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THAT

and THAT

By G. R. A.

Congress Has Feet of Clay— "Even As You and I"

I was sitting in the U. S. Senate gallery in Washington, D. C., right across the aisle from the speaker, before we were located, in orderly fashion, the 96 desks of our Upper House, the strongest concentration of self-governing bodies in the world; before some of the desks were some Senators, the empty chairs of others suggested the types of some of the minds whose bodies were then absent; other Senators were standing alone, or in twos and threes; plenty of these public servants were not in the chamber at the time.

Standing, and gesturing, and speaking, was Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, pleading his amendment to the pending Soldier Voting Act. I sat there for quite a while, taking in, again, the familiar scene.

Turning to my companion, Floyd J. Miller, publisher of the Birmingham Post-Herald, I whispered: "There, you see human nature in action. On the left you see the Republicans and on the right are the Democrats. Both represent the dominant political forces of the United States and its citizens; each is seeking, by every honest and, at times, dishonest method, to get for itself and its constituency the spoils, the foot, the hand, the head, the tail, the tail, even from the whole earth."

"There, before us, sit the elected servants of a free people. Maybe of the people. Maybe of special groups. Maybe, in a few instances, of individuals. There is no better, no worse, than the sum total of the articulate and deliberate opinions of those who are not all bad, not all good; some of them, on occasion, will die for their convictions and assist, sell out for a pittance.

"They are our composite civilization, the high, the low, and the in-between; in other words, they are being."

Victory Garden Movie In Birmingham

A Victory Garden movie, with a setting at the McEldred Hardware in Birmingham, with many Birmingham folk participating, soon will be shown at the McEldred Hardware. The movie is a collection of notes for the stories that would be read in millions of homes throughout the country. We watched other folks in the galleries, too, many of whom were there for the first time, and it is a great scene. Folks, like any competitive field of combat—it is a picture of the war effort, and a back-fence neighborhood scene.

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No Contests In City Election Here This Year

Only One Candidate Nominated For Each Office To Be Filled

The annual spring city election in Birmingham will be a rather quiet affair with no contests for the various elective offices to be filled. At the close of the regular period for filing nominating petitions last Saturday there was just one candidate for each office.

Maj. Hunt Made Lieut.-Colonel

Stanley B. Hunt, former Birmingham resident and son of Mrs. Orson A. Hunt, 644 Bates street, has been promoted from major to first lieutenant. He became a captain in March, 1942, and a major in October of the same year.

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Wins Promotion

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Operators Allowed To Borrow Gasoline From Next Quarter

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Tax Sale Lists Are Made Available Here

Elmer Haack, city assessor, has today made available the list of properties that are to be offered at the tax sale on Monday, March 20. The sale is to be held at the old Masonic Temple building in Pontiac by the county treasurer and begins May 27. The land owner may redeem his property by paying up all back taxes prior to the sale.

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New School Head

Cranbrook Has New Headmaster

W. Brooke Stabler has been appointed headmaster of Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills, according to an announcement made by the Cranbrook Board of Directors today.

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Mercy Gifts Campaign is Half Finished

Committee Members Urged To Complete Tasks Immediately

Birmingham's campaign for Mercy Gifts for the American Red Cross War Fund of 1944, is not quite half finished, it was reported today by W. Robertson, chairman of the city committee. Thus far there has been reported in the hands of committee group chairmen or in the treasury about \$12,000 toward the city's goal of \$30,000. The time in which to conduct the drive is just half gone.

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All makes of (including mattress) ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, 1015 1/2 BRYAN 10788.

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