

Ellsworth To Vote With Some Reluctance For Federal Aid To Education Measure

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Washington — Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) said he is "going to vote with some reluctance" for federal aid to education, which he fears "is a very dangerous proposition."

In a conference with a group of 18 Oregon school administrators, Ellsworth and other members of the Oregon congressional delegation outlined their viewpoints on this controversial issue.

"Maybe I'm seeing a goblin which isn't there," Ellsworth said, "but I think this will lead to the states shoving the problem of school construction over on to the federal government. And every time we do that we weaken the republic and the 48 states."

Democratic leaders in congress are pressing for House action on a bill reported out of the House Education committee last session. President Eisenhower has asked for approval of a different aid plan. Oregon would get about \$1,500,000 more each year under the Democrats' bill.

Supports Highway Bill
When Ellsworth expressed his reluctance to support aid for education, Don Campbell, superintendent of Park Rose district near Portland, asked if he was just as reluctant to vote for federal aid for state highway construction.

The congressman said he fully supported federal highway aid, which he regarded as quite different from school construction aid.

When Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) told the group that he was planning to vote against the aid bill for reasons similar to those expressed by Ellsworth concerning the philosophy of federal aid for education, Superintendent Tom Powers of Eugene said he couldn't understand how members of Congress could take that attitude when they have already approved a number of federal plans, such as school lunch aid, under which local public schools are assisted by the federal government.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said he thought federal

aid was needed because "the vast wealth of the country is concentrated in about eight heavily industrialized states, and only the federal taxing power can distribute that wealth. So the only way Oregon schools can lay claim to part of that wealth is through some sort of federal distribution."

Congressman Ellsworth replied that "if we were doing that in this school bill, I'd like it all right. But I think the bill merely collects the money and then turns it back to the states."

Ellsworth scoffed at the argu-

ment that this was slated as an emergency program to last less than five years, contending that once it was started it would be difficult to terminate it at any time. "I think we are playing with dynamite," he told the school men.

Reps. Edith Green (D-Ore.) and Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) joined Neuberger in announcing their intent to vote for the aid bill. Mrs. Green said the Democrats' Kelley bill protected local school districts against federal control by allocating funds directly to the state, so that state officials would decide

how it should be spent among the various districts as they do with state funds today.

All the members except Neuberger said they would vote for the proposed Powell amendment, which would forbid use of funds by states which had not abolished racial segregation in their public schools. Neuberger said if the Powell amendment is adopted, he thought the education bill would be filibustered to death in the Senate by Southern Democrats. The school men said they, too, opposed the Powell amendment for the same reason.

Dulles' Optimistic Statements Said Endangering Foreign Policy

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) warned today that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles may be endangering the foreign aid program with overly optimistic statements about success of U.S. foreign policy.

Senate Democrats showed no signs of letting up their intense attack on Dulles. Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) carried the attack to a new height Monday when he accused Dulles in a Senate speech of trying to show that "Soviet triumphs are really defeats and western defeats are really triumphs."

Dulles Gets Chance
Some Republicans were preparing to answer Fulbright. But they appeared to be waiting until Dulles got a chance to make his own answer at a press conference today.

Mansfield supported Fulbright Monday when the Arkansas senator challenged Dulles to tell the nation the "truth" about foreign affairs and "not treat us as children, ready to clap in delight at every fairy story, however fanciful."

Most of the attack was centered on Dulles' testimony Friday before the Senate Foreign Relations committee. Dulles maintained then that Russia has changed its tactics in world affairs because of the success of

U. S. foreign policy. Democrats immediately took exception.

Weakening of Support

Mansfield said he thought the most unfortunate results of Dulles' remark would be a weakening of congressional support for the already embattled foreign aid program.

Fulbright charged that Dulles

"misleads public opinion, confuses it, feeds it pap, tells it that if it will suppress the proof of its own senses, it will see that Soviet triumphs are really defeats and Western defeats are really triumphs."

There was no reply from the state department pending Dulles' news conference.

Eden Says Soviets In for Discussion

London — (U.P.) — Prime Minister Anthony Eden served notice today that the Soviet leaders are in for "serious discussions" that may dispel some of their "fantastic" illusions when they visit Britain in April.

Eden cut loose with a series of acid comments on recent Soviet speeches last night as he wound up House of Commons debate on foreign affairs. Parliamentary observers called it today one of the best speeches Eden has made since he became Prime Minister.

Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill sat in his back bench and grinned in appreciation as Eden warned Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev that the Communist camp was not invincible.

Eden backed up an earlier speech by Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd in which Lloyd confirmed that the invitation to Bulganin and Khrushchev to visit Britain still stands despite their series of anti-Western speeches. They arrive April 18 for eight days.

Stevenson Suggests Racial Meeting

New York — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson suggested last night that President Eisenhower use the prestige of his office to call a meeting of southern white and Negro leaders "before the situation gets out of hand."

Stevenson, who is campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, told newsmen he has been "very disturbed by mounting tensions in the South" and said "I think the situation merits the prompt attention of the President" to avoid further disorder and damage to the nation's reputation abroad.

Stevenson was in New York to meet campaign workers and to plug his new book, "What I Think," a collection of his speeches and articles since his unsuccessful presidential bid in 1952.

WRONG NUMBER
Grand Rapids, Mich. — (U.P.) — For several weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heemstra of suburban Cascade probably received more telephone calls than any couple in the Grand Rapids area. Their new telephone number was the former number of the state police post at nearby Rockford.

MOVIE FAN
Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Bill Kendall, this city's champion movie-goer, saw 154 films in 1955. That's 21 more than the previous year and brought his 25-year total to 6,327.

NO MORE TRAINS
Salem, N. H. — (U.P.) — When Frank J. Bemis, 85, sings "I've been working on the railroad," he really means it. Bemis is retiring as Boston & Maine freight agent at Salem Depot after 72 years of continuous service with railroads. He thinks that's a record.

DISAPPEARING ACT
Windsor Locks, Conn. — (U.P.) — Several hundred New Britain High School students skipped classes to see their team off to a football bowl game in Miami, Fla. They scattered when someone announced over the loudspeaker at Bradley Field, "The truant officer is on his way."



IN GOOD SHAPE—A smiling President Eisenhower shoulders his gun as he starts off on a full day of quail hunting with Treasury Secy. George Humphrey in the Piney Woods of South Georgia. Mr. Eisenhower is vacationing on Humphrey's plantation at Thomasville, Ga. Ike's doctor seemed pleased with results of the President's exercise during the 10 days he has been on the plantation. He said President was in "very good shape" and hasn't been fatigued at all.

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