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Southern 'Court-Curbers' Will Mount A New Offensive

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON
CRITICS of the Supreme Court will renew their effort in 1959 to pass a sweeping states-rights bill that was barely defeated last August.

The court held that Congress, by passing the 1940 Smith Act, had preempted the field. The U. S. Supreme Court affirmed the decision in 1956, saying that Federal laws have been held for the states to supplement it.

ONLY A SYMPTOM

Smith and other critics of the court denied that Congress had intended any such thing. They differed, however, on what to do about it. Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa) backed a limited measure designed to revalidate the anti-Communist laws of 41 states rendered moot by the Nelson decision.

SENATE SETBACK

CQ's own analysis shows that the bill's proponents may have lost as many as 35 votes in the House and 10 votes in the Senate. If so, HR 3 might still pass the House in 1959, but would almost certainly be defeated in the Senate.

Rep. Smith first introduced HR 3 in 1955, after the Pennsylvania Supreme Court had reversed the conviction of a Communist Party leader before the state's Sedition Act of 1919.

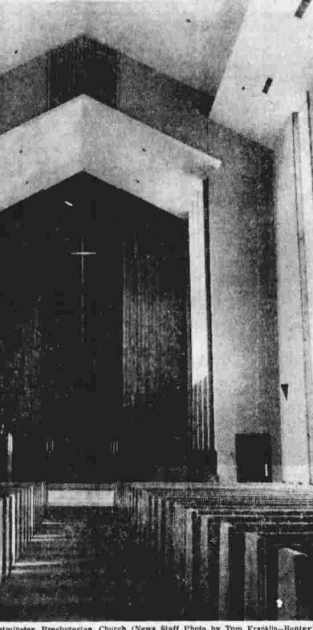
announced in favor of the bill. But of the 46 Republicans who voted against HR 3, only 10 will be replaced by Democrats. Assuming that Democrats outside the South will continue to oppose HR 3, these figures indicate 30 to 25 fewer votes for the bill if it reaches a showdown in 1959.

INDIRECT ROUTE

HR 3 came before the Senate in indirect fashion on the eve of adjournment, when a bill similar to Rep. Walter's reached the floor. Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ariz) then proposed substituting the broader HR 3. A motion to table McClellan's proposal was rejected, 39-46 (D 25-19; R 14-27). But the Senate then agreed, 41-40 (D 27-17; R 14-23), to recommit

the more limited bill, leaving HR 3 for dead.

The only non-southern Democrat who opposed tabling HR 3 was Frank J. Lausche (Ohio), while A. Allen Frear (Del) was the only Democrat outside the South who opposed recommitment. But of the 13 Republican senators whose seats will be held by Democrats next year, nine opposed both motions, while only two supported both. The remaining two opposed the first motion, but supported recommitment. If the incoming Democrats—all non-southerners—stick with the party majority, then the opponents of HR 3 can count on nine to 11 additional votes—enough to kill any similar measure that might still pass the House.



Let Us Give Thanks

... That we may then write in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just and con-

A Stocking Is Hung On Thanksgiving

EVEN as they look back with gratitude for God's manifold blessings today, Mecklenburgers can also look forward with fresh hope and newfound joy to the celebration of Christmas.

Those needs are simple. It takes so little to satisfy them—a doll, a toy car or two, a game, a gilded angel spreading his wings at the summit of a tree. But when they are met by people who care, silent despair gives way to love and laughter and the spirit of Christmas is somehow complete.

People's Platform

This Time The Devil Winked Back At Him

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
FOUR YEARS ago the eyes of liberal newspapermen, were gazing with tears: their hearts were full of grief. Annie Lee Moss, a "good, innocent and conscientious" Negro woman in the employ of the federal government had been accused by a "reactionary devil" of being a member of the Communist conspiracy. The accuser and devil was the late Joe McCarthy, junior senator from Wisconsin. Annie Lee denied the charge. "Pitifully" shaking her head before senators, she played the dumb role well.

Those who recall the episode do not doubt remember that the egg-head senator from Missouri (Spartan Strimling), giving no rest to his attack against Annie Lee, dramatically popped off: "I believe you, Mrs. Moss, and if they fire you, come to me and I'll give you a job." At any rate, the result of it all was that Annie Lee emerged as a persecuted heroine; the devil McCarthy's done as further sealed by the Communist press and the powerful liberal press, led by columnist like the Alsops, Margus Childs, Fred Pearson and others. A lot of easily swayed Americans bought cheaply what the liberal press artists had to offer toward the degradation of a patriotic American senator.

It's now four years later. In a recent dispatch, the Subversive Activities Control Board has announced that Annie Lee Moss was a spy, and a Communist Party member of the Communist Party. Even the Communist Party can't deny it. Annie Lee Moss is now to be expected, more of the jocular political analyses of Joe McCarthy has published this news.

