We Would Like a Governor We Can Call Our Own

While Governor Dewey goes gallivanting all over the South Pacific, the Empire Staters remain at home. We wonder what the average citizen feels the derives from our Governor's peregrinations. As for us, we think we would like to have a governor we could call our own. You know, we haven't had many governors in a generation who haven't been bitten by the presidential bug. The great Al Smith was infected. Franklin D. was not only bitten, but got the rabies. Mr. Dewey has the bee buzzing in his bonnet twice and, from all indications, it's still buzzing.

As we think the things over, it seems that the logical man for governor of this state is Lt. Gov. Frank C. Moore. It's a certainty that he will not be bitten by the presidential bug. Under our Constitution he can never be president. Canadian by birth, he has no place to go except to the U. S. Senate. While we're on the subject of Governor Dewey's wanderings, what about the taxpayer who pays the bills? The Governor says he's paying them himself. Well, what do you think of this?

Reports that Governor Dewey is under contract to write about his Far Eastern tour for Collier's magazine are now confirmed by Collier's. Dewey said that the material Dewey produces will be worked out after his return as part of a contract the magazine has with him for two years of his literary output.

Ordinarily the research of writers on foreign affairs is financed in one of two ways. The expert himself may finance his own tours and take them out of the price of his manuscript. Or the publisher may retain the expert and pay the expense of his researches in an expense account.

But in the case of Far East Expert Dewey, neither of these methods is employed.

The State of New York is paying the Governor his salary during his absence from his duties, as well as the salaries of Public Service Commissioner Paul Lockwood, the Governor's former secretary, and of a state police lieutenant-tenant who has gone along as a bodyguard. In the case of the bodyguard the state pays the expenses of his tour as well as his salary. All these are expected to amount to $10,000 during the party's absence from the state's executive offices.

So we have the state paying the Governor's salary while he is gathering material for publication under a magazine contract, which often in cases of "big name" writers, amounts to $10,000 an article.

Collier's says that it was interested in Dewey's Far Eastern tour because "Dewey is the titular head of the Republican Party," and that if he were "just the governor of the state" it would not have cared to publish the work of Thomas E. Dewey.

Webster's Dictionary defines "titular" as "existing in title or name only, which is an apt description of Dewey's headship of the Republican Party. It should be understood that he speaks and writes only for himself, not for the Republican Party. The people of the nation decided that by their votes in 1948.

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