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## CONGRESSMEN ABROAD

## By CHARLES V. STANTON

We have read criticisms recently by some of our politi-cal columnists of congressional "junkets" to Europe and Asia. These critics seem to feel that congressmen could perform a better service if they remained at home instead of

traveling abroad at taxpayer expense. But the critics will find a vigorous and convincing op-ponent in U. S. Senator Guy Cordon of Roseburg. "To properly represent this country in Congress a man must travel over the world. He can't sit at home," Senator

Cordon declares. "Our domestic problems are not insoluble," the senator continued in a conversation we had with him recently. "But, when we take the impact on our own economy of unsettled world conditions, we come face to face with questions that must be decided on a worldwide scale."

Senator Cordon, we believe. has furnished an irrefutable

answer to critics of congressional inquiries abroad. The United States has been forced into a position of world leadership. We didn't scek this responsibility. We would have preferred to remain in our former state of iso-lation, where we were not forced to worry about what might be happening elsewhere. In fact, we still have many people, some of them in positions of influence and leadership, who refuse to recognize the very obvious fact that there is no from international responsibility, unless we unconditionally surrender to those forces anxious to seize controls for subversive purposes.

### Accurate Information Necessary

As Senator Cordon points out, we can make no domestic decision without affecting our international relations. It becomes imperative, then, that members of Congress have a thorough and intimate understanding of international af-fairs and take into consideration the effect decisions at home will have abroad.

The senator also contends that Congress should not base its decisions upon second-hand information. Cordon, in fact,

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Mrs. Coons was accompanying he first graders in the adven-tures of Alice and Jerry and their dog Jip. What attractive reading books the children do have! What fun learning to read can be! Next I stopped in Mrs. Hills' room where an exciting game was made of learning to spell and write the numbers. I doubt if one child suspected the game was a drill. They wrote the numbers in the air with a finger, with taik about doi-ting the "I's" if anyone forgot. They did all sorts of things, and then the drill was broken by a little song which was a refresher after sitting still, really an exer-cise.

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ernment was trained through many years of experience. We have virtually no experience. We were totally unprepared for the position of world leadership suddenly thrust upon us. Our particular form of government is not immediately adaptable to the job at hand, particularly when filled with constant political bickering, distrust and lack of confidence at home.

The decisions are so important to the world's future that we must have complete and accurate information. This in-formation can best be gained by independent and origi-nal research. Eventually we will build up fact-finding sources in which we can have confidence. But we cannot rely upon information from an administration which places politics anead of everything else.

Consequently, critics of congressional inquiries abroad must be suspected either of failing to analyze the situation correctly or being members of the administration's propaganda squad or its innocent victims.



Friday afternoon was a lot of fun for me because I visited sev-eral grades in the Drain school, and, as I sat with the young moth-ers, memory took me back to the days when I, too, was a young mother enjoying all the activities of two small boys and their friends. "Hoys of the upper grades greeted the guesis at the entrance and desired I said "Mrs. Coons' room" to John Wertz because it was Jo-

thing over on. And competent. PERFECTLY capable of taking care of himself if the going gets rough. Able to finish anything he may start. We all have a lot of respect for people of that sort. This is an interesting example of bow IPR's "scholars" could be trop even in Communist ter-ritory where every stranger was a suspected spy. But read this: "9-Discover whether M yrd a l would be free 3 months after his return to Sweden to contribute an industing de above ground and un-

We all have a lot of respect for people of that sort.
Anyway, that is the way we should conduct ourselves in th is frightfully important conflict with the communist Russia. We mush't get the feeling that war is 1N E V I.
TABLE and so the quicker we get it started and get it over with the better off we will be.
One of the clearest, plainest least season of history is that ALMOST NEVER IS ANYBODY BETTER OFF FOR STARTING A WAR.
We must be wise enough and toteration for be willing to talk with Russia about any subject that may come up and we must be smart enough to see to it that in such talks we don't get it put all over us.
And we must be STRONG ENOUGH to take care of ourselves in any emergency that may arise.
But we mustn't be hot-headed or poff at half-cock. That could be the end of everything.



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