

## THIS WEEK IN Washington

OUTSTANDING in its far-reaching consequences, a major event of the first week in Washington is the apparent collapse of the country's bi-partisan foreign policy.

For strange as it may seem, this so-called isolationist group of senators who were the loudest and most active against military aid to Europe and the tremendous appropriations for the European recovery program has been the most vocal during the past several days in demanding intervention and the sending of the United States navy to hold Formosa, a small island 100 miles off the China coast, for the disintegrating nationalist Chinese government.

This paradoxical situation in the Senate has led many here to a re-appraisal of just how strong our bi-partisan support has been. And the fair and accurate Congressional Quarterly Service in Washington has recapitulated the foreign policy votes in Senate and House to find that in the entire Congress, the votes on measures affecting foreign policy were as a matter of fact 52.4 per cent partisan and not bi-partisan at all.

According to Congressional Quarterly, their tabulation shows that out of a total of 44 roll-call votes on foreign policy matters in the Senate, exactly one-half of them showed a majority of Democrats voted one-way and a majority of Republicans the opposite. So here were 22 partisan roll calls.

The other 22 ballots had a majority of each party voting the same way, so these were bi-partisan roll calls.

In the house, however, there never was such a balance. Out of a total of 17 foreign policy roll calls, only seven had the support of a majority of Democrats and Republicans alike. The remaining 10 roll calls were partisan.

So, says Congressional Quarterly, "Combining the house and Senate roll calls, which total 61, the complexion of foreign policy action in Congress in 1949 was distinctly a partisan one. The total of 29 bi-partisan votes was shaded

by a total of 32 partisan ones. Percentage-wise, foreign policy was 52.4 per cent partisan."

The recapitulation shows further that on appropriations relating to foreign policy, this partisan showing runs as high as 75 per cent. For instance, in the house there were three record votes on foreign policy appropriations. All three were partisan with a majority of Democrats and a majority of Republicans voting on opposite sides. These three votes were on taking up the state department appropriations bill, on continuing the ECA "watchdog" committee and on providing \$150 million in loan authority to the Senate.

In the Senate there were 13 record votes on foreign policy appropriation measures. Nine were partisan and only four were bi-partisan. So out of a total of 16 record votes in house and Senate on foreign policy appropriations, only four were bi-partisan, or 75 per cent were partisan.

The four bi-partisan votes in the Senate were on a money increase for the state department's "Voice of America," a restriction on the use of ERP counterpart funds; a chair decision that an amendment was out of order as legislation in a money bill and on final passage of the foreign aid and military appropriation bill.

Time and again, particularly in the Senate, where most foreign policy legislation centers, attempts were made by some senators to kill or cripple measures while these measures were in the process of the legislative mill. It was only when these efforts had failed and they jumped aboard the bandwagon on final passage of the bill that a cheer went up that the measure passed with bi-partisan support."

While the administration foreign policy has managed to squeeze through with "bi-partisan" support, it was not until after repeated partisan attempts had been made to kill or cripple about all of the measures. The over-all picture of the so-called "bi-partisanship" in both house and Senate is distinctly partisan.

## Sara Cuse Says:

tonight."

The high water is now down about four or five inches.

Twenty five cars lined the road near Macy's Slip, last Sunday afternoon, their passengers having departed onto Wawasee Lake to fish up through the ice.

Various observers have been heard to mention gratefully of new street lights, where had been needed badly, and much brighter lights in some spots which had here-to-fore been dim, also that the city park is now well lighted, and a light which may be turned on and off, by prospective ice-skaters is appreciated by the skaters who like to skate in the evening.

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## P. T. A. NOTES

The Turkey Creek Township PTA met last Thursday night at the High School building. The assembly voted on the question of changing the meeting day to such a time as could more adequately make PTA attendance available to a wider group. It was voted to meet on the third Tuesday of each month. There seemed to be less Community activity on the third Tuesday, than any other day.

Now, the PTA will not be in apparent competition with the churches, as many church activities were on Thursdays. The National Organization of Parents and Teachers, advocate the Church School and Home, all needed to promote the Welfare of children.

The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, March 21, and a "Standing Room Only" attendance is urged, hoped for, and expected, after changing the meeting day.

The program, given by Miss Isletta Fuller, Home Economics teacher, and Mr. William Stotts, Vocational Agriculture teacher, was on 4-H work. Miss Fuller gave a most interesting talk on 4-H work, here, and in the State of Indiana, tracing it's beginning in 1918, with older farmers, 500 boys, the next year, and the girls fell in step in 1912, and various phases, up to the present thousands of 4-H boys and girls who learn to cooperate, their motto being, "Make the Best, better."

Mr. Stotts told of the organizational work, the care of animals and crops, through all stages, of cooperative enterprise, educational trips, County Fairs, State Fairs summer camps, etc. The boys enrollment here in 1948 was 12 members, in 1949, twenty, and so far in 1950, twenty-four have enrolled. After the talks, an extensive, informative and interesting 4-H film was shown depicting 4-H work in all it's phases.

Two sentences in the program were outstanding, "It's not what you've got, but what you do, with what you've got," and, "Win without bragging, lose without squealing."

A social time followed, and the refreshments, served by Mrs. James Butt, Mrs. Don Wiley Sr., and Mrs. Florence Borton, were home-made cakes, just too good, for some of those present, to be satisfied with one helping.

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**MELODIOUS SOLONS** . . . Representatives Frank Cheif (D., Ky.) (left) and Louis C. Rabaut (D., Mich.) rehearse for the American Heart Association's amateur show which was to be broadcast.



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## O. E. S. NEWS

Syracuse Chapter, No. 233, Order of the Eastern Star, met Wednesday, February 8, 1950, at 8:00 p.m. for its regular stated meeting. More than fifty members and guests were present.

Mrs. Joan Stoeling was initiated into the Order.

Following the close of the meeting there was a birthday ceremony to commemorate the founding of this Chapter 47 years ago. The charter members were given special mention and letters from several of these first members were read. It was not pos-

sible for any them to attend. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons serving during these 47 years were also honored.

The rest of the evening was spent informally with each member present entering into the spirit of the occasion of birthday fun for everyone. In the dining room individual cakes, ice-cream and coffee were served.

The next regular meeting will be February 22, 1950, at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Phil Kern was hostess at a pink and blue shower, in her home, Tuesday evening, for Mrs. Donald LeCount.

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