

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C. BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Congressional Reform. Lately countless words have been written and numerous speeches and radio commentator broadcasts on the subject of remodeling or streamlining or strengthening Congress. I have seen all of those terms used. Then, last week a national magazine topped the whole thing off by announcing a \$10,000 annual award for "the most popular boy in school"—for the best member of the House and the best member of the Senate.

Obviously, Congress can be improved. I know of nothing in government—local, state or national—that is not subject to improvement. I feel that Congressional leadership on both sides of the aisle is well aware of the need for certain reforms in Congressional organization and procedure. For some time there has been serious study on this subject which will doubtless result in action during this term of Congress. But, in my opinion, the clamor and shouting on the subject is out of proportion and not consistent with the facts. The trouble with our federal government is not due to any mechanical failure in the machinery of our Congress. The trouble is much deeper and more fundamental than that.

The Congress reform movement obviously stems from a vague but universal dissatisfaction with the functioning of the federal government establishment. Being the only one of the three branches of our federal system which operates entirely in the open, with all of its proceedings printed and its chambers and committee rooms open to the public, it is natural that Congress should be the victim of the manifestation of public dissatisfaction with government. It is a natural whipping-boy. What has really happened is that, since 1933, except for a comparatively brief period last session, the Congress has been completely dominated by the executive department. It has not only been a rubber stamp to the will of the executive, but through the years since 1933, it has handed over to the President so many of its powers that the present state of legislative branch is one of near impotence. We are living, to a large extent, under a federal government by directives issued by the executive.

stood. Congress is blamed for things done by the executive—things over which Congress has no longer any control.

Simple changes in details of procedure, reorganization of the committee structure, or even increasing My daily mail reveals clearly that this situation is not generally understood. Congressional salaries will make no noticeable change in the basic situation. The people may easily correct the fundamental difficulties by electing an independent Congress which will take back its proper powers and restore government by law in place of government by executive order.

Rivers and Harbors Bill. The Rivers and Harbors Bill is being completed by Congress this week. This bill should have been passed last fall. In fact, it was passed by the House, but ran into some controversial problems in the Senate and died with the end of the Congress. Reintroduced immediately with the opening of the 79th Congress, the Senate cleared its difficulties and passed the measure, and it is meeting no trouble in the House. It has been seven years since a general river and harbor bill has been enacted. Most of the projects in this bill are for post-war development. Included in the bill are the following amounts for Oregon projects:

Chetco River	\$190,000
Coquille River	Maintenance
Umpqua Harbor & River	89,000
Yaquina Bay & Harbor	182,000
Depoe Bay	214,000

In addition to the above list of projects adopted in the bill, preliminary examinations and surveys are authorized for the following: "Bays, inlets, and rivers along the coast of Oregon with a view to providing an adequate number of deep draft harbors. Necanicum, Oregon, with a view to protection of the beach. Harbor at Empire, Oregon. Alsea Bay, Oregon, with a view to the construction of a harbor of refuge. Coos Bay, Oregon. Channel at Charleston, South Slough, Oregon. Tillamook Bay and Bar, Oregon. Nehalem Bay and River. Columbia Slough. Astoria, Oregon, with a view to the construction of a mooring basin for fishing boats within the harbor."

Bare Facts From Bear Creek

(By Lans Leneva)

May we remind those persons who have commented so unfavorably concerning this column recently, that those who live in mud houses should not toss mud balls and that any one of them who has berated us for mud-slinging, could give us lessons in such an art.

We can write of anything up to and including murder itself, with never a squawk from the side lines, but a few remarks concerning our opinion of the Japanese and reminding people not to forget Pearl Harbor really stir things up, just as our remarks concerning gas-burning Eleanor does.

For the benefit of such readers, we should like to state that free speech is one thing that the O.P.A. doesn't yet control and we shall continue expressing our opinion in future issues of this column just as we have in the past and if the Jap-lovers do not like it, they may read something else—for instance The Atlantic Charter, now confessed to be merely scraps of paper, but which prior to the last election, was flaunted before the public as one of the principal reasons for electing F. D. R. to a fourth term. Wonder what sort of a charter will be dug up for the fifth terms?

The memorial voted Congress at the present session of the State Legislature asking the suspension of the O.P.A., as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the war, had but one dissenting vote, that of Lew Wallace, a confirmed New Dealer. Guess the representatives present figured that war is enough without having other things to contend with.

John Bull's navy rides the seas
And his bull dogs ride the air;
Our soldier boys hitch-hike home
On account of priority "fare."

While storms raged in many states, hurricanes tore their way through many regions, communities were snowbound and the death toll mounted elsewhere, here in our own little Coos county, despite a few white coatings of frost, the warmth of a mid-winter sun coaxed forth many varieties of blossoming flowers and throughout the entire season a rose bush in our yard shot forth new buds and blossoms. In the making of this earth it appears that the Great Creator was, indeed, lavish in his bestowal of climate, soil, flowers, birds and trees, vested upon this one particular spot. It is truly in every sense of the word, God's country. And that goes for any season of the year.

That so-called bill of rights sponsored by certain individuals at the Legislature was defeated soundly. To us this is, indeed, refreshing, showing, or rather proving, the fact that our body of law makers have taken into consideration the fact that cultured, white American citizens should not have persons of off-color, alien ancestry forced upon them. While we have no particular quarrel with other races aside from the Japanese, whom we detest, we at the same time believe that an American-born white citizen should be allowed to choose alien associates of his own accord without having such individuals forced upon him and be made by law to tolerate members of a despicable race. In spots in the United States where such races have been put on a par with their white brethren, it is a known fact in many cases where they have taken advantage of that fact, they have become overbearing to the extreme and made themselves generally obnoxious. We still are of the impression, in spite of these so-called equal rights, etc., that white folks and the American Indian are the superior to any race on earth. Let such folks choose their own associates and not have them forced upon them.

