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### EDITORIALS

#### NOW—THE HONEYMOON

J. E. Jones

Washington, D.C., November—The President and Congress are pleased with themselves. President Truman made a hit when he asked the Legislative branch of the Government to join with him and make a fresh start. And Congress responded: "O.K."

The Dove of Peace made the swiftest flight in history.

The election was a rebuke to the Political Action Committee, as it showed that wage earners throughout the country divided their vote. That indicated that they have had enough unemployment and losses in wages. Apparently they decided that they have lost more in wages than advantages they won in strikes.

President Truman told the public that it is the business of Congress to handle labor legislation and that it is the business of the President to approve or disapprove the action of Congress. He stated after election that "there should be no emphasis upon considerations of whether a bill is 'anti-labor' or 'pro-labor.'"

When Congress convenes in January there will be new legislature offered to curb the powers of labor unions. These will include measures for the revision of the Wagner Act to outlaw the closed shop. Senator Ball of Minnesota declares that "the closed shop is the most reactionary and 'unliberal' institutions we've got."

Honeymoons between the Democrats and Republicans never have lasted very long.

And they are not likely to last long again. But one thing is certain and that is the "New Deal" is

old and in the ditch. That being the case the President and the Democrats in his Administration, and Congress, are heading toward a "reconstruction period," which means that they must watch their step, and step lively.

President Truman has taken the right course in calling upon the Congress to perform its Constitutional duties and bring labor legislation up to date.

Great improvements are ahead in the "reconstruction era."

#### BAD BOYS AND GIRLS

Robberies increased 19.2 per cent over the figures for the first nine months of 1945 and murders showed a rise of 15.3 per cent in the United States. Negligence increased 11.3 per cent over the corresponding period in 1945.

Crime figures reported by J. Edgar Hoover, head of FBI, are based on a study of approximately 400 larger key cities in the Nation, representing a population in excess of fifty-two million persons.

In citing the rise in crime, Director Hoover again called attention to the gravity of the present juvenile delinquency situation.

#### "BEAUTIFUL SNOW"

It costs thirty-six States \$30,999,761 for snow removal and ice treatment for the Winter 1944-45, according to reports to the Federal Public Roads Administration. This represented clearance of 288,999 miles of roads and involved the use of some 50,000 units of snow removal equipment.

#### THE SCRAMBLE FOR POSITION

There is a whale of a big table set with political pie plates on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Democrats will lose all Chairmanships of committees in Congress because the Republicans won control of both Houses in the election. Most Republican members who have served the longest time as plain members will be elected to Chairmanships.

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan will become the presiding officer of the Senate in place of Senator Mc-Kellar. Senator Taft of Ohio will become Senate leader in place of Senator Barkley.

Representative Joseph Martin will

replace Rayburn as Speaker of the House. A lively contest is on between candidates for the post of Republican House Leader. The indications at this time are that the two leading candidates are Representative Halleck of Indiana and Representative Brown of Ohio. The chances favor Halleck. But if new candidates continue to pop up there's no telling who may win.

One Republican Congressman who now trails behind rises to remark: "The show is over before it starts." And another Congressman said that the big jobs—with remarkable increases in salaries for the winners—will be settled in Conferences attended by all Republicans who "will be free to pick the best men. Naturally he prefers himself. A meeting of the Senate Republican Steering Committee was held on November 14.

#### Faulty Cars Cause of Many Accidents

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrel Jr. today urged Oregon motorists to prevent accidents by preparing to meet December driving hazards.

Such preparation must include careful checkup of vehicles' running condition and obedience of safe winter driving rules.

"With cars now averaging nine or

ten years of age, Oregon's police check showed almost half to be in dangerous mechanical condition," Farrel said. "Lights and brakes—the points most essential to winter safety—were the commonest flaws." Unequal brakes and bare tires on frosty or icy roads cause many winter skid-wrecks and traffic tie-ups. Failure to have proper lights and clear windshields leads to many accidents stemming from reduced visibility. National Safety Council

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