

Agers 18-25 Must Register At Places Designated In County

Pursuant to the President's proclamation, all male persons between the ages of 18 through 25 are required to register from August 20 through September 15. These age groups should register on certain days according to schedule which has been published in the paper and elsewhere.

Laurens county registrants who are required to register during the above period may register at the nearest designated school, many of which have been set up as follows for male and color:

- Laurens high school (white).
- Clinton high school (white).
- Laurens school (white and colored).
- Ford high school, Laurens (white and colored).
- Gray Court-Owings school (white and colored).
- Hickory Tavern school (white and colored).
- Mountville school (white and colored).
- Nell Street school, Clinton (colored).

Students school, Laurens (colored). These points have been set up for one day only, Wednesday, September 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For the convenience of those unable to register, if you do not register on this date, it will be necessary that you appear at the local board on the second day of the city hall, Laurens, and register on the date you are required to register.

As Washington Sees It... THE NATIONAL SCENE

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Washington, August 24.—With the special session out of the way, the house un-American activities committee plans to keep on at least for a while at its Communist spy probe, and at least four other congressional committees plan to get into the act and lay spotlight by investigating various phases of communistic activities.

Briefly the special session can be tied up as follows: Turning down about all of President Truman's requests, largely through the special session did pass will cause Mr. and Mrs. Public to try more such on the line to buy out—sets of household equipments, 4-apts, and automobiles, in place of installment buying back on almost a war-time basis. They will have no chance of getting a bank loan, because congress tightened up credit in one anti-inflationary measure. The public will have somewhat brighter chance of getting a mortgage on a new house next year and under the rent law lowering apartments they should turn up against less discrimination of they have children. That's the sum and substance of the 11-day special session and its effect on the battle of the family budget.

The spy scare probe likely again will rattle the issue of communism in the coming campaign according to observers. This issue has been an effective one for Republicans in the past several elections. When Henry Wallace started his third party and about all the Communists locked to his banner, Democrats believed they had shed themselves of the Communist issue. But it's back at a 1948 here.

In addition to the headline effort of the un-American activities committee, the senate expenditures committee intends to carry on its probe among government employees suspected of espionage or disloyalty. The senate labor committee will investigate communism in labor unions. The senate appropriations sub-committee is considering charges of censorship Federal Security Administration after such charges had been made by a posed former education commissioner, John W. Studebaker.

Main complaint in the Communist probe is the smearing of innocent by-standers with the communist taint. As one witness remarked, other members of the committee complained him on his statement and indicated their belief he is selling the truth. "Yes, but details never catch up with unproven charges. One such case, according to observers, is that of Albert Hiss, former state department employee who found himself in the headlines as a spy in the sixties before the un-American activities committee. His name heads the Carnegie Endowment for "International Peace and was sponsored for the job by John Foster Dulles, Governor Dewey's foreign affairs advisor and later secretary of state if Dewey goes to the White House."

Another issue in the communist scare is whether or not the communist party should be outlawed. The present probe is being conducted by congressman Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, who was author of the Hays-Warner bill which sought to outlaw communism. Only 34 members out of 433 in the house voted against this bill. It did not come up in the senate. President Truman has followed the stand of J. Edgar Hoover, of the FBI, whose position is that this law would drive the communists underground where they could be watched and that legitimate political activities of other Americans would be jeopardized. It will be remembered that Governor

Dewey took this same stand against Harold E. Stassen in their debate in the Oregon primary, and Dewey licked Stassen on this issue.

Other questions coming out of the current headlines are: Should President Truman continue to withhold secret information regarding executive employees from congress? He has precedents in this question extending back to George Washington. And, has the administration been permitted to leak to spies or other conspirators? The answer to these questions would be whether the FBI, army, navy, and state intelligence and the secret service failed or furnished the bait? For it is the duty of these agencies in the executive department to handle this program.

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower issued the spy scare: "This country has done pretty well in keeping its major secrets in itself. Of course, we can get hysterical about a spy scare. But our government is aware of these things and I don't believe the dangers are great."

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