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# AFFAIRS OF STATE

By CHARLES M.

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## LOOKING BACK

Gov. Ross Barnett went out to Jackson's largest manufacturing plant Storkline Corporation, yesterday to discuss woodwork and its connection with Mississippi's economy.

Among other things, he told the personnel out there that "the ancient art of woodworking has truly survived the space age," and cited that "artisans fashion their models as carefully as chessmen made for a king."

With less accent on fanfare, however, the governor then launched into hard-down facts and figures to cite that total industrial payrolls in Mississippi are ten times as large as in 1940. Per capita income was \$218 a year where today it is \$1173.

There are 120,000 people working in manufacturing industries in this state now.

The largest employer is the apparel industry with 29,000 workers.

Woodwork is next with more than 18,000 workers. Food and kindred products employ 16,000.

## INDUSTRY-MINDED

Our industry-minded chief executive took note of the fine work being done out in North Jackson by the employees there.

He took time out in the midst of a very turbulent legislative session to pat industry on the head.

Truly, industries such as this do deserve executive and even legislative attention every now and then.

The people of the state are not only engaged in a widespread industry - hunting program to build our economy. . . we must that industry that is with nappy.