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Record of 81st Congress

In reviewing the work of the 81st congress one finds it difficult to see how President Truman can pin a wreath "Well done" on its brow and condemn the 80th congress as the worst or second worst in history. For the 81st congress in its first session did little more than its predecessor to advance his "fair deal" program.

It refused to repeal the Taft-Hartley law, the very keystone of the president's program. Truman-endorsed measures it failed to pass include:

- National health insurance
- Universal military training
- Civil rights legislation
- Federal aid to education
- Extension of social security
- Reversion of displaced persons law
- Columbia valley administration
- Economic controls to avert inflation
- Government financed or owned steel mills
- Increase of \$4,000,000,000 in taxes

About the only additional fair deal legislation enacted was the increase in the minimum wage rates and federal aid in housing. The 81st congress did extend rent control and the reciprocal trade act, and so had the preceding congress, though the latter included the rather mild "peril point" provision in the latter act.

Farm aid legislation resembled that of the 80th congress and the Brannan plan supported by the president was rejected.

Some of the recommended measures got through one house and may be taken up in the next session by the other house. This was true of federal aid to education, revision of the DP law and extension of social security. Likewise the bill to repeal taxes on oleomargarine got through the lower house as did a bill to legalize basing point pricing.

President Truman's recommendations on foreign affairs fared much better. With the aid of Senator Vandenberg bipartisanship continued to support our foreign policy. New funds for European recovery were voted; the Atlantic pact ratified and military aid for allies under the pact appropriated.

The greatest failure of the 81st congress was in fiscal policy. It overappropriated money from the treasury, and the fiscal year will close with a deficiency of five or six billion dollars. There will be much argument between republicans and democrats over the work of the 81st congress. For this rotten financing both parties are to blame. The democrats who controlled congress didn't even introduce any bill to provide more revenue and increased appropriations over the president's budget, and republican efforts for economy were not very aggressive. Having cried "wolf, wolf" so long on deficit financing conservatives realize that their voice is lost in the gale; but the policy long continued piles up wrath against a day of wrath!

If one measures the 81st congress by the volume of important legislation the score will be low. It has, however, in its first session done a great deal of spadework and the second session may see a larger harvest in bills passed. The session was shot through with politics, the major moves being dictated by concern for elections in 1950 and 1952. The president will use the "republocrat" bloc as whipping boy in his appeal for election of fair deal democrats next year, and signs begin to multiply that he will be a candidate for another term, come 1952. Franklin Roosevelt broke the precedent and Truman's entourage may have little difficulty in convincing him he should run again.

U.N. Vote on Slavs Hardens Hearts

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
AP Feature Writer
WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP)—World public opinion laid a heavy hand on Soviet Russia Thursday in the election of Yugoslavia to the U. N. security council. Russia has taken rebuff after rebuff in the peace organization. In the case of the Iranian dispute immediately after the war, for instance, the pressure proved so great that she changed her policy for once and withdrew her troops.

But the Yugoslav election represents the passing of judgment by the U. N. on a quarrel within communist ranks. The passion with which Russia views the quarrel was personified in Andrei Vishinsky's last-ditch effort to stave off defeat, and by his defiance of the rules of procedure to take the assembly floor in denunciation after the vote.

Vishinsky, for those two minutes of pre-election protest, was a man fighting desperately, as he had been doing publicly and privately for weeks, against defeat on a matter which was to him truly vital.

Sometimes Vishinsky speaks with measured reason, sometimes with heat. Sometimes his warnings come clapping out like the tread of a tank on macadam. Thursday's performance was a high pitched protest to the judges.

The Russian foreign minister had put up a good fight, obtaining more votes for Czechoslovakia than observers had anticipated. He had considerable precedent on his side, although the United States could make a good show of technical correctness in its stand for Tito. Vishinsky lost, but this is one time when there is no unanimity of opinion that he was wrong on the matter of procedure. Where he was wrong, so far as many voters are concerned, was in being a member of the wrong camp.

Vishinsky's statement that Yugoslavia "cannot and will not" be accepted as representing eastern Europe, whose seat she fills under the charter provision for regional representation, is one of fact. Yugoslavia cannot, of course, represent a group of nations with which she has virtually no diplomatic relations, and with which she is conducting a private "cold war."

Yugoslavia is a member of the council only in preference to Czechoslovakia which is a Moscow puppet, and because she took advantage of western feeling against Russia to stage a coup in her conflict with the com-

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Delayed Action 8-Years-Late Shocks Henry

By Henry McLearen
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Oct. 20.—The donkey is the symbol of the administration in power, but you'd never know it by a slip of paper I found in my desk today, when I was tidying it up after an absence of several months.

You'd swear that the elephant, celebrated for his long memory, was running things in Washington, because the slip of paper was from the collector of internal revenue dunning me for money he says I owe for the year 1941.

Stamped across the slip, in red ink and all capital letters, was "Formerly Military Deferred." The collector let me forget it during the war years because I was in service, but now that atomic bomb peace has settled on the land, he wants it.

