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CAPITAL



COMMENT

A substantial step toward better organization of the Federal Government was taken this week when the President sent to the Congress 21 plans for reorganization.

The recommendations were in line with the findings of the Commission on Organization of the executive branch of the government, the Hoover Commission.

When these plans, supported by the citizens committee for the Hoover report, are put into operation about half of the recommendations of the commission will have been carried out.

The 21 plans will become operative in 60 days unless the House or the Senate vetoes them by a constitutional majority, which is 216 in the House and 49 in the Senate.

The President said he would send additional reorganization plans to the Congress later in the session.

These excerpts from the President's message to the Congress give the highlights of the latest reorganization plans:

"Plans 1-6 transfer to the heads of six departments the functions and powers now conferred by law on subordinate officials. The six departments affected are Treasury, Justice, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor."

"Plans 7-13 fix responsibility for the day-to-day administration of seven regulatory boards and commissions in the chairman of these bodies rather than in the members collectively. The agencies affected are the Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Power Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Communications Commission, National Labor Relations Board, and Civil Aeronautics Board."

"Plans 14 and 19 transfer two functions to the Department of Labor from other Government agencies."

"Plans 15-18 and 20 transfer certain functions to and from the General Services Administration in order to round out the organizational pattern of this agency, which was created last year."

"Plan 21 transfers the functions of the Maritime Commission to the Department of Commerce, where they are reconstituted in a Federal Maritime Board and a Maritime Administrator."

"The first 13 plans all have the same objective—to establish clear and direct lines of authority and responsibility for the management of the executive branch. The heads of departments and the chairmen of regulatory bodies will be made clearly responsible for the effectiveness and economy of governmental administration and will be given corresponding authority, so that the public, the Congress, and the President may hold them accountable for results in terms both of accomplishments and of cost."

"In plan No. 12, unified responsibility is once more established in the National Labor Relations Board by transferring to the board and its chairman the functions of the general counsel and by abolishing the statutory office of the general counsel. This plan will bring to an end the confusion which has resulted from divided responsibility."

"The 8 remaining plans . . . will take us further toward the goal of grouping the programs of the government in the smallest practicable manner of departments and agencies organized according to major purpose."

"Transfer of the functions of the Maritime Commission to the Department of Commerce through Plan No. 21 will mark a long step forward in the integration of the many governmental programs affecting transportation. This step, again, is in accord with the recommendations of the commission on organization of the Executive branch."

"For more than a decade, the department has been in the process of becoming the major transportation agency of the government. The establishment of the Civil Aeronautics Administration within the Department was the first major move in this direction. The transfer of the Weather Bureau to the department was based in large part on that bureau's importance to transportation. One of the reorganization plans which I transmitted to the Congress last year transferred the Bureau of Public Roads to the Department."

"Now, with the addition of the functions of the Maritime Commission, the Department will have jurisdiction over the major portion of the operating aspects of the program of the government relating to air, highway, and water transportation, as well as over the development and coordination of policies affecting the nation's transportation system as a whole."

"In Plans Nos. 14 and 19, the Department of Labor is given two new functions—the Bureau of Employees' Compensation, transferred from the Federal Security Agency; and the responsibility for coordination of the

enforcement of wages and hours legislation affecting Federal or Federally-financed contracts. These two steps will further strengthen the Department of Labor as the center of responsibility for governmental programs which protect the welfare of employees."

"The remaining five plans represent a logical evolution of the responsibilities of the new General Services Administration. Two of these plans (18 and 20) transfer additional service responsibilities to the General Services Administration; and the other three (15-17) remove from it various inappropriate functions it received from the recently abolished Federal Works Agency."

"When considered in conjunction with the reorganization plans and legislation which were made effective in 1949, these 21 plans bring near to realization certain major goals that have been set forth by the Commission on Organization.

"The first of these goals is to improve the internal management of individual departments and agencies."

"The third general goal is to reduce the number of governmental agencies and to group functions according to the primary purpose of these agencies."

"Democrats can be proud of our President's leadership in working for more efficiency in government organization. While some have talked of greater efficiency and not always supported it when it came to a vote, the President has ACTED. I am certain that Democrats will give him full support in this latest series of major organizational changes."

"In an effort to get big headlines for partisan Lincoln Day Republican Party rally speeches, Senator McCarthy (R., Wis.) made some sensational charges about alleged communist infiltration into the State Department.

"A Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee set hearings so that Senator McCarthy could provide proof or withdraw his charges. He did neither, but did enter into an active "guilt by association" headline hunt."

"The Senate hearings are still going on at this time, but it seems appropriate to pass on to you a few quotations from newspaper coverage and comment on the Senate and his so-called "red hunt."

"Here are brief editorial comments from two of the most influential Republican newspapers in the country:

"In two appearances before a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee, Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) has produced NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE in support of his blunt and oft-repeated charges of widespread communist influences now at work in the State Department."

