

Congresswomen Don't See Much 'Vacation' in Offing; 'Work' Still Order of Day

By RUTH COWAN
WASHINGTON (AP) — It looks as though a congresswoman's work is never done.

Anyone who thinks that when Congress adjourns its 17 women members will loaf is very much mistaken.

A check-up on their plans for the time between adjournment and the next session in January shows that their theme song could be: "Work-home work."

Asked what she would be doing, Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine), the only woman senator, replied wryly: "The usual work."

She plans to be here for about 10 days, catching up on office work and then on to Maine for a four to six weeks tour of its cities and hamlets.

She hopes to get about 10 days real rest in October at her home in Skowhegan, and then it will be back to Washington to get ready for the coming session.

Only Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) and eight House members have been longer in Congress than Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R-Mass.) who with her 30 years service is dean of women lawmakers. Her plans?

"Work. No matter where I am I've got work to do." And she seems to thrive on it. She is 74.

She intends to make the rounds of her district and frequently return to Washington. Her attitude is that a congressman's job is not just to make laws but to help constituents with their problems.

She is interested, for example, in seeing how new industries in Massachusetts are alleviating unemployment there.

Rep. Maude Elizabeth Kee (D-W.Va.) says the time between congressional sessions is good for listening. To her there is "no such thing as a vacation. When you go home, well, there are a lot of folks with problems stored up."

The four women freshmen-Representatives Iris Blitch (Ga.), Edith

Green (Ore.), Martha Griffiths (Mich.) and Coya Knutson (Minn.), all Democrats—will be doing some important listening in the coming months.

They want to know how the homefolks think they've been doing in their first year in Congress.

To find out, Rep. Griffiths, who campaigned in a trailer, is renting one again to tour her district. Rep. Blitch is opening an office in Homerville, Ga., where she'll be when not traveling the district.

Mrs. Knutson plans to attend Democratic meetings in every county in her district.

Mrs. Green is staying here for about two weeks after adjournment and then is heading for her Portland, Ore., home—and "I'm anxious to get there."

UP to Add Four Tracks at Hinkle

PORTLAND (AP) — The Union Pacific Railroad has announced it is adding four tracks to the terminal yard at Hinkle, near Pendleton, at a cost of \$225,000.

The announcement said the tracks, which will be used for cleaning and conditioning freight cars, will be especially helpful in speeding movement of empty cars to the north. The cars will be loaded at Yakima, Walla Walla, Spokane, Lewiston, Moscow, and Kellogg, Idaho.

JAPAN STUDIES NOISE

TOKYO (AP) — The Welfare Ministry is going to make Japan's first scientific study of city noises, smog and water contamination. Going to be pretty thorough about it too. It won't stop with factories, mines, automobiles, etc. When it comes to check up on noises it's even going to look in pachinko (pinball) parlors.

Crime Down In New York, But Not Much

NEW YORK (AP) — Every hour during the first six months of 1955, more than 11 major crimes occurred in New York City. There was nearly one murder every day, too, and each 24-hour period brought 23 robbery and assault cases.

But the figures represent a decrease of 13 per cent in major crime from the same period last year. Actually, said the crime report, the city's previously rising tide of crime has been stemmed.

STASSEN RE-ELECTED

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UP) — Cabinet member Harold E. Stassen Saturday was re-elected to another four year term as president of the International Sunday School Convention.

Indians to Keep Bulganin Busy

NEW DELHI (AP) — Soviet Premier Bulganin may have to spend at least two weeks on his visit to India next winter if he sees two spectacles the Indians are anxious to show him.

The Congress Party wants him to attend its convention at Amritsar, Jan. 11 to 16, and also the annual Republic Day parade in New Delhi, 10 days after the Congress.

Casanova in Reverse Gear

PINEROLO, Italy (AP) — Angelo Casanova, 30, added new lustre to that amorous old name.

An all-girl jury selected Casanova out of 28 contestants as the homeliest man in the Pinerolo Valley.

Stepped-Up Farm Surplus Sales Okehed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed and sent to President Eisenhower Saturday a bill to step up the program of selling U.S. surplus farm goods abroad for foreign currencies.

The measure increases from 700 million to 1½ billion dollars the amount of farm products the Commodity Credit Corp. (CCC) is authorized to sell for foreign currencies. It says the new ceiling "shall be considered an objective to be reached as rapidly as possible."

As of June 30, Eisenhower had signed 21 agreements with 17 countries under the 1954-created export program. The agreements covered \$468,800,000 worth of CCC stocks but some congressmen have contended the administration hasn't pushed the program fast enough.

Double Bad Luck Dogs Car Owner

ERLANGER, Ky. (AP) — Ted Cress is having a hard time dodging a double-edged sword of bad luck. A thief stole Cress' car from a truck parking lot, drove a few blocks and smashed into a truck at an intersection. Cress owned the truck.

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