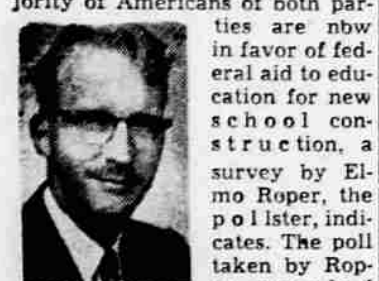


Heavy Majority of Both Parties Favor Federal School Assistance

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Washington — A heavy majority of Americans of both parties are now in favor of federal aid to education for new school construction, a survey by Elmo Roper, the pollster, indicates. The poll taken by Roper revealed that 73 per cent of those questioned expressed support for some form of federal assistance for schools and 16 per cent thought it should be done entirely on the local level. No opinion was expressed by the remaining 11 per cent.

Roper's poll is now being circulated widely by the National Education Association, the teacher organization that is leading the fight here in behalf of legislation now pending in Congress to launch a federal aid program. The House Education Committee has approved such a bill but its sponsors are awaiting what they regard as a more favorable time to bring it up for a floor vote. Many fear that the current economy wave in Congress would kill the bill if it should be brought up now.

Rebuttal to Article
"The news here," declared Roper about his findings, "is not just that the 'local only' believers are so heavily outnumbered, but that the American people as a whole give their biggest vote, quite clearly, to what many local, state and federal officials secretly believe, but are afraid to say because they think the public will be against it."

This, in effect, was a rebuttal to an article published two weeks ago by Time magazine which said that a survey it took showed that "most state officials" do not favor federal aid for schools.

Formosa Riots Part of Hostility

London — The London News Chronicle said Saturday the anti-American riots on Formosa appeared to be part of a "general hostility" toward the United States. It said Americans must learn that money cannot purchase friendship.

The News Chronicle said that anti-Americanism is part of the price the United States must pay for being the "top nation."

In a long editorial, the News Chronicle said the average American would link the Formosan riots to anti-Americanism in Britain, France and other countries.

"This is something the British people at least can understand," it said. "It is part of the price of being 'top nation.' At the beginning of the century, when Britannia ruled the waves, we were often the subject of wide execration."

Britain, it said "survived the ordeal" and so will the United States "if it keeps its head."

The News Chronicle said that Americans "must grasp that you cannot buy friends with dollars."

Roper asked those questioned to indicate a preference among three statements of position:

1. Public schools should depend entirely on local financing. 16 per cent picked this. Of Republicans asked, 18 per cent selected this, 15 per cent of the Democrats picked it and 19 per cent of the independents.

2. Federal aid for building new schools should be provided, but teachers' salaries and everything else should be paid for with local funds. 30 per cent picked this. 65 per cent of the Republicans pick this, 27 per cent of the Democrats and 29 per cent of the independents.

3. Federal aid should be given for building new schools and paying teachers' salaries. 43 per cent picked this one. For Republicans it was 37 per cent, Democrats 49 per cent and independents 42 per cent.

Majority Favors Principle
This indicates that a big majority of voters in and out of both parties favor the principle of federal aid for education.

Trailer Light Laws Changed

Salem — Turn signals and lighting requirements for certain types of trailers have been eliminated by a House bill signed into law by Gov. Robert D. Holmes and made effective immediately according to James F. Johnson, director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Under the new law, Johnson said, the operation of small utility trailers and all other trailers having a gross weight (empty weight of the trailer plus the weight of the maximum load ever carried) of 3,000 pounds or less would no longer require turn signal devices on towing vehicles or lights on trailers used during daylight hours only.

However, he emphasized that signal devices and lights would still be required for the operation of trailers loaded or built in such a way that an arm signal from the towing vehicle could not be clearly seen from the rear, and for the operation of trailers at night.

All requests for information on turn signal devices, lights and other safety equipment should be directed to the Department of Motor Vehicles, Johnson said.

McCarthy Staff May Be Kept On To Answer Mail

Washington — Senate friends of the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) are considering a move to keep his office staff on the payroll an extra month to answer 150,000 letters and telegrams which flooded in after his death.

McCarthy died May 2 of a liver ailment. Mrs. Mary Driscoll, McCarthy's personal secretary, told reporters Saturday she has been notified that the staff will be cut off the Senate payroll June 2.

However, Senate sources said McCarthy's 11-member staff will be unable to answer all the mail by July 2, and some senators are considering a resolution which would keep them at work until the mail is answered.

Roper pointed out. The only partisan difference is on the degree—whether it should be limited to school building funds or extended to cover operating expenses, which would include salaries of teachers.

President Eisenhower's school aid bill would be limited to school construction for four years to alleviate the present shortage but not be a permanent program. Democrats in Congress want to spend more on a permanent basis. The House committee has approved a compromise measure around which both parties are uniting. It provides \$300 million annually to be split among the states who must match the federal funds 50-50. It would run five years. No funds would go for salaries.

Leading the opposition to the school bill in a big lobbying campaign here is the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which claims the aid is not needed. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Folsom says the chamber has made "seriously misleading and inaccurate statements" in its campaign. Others lined up against it are National Association of Manufacturers, American Legion, American Medical Association and American Farm Bureau Federation. Labor and education groups are supporting it.



DR. SAM IS AN MC—In the first picture published since he entered the Ohio State Penitentiary July 20, 1955, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard is seen at the microphone acting as master of ceremonies for "Vandals Scandals." The show is an amateur variety show presented by inmates for fellow convicts. Dr. Sheppard is serving a life sentence for the murder of his wife, Marilyn. He works as a clerk in the institution.

Agricultural Needs Predicted

Klamath Falls — Fred Aandahl, assistant secretary of the Interior, predicted here Friday night that growing population and the encroachment of industrial sites, residential areas, highways and airports on agricultural lands will bring a balance and necessitate special efforts to meet the needs for agricultural production.

He spoke at a banquet commemorating the first delivery of water to the Bureau of Reclamation's Klamath project on May 16, 1907.

The Interior official cited the Klamath project as "one of the

most successful ones built under the federal reclamation laws." A message was read from Clair Engle of California, chairman of the House Interior and Insular affairs committee. Engle pointed out in the message that during the 50 years of the Klamath project, the federal government has invested nearly \$15 million in construction, and the project has produced crops with a gross value of more than \$350 million. Some 200,000 acres of land have been reclaimed through the project, he added.

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