"Mr. McCarthy's successive shifts in position cannot fail to give an impression of weakness. At one time he charged there were 205 subversives in the State Department, a figure which he changed to 81 by a scratch of the pencil in the presence of newspapermen."

"At another point he said there were at least 57 card-holding communists on the rolls of the State Department. But in his appearance before the subcommittee he dropped the qualification of 'card-holding.' (From the "Philadelphia Inquirer.")"

"Two days of grotesque proceedings before the Senate subcommittee supposedly investigating Senator McCarthy's charges of communist infiltration in the State Department have shown the investigatorial process at its worst and Congressional meddling with the Executive in its most dangerously irresponsible form." (From the "New York Herald Tribune.")

"Marquis Childs, in a thoughtful column, wrote that Senator McCarthy's actions were undermining hopes for a constructive foreign policy and added:

"But, in my opinion, that is not the greatest disservice McCarthy is performing. What he is doing is that is most dangerous and most reckless is to extend and confirm the technique of the indictment by association and smear."

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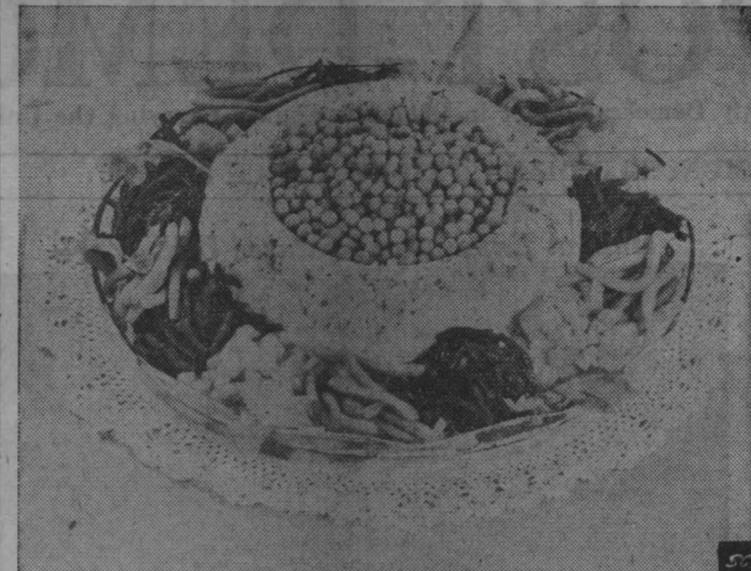
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Enliven Lent With This "Ring of Plenty"



You'll earn cheers from the family for this delightful treatment of old favorite Lenten foods. This easily-prepared "Ring of Plenty" whets every appetite, first with its lovely looks, then with its delicate, festive aroma. And the taste—ah! You're not likely to have any leftovers from this delicious serving for six! Here's how you make it:

1 six-ounce link Hickory Smoked Cheese Food

1/2-pound spaghetti, broken into small pieces

1 can red salmon

2 eggs

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup milk

1 small can each of peas, green beans, shoestring beans and diced carrots, buttered and heated.

Cook spaghetti in boiling salted water until tender. Drain, rinse and mix with Hickory Smoked Cheese Food, grated or cut into small bits. Flake salmon and pack it tightly into the bottom of a greased ring mold. Cover salmon with the cheese and spaghetti mixture. Beat eggs and milk and salt and pour over spaghetti and salmon. Set in pan of hot water and steam for 45 minutes.

Remove from ring mold to heated chop plate; put buttered peas into center of ring and alternate carrots, beets and beans in small mounds around ring. Garnish with parsley.

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about possible results from the project. He said this is probably the most spectacular of all cancer researches, but not necessarily the most important.

MICE IN MINE
MAY PROVIDE
CANCER CLUES

TIMMINS, Ont. — In a mine shaft half-a-mile below the ground, hundreds of mice today run about aimlessly. They are part of the relentless search for the cause and cure for cancer.

The mice, from Banting Institute, are there to prove or disprove the theory that cosmic rays cause changes in human tissues which could be a source of cancer.

The project is the brain-child of Dr. William R. Franks, veteran Banting scientist. William Harris, for 23 years a hardrock miner, is the permanent one-man staff in charge of the underground laboratory.

"In effect, I am the personal nursemaid to 11,000 mice—but it's the most fascinating job I've ever tackled," he said.

Three Laboratories

It's too early to draw any conclusions, but to date this is the picture:

The project is spread over three mice-crowded laboratories in the McIntyre Porcupine gold mine, two of them on the 2,875-foot level. There No. 1 laboratory is free of cosmic rays, generally believed to be of solar origin.

"Within 200 feet is No. 2 which because of rock formations is subject to the same radiation as if it were above ground. No. 3 is on the surface and its mice feel the full impact of the rays.

