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### As Washington Sees It . . . THE NATIONAL SCENE

Washington, July 19. — Administration forces broke even in congress this week with a victory in passage of the housing bill and a defeat in the senate over the injunction and seizure provisions of the labor bill in national emergencies.

The housing bill as passed pro-

vides for a goal of 810,000 low-rent housing units and would provide for the expenditure of \$1.5 billion in slum clearance over five years, for rural housing and for a broad housing research program. While the real estate lobby has charged that the cost of this bill will run as high as 20 billion dollars, the best estimate from observers here who are qualified is that the cost likely will be not more than 10 billion dollars spread over thirty years.

As far as the public housing feature of the bill is concerned, local officials in communities must ask for a public housing project before one can be instituted. This is another one of those measures which opponents have charged is "socialistic." However, if it is, observers point out, a majority of both the house and senate have voted for it.

In the fight over Taft-Hartley repeal and the administration's new labor law, it appears, say observers, that there likely will be no outright repeal at this session, that the amendments will largely follow those suggested by Senator Taft, and that thus the whole fight over the Taft-Hartley law will again be thrown into the 1950 elections.

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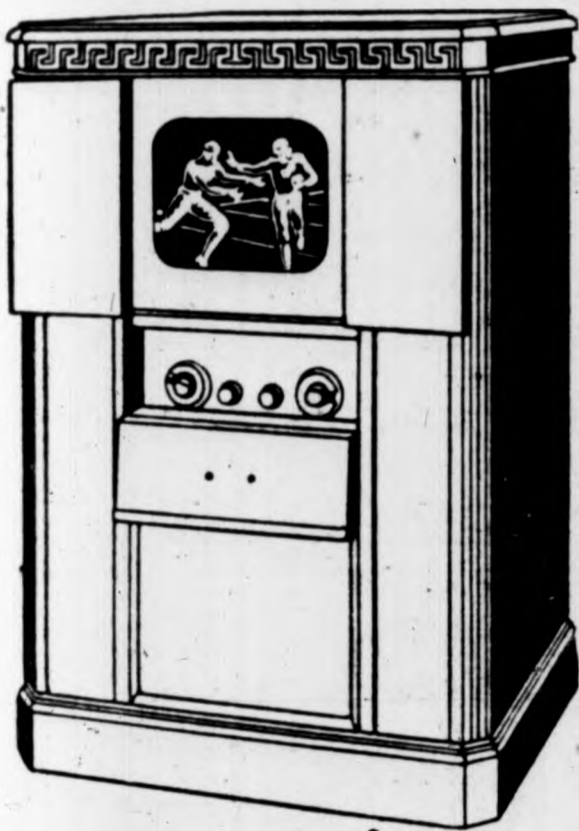
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Agriculture feel that farm prices have just about reached the limit of their decline and that they will level off for the next few months. Meat prices may decline further.

A judiciary subcommittee of the house is holding full-scale but closed hearings over the problem of resettling war displaced persons. One of the first witnesses was John J. McCloy, new U. S. high commissioner of Germany. Special attention is being devoted to some 14 million people who were forced from agricultural sections of Germany into industrial areas ravaged by war. Congressman Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania said his committee is studying a plan which would authorize the World Bank to loan money to persons desiring to migrate.

One of the highlights of the week's news was the calling of columnist Westbrook Pegler as a witness before a house labor subcommittee. Pegler was scheduled to appear July 7 under a subpoena by Congressman Andrew Jacobs of Indiana who said Pegler "claims to have a treasure of information on the subject of labor racketeering."

The senate has voted to create a new senate small business committee. A former such committee created after much opposition in the 80th congress died with the last congress.

The battle of the "co-op buck" has people interested here in the nation's capital. The National Tax Equality association has been circulating "tens of millions" of imitation dollar bills attacking the tax exemption of farm and other cooperative associations. Secret officials in Washington and Chicago cracked down on NTEA and seized the plates from which the "bucks" were printed from a Chicago printer and ordered NTEA to stop circulation on the ground they resembled too closely real dollar bills. NTEA denied the plates had been seized and said "the co-op buck is still in production." However, civil service agents confirmed they had seized the plates.

NTEA in reporting its expenditures as a lobby organization said that during the first quarter of this year they have received contributions from 17 utility concerns which are listed among the 44 contributors who gave them more than \$500 each. According to observers, reason private utility concerns are backing the NTEA lobby is that one of the largest cooperatives is the National Cooperative association.

