberlain's 29th novel, appears at the age of 14 on page 14; and for a yard and a half and several hundred pages thereafter models for proof of the legend. Set down in the middle of a desolate section of New Jersey known as The Pines, young Mark is surrounded by a strange cast indeed including: Fortune's Hope Jones, colored mammy of classic cloth, filled with canniness, determination, faithfulness and mystic confusions; Rusty Ballard. romantic young lawyer betrayed by war into progressing alcoholism: Adele Welsh, the cause of Ballard's dismay; a long-legged

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out of Albert Payson Terhune. Supporting are one colored handyman, various locals who are apt never to have visited nearby Atlantic City or Philadelphia, sundry out-of-season deer slayers and one or two corpses.

Analyzing the ingredients after the final lyric duet by that quickly growing team of Mark-Carllota the elements of the story become a bewildering melange. There's mystery of a long-abandoned mansion, unburied dead and a hunt for Mark's paternity: narrative of conventional "growing boy" pattern; backwoods feuding; and the you-know-what -happens-finally tribulations of **Rusty and Adele**

Some subsidiary romantic comedy duties are put up to Fortune's Hope, who is the mystery key for the main theme, and also is an expert at conning a dusky provincial out of wagon, mule. wages and bachelorhood.

The story goes off in so many directions of jolly predestination that none of the themes gets uch of a chance

Salem Stores **Register** for **Fall Opening**

(Story also on page 1)

The array of Salem stores which will participate Tuesday night in the Fall Opening exhibits and will have numbers in the treasure clothier, Judson's, Kay's apparel. Woolworth's, Woodry's furniture, hunt includes the following, registered through Saturday: Lambert's antiques, Little French

Allen hardware, Alex Jones, shop, Leon's shoes. McKay's autos, Midget market. The scarlet Ibis, one of the most Alexander's jewelers, Anita shops, Acklin bootery, Arbuckle's, An-derson autos, Brown jewelers, lyn's shoes, Man's shop, Mari-Hemisphere, have been reduced Bishop's, Burke's cameras, Bus- department store, Morris optical, from once extensive flocks to a ick's grocery, Bramble hardware. Mar's lunch, Moore's bicycle and few scattered specimens in South Breithaupt's florist, 'Cooke's sta- sporting goods. Me tropolitan, America.

tionery, Capital drugs, Capital Montgomery Ward, Marion motfurniture.

Nohlgren's restaurant, Olson's Elfstrom's, Eola Acres florist, Fields' dress shop, Fashlonette, Price's, Penney's, Quisenberry's Greenbaum's, Gevurtz furniture, pharmacy, Roberts Bros., Red Good Housekeeping, Gay's cand- Cross pharmacy, Rohland's, Smart jewelers, Holland bakery, How-S&N clothiers, Stevens jewelers, ard Maple sporting goods, Hogg Sally's, Schlesinger's, Stiff's fur-Brothers appliances. Haniger's niture. Salem lighting appliance, dress shop. Heider's radio, Hamilton furniture, Howard corsets. Jackson jewelers, Jewel Box, ors.

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separate appropriation committees before money is appropriated.

But he blames lack of party discipline as the real cause of the failure of congress to function better. He remarks that "Our system seems to put a premium on mugwumpery." Coalitions of republicans and democrats have often seized control, defeating legislation proposed by the party in power. That has been true both in the Roosevelt and Truman administrations.

Party discipline has broken down. It did under republican rule when the "sons of the wild packass" (as Senator Moses called them) won tame (and reelection) as insurgents. It is hard to maintain party discipline when congressmen run on their own in districts and senafors run on their own in states. The direct primary makes the cant date independent, and party organization is greatly weakened.

The paralyzing seniority rule is not touched on by Kefauver, but outside critics hold that legal profession of the state.

Maybe he did plot a revolution. That must be common practice in countries ruled by dictatorships. But his confessions are too pat, away. But some day the vicious system that encourages revolution by its own denial of elemental freedoms will be destroyed. It is so evil that it should fall apart of its own weakness.

Carson Heads State Bar

The Oregon State Bar chose an able lawyer and a fine gentleman as its president at the annual convention at Gearhart, Wallace P. Carson of Salem. He comes of a family of lawyers, his father John Carson having been a leading attorney in Salem. His two brothers, John and Allan practice law here now and his sister, Mrs. Genevieve Barsch is an assistant attorney general. Wallace will give conscientious and intelligent service as head of the organized

soon be made.

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thing to be thankful for.

