

Pressure Groups Getting Set For Rush on Congress

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — The pressure boys are again unlimbering their heavy artillery for an assault on the special session of Congress.

The real estate lobby has announced its opposition to extension of rent controls and public housing in any form. The tax lobby is hard at work. Since the high cost of living is to be one of the principal issues, watch for the old anti-OPA groups to put on their act again. Controls in any form will be passed only over their dead bodies.

The railroad, electric power, gas, water, farm, fertilizer, health insurance, veteran and anti-universal military training groups—all of whom had pet projects which Congress didn't act on last session—will be back again, but later. Congress may not get around to their special privilege loves and hates until January.

In this connection, it is worth noting carefully what these outfits spent to gain their ends in the last session of Congress.

The "Congressional Quarterly Log," published here in Washington by Nelson and Henrietta Poynter, has just completed a copyrighted tabulation of registered lobbyists' financial reports for the first nine months of 1947. That covers the last session. It shows 911 individuals and organizations now registered with Congress as lobbyists. Only 130 filed financial reports. The top 100 report total lobbying expenses of \$3,737,372.

Many Not Reported

Many of the most important pressure groups in Washington are not reported at all in the Congressional Quarterly roundup. The Department of Justice has just begun an investigation into compliance with the Lobbying Act. What action will be taken has not been indicated.

The three top spenders listed by Congressional Quarterly are the American Federation of Labor, \$834,374; Committee for Constitutional Government, \$339,208; and Citizens' Committee for Displaced Persons, \$288,727. Seven other pressure groups spent from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Eighteen organizations reported lobbying expense between \$25,000 and \$100,000. Twenty-five spent between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Fourteen spent from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Thirty-three between \$1,000 and \$5,000. The heaviest spenders were not always successful in getting what they wanted.

The organized labor lobby spent more than any other group. The bulk of it was the AFL's \$834,000. CIO is not reported.

Second highest expenditures were by the power lobbies. Third were five health groups which spent a total of \$295,000 for and against health insurance legislation on which Congress still has to act.

Tax Lobbies Very Busy

Fifteen tax lobbies reported total expense of \$216,000 to win fourth place among the big pressure groups. All wanted tax reduction. Biggest spender was the Citizens' National Committee, with \$128,000. Eleven state groups spent from \$1750 to \$23,000 apiece. National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax spent \$3500.

Much of the lobbying expense of 10 business groups also went in support of tax reduction legislation. The National Small Businessmen's Association reported \$100,000 expenses, and the Southern States Industrial Council spent \$70,235. Others spent \$17,000 or under.

ONE ROOM SHACK HOME FOR ELEVEN



Mrs. D. H. Kotonis, 29, is pictured with her five children, four brothers and sisters after the big family, including Mrs. Kotonis' father, Walter J. Kotonis, is found living in a small, one-room shack near Birmingham, Ala. The family were subsisting on scraps, pennies and what food they could find.

A Very Honorable Process



For the first time in his life, Emperor Hirohito of Japan sees how charcoal is made while visiting the village of Nishitani on a recent 11-day inspection tour of three prefectures northwest of Tokyo. Used for most cooking and heating, the fuel plays an important role in Japanese life.

Beauty of Tulips Set Off by Low Growing Annuals

A ground cover of annual plants will add greatly to the appearance of your bulb bed. For best results they should be low growing. This assures a better appearance and will keep the annuals from competing with the longer-stemmed bulbous plants.

There is a time element involved in planting a ground cover to bloom at the same period as the bulbs. For some of the early-flowering narcissus it will be convenient to sow the ground cover seed at the same time. But with many strains of tulips, and other late-maturing plants it's best to wait a bit. If the seed of the annuals is sown when the leaves of the tulips first appear then they should all bloom at about the same time.

If the ground cover is to be established with transplants then another method should be followed. Small stakes may be used to indicate where the bulbs have been planted. Then the annual plants may be set in place and spaced at the right distance from the bulbous material.

