## New Focus Needed on Political Values

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it that way, but what he did friendship, thereby may lead to new ethical stand- \$700 million annually to the recent Democratic primary. ards, new reforms and a new housewives' budget.

focus on political values.

In Connecticut they held "Dodd Day" to raise money for the Senator - money which he put in his own bank account. I suggest that



Dodd Day Pearson should now be made a day of reckoning, when the premium is not on the dollar but on God.

Today we are drafting 20year-olds and sending them to Vietnam while we refuse to pass an excess profit tax, plug the loopholes in the 27½ per cent oil depletion allowance or place human life ahead of corporate profits.

Today the aim in Washington is to hire the man with influence who can get what you want out of Congress at the least possible cost to yourself. You look around for the right lawyer or the right lobbyist who has the right friends in high places.

The automobile industry looked around until it found Lloyd Cutler.

cultural Committee, which the North Carolina legislature, Thomerson has received two wrote a sugar bill based on Sen. Tom Dodd didn't intend lobbying fees and personal adding

should remedy.

self in hock to interests who \$150 a day. mortgage his future vote. This is no way to make democracy grant can't possibly match this. election, and a large portion

\$100-a-plate dinners to raise one of the losing candidates. where the big money is. enough money to pay for a "They had lots of money. Lots Bagley, a handsome young is that the airways belong to billboards." the people. They are merely leased to the big networks. elsewhere. Members of the Jackie Kennedy, spent over Yet, the networks exact the Wachovia Bank, dominated by \$34,000 in the first stage of the highest rate of all for politi-the powerful Reynolds and election, is spending an estical broadcasts and the candidate must either pass the hat tive. Early in the campaign, mated quarter of a million altogether.

## Money, Not Merit

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district, the son of a Greek first primary, he let it be mediately have gone to North loyd Cutler. immigrant is running against known to political leaders that Carolina to investigate heavy he would support Galifianakis spending. But there hasn't sugar countries looked around nolds, founder of the Reynolds in the second primary. But be been this kind of a probe since for a Charles Patrick Clark tobacco fortune. Nick Gali-fore he could make an an-the late Sen. Theodore Francis and other smart lawyers who finanakis, the Greek-Ameri-nouncement, his boss, Rep. Green of Rhode Island, oldest knew Rep. Harold Cooley (Donald Look his citizenship seri-Scott, told him to stay out. N.C.), chairman of the Agri-Ously, became a member of Since the first primary,

But in the runoff, money These are some of the talks, and the man who came Chasing Negro Vote things the new God Day in second, Smith Bagley, has It should also remedy the In one Negro section of Win-

few TV appearances on the of money. Everywhere you go man who came back to North airways, when the real fact there's signs pasted up on the Carolina from California to an-

or mortgage his future votes. Harold Thomerson, administrative assistant to retiring Rep. either a millionaire or a can-Money, Not Merit
Right now in North CaroRalph Scott, and a candidate to didate who gets in hock to the succeed him, was offered "a big business to get elected to lina there's an illustration of bundle of money and a new Congress under the unethical the inequities of the present home" if he would retire from system now prevailing in primary system that places the race in favor of Bagley. Washington. the emphasis on money, not Thomerson's reply was, "Forget In the old it."

came out as the top candid-phone calls offering him date in a field of four in the amounts in five figures if he would back Bagley.

Highly significant is the the tobacco millions to spend. Negro vote, which is being coralled for Bagley by Negro present system whereby a ston-Salem, Bagley had 35 cars Alderman Carl Russell, decandidate for office must hauling voters to the polls, is spite the fact that Bagley has either be wealthy or get him-reported to have paid drivers the backing of the right-wing White Citizens Council groups. The son of a Greek immi- The Negro vote will decide the "They tried to pay me," said of it is reported to be lining A candidate should not Mary Sloan Jones, a Negro up, not for the minority Greek-have to pass the tin cup at working for William Z. Wood, American candidate, but

nounce that he wanted to be Bagley's money was apparent elected to Congress to date

In other words, it takes

In the old days, an investigating committee from the In North Carolina's fifth After Thomerson lost in the House or Senate would im-Senator ever to serve, retired.

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