

Legislative Program Next Year Will Include Some Educational Proposals

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of articles by United Press Correspondent Louis Caselle on education.

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Washington — The legislative program which President Eisenhower presents to Congress next January will include several proposals for strengthening American education.

The President is expected to repeat his plea for large-scale federal financial aid for classroom construction. This was defeated by a close vote in the House at the last session. Recent disclosures that Russia is "out-educating" America in the vital fields of science and engineering may improve its chances next year.

Other Necessary Measures
Other measures which the President considers necessary are:

1. A nationwide system for testing high school students. Academy standards of high schools now vary so widely by communities that the average diploma is virtually meaningless. Administering uniform tests to all students would enable each school to see how its standards compare with the rest of the country, and would put pressure on lax schools to tighten up. There is likely to be strenuous opposition to this idea from state education officials who see it as a device for the federal government to set minimum requirements for high school diplomas.
2. Financial incentives for high-aptitude students to pursue scientific or professional studies. Russia channels the top 30 per cent of its high school graduates into institutions of higher learning to be trained as scientists, engineers or teachers. Soviet students who make good grades are actually paid a salary for attending college.
3. An expanded program to improve the quality of science and mathematics teaching in U.S. schools. About \$15 million is being spent this year on such projects. The National Science Foundation, for example, has awarded grants totalling \$4,350,000 to 17 colleges to conduct training institutes for high school math and science teachers.
4. Fellowships for college students preparing for teaching careers. These presumably would be concentrated in the fields of mathematics and science, where the most acute shortages of high school teachers now exist.

Silk No Complete Remedy
Even if all these proposals are approved, federal authorities say they will not add up to a complete remedy for America's educational problems. The biggest part of the job of planning a financing better schools will continue to rest with local communities.

Marion B. Folsom, secretary of health, education and welfare warned that this job cannot be done cheaply.

"The dollar cost of meeting our increased education needs will be immense by current standards," he said. "But our concern should center on the far greater cost of not meeting the challenge that faces American education."

America is the richest nation in the world, he said, and there is no question that we can "afford" a top-notch school system if we really want it.

"It is a matter of voluntarily assigning the proper priorities, of making the correct choices, for the investment of our resources."

"Conceivably, we may have to get along with a little less chrome and perhaps a few less country clubs in American civilization in order to have more classrooms and more and better-paid teachers."

57 Million Americans Last Year Gave \$6 Billion to Institutions

By FRED DANZIG
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New York — Has a friend or neighbor just "put the bite" on you for a worthy charity?

If, not you're being neglected. This is the season for philanthropy, with the Christmas spirit and tax regulations being what they are.

Last year, 57 million Americans contributed six billion dollars to support 500,000 gift-supported institutions such as libraries, hospitals and universities.

Collecting this money were 35 million volunteers, nearly one out of every five people in our country. This army was directed largely by about 450 professional fund-raising firms and 12,500 trained fund-raisers who received about 5½ million dollars in fees last year.

Operate On Fee Basis
It's a business that is behind our largest charity drives, for the fund-raising counselors set up and direct the machinery for collecting the cash. They operate on a fixed fee basis and do not collect money, which is the solicitor's job.

The fund-raising counsels, many of whom belong to the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsels, Inc., a trade organization, generally scorn the sidewalk coin box method. "It's not very profitable or dignified," said one executive.

Another not-too-popular device is the direct mail solicitation. Many fund-raisers resort to the mails only as a last gasp, or "mopping up" operation.

In setting up a charity drive funds, the fund-raisers start by working up "the case," or arguments to be used for creating support. They also seek strong leadership for the philanthropy, a solid corps of volunteer workers and, of course, an audience that has money to spare.

Millionaires, as a group, give the largest amounts to charity, percentage-wise. In 1945, they gave about 9 per cent of their income to charity. Now they give about 12 per cent. The rest of us give between 3 and 5 per cent.

Franklin Raised Funds
Our fund-raising counsellors have come a long way since the days of Benjamin Franklin, who raised money for a hospital in Pennsylvania back in Colonial times.

World War I, with its Liberty and Victory Loan drives, gave the fund-raising profession a big boost, and they've been doing well ever since. Some of our older, most experienced firms have become specialists. The Ward, Dreshman and Reinhardt Company, for example, handles only church appeals and church-related campaigns. The Will, Folsom and Smith firm specializes in hospitals.

In order to squeeze out the crooks, 22 states have enacted laws that govern charity campaigns and an additional 13 states are in the process of adopting regulatory legislation. In addition, many cities have their own ordinances aimed at keeping out the phony charity.