Let me say right now that he is going to get it. He can't miss. The past performance of the dept. of internal revenue proves that even if a man takes up tight-rope walking, under the name of Senator J. Huly Falloff, and grows a moustache against his wife's wishes, the Fed's will uncover him some day, even though he be performing in Little Rock, and collect.

But a man can dream, can't he? I have had some beautiful dreams about how the government had forgotten I owed that money, and how the government had said to itself that I was such a nice little soldier that it would let bygones be bygones and not bother to turn the wheels of Washington to extract blood from a turnip.

As much as I hate to have to pay the money, I can't help but have a new respect for the thousands of office workers who spend their days sorting out tens of thousands of singlicates, duplicates, and triplicates. One million jokes have been told about the inefficiency of the clerks in Washington bureaus, but now I suspect they aren't true. Either they aren't true, or I was unlucky enough to get the one efficient one who, with a bulldog tenacity, kept track of my files. That would be my luck, wouldn't it?

Honesty (plus the fact that I haven't enough money to pay the 1941 tax at the moment) forces me to confess that I was rather shocked by the bill. For some reason, I sort of thought I had walked off that debt, if nothing else. If the government had given me a credit of one five cents a mile I am sure I would have hoofed it off between New Caledonia and Manila.

I rather felt that a country would give a soldier at least a dime off his delayed-action income tax every time he got hit on the head by a falling coconut. Or fifteen cents off for each time he had to see officers taking a slug of "Black Locker" spirits while he attempted to drown his lonesomeness in an occasional warm beer.

Too, it seemed to me that a thoughtful country would be willing to forget the income tax of a middle-aged soldier who, every time he wrote his wife from civilization's backwaters, had to suffer the torture of knowing that the letter had to be read and censored by a beardless thing who had been made an alleged gentleman (not a soldier, mind you) by act of congress.

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Your Health

I doubt very much if today's parents of small children realize their great debt to medical science. Older people and especially the older physician will certainly remember the great ill wrought every year by the contagious diseases of childhood—the epidemics of serious illnesses which brought down nine youngsters out of ten, and left death and invalidism in their wake.

Today, many of the worst of these diseases have been wiped out or at least rendered so harmless that their threat is negligible. Nearly all of this amazing progress has been made in the past 25 years, most of it in the last 10 or 12.

The most outstanding results have been in the control of so-called infectious or catching diseases. For example, diphtheria in many cities appears so rarely that medical students and young physicians have never seen a case. This has been accomplished by giving injections of diphtheria toxoid to the children when they are eight or nine months of age. In most cases, the children are given one further injection of the toxoid two or three years later which acts as a booster in giving immunity or protection against the disease.

Scarlet fever seems to have become a much milder disease than it used to be. Furthermore, with penicillin and the sulfonamide drugs, the condition can be cleared up when it does occur, without complications such as ear and gland infections, heart, and kidney damage that formerly were so frequent.

The results with whooping cough have not been quite so good. Infants still succumb to this disease, particularly babies under a year of age. Injections to prevent whooping cough, if given early, may help greatly in cutting down the dangers of this disease. Many physicians advise that these injections be started when the baby is three months old, and that he be given four injections a month apart. If the injections do not prevent the disease, they at least may do much to make it milder and lessen its dangers.

There is still no way of permanently protecting a child against measles. Measles, like whooping cough, is most dangerous to babies under two years of age. If such an infant is exposed to measles, he should be given an injection of gamma globulin, which will either prevent the disease altogether or make the attack milder. Furthermore, the

complication of measles may be warded off to a great extent by the administration of penicillin or the sulfonamide drugs. Today's parents are indeed fortunate. They need only take advantage of the means medical science has provided to save themselves much dread and fear, and their children many a serious illness. When so much is provided, neglect to have their children immunized against the common diseases is little less than a crime.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
S. R.: What causes pain in the muscles of the arms, legs and back?
Answer: These pains may come from many causes, such as disturbance of the nerves, muscles, joints, or circulation. A thorough study would be needed to find the exact cause. (Copyright, 1949, King Features)

Marines Land At Iwo Jima For Hollywood

CAMP PENDLETON, Ocean side, Calif. (INS)—The First Marine division at Camp Pendleton is re-enacting the Second division's Tarawa landing for the Republic Studio film, "The Sands of Iwo Jima."

The picture, which will depict the landings at Tarawa and Iwo Jima, will have in its cast over 2,000 marines from various units within the First division.

Some of the marines in the picture are: Captain H. G. Schrier, who led the patrol to the top of Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima for the now world famous flag raising; Tarawa Congressional Medal of Honor winner Colonel D. M. Shoup, and Lieutenant Colonel H. P. Crowe, who distinguished himself on bloody Betio beach-head.

The "Iwo Jima Flag" has been flown from the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, Va., for the historic scene. Three of the six marines who raised the flag have been brought here to portray themselves in the picture.

They are John Bradley of Milwaukee, Wis.; Ira H. Hayes of the Indian reservation farm at Bapchule, Ariz., and Gene Gagnon of Manchester, N. H. The other three men who appear in the photograph of the flag-raising are deceased.

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