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Views of Congress

By Dr. A. L. Miller, M. C.

First Session of the 78th Congress ends. When it adjourned on December 21, the 78th Congress ended its first session. The Second Session will begin on January 10, 1944. The 78th Congress has been in continuous session since January 5, 1943, taking a recess of nine weeks during the summer to permit the members to go home and find out what the people were thinking. Before taking that action, however, provision was made for quickly reassembling if the need arose. I shall not be able to get around very much in the large Fourth District during this short adjournment but my plans are to be in Kimball on December 28th and 29th, in Kearney on January 3, and in Grand Island on January 4.

Food a Big Problem in 1944. Supplying food for our armed forces, our civilian population and for those parts of the world released from the enemy's grip will constitute one of the biggest problems for 1944. Already there is grave danger that those in authority have been too short sighted in the matter of providing the materials for manufacturing to raise and market the crop that can be produced. Although the need for some critical materials to prosecute the war is easing off and has been for some time, the boards in Washington are moving too slowly in getting these materials to plants and setting the machinery to work on producing needed machinery. The big difficulty lies in the fact that after all these months the responsibility for and control over food is still divided among too many agencies.

Maneuvering for the Fourth Term. Political maneuvering for the Fourth Term accounts for the sad condition on the domestic side of our war effort. The New Deal is not making a move without first considering what effect it will have on the Fourth term. It now realizes that the people are restive to say the least and it is fishing to assure itself of the block votes of strong pressure groups. That is the reason the administration does not take strong measures to attack the problems on the home front with the sole view of their benefit to the war effort. It the President would only lay aside his personal ambitions, disregard the importunities of the palace guard, and announce to the people that he would give his whole effort during the coming year to winning the war and saving our domestic economy, and would recommend that they elect to succeed him an administration dedicated to this same high purpose, it would reunite the nation and straighten out the most of our problems. Then, whichever party won the election it would have a united people back of it. There are enough capable men in both political parties from which to pick a president in 1944; that we do not need to completely wreck the American tradition by continuing in office even a great president and thus perpetuate a bureaucracy that has practically freed itself from the control of the people and their Congress.

Requests For Money To Be Scrutinized. Congress has appropriated so much money in the last three years (at the request of the President), that the Administration has been unable to spend it all. As pointed out in a report by the Joint Congressional Economy Committee, headed by Senator Byrd, the unexpended balances of four war agencies totaled \$186.7 billion in September of which \$92 billion had not been committed or obligated. Seeing this condition, the Joint Committee expects to urge the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to investigate these huge unobligated balances to determine whether additional appropriations will be needed until such time as all outstanding balances have been encumbered.

Economy Committee Saves Billions. The Joint Congressional Committee pointed out in a "Progress Report" (S. Doc. 140), issued recently, that it had saved taxpayers over \$2,117,543,231 in Government Expenditures and that the Committee intends to investigate and make recommendations on the following subjects in the future: (1) "On large appropriations for the continuance of normal peace-time and now war activities, which have been placed in the category of war activities;" (2) "unexpended balances of the War and Navy Departments, the Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration, as well as those amounts which are now obligated on a contractual basis, with a view toward returning portions of these large balances to the United States"; (3) "Non-essential personnel with the hope of eliminating 400,000 or more non-essential employees from the June, 1943 peak of 3,095,463 paid Federal civilian employees"; (4) "Govern-

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ment-owned corporations to ascertain whether loan policies, in the light of present budgetary commitments and changed conditions, are still advisable;" (5) "needless travel and communication expenses"; (6) "Useless functions of agencies within the Department of Agriculture, notably separate functions of some 20 agricultural lending agencies and allied groups"; (7) "new adventures in public works and similar costly government programs which may be undertaken will be carefully watched"; (8) failure of Civil Service Commission to execute a sufficiently intensive Federal manpower utilization program, which function was delegated to it by the War Manpower Commission;" (9) "inequitable promotion policies of the various agencies involving skip-grade Promotions and violations of the Classification Act of 1923;" (10) and "the penalty mail privilege."

It is a healthy thing to have a Committee like this constantly looking into the practices of government agencies.