In a non-partisan spirit and with recognition of his minor shortcomings, to love Joe McCarthy while he lived and labored in the Senate on behalf of a strong and free America. I love the memory of him still under the glass on my desk there is a picture of Joe and his lovely wife, Jean. Whenever I read or hear that he has been judged as a traitor, or that any American has lashed out against him, my eyes frequently fall with a good wink on the picture before me.

When I learned of the Annie Lee Moss case I wished that the McCarthy's again, and the "strangers" thing happened. I do believe, Mr. Editor, that this time the devil and his wife winked back at me!
-J. R. CHERRY JR.

Kids In The Streets Also Need Guidance

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
NOW, BEFORE I get started, I don't want you to get me wrong because I think the United Appeal is a wonderful thing. In fact, I think it is the best organi-

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
IT'S been 337 years since the Pilgrim Fathers first gave thanks for being in the North American continent, and since that time some people have claimed Thanksgiving is getting too commercial. I don't believe it. Looking over my mail, I would say that the American people are a long way from going commercial. I don't believe it. Looking over my mail, I would say that the American people are a long way from going commercial.

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operates, to the exclusion of all state laws on the same subject matter."

CHAOS THREATENED

Opponents of HR 3 argued that, if enacted, it would produce chaos in long-settled areas of Federal-state relations, such as labor law and the regulation of commerce. When the bill reached the House floor July 27, 1952, Democrats split almost evenly along North-South lines. The bill passed, 241-155 (D 106-109; R 141-46), with only five non-southern Democrats voting for it.

Among the 141 Republicans who voted for the bill were 30 whose seats went to Democrats on Nov. 4. Another five GOP members whose seats will switch hands



St. Nikita's Boo-Boo

Lovers Of The Jug, Arise!

By ROBERT C. RUARK
PALAMOS, Spain
I RECKON Mr. Khrushchev — not I — has finally tripped. He must have been loaded when he showed off the latest excuse that Russians could only buy one drink per hood in all the Soviet bars and grills. Maybe when he sobs up he'll think better of it, because it is not now if he can't keep his people mobile is a generous rule of potato juice.

LET THEM

I was particularly intrigued with one statement. Somebody suggested that if it was good to buy one glass of booze at a given restaurant, he might take his friend to the next one. I think that they do not still, savvy some of the elemental things of life, almost basic as the sand has been.

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There are two things on earth that no amount of regimentation can control. One is the well-known way of a man with a maid. The other is the grim determination of a man who wants to drink his fill. Casles may tumble, cabinets may fall, but old Single-Purpose Charlie will get his load. In our experiment on arduous, and even today, in our "dry" states, I imagine the incidence of actual drunkenness was higher than in modern New Orleans, where they don't close at all except at the proprietors' whim.

A GLOOMY PLACE

By all accounts Russia is a gloomy place, unless you are a cabinet member's mistress — and think a short career, considering the average rate of downfall — and a mid-bit of the stuff is the least that can allow the sets in the collective.

Thanksgiving Brings Gifts Of Good Will

Here's Thanksgiving Day to other sects on other days, have a good reason to think of it. Hitler's panics killed every one of my family in Poland. My son, a young man, brilliant student, elected his books to be buried in the rubble of his school. He sent me a letter from a hospital, and his father dying in a hospital. He sent me a letter from a hospital, and his father dying in a hospital. He sent me a letter from a hospital, and his father dying in a hospital.

'MOIDERED' ENGLISH

OUR schools devote more time to the study of English than to any other subject in the curriculum, but he would be a rash soul who maintained that it was always well taught or more than superficially absorbed. Complaints are myriad that even bright students—even we have heard it rumored, many who advance to the graduate school—are apt to be ill at ease when it comes to written expression, perhaps even literature. "Remedial" English in college has become a commonplace, taught to students who are supposed to have been studying English in school since they were six years old, but who upon reaching college cannot even qualify for admission to that unique American institution—the regular freshman English course.

Seeds Are Planted

I telephoned Mayor Stanley Solomon in Osage and arranged for the purchase of the seeds. I telephoned Mr. Wintner. He didn't have time to send his own turkey from New York, so he sent me a turkey from his own back yard. He sent me a turkey from his own back yard. He sent me a turkey from his own back yard.

It's Easy To Point

Another letter, from a Princeton professor, Melvin Tumin, expresses his sympathy for what many northerners don't realize—the point of view of the South.

Hitler's Gangs

"Today is Veterans Day and I thought of wars, have a good reason to think of it. Hitler's panics killed every one of my family in Poland. My son, a young man, brilliant student, elected his books to be buried in the rubble of his school. He sent me a letter from a hospital, and his father dying in a hospital. He sent me a letter from a hospital, and his father dying in a hospital.

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