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The Assembly Has Done A Good Job

FINAL percentage point struggle over teacher pay in the General Assembly will not affect appreciably the record of this session. It is a surprisingly good record, both in terms of what the Assembly did and in terms of what it refused to do.

THE factor of surprise in the Assembly's accomplishments makes them all the more welcome. This session had been billed as the end of Gov. Luther Hodges' honeymoon in Raleigh. The previous close cooperation between the governor and the legislature was to come to a clattering halt.

The tax program was passed, with the governor sticking by his promise that industrial growth will more than make up for the tax relief to be given to the present industrial community.

THE Assembly, on the other hand, made a better showing from the beginning on the crucial problem of strengthening the teaching profession. Its insistence on the highest possible pay increases for teachers brought the governor around to a realistic, if still inadequate, compromise.

Party Politics: The Situation's Confused
PRESIDENTIAL assistant Sherman Adams recently sized up the state of affairs in his own and the Democratic Party.

As to the Republicans, Mr. Adams said "we have the stewards, the irremediable, and the irreconcilable. We have the liberals, the liberal-conservatives, the conservative-progressives, and the reactionaries.

GLOVES FOR A DIP
I'S a human inclination always to think of character as staying in character. Nonsense.

From The Knoxville News-Sentinel
Larger Workload
Secretary Benson had requested \$18,718,000 for the Meat Inspection Service in 1957-58, including funds to hire 192 additional inspectors.

By STEWART ALSPH

WASHINGTON
THOSE two able Texas Senators, the Military Leader Lyndon Johnson and House Speaker Sam Rayburn, are beginning to look like the commanders of a large, well-disciplined Army which has nowhere to go and no one to fight.

Johnson and Rayburn in their leadership of the Democrats have made two assumptions. First, the conservative Republicans are in retreat against the Eisenhower budget and are not to be allowed to monopolize the economy issue.

These two assumptions have been largely accepted by the bulk of the Democratic rank and file. Moreover, they are, on the face of them, logical assumptions.

PRICE TO PAY
In the first place, the only area in which to make a politically palatable break for "economy" is the area of national security—defense and, to a lesser extent, foreign aid.

West Columbia, S. C.
Editors, The News:
I THIS morning's mail I have received from Mr. R. L. McCollum, general chairman Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Southern Railway System, a clipping out of The News, which is headlined "Senate Should Clean Its Own Glass House."

McCollum is at this time in Washington as Brotherhood business must have purchased the paper on route here since his home is in Alabama. He has written across the top of it "Can you imagine the coming out in a Charlotte paper?"

Yet, I have never before expressed my feelings on this directly to your paper and I want to take this opportunity to do just that. You are fulfilling your obligation to your readers of fairly reporting all the news. For doing this in this way you certainly deserve commendation.

Raleigh Finle



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round
WASHINGTON
A BUDGET cut of \$2,122,000 for federal meat inspectors is going to cost housewives many times that much in the increased price of beef, lamb, and pork chops.

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SEN. LYNDON JOHNSON Where To Go?

Part of the cut may be restored in the Senate. But the present best guess is that the increase will be relatively minor—perhaps a third as a tenth of the total cut.

In the first place, it has substantially transformed President Eisenhower into the last-ditch defender of the security interests of the United States.

People's Platform
I am sure that Mr. McCollum was aware that the article was only a writer's opinion, but his amazement was due I think to the fact that it was given space in a Charlotte paper.

Lobbying Presents A Puzzling Picture
I THOROUGHLY enjoyed the consideration which the House Propaganda and Grievances Committee gave to Mr. Sidney Fitch's bill which would keep ABC Board employees from lobbying society.

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personal history eminently suitable and it is in any case always a strong position for any President-elect to take.

Yet the Democrats themselves—especially Sen. Stuart Symington in his own power investigation—do not have convincingly demonstrated that the American security position relative to the Soviet Union is deteriorating under the Eisenhower presidency.

But the national mood might very well change since the world situation has a way of changing rapidly and it is not always to drive home the realities in a most painful way.

SCHOOL BILL DEAD
And where else are the Democrats to turn for an issue? The school construction bill is dead as a mackerel for this session.

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SEN. STUART SYMINGTON Defense Talk Fades

Both are politically important for Northern Democrats, and yet the Republicans will be loathe to clinch with some reason, that both bills were killed by the Democrats.

Hope that were entertained until recently in some Democratic breasts, that "right money" could be made the big stick with which to beat the administration, are bucking out. The issue is complex anyway, and difficult to exploit effectively.

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had been cast in the role of personal devil by the anti-race program. Democrats, leaving the government the more will be almost impossible to supply. There is no visible no political profit to be made from belittling the departing Hurricane, and his loss is only, Secretary-designate Robert Anderson, is close to the powerful Johnson.

The Democrats in short, no brilliantly led but have nowhere to go. The sentiments of party unity, to be sure, has been maintained and all have to be ready to look for the Democrats are not going to get a lot of votes by claiming that they have kept their party together. And it seems unlikely that they are really going to make much political hay by trying to out-throat the conservative Republicans on the economy issue.

EXPERIMENT AND CHANGE
Perhaps the Democrats, half-paralyzed by their internal divisions and with their favorite dog, the economy, being indirectly by the administration, never did have anywhere to go anyway, in such times as these. For the Democrats, the more the voters are identified in the voters mind as the liberal party, devoted to experiment and change. And it is not a very good thing to have now a strongly conservative country, which has had enough of experiment and change, where are the Democrats to go?

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