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At any rate, whether or not it

comes to anything in the end, it

is something new under the sun

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to pull leather. Members who had not known of the chairman's directive before it was sent out protested so vigorously that the chairman sent a follow-up communication to the college presidents telling them the committee had no desire to censor textbooks and interfere with academic freedom.

In defying the committee the college presidents will find most editors supporting them. Freedom of speech and of the press is a constitutional right, but it must be defended against tyrants, including those who operate in the name of patriotism.

The incident opens up the

Vigorous Asia Policy Finally Evolving

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop WASHINGTON, Sept. 17-One significant unreported disagreement arose in the vitally impor-

tant talks on Asia policy this week between Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. There was general a g r ee-

ment on policy

in Japan, south-

east Asia, and India, Moreover, contrary Joseph Alsop

to report, there was no dispute about Hong Kong. Bevin flatly told Acheson that the British mean to defend Hong ming if it is attacked, but that there is no present intention of asking for American help.

However, Bevin refused to go along with Acheson on economic policy in China. The state department wants the power in effect to cut off China's trade with the west. The British, with their vast holdings in



economic plight Stewart Alsop of the British It will only end when the threat of British economic collapse is ended.

Yet more really significant than the outcome of, the Acheson-Bevin talks is the simple fact that a positive and vigorous American policy in Asia is now at last being evolved, thanks to the efforts of able Ambassador-atarge Philip Jessup. Jessup was recently assigned by Acheson to

may be sounded out by Jessup examine the whole range of Amhimself when Jessup goes to New erican Far Eastern policy, and to York for the United Nations come up with a series of recommendations for American action. meetings.

The work of Jessup and his staff is still in the thinking stage, and there is a wide gulf between thinking and action. But at least the thinking has been intelligent and imaginative. One project which Jessup and his staff have been considering calls for an American supreme commander for the battle for Asia.

Through no efforts of its own, the state department will now get a discretionary kitty of \$75 million under the military aid program, to fight the battle. If this money is to be spent in dribs and drabs, without any coherent plan or central authority, it will be wasted. It is proposed instead that a man of great stature be found to spend the money where it will do the most good. He could use it to strengthen the centers of resistance to the communists in

China, or to arm non-communists in southeast Asia, or to promote American interests in such other ways as he saw fit.

Moreover, he would control all only to control American trade with China. And the shipment of within very broad limits he war material would have the authority to take and munitions. whatever action seemed neces-This disagreesary to promote the central Amment, which erican objective in Asia -- a deeply affects grouping of sovereign national Anglo - Ameristates strong enough to withstand the Kremlin's drive for can policy in Asia, clearly power. Obviously this project springs from would cut down the authority of the desperate the state department's far eastern division, which is therefore throwing cold water on the idea. Jessup himself has not finally decided in favor of the idea, nor has Acheson. Much will depend on whether a man can be found with the ability and reputation necessary to do the job. As always these days, when there are difficult and vitally important jobs to be done, the advocates of the project have settled on the

name of former Under Secretary

of State Robert Lovett, Lovett

of colleges and universities from government control or dictation. may be undermined in ways that appear innocent. The blunt and offensive demand for a list of textbooks is so obviously an invasion of academic freedoms that it is easily resisted. But university freedom is in danger from government subsidy and from government-sponsored research

to find bold and positive plans for action in Asia emerging from Once'let the government subthe state department. Jessup and sidize the colleges and universihis staff have also come up with ties and the way is open for another important idea-a major political interference with their policy statement by President operations. Better for them to be Truman. Acheson and Truman poor but free than rich and dehave been discussing this matter, pendent. This does not apply so and as a result the statement may much to publicly supported institutions like state universities What is proposed is a brief. and land grant colleges which simple statement, containing receive federal grants, because three major points. First, the they are admittedly children of United States strongly favors government. It does apply to genuinely independent regimes private institutions and those in Asia. Second, the United supported by religious bodies. States will strongly oppose com-They serve the country best if munist regimes, since these are they are kept completely free not genuinely independent, but a of government assistance.

new form of imperialism. Third, It is in the field of governthe United States is determined ment-sponsored research that to do everything possible to help new dangers arise. The governraise the living standards of the ment is subsidizing scientific experimentation, much of /its sec-The real purpose of the proret. That is, the government posed statement is simply to rewants to keep the nature of the assure the Asian leaders that the study and the findings secret. United States has no intention It begins then with loyalty of abandoning Asia, as most Aschecks of professors and workians now believe. If it accomers and puts the X mark on those plishes this purpose, the statesuspected of reddish coloration. ment will have a deeply impor-Scientists resent loyalty tests in peacetime and resent secrecy.

