

Legislation To Extend Orphan Airlift Offered by Neuberger

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Washington — Legislation to push back the fast-approaching deadline on Harry Holt's orphan airlift between Korea and Oregon has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.).

Holt is the Creswell farmer who has already adopted eight youngsters fathered in Korea by American servicemen stationed there during the recent war. He is now engaged in bringing as many other mixed-blood orphans from Korea to the United States as possible before the refugee relief act expires Dec. 31, 1956.

Neuberger's bill would extend the expiration date to Dec. 31, 1959 and also raise the ceiling on the number of orphans that may be brought in for adoption from the present limit of 4,000 to 9,000.

"One of the most urgent needs in our world today is homes for thousands of orphans who face a bleak future in their homeland," said Neuberger. "Many of them should be the direct responsibility of our people and government since they were fathered by American military personnel."

Not Accepted by Koreans
The senator pointed out that because these children are mixed-bloods they "are not accepted by the Koreans. They are mistreated, humiliated. Other children point their fingers at them and call them GI babies." He said there are an estimated 1500 American-Korean orphans in need of adoption by American families and that Holt has received requests from enough American families to take all of these youngsters—time permitting.

Holt has tried to cut down the ordinary time-consuming red

tape by personally flying to Korea to adopt children there under Korean laws for both himself and, with the power of attorney, for other families.

Politicians Clash Over Forced Union Contributions

Washington — (U.P.) — Top spokesmen for the Republican and Democratic parties clashed bitterly yesterday over whether rank-and-file labor union members are forced by their leaders to make political contributions.

The angry exchange erupted during a political panel discussion at the 44th annual meeting on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The adversaries were Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler, Republican Chairman Leonard W. Hall and Sens. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) and John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

Goldwater Makes Charge
The fireworks exploded when Goldwater raised a charge of compulsory political contributions by union members.

"There are no forced contributions," Butler replied, adding that if Goldwater believes there are "that shows you are bitterly and definitely opposed to organized labor."

There were boos from the 3,000 delegates.

"Evidently you believe in such involuntary and compulsory donations," Goldwater snapped at Butler.

"I do not," Butler retorted angrily. "And you can't prove it."

"If I can prove it, will you humbly apologize?"

"If you can prove it," Butler said, "I would admit it, but you can't prove it."

Neuberger's bill would tighten some requirements which Holt has complained of recently. The bill would require prior approval of the head of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare of each adoption.

As the law now stands, a family that goes to Korea, or other foreign lands where similar problems exist, could adopt a child without the customary checks being made of the youngster's physical condition or the ability of the parents to provide it a good home. Holt has said this is unfair to families in this country who go through the red tape of making these standard checks prior to adoption.

Neuberger's bill would also raise the age limit on orphans from 10 to 14. He said all the provisions of his measure have been recommended by the American branch of the International Social Service, Inc., the agency through which many foreign adoptions are made throughout the world.

Hearings Expected Soon

Committee hearings on bills by Neuberger and various other senators are expected to be held within a few weeks. Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.), chairman of the refugee subcommittee, is sponsoring a bill which would extend the program for three years and increase the quota to 9,000 but would not tighten adoption requirements.

Another bill being sponsored by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), top Republican on the committee, would discontinue entirely the method now being used by Holt of arranging adoptions for other families by proxy. Watkins' bill would keep 4,000 as the allowable maximum number of orphan adoptions but waive the time limit. This bill is being co-sponsored by 14 other Republican senators.

Two Scholarships Offered OTI Students

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Two scholarships for beginning students at Oregon Technical Institute were announced this week.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is offering a full tuition and fees scholarship to a first-year student. It will be given to a Klamath county high school graduate with applications to be screened by an OTI faculty committee.

A similar scholarship will be given by Dugan and Mest, local automobile dealers. In this case applicants may be graduates of high schools at Dorris and Tulelake, Calif., as well as Klamath county.