Why do we not segregate those who love the Japs and figure them our equals and place them with the Japs on reservations or some given territory so that they may enjoy closer association with them? That would give us white folks a better chance of getting in closer touch with his neighbor who prefers to mingle with his own color and give the former a better chance of studying the race who were responsible for the bombing of Pearl Harbor, their treacherous habits and mode of living. Perhaps, after close association with the Japs, they would emerge with a deeper appreciation and respect for the white race.

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Wayne has the role of Rocklin, a slow-talking, woman-hating ranch foreman, tough as nails and handy in a fight. Ella Raines plays Arly Haroladay, fiery-tempered and beautiful owner of the Santee Ranch. Rocklin, about to take over a job at the K. C. ranch, finds that the man who hired him has been murdered, and that the ranch belongs to a woman. Rocklin turns down the job and is hired by J. Haroladay, who, Rocklin believes, owns the Santee ranch, only to learn that Haroladay is mere running it for his step-daughter, Arly.

In tracking down the murderer of a K. C. ranch manager, Rocklin uncovers a plot to deprive Clara Caldwell (Audrey Long), the owner, of her inheritance, thereby earning her gratitude and love, and infuriating Arly, who has her own ideas as to Rocklin and is determined that nobody shall interfere with them.

There's plenty of hard riding and fighting, both with guns and bare fists, and the speedy action is highlighted by the tempestuous romance between Rocklin and Arly, in this deluxe Western from RKO Radio.

Prominent in the large supporting cast besides Audrey Long, are George "Gabby" Hayes, Elizabeth Risdon, Ward Bond, Don Douglas, Russell

Wade, Frank Puglia, Paul Fix and Harry Woods. The screen-play, by Michael Hogan and Paul Fix was directed by Edwin L. Markin. Robert Fellows produced.

At the same time that American audiences are viewing this picture, servicemen in far-flung outposts are seeing it also. It is one of the several thousand productions turned over for this purpose in 16-mm form by the film industry to the Army Overseas Picture Service to be circulated to the front lines for free display to the men.

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Washington, D. C., March 1—From Oregon comes a joint memorial to the president, the United States senate and to members of the Oregon delegation protesting against the creation of a Columbia valley authority. Washington's new Senator Mitchell has introduced S. B. 480 to create a government corporation to be known as Columbia Valley Authority, following the general lines of TVA. The Oregon memorial also opposed H. R. 1824, which is sponsored by Rep. John Rankin, which would divide the United States into seven districts of the TVA type. The memorial declares either of these proposed bills would vest a CVA with unlimited powers, further bureaucratic monopolies, be outside the general accounting office, would destroy present water rights and would grant the right of eminent domain over irrigation districts, waterworks and similar facilities and deprive states of any control over the use of the waters for any purpose whatsoever.

Under the Mitchell and Rankin bills, the memorial declares, the authority would regulate and control the waters in Oregon for domestic use, irrigation, drainage, mining, and industrial purposes, for flood control, navigation and the generation of power.

The two northwest states apparently do not see eye-to-eye on the value of a Columbia valley authority.

The stickuffs engaged in by Rep. Frank Hook of Michigan and Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi, both ardent Democrats and new dealers, is not a new experience in the house. This, by the way, is the second time that Hook has been in trouble on the floor. A few years ago he attacked members of the Dies committee and read letters involving them, but later it was shown the letters were forgeries intended to discredit, prepared by "pinks," and that Hook had been bamboozled into spreading them in the record. For this, Hook apologized. Personal combat is not unknown. It occurs every once in a while, but the com-

balants usually retire to the speaker's gallery outside the floor of the house to exchange their blows.

When the members swing at one another while the house is in session and resist efforts of others to break them up, it is the duty of the sergeant-at-arms to pick up the mace, which rests upon a cushion in front of the speaker's desk, carry it to the fighters and place it between them. Then, if they continue fighting, they can be expelled as members of congress. The mace is the symbol of the law, and so far as known no hot-headed member has ever refused to desist when it has been placed in front of their faces.

In earlier days, the fighters retired to the dueling ground (which is now a florist's garden) and took pot shots at each other. It was on this dueling ground that Decatur, who vanquished the pirates of Tripoli, was fatally shot. Two hundred feet from the White House is the Decatur home, which he built with his proceeds from his share of the prizes taken in his campaign against the buccanniers. The old home is today one of the landmarks of the District of Columbia.

In the endeavor to make permanent the present temporary fair employment practices committee, a proposal has been submitted to the senate which has compulsory provisions. The measure goes far beyond the national labor relations act and gives to anyone who is refused employment or is dismissed from a job the right to bring suit against the employer, alleging discrimination because the applicant is white, colored, belongs to a certain religion or race. The allegation, always easily made, is left for decision to a board which is bound by no rules of evidence and from which there is scarcely any appeal.

Senator Taft declares it is the intention of the promoters to have the compulsory feature enacted in every state, and this would force every employer to select his employees in proportion to the percentage of races or religions in his district, as this would be his best defense against harassing suits. A Catholic institution, of example, would be compelled to employ protestants, and the Methodist Book Concern, publishers, would have to employ Catholics and Jews. White waiters and porters could bring suit against the Pullman company for not giving them jobs which for generations have been held by colored men. The bill even includes national origin, and ancestry. Senator Taft has offered a bill of his own (S. 459) to create a commission of five persons as an aid in