In addition to ground covers a border or margin of annual plants may be grown around the bulb bed. This makes a very imposing sight and adds a bit of formality to the general garden scene. One of the best possibilities for this type of gardening are pansies. They may be obtained in separate shades if a particular color combination is desired. Other attractive varieties are alyssum, Virginia stock, violas and candytuft.

Country Boyhood Far Preferable to Rearing in City

By HAF BOYLE
NEW YORK, (AP)—The product of modern civilization I feel most sorry for is the metropolitan child—the kid who grows up in a big city.

Even bubble gum doesn't make up for the lost pleasure of a boyhood spent in crowded places where asphalt has smothered the grass and stone canyons condense the broad sky.

Life in the country or a small town enables a child to grow slowly from elementary savagery into the pattern of civilized man, but it allows him more freedom in the process. And it holds wonder in him longer, the wonder that keeps him fresh and young in heart.

A boy raised in the hinterland gets to know something about nature, man's mother in the springtime of the world and still the great nourisher of his spirit. He is educated not only by books but by elemental and eternal things—wind and rain, the growth of trees. The ways of wild animals and the helpless habits of the tame.

He never falls victim to the chief crime of modern city life, which is to become a stranger to the land. He may grow up somewhat shy and reserved, but he has an interior self reliance that makes up for it.

Has Freedom Advantage

The main thing is he has time in such an atmosphere to have fun in the free way a boy needs—to roam and build up his wind, legs and nerves against the tasks that lie ahead. He can do more things he wants in the way he wants to, and he learns by his own trial-and-error method, which is the best way. You don't really grow wise enough to learn from other people's mistakes until you are older—if you ever do.

In the city, on the other hand, a boy hears the parental "No, no, no!" from birth. He lives in a more dangerous world, where accidental death is always near. He plays in narrow confined spaces, and his play is as supervised as his studies. There is little opportunity for him to escape into that dragon-haunted dream world of pirates and castles and cowboys and Indians which grownups don't understand.

Fascinated By Vices

So rooie and more he is drawn into the mysterious and terrible adult world, sickly intoxicating and unhealthily exciting for his half-formed mind. Like island natives first visited by white traders, he is more fascinated by the vices of the grownups than their virtues. He sees them through a mixed fog of childish hero-worship and Puritan disdain.

He lives in crowded small apartments and dawdles over his arithmetic home-work at night because it is more interesting to hear the neighbors quarreling be-

yond the thin plaster walls. He lacks the privacy growing children crave. When he breaks the rules that hedge him in, he can get into more serious trouble on the streets than a country boy does who flees to the woods, where snakes may be poisonous but at least are never human in form.

The big city kid is socially more sure of himself, but his toughness is likely to be only exterior and his wisecracks cover frustration and uncertainty.

They say war is the supreme tests of any nation and calls forth its finest men. Well, in Germany I once asked an American infantry commander, veteran of many battles, who made his best soldiers.

"I've had lots of fine city kids," he said. "But the farm boys generally are best. They stand up better under strain."

I think the difference lies in the way they grew up.

Yanks, Families Find Life in Japan 'Grand'

SEATTLE, Nov. 12.—(AP)—An American shipping executive, recently returned from Japan, expressed the belief today that officers in the occupation forces are living with their families there "more cheaply and more grandly than they've ever lived in their lives."

"Household help doesn't cost much," Harry S. Scott, president of the General Steamship Corporation, said in an interview. "The wives have maids. No one is crying about having to stay in Japan. They've found some of the best homes, with magnificent gardens, at small rentals, and are having a wonderful time."

He said many of the military and civilian personnel hope they will find some way to stay after signing of the peace treaty.

TIPS NOT INCLUDED

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Two transients asked Police Desk Sgt. L. O. Jones for lodgings in the Dallas jail.

"Costs money to run this jail," Jones said discouragingly. "I'll have to charge you."

"How much?" one of the men asked.

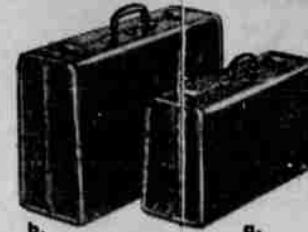
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