YOUNG AMERICANS

Chicago — (U.P.) — Youths from all parts of the nation will meet in Sioux City, Ia., from April 18-20 for the annual conference of Young Outdoor Americans. Two delegates chosen from each state by a committee of the Boy Scouts of America, Future Farmers of America and the 4-H clubs will discuss conservation problems of their states.

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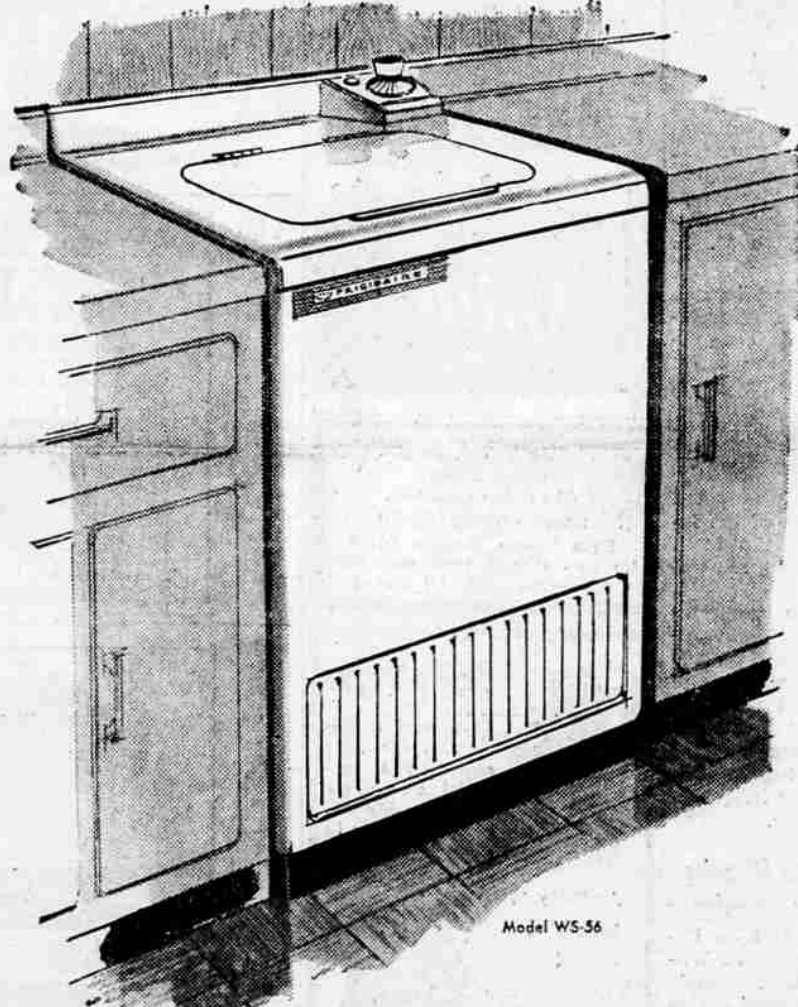
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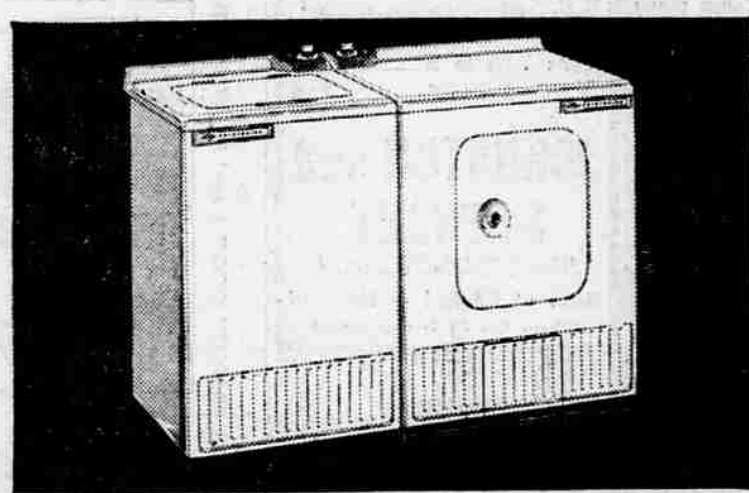
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