Results Observed

During the first six months, the death rate among mice in the radiation laboratory was almost double that in the radiation-free quarters. In the six months just ended, however, the death rate in the radiation laboratory was slightly under the total for the radiation-free experiment.

One participating scientist warned against undue optimism

forverence provisions from the act and provided that compliance was to be secured through conferences, conciliation and persuasion.

The McConnell amendment was passed by a vote of 222 to 178. 118 Democrats voted for the amendment while 128 Democrats voted against it. In general the Democrats who voted for the amendment were those who had pledged themselves in their election campaigns to oppose federal legislation on civil rights.

These Southern Democrats were joined by 104 Republicans who voted FOR the weakening amendment and AGAINST the platform of their party in favor of federal civil rights legislation. Only 49 Republicans voted AGAINST weakening the bill and in support of the Republican platform.

These figures (Congressional Quarterly compilation) show clearly how the Republicans in the House repudiated their Party's platform.

The totals of the final vote were in the same general proportion but there was this difference: Many Democrats who had voted AGAINST the McConnell amendment voted FOR the revised bill on the issue of final passage because they believed a weak bill was better than none and would help to bring the issue to a vote in the Senate. On the other hand, other Democrats who support federal civil rights legislation decided that no bill would be better than the weakened bill and thus voted against final passage.

With the measure defeated in the form they wanted it to be, both groups properly followed the dictates of their own consciences and judgment.

A majority of the Republicans in the House voted against a sound and workable FEPC bill on both tests.

The following is quoted from the Taft-owned Cincinnati "Times-Star":

"Columbus, O., March 10.—U. S. Senator Robert A. Taft, of Cincinnati, lamented the fact last night in an address before Ohio's

publishers and editors that the American people got all wrought up about minor issues . . .

"In few words, he said the people became overexercised about such things as . . . how the Federal program relating to displaced persons ought to be handled, whether the Federal Government ought to fix and control the price of natural gas (for cooking, etc.) or whether there should be a change in the method of electing a President of the United States."

It could be that Senator Taft and a lot of other Republicans are a little UNDEREXERCISED about those matters.

Give Grandma A Break,
Doctor Urges

Before you ask Grandma to help out, give a thought to her age, stamina and state of health.

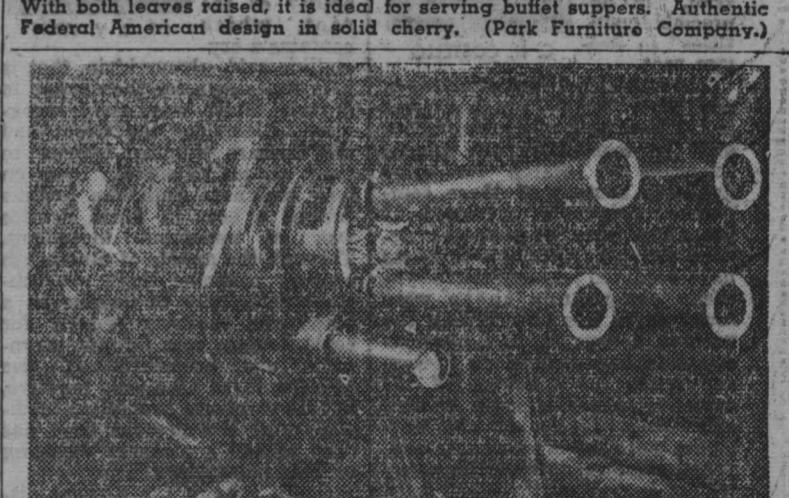
The hard-working young mother who unknowingly lets her elderly parent help with the children, family problems and other matters often places a strain on the older woman that she is not equipped to bear, declares Faye C. Lewis in the April Journal of Living.

"Not that Grandma isn't willing to help young folks along," says Dr. Lewis. "It would probably grieve her to be deprived completely of such duties. But her stamina is not what it used to be. Her reserve of strength and patience are more easily depleted."

Too much baby-sitting, constant Sunday gatherings at Grandma's house, dumping the children in Grandma's lap when young parents want a vacation, are wearing for a woman over 50. They bring on undue nervousness and fatigue.

"Don't use Grandma for a sobbing station, either," adds Dr. Lewis. "It's all right to tell her about troubles she may help relieve. But seeing her children suffer ills she is powerless to alleviate is more distressing to her than troubles of her own."

This clever drop-leaf desk brings new utility to the one-room apartment. With one leaf raised, it may be used as a dining table for three. With both leaves raised, it is ideal for serving buffet suppers. Authentic Federal American design in solid cherry. (Park Furniture Company)



Though it looks like the gun turret on a battleship, the picture shows an eight-inch screw machine, the world's largest, in the Timken Bearing Factory of The Timken Roller Bearing Company. Seamless tubing is forged at one end and it emerges at the other in the form of finished bearing cups.

This mechanical monster is a development in the never ending search for more, faster and better methods of production to keep America and the world rolling.