They know that knowledge has All this means real progress, expanded only as discoveries are made public property. In even though the inertia of the state department where Asia is wartime they will work for the government; and in peacetime concerned may defeat Jessup's many will work in government laboratories and abide by the efforts in the end. As the disagreement on China suggests, any American effort will also be derules of secrecy. But they do feated if the British crisis is alnot think it is healthy to draw lowed to lead to British collapse. iron curtains around the labo-For Asia can only be saved if the ratories of educational institu-United States and Britain work tions.

Collegiate and public protest stopped the witchhunt among erless partner is a useless/partcollege textbooks. There should ner. Even so, there are signs that be similar protest against inthe long paralysis of American policy in Asia may be coming to an end, and that at least is somefringements of full academic freedom in research, even if that means to kick out of colleges government-financed special research.

So it's hard to say just what type audience will like it most. The best catalogue might be the notation that "Midnight Boy" was previously serialized in a national weekly.

Hollywood on Parade

By Gene Handsaker HOLLYWOOD-Claire Trevor. who was nominated for an Oscar 12 years ago and won one this year, says: "I hate myself on the screen."

She saw the first day's rushes of "Borderline," the picture she's now making, and was ill for two days. Does she like her looks? "Heavens, NO! It's a big problem making me look as good as I do.

Her self - dissatisfaction goes whole field of the independence beyond looks to action. "You think you're doing something in the scene. Then you see the rushes and you think, 'That isn't what I meant to do.' "

Miss Trevor, who has curly golden hair and a sensuous, oupid's-bow mouth, has also an inferiority complex. "Which is just great for an actress," she adds, a little bitterly. She's slowly getting over it, though. How?

"Well, you keep talking to yourself. You look back at several mistakes you've made. You say to yourself, 'Anybody could make those. A lot have made worse mistakes. I did fairly well with the equipment I have."

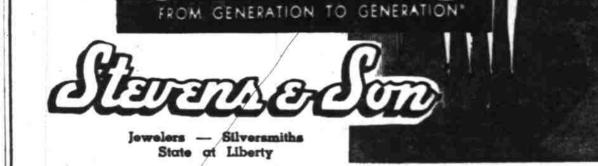
Claire forces herself to go to her rushes. "I still suffer," she says, "though yesterday's looked pretty good. Of course, I never look the way I'd like to - - like Joan Fontaine, for instance. I like tall, thin people. I look short and fat most of the time.' The self-critical Miss Trevor, a

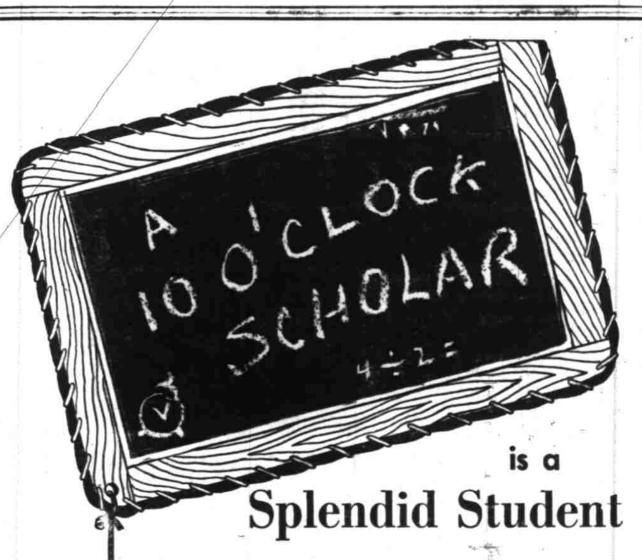
movie actress 16 years, says she learns something new about acting on every picture. "You think you know the fundamentals, but you're not doing them all." Her husband, Milton Bren, co-producer of her present picture, told her recently: "In moving or reacting, you do everything too quickly. In "The Velvet Touch' you had a scene with Roz Russell where you turned so fast the audience couldn't even see you. It was just a whirl. Notice how Irene Dunne and Joan Crawford take their time."

Also, confesses Claire: "I've never bothered to notice where the camera was. I was afraid of sacrificing naturalness for a good camera angle. But you can't ignore the audience.

Bob Montgomery, directing her in a Broadway play a few seasons back, reminded her to concentrate more on what others - and she herself - - were saying. Claire was nominated for an Academy award for "Dead End" 12 years ago. Her recent Oscar was for her portrayal of the drunken moll in "Key Largo." It fired her with the desire to win another. People now expect her to give an Academy-award performance every time. Claire says slyly, "I will."







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