#### Extension Service Report Shows Farm Progress Past Year

Clemson, July 27.—The annual report of D. W. Watkins, director, Clemson Extension Service, for the year 1948 has been printed and distributed. Title of the report is Agricultural Progress in South Carolina—1948—More Income—Better Farm Living.

Facts presented in the report show that the statement contained in the title is well founded. Copies of the report may be obtained from county extension workers or from the Publications Department at Clemson.

Director Watkins points out that the cooperation and farm and home leadership of farm people who served voluntarily on neighborhood, community, county, and state agricultural committees was an important factor in developing and furthering the 1948 extension program.

His report shows the county farm and home demonstration agents throughout the state had the active support and cooperation of 8,928 farm men and women as neighborhood and community leaders; 3,152 farmers and farm women on the 46 county agricultural committees; and one farm man and one farm woman from each county or 92 farm leaders, on the state committee. Representatives other state agencies serving agriculture also served on the committees.

That the extension workers themselves had a busy year is shown by the fact that in carrying out the 1948 program of extension work county extension workers made 117,417 farm and home visits to 70,494 different farms and homes; prepared 12,810 newspaper articles for publication, distributed 272,342 bulletins and circulars and made 1,854 radio broadcasts in carrying farm and home information to farm people.

These workers also conducted 7,558 result demonstrations showing improved farm and home practices, and held or took part in 31,512 educational and demonstration meetings which were attended by 744,058 farm people. The report shows 130,833 farm people came to county extension offices and 110,544 called by telephone for information and assistance.

#### Wilson Named On Primary Committee

Sen. Ralph T. Wilson, of Laurens, said yesterday that he had accepted a request of Lt. Gov. George Bell Timmerman, Jr., to serve on a committee created during the last session of the General Assembly to "investigate and determine the advisability of enacting laws governing primary elections and further regulating general elections in South Carolina."

Sen. Wilson was one of three appointed from the senate. Three others are to be appointed from the lower house.

All primary laws on the statute books were repealed after Federal Judge Waring handed down his decision opening the white primaries to Negroes.

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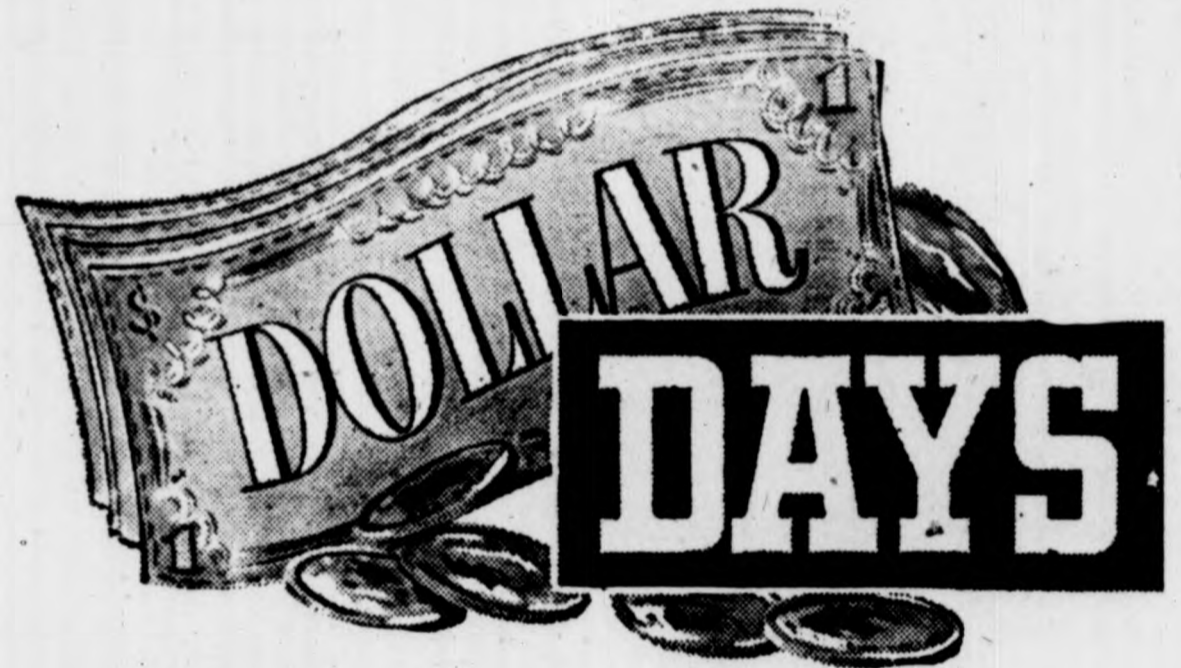
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