Another Headache. Hardly had the New Deal gotten through smearing Senator Butler for his exposure of the billions of taxpayer's dollars it is spending in buying good neighborliness in South America when a revolution breaks out in Bolivia where its program is going full tilt. One well known news commentator says the outbreak was due to resentment at the way the millions being spent by the New Deal is upsetting the whole economic life of the country. He goes on to say: "In place of the half dozen Americans who once manned the legation there are now 160 diplomats, secretaries, counsels and other government agents supervising the far flung activities of the American New Deal." He asserts that we have already poured \$25,000,000 into this one small country.

INMAN ITEMS
J. T. Thompson of Norfolk spent New Years with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith entertained their bridge club at a party at their home on New Years Eve. Mrs. A. Tomlinson and Jeff Davis won high scores. Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry won low scores. Mrs. Smith served a lovely lunch at the close of the evening.
Arlan Caster arrived Saturday night from Farragut Falls, Idaho, to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Caster. Arlan is in the navy and is taking his boot training at Farragut Falls.
Cadet Jim Watson arrived here Monday morning from Philadelphia for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Watson.
Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Butler went to Neligh last Saturday, where they spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Butler, returning home Sunday night.
J. H. Butler of Neligh was an Inman visitor Monday.
The Harmony Club, with their husbands, held a New Years Eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacox.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tompkins on New Years.
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hartigan and daughter, Mrs. Paul Budde of Norfolk, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watson on Saturday and Sunday.
Miss Laura Allyn, who works in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, arrived here Saturday for a few days visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Caster. From here she went to Stuart to visit her parents and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Moor spent New Years day in Orchard with Mrs. Fern Moor.
Mr. and Mrs. Erik Nelson and family of Creighton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hansen last Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomlinson and Mrs. Leo Harte drove to Dorsey last Sunday, where they attended a family gathering of the Schollmeyer family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hughes. Rolland Hughes, who attends school in Inman, and who spent Christmas with his parents, returned with Tomlinsons.
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Barnhart of Ewing were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hartigan on New Years.

BANKS AND THE WAR

Get Out of Debt

WE BELIEVE this is sound advice, both from your personal viewpoint and the country's. President Roosevelt has urged paying off debts as a counter-inflation measure. It is also wise preparation for the uncertain post-war future. We shall be glad to help if we can. Perhaps by consolidating your debts into one low-cost loan you can better concentrate on paying them off.

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Mrs. Haddin Geary and son, Charles, who spent Christmas with relatives in Rushville, returned home Saturday night.
Miss Emma Stevens returned to Wayne last Sunday, after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens.

PAGE ITEMS
(Items crowded out last week)
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. French held a farm sale at their farm Tuesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. French plan to leave soon for Minnesota to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. DeLancey announced the engagement of their daughter, Melba, to Dr. R. E. Young of Denver, Col., at a dinner party for sixteen guests on Monday evening at their home. Miss DeLancey, a graduate of Nebraska University, is now a teacher in the English department at the Greeley, Col., schools. Dr. Young is one of the leading chiropractors of Denver. The wedding will take place in June.
On Monday of this week Mr. and Mrs. Ross Allen purchased the Home Telephone Company at Lynch, Nebr., and will take over possession about the 15th of January. Mrs. Allen has been the local manager of the telephone company in Page for the past five and a half years.

Cadet Carlotta Ballantyne arrived Friday morning from Independence, Mo., where she is a nurse at the Independence Sanitarium and spent her Christmas holidays at home. She returned to her duties Wednesday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Murphy and daughters and Mrs. Doris Murphy and daughter, Marion, spent Christmas at the Walter French home at Stromsburg.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wegman and Helen were Christmas day dinner guests at the Mrs. Elsie Ballantyne home.

Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn French entertained at a family dinner on Christmas day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Heiss, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heiss and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heiss and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Heiss and family, Miss Marie Heiss of Lincoln, George French, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford French and family, Dr. and Mrs. O. W. French of O'Neill, Mrs. E. M. Brouse of Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. French, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Braddock and Jo Ann, Miss Alice French of O'Neill and Rose and Charles Vrooman.

Mrs. A. O. Weber entertained the following at her home at a Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Henderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge and family, Mr. and Mrs. Esmond Weber and family and Mrs. Wm. D. Fink.

Bob Allen, who is employed in O'Neill, spent on Friday until Tuesday with his mother, Mrs. Mae Allen.
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford French, Mr. and Mrs. Marquette Kennedy, Foy Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kemper and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heiss were guests of Mrs. Merwyn French and Mrs. Alton Braddock at the Merwyn French home on Sunday evening.