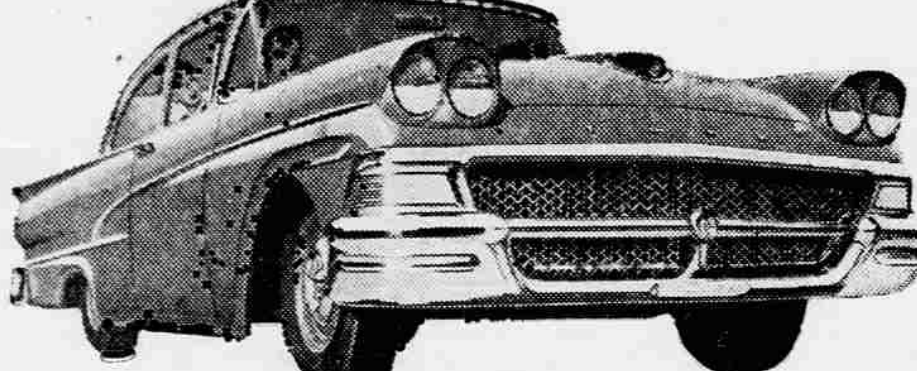
One estimate said that in 1950, 3 per cent of our contributions went to racketeers. Because of state and local laws, and the work of such groups as the Better Business Bureau, the National Information Bureau, the chambers of commerce and the AAFRC, the percentage is "way down."

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Allergic Reactions To Vaccine Caused by Silk, Research Shows

BY DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor
New York — Silk is the reason why some people get allergic reactions from vaccines and other "biological" medicines, according to the scientific solution of a long-standing puzzle in allergy.

The silk is the silk through which the vaccines and other "biologicals" were filtered in the process of manufacture. There they picked up the silk "antigen" which sets off an allergic reaction in sensitive persons.

The solution was contained in two reports to the American Academy of Allergy. One investigator found minute amounts of the antigen in Asian flu vaccine and in the Salk polio vaccine of four out of five manufacturers.

Use Silk Filters
The latter was odd because the procedures for making the Salk vaccine are exceedingly strict and they do not include filtration through silk. However, the investigator, Dr. Monroe Coleman, of the Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, pointed out that some companies filter distilled water through silk and use this water in making vaccines.

Dr. Coleman was stimulated into an exacting investigation of silk antigens (or lack of it) in the ducts of four manufacturers and single products of nine others.

The stimulation came from a study by a group of Cleveland doctors headed by Dr. Harold J. Friedman of a boy who had a strange flare-up of long-arrested asthma after receiving the combined vaccine for whooping cough, tetanus, and diphtheria. They traced the flare-up to a silk antigen contained in the vaccine.

Coleman pointed to five recorded cases of "severe immediate allergic reactions" in silk-sensitive persons after vaccinations. He said he knew of five others and estimated there have been "many more whose true nature were not recognized."

27 per cent incident
He granted that it was not possible to estimate how many people who have one or more allergies are specifically allergic to silk. However, he tested 250 such persons with silk extract and found that 69 were, which is an incidence of 27 per cent.

"The risk of dangerous allergic reactions to silk could be reduced by banning the use of silk filters in the pharmaceutical industry," he said. "As substitutes, glass filters, various forms of Seitz-type filter and nylon and stainless steel screens are available."

"At the present time, silk-sensitive patients should be warned of the possible danger of biological injections. If possible, they should be skin tested with each product before use."

Dr. Friedman and his associates, in their report to the academy, suggested that manufacturers should indicate in printed matter accompanying biologicals whether there is any chance of the silk antigen being in them. This printed matter should also contain "a warning of its potential danger to silk-sensitive individuals."

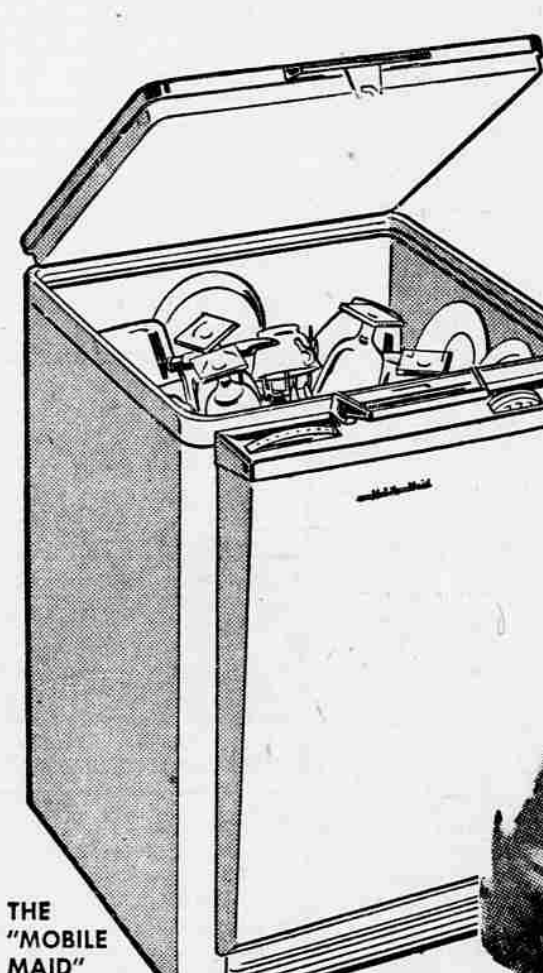
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