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Yes, there is much to be done - and much is being done - and in the midst of it all, two things have happened which have exasperated and outraged the American people: 1. The appointment of one of Mrs. Roosevelt's dancer friends to a position in the Office of Civilian Defense; and 2. The passage of a bill to permit Members of the House and Senate to participate in the Civil Service Retirement program.

This is unfortunate, and especially so at this time.

The people are right. Both these things were dreadful mistakes. It is the principle of the thing which has so outraged the people's sense of propriety.

The bill permitting members of Congress to pay 5% of their salary each month, as do thousands of Federal officials and employees, and thereby become eligible at 62 for retirement pay in accordance with the amount paid in passed the House without many members knowing that it contained such a provision. It was a ¹⁰ twelve-page bill dealing with civil service problems in general, yet down in the body of the bill there was the phrase "elective officials." This matter was before the House once before and it was voted down overwhelmingly, with all Tennessee members voting against it. It will undoubtedly be repealed very soon. At least there will be one beneficial result; it will cause Members to examine more carefully every bill presented, no matter how inconsequential or routine it may appear.

Mrs. Roosevelt has indicated that she would resign as the Assistant Director of the Civilian Defense Program. There is no doubt whatsoever that Mrs.

Roosevelt has meant well. She is a fine, capable, and brilliant lady, but the appointment of Miss Myris Chaney was a mistake and the prospects are that she will soon be removed from the position.

The capital was ~~greatly~~ heartened by the Navy's announcement of the spectacular success of its raid on the Marshall Islands. This should do much toward clearing a supply route to Australasia. We certainly have a tough road ahead. Much punishment will be our lot before we can mobilize our might.