Miss Marie Heiss, who is employed in Lincoln, visited over Christmas with relatives in Page.
Sgt. Jack Stuart left Sunday to return to his duties at Nashville, Tenn., after spending a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Stuart.
Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn French and family, Mr. George French and daughter, Mrs. E. M. Brouse of Valentine and Miss Marie Heiss of Lincoln, enjoyed a birthday dinner at the Leonard Heiss home (Continued on page five)

FOOD MAKES BABY'S HEALTH

Repeated experiments point to the importance of the mother's food in the health of the new-born child as well as to the health of the mother herself. In a Toronto clinic 90 women were given additional food, including milk, eggs, cheese, oranges, canned tomatoes, wheat germ and vitamin capsules during the latter half of pregnancy. Another group of 120 women were on similar diets without the extra food. Premature and stillbirth, as well as illness in the babies and infection in the mothers, were much less common among the 90 better fed women.
A similar test in Great Britain on a much larger scale produced striking results. To the diet of one group were added milk and eggs containing added vitamins A and B as well as a thiamin rich food. The maternal death rate among the 10,384 of the better fed mothers was only 1.66 per one thousand births. Among the poorer fed group of 18,854 mothers the maternal death rate was 6.15 per thousand mothers.
"Nutritional deficiency due to inadequate diet which might not develop in the average individual for months could be hastened by the increased needs during pregnancy," states Mrs. Ethel Austin Martin, Director of Nutrition for the National Dairy Council. "With war-time conditions producing shortages of some of the best protective foods, including milk and its products, the most careful attention should be given to the diets of pregnant and nursing mothers," adds Mrs. Martin.

Miss Yvonne Sirek returned home last Thursday after spending the holidays at Lexington, Kentucky, visiting her brother, Aviation Cadet Ted Sirek, who is stationed there. Mrs. Sirek, who accompanied Yvonne to Lexington, remained there for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green spent Sunday at Fort Randall, S. D., visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Donlin.
Miss Mildred Stuart spent the week-end in Page visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Stuart.

January CLEARANCE
THE SALE OF THE YEAR



We don't know what the future holds, but we do know that prices like these will not come again for another year, if then, due to shortage of labor and materials. Save on these prices and buy War Bonds.

MEN'S SUITS \$11.88
VALUES TO \$19.75
Fine quality worsted fabrics in single or double-breasted models. Blues, grays, browns. Only 7 suits at this low price. Size 38 to 46.

TOP COATS \$11.88
VALUES TO \$19.75
Men's Topcoats, all-wool fabric in the new box models, fleece and Harringtons. Blues, grays and tans. Sizes 36 to 46.

Blankets "Chatham" \$5.60
25% Wool, single plain colors with satin bindings. Size 72x84. Warmth without weight. Ceiling price.

DRESSES \$3.27
VALUES TO \$3.98
Fancy print, high styled dressy dresses that you will buy at sight. All sizes to 44.

Cotton Prints
Fast color cotton prints, just arrived. 36 inches wide, in stripes, checks and florals. Limit 10 yards to a customer.

SWEATERS 79c
Coat style cotton sweaters in plain colors, for boys' and girls' school wear. In red, blue and green. Sizes to 12. Washable.

Shirts and Drawers \$1.19
Medium weight cotton long sleeve shirts and drawers. Just right for these winter days ahead. All sizes.

Dress Shirts \$1.35
Men's fancy prints at a give-away price. Fast color and full-cut sizes. 14 1/2 to 17. Buy several.

BOYS ANKLETS 15c
Fancy striped cotton heavy-ribbed boy anklet, for hard wear. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10.

WEDGIES \$2.98
Unrationed fabric upper sandals with compo soles. All sizes in four shades. Value \$3.98. While they last.

WINTER COATS
Ladies' winter coats regrouped for quick clearance. Most all sizes.
Values to \$16.75 Values to \$24.50 Values to \$42.50
\$10.00 \$15.00 \$25.00

RAG RUGS \$1.29
Fancy woven large size rugs. Fast color. Only 25. Nice for door mats.

METAL TIE BACKS 49c Pair
All metal tie backs in gold and ivory combination shades. Only 12 pair for sale.

LADIES HATS HALF PRICE
Make your selection from our entire stock of Fall and Winter Hats. Values to \$3.98. All 1/2 price.