

Congressional Promotion of Education TV May Escape Bind

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Washington—A modest new federal program proposed in Congress to promote educational television with financial grants may escape the current political bind between the so-called Democratic spenders and Republican economizers.

This legislation would offer up to \$1,000,000 in grants to each state for purchase and installation of apparatus needed to get educational television stations on the air. Leading educators from coast to coast have urged Congress to pass the bill.

Although the measure has bipartisan sponsorship in Congress, the Eisenhower administration takes a dim view of it. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur Flemming states the administration position this way:

"We have no information indicating that a federal program, such as this bill would provide, is necessary to assure continuing development of educational television, or that there is an inability to finance the acquisition and installation of transmitting equipment."

Joins Magnuson
Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee and a frequent advocate of federal spending programs, has been joined by Sen. Andrew Schoepel (R-Kan.), a conservative midwesterner who normally opposes federal programs, as sponsors of the bill in the Senate. Magnuson got it out of his committee favorably a week ago, with little doubt it would receive quick attention from the Senate which passed it last year only to see it get caught in the last minute legislative bottleneck in the House.

Since the Federal Communications Commission reserved 242 channels for educational use seven years ago, 37 stations have been activated. Magnuson's committee, after its hearings, reported this finding:

"The failure of the educators to use these channels is not the result of lack of interest, desire, planning or zeal on their part. The largest problem which faces the educators in using television is concerned mainly with the lack of funds to pay for the basic installation of the TV facilities and stations. Experience has demonstrated that once a TV station has been built, state legislatures, local educational systems and local communities have raised the funds to produce the programs over these stations. The educators have shown them-

selves to be budget-minded people and with meager operating funds have produced outstanding program service. The problem which faces the American educator is to secure the basic funds to build the station in the first place."

Total \$1 Million
Under the bill, grants can be received by a number of groups or organizations for educational TV, but the total for the state cannot exceed \$1 million. Operation and maintenance of the facilities must be undertaken by the state, under the control of state agencies or public education officials, or a non-profit organization designed to handle the job, or state colleges, universities or teachers colleges.

The Extension Division of the Oregon State System of higher education, operating on channel 7 from studios in Corvallis, Eugene and Salem, would qualify for financial aid. So, presumably, would Portland's Community Television, Inc., a volunteer non-profit organization which is now seeking financial aid to use Portland channel 10 which is reserved for education.

Oregon's entrance into this field last year made it one of seven states in which the state appropriated funds directly to support statewide or partially statewide educational TV operations. Others were Alabama, Florida, Georgia, New York, North Carolina and Oklahoma. Many other states contribute indirectly through appropriations to their state universities.

Magnuson's committee estimated that the present college enrollment of 3,800,000 will rise to 6,400,000 by 1970, little more than a decade from now. It reported that Dr. John C. Ivey, executive vice president of New York University, testified that this would inevitably mean "a decline in the quality of instruction in our colleges and universities if they operate in the manner in which they have in the past." Dr. Ivey said he was "forced personally to embrace television as a medium of instruction to help provide for educational opportunities both of a quality and quantitative nature that we would not otherwise be able to do."

Capabilities Outstripped
Dean Gordon Sabine of Michigan State was quoted as saying "the educational needs of the United States have so far outstripped the educational capabilities of the nation that we must have educational television to help us win the fight to educate a whole people. Without it, we surely are defeated."

Whether the administration's failure to support this program would result in a presidential veto, no one knows. Total cost of the bill would be \$51 million. Each

state, Hawaii and the District of Columbia would have five years in which to take advantage of its allocation. That would end the program. It would not be a continuous program requiring periodic additional appropriations. The administration's point of view, expressed by Secretary Flemming, is that "federal assistance in the development of educational television is most effectively rendered through the assignment of transmitting channels for educational use, the general encouragement of ultrahigh frequency transmission, and study and research in the utilization for educational purposes."

Hafield To Name Rail Car Committee

Salem—Gov. Mark Hatfield shortly will name an emergency transportation committee to act during an impending rail car shortage crisis.

The committee will be able to advise the governor during shortages.

"The current situation—particularly in double-door types—has plagued the southern Oregon area periodically, but it threatening to become acute," Hatfield said.

"While some shippers are devising means of coping with the problem of single-door cars," he explained, "consignees presently do not have suitable equipment at hand to unload shipments."

The governor said he had received information that eastern railroads, with a high percentage of cars on the repair list, were largely responsible for the double-door car supply situation "tightening up" this early in the season.

Roseburg Woman Guilty of Arson

Roseburg—Mrs. Caroline Peden, 57, Winston and Roseburg restaurant operator, was found guilty by a Circuit Court jury late Wednesday of first degree arson in connection with the burning of a house she owned in Winston last July.

GOLD HILL Card Party Scheduled

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Gold Hill—Mrs. Clarence Parsley, ways and means chairman of Amethyst Rebekah lodge, announced that a card party will be held as a fund raising project for the organization. She said tentative plans are to have one once a month.

The first is scheduled Wednesday, March 25, and will be with a potluck luncheon to be served at 1 p.m. Mrs. Parsley said there will be a small charge, and the public is invited.

Officials of the Gold Hill Health unit reminded all women of the community that a film on cancer entitled, "Time and Two Women," will be shown at the Gold Hill Community Methodist church at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 17. A doctor will be present for the informative discussion.

Child care will be under the supervision of Mrs. Paul Mollay, local cancer chairman for the unit, and Mrs. Ted Schoenemenn, president of the group.

Members of the health unit will serve refreshments during the social hour in the dining room.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Smith and children of Yakima, Wash., are guests in the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Governor and family. They also will visit other relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Governor, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Governor and her father, Barney Governor, while they are here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jahnke of Portland visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gascon and Arthur were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman and daughter, Debbie, Mrs. R. Baumgartner and daughter, Ronda, all of Medford, and Mrs. George Dorman of Gold Hill.

Mrs. Elmer Dungey in Gold Hill recently. They were enroute to Arizona, where they planned to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marsden Jr. and family, former Gold Hill residents, and other friends.

Recent dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert

Gascon and Arthur were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman and daughter, Debbie, Mrs. R. Baumgartner and daughter, Ronda, all of Medford, and Mrs. George Dorman of Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dotson and children, Teresa and George, of Medford visited at the Albert Gascon home last Sunday.

Mrs. N. C. Swindler and

daughter, Mrs. Tom Mazelle, and baby, Joyce, of Redding, Calif., visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Z. Smith and Mrs. Edith Thompson last week end. Mrs. Smith, who has been visiting in Redding, planned to return with them where she will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mazelle.

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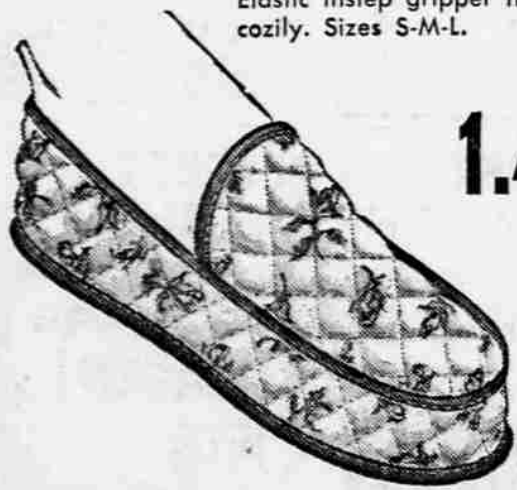
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