

Relaxed



WAITING TO DO HIS BIT in a parochial school music festival at Youngstown, Ohio, this youngster sat calmly with his hands in his pockets, giving his bubble gum a good workout. There were 2281 other students from 24 schools on the program and 6000 people in the stands—but they didn't bother him one bit. (AP Wirephoto)

Demos Ask More Security Benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democratic leaders have decided on a surprise push to provide many millions of dollars in additional social security benefits for women and disabled persons.

The most important point in the program, to be launched soon in the House Ways and Means committee, would lower the age at which women become eligible for benefits, from 65 to either 60 or 62.

This not only would enable millions of working women to retire earlier, but it also would increase initial benefits 50 per cent for couples where the husband retires at 65 with a dependent wife several years younger.

The second feature of the new move to further liberalize social security would provide immediate monthly payments when a worker becomes disabled. He has to wait until he reaches retirement age at 65 to benefit from the program now.

Democrats on the Ways and Means committee are working out details of these and other possible changes, and hope to bring them to the House floors in June. Until recently there had been virtually no talk of any social security legislation at this session of Congress.

Last year Congress passed President Eisenhower's request for a general increase in benefits all along the line. The Democratic move could be aimed at offsetting to some extent whatever political advantage the Republicans may claim from that action.

Many Complaints

There long have been complaints about the 65-year age rules for women. A widow, for example, gets benefits as long as she has children under 18, but then gets no further payments until she reaches 65.

The argument has been that this leaves a gap in the social security program at a time when help might be sorely needed.

Some sponsors of a lower retirement age for women have contended that working women naturally tend to retire earlier than men, and that they often need to do so.

The sewellel, commonly called the mountain beaver, is not a beaver at all. Neither is it a typical mountain beaver. Native to the western coast of the United States, this small rodent has no living relatives but is the last survivor of a primitive race of rodents.

Evangelist Gives Special Service To Royal Family

WINDSOR, England (AP) — U.S. evangelist Billy Graham preached to Queen Elizabeth Monday in a royal chapel. The Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret also heard the American minister.

Later Graham and his wife lunched with the Queen.

The sermon to the royal family was a surprise climax to the handsome evangelist's seven-week Scotland-England crusade, which reaped more than 77,000 "decisions for Christ."

The fact that the 36-year-old North Carolina preacher was invited to conduct a private service for royalty could not help but lift his prestige—already at a high tide in Britain.

Queen Elizabeth is titular head of the Church of England and "defender of the faith." Graham is an ordained Southern Baptist minister but he has always been at pains to emphasize an interdenominational approach in his crusades.

Graham preached in the private chapel at Royal Lodge Windsor, near Windsor Castle, where the Queen and duke are in residence. The Queen and duke drove to Royal Lodge, leaving their children at the castle.

Graham was to leave for Edinburgh Sunday night to attend a general assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Senate Takes Step In Case of Disaster

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Thursday approved 76-3 a constitutional amendment which would allow temporary appointment of House members if half of the House membership were wiped out in an atomic attack or other disaster. State governors would make the appointments.

At present, House vacancies can be filled only by elections.

A similar proposal to amend the Constitution was approved by the Senate in the last Congress but the House took no action on it.

If the House approves the new proposal, offered by Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn), it would then be submitted to the states. It would become effective if approved by three-fourths of the states.

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McDaniels, Hickox Selected by Navy

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Richard Lawton McDaniel of Willowa, junior in pre-law, will report to Newport, R.I. in June for eight weeks of training.

Upon graduation from the University and completion of a second eight-week course at Newport during the summer of 1956, he will be commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

McDaniel is a veteran of the Korean war, having served nearly two years active duty.

John Paul Hickox, senior in speech, will be commissioned as an ensign this summer when he completes his officer's training course.

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