TOP DEMOCRATS–Some of the top Democrats met shortly after the Senate convened for its special summer session Monday. From left, they are Sen. Olin Johnston (S.C.); vice presidential nominee Lyndon Johnson, senate majority leader; presidential nominee John F. Kennedy, and Henry Jackson, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. (UPI Telephoto)

Parents Want to Know What Child Is Doing in Class

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles furnished by the National Education association. Today's article deals with parents' desire to know what the child is doing in class.)

Washington, D.C. – It was the end of the first week of school. As the dismissal bell rang, the little first-grader caught her teacher's hand.

"Please, Miss Brown," she said, "will you tell me what I learned today? Every night, my Daddy wants to know!"

Wanting to know what is happening to and for his child in the unfamiliar world of school is the hallmark of every parent. It's written all over his crisp or cagey version of the question . . . "and what did you do in school today?"

Actually a child brings home a report card every day, according to the National Education association. Sometimes, though, the parent has to turn sleuth to be able to read it.

If he bursts through the door singing lustily, she can deduce that it's been a good day at school; and a little later, if she plays her cards right, she may find that he's going to read Amahl's lines in the puppet opera, or that he made A in a science test.

Bad Day Figuring

Figuring out why he's had a bad day – or a series of them – takes more than a "Spock" of genius, however. He may give it away in conversations with his friends ("I don't see why that old teacher gets so sore when a guy loses his spelling list"), or by the drawings and tests and written work he doesn't bring home, or by a chance remark that reveals he's floundering badly in some school subject.

Schools nowadays realize that you want to know how Johnny's doing in relation to his own potential and in relation to others at his grade level. They don't leave you sitting there, stunned, with a piece of cardboard in your hand, wondering how he's ever going to get into college with a report card like this. Schools go to a great deal of trouble to arrange conferences with your child's teacher that will supplement the report card.

Special Understanding

You take to such a conference your own special understanding of what Johnny is like at home. The teacher brings her insight into what he's like away from home. Everybody gains.

You may be surprised to find how much the teacher knows about you, especially if your child is still in the primary grades. She knows whether you're getting a new convertible or a divorce or a visit from relatives, when you're going to move, and where you buy your hats.

She'll want your advice. She may ask you such questions as: What school activities does Johnny talk about at home? What are his play materials? Does he have any home responsibilities? What kind of discipline does he respond to? What kinds of things does he enjoy at home with the family? What do you consider his real strengths? Honest answers to questions like these will enable her to plan her teaching of Johnny more effectively, and will provide clues for you to work with her to help him over any rough spots.

Police Receive Report of Five Traffic Accidents

Several automobile accidents have recently been reported to Medford police, some slightly injuring the persons involved.

Early Monday morning cars operated by Harold Helmley Wilson, 3045 Table Rock rd., Medford, and Cleve Charles Ferris, 526 Palm st., also Medford, were involved in a two-car collision at the intersection of 12th st. and Central ave. Ferris, 74, was slightly injured and was transported to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford ambulance service.

Within 15 minutes of the first accident, at 8 a.m. police received reports of an accident at the intersection of Third st. and Ivy st. involving cars operated by Joann Carol Hollingsworth, 317 Orange st., and Darlene Kathryn Bennet, 315 Haven st., both Medford. Injured in the clash were passengers in the Hollingsworth vehicle, Jerry Douglas Hollingsworth, 4, and Thomas Leonard Hollingsworth, 3, who were both taken to Sacred Heart hospital.

Darlene Bennet was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

At 2:21 p.m. yesterday cars operated by Carl August Schuppenies, 705 Palm st., and Gerald Leonard Christean, 3084 Crater Lake highway, collided at the intersection of Fourth and Holly sts., according to city police. Christean was cited for failure to yield the right of way, according to police reports.

Police received reports at 4:12 p.m. Monday that a car operated by Frances Lelaine Rush, 9 Lewis ave., Medford, had collided with a parked car with Washington license on North Fir st. The owner was not located, according to reports.

At 5:10 p.m. Monday a car operated by Judith Eleanor Sabo, 257 Winema way, and a truck operated by Richard Rudolph Hein, Box A, Jacksonville, collided on West Main st. between Jeanette st. and Kenwood st. Police cited Hein for following too close.

Invasion of New Forest Pest Seen

Salem–(UPI)–A new destructive forest pest may have invaded Oregon.

Ernest D. Pearson of the forest insect and disease section of the State Forestry Department said Tuesday that strenuous efforts are being made by foresters, entomologists and farmers to determine if the European pine shoot moth has come.

The destructive insect has been discovered in ornamental pines and in some commercial nurseries in Oregon, and immediate steps are being taken to detect and eradicate any infestation that might occur in the state.

The moth attacks two and three needled pines.

Pearson said it is a definite threat to the Ponderosa and lodgepole pine stands in eastern Oregon.

Japan Industry Men in Portland

Portland–(UPI)–Seven Japanese industrialists from the Shikoku region visited in Portland Tuesday.

The group arrived in San Francisco last week, and after Tuesday's Portland visit continued on to Seattle Wednesday. The members will then visit Minneapolis, Chicago, Cleveland, Boston, New York and Washington. The nationwide tour concludes Sept. 7.

'Suspicious Subject' Is Washington Boy

Medford police took into custody Monday a 15-year-old Kelso, Wash., boy on a charge of delinquent juvenile runaway, and placed him in the juvenile detention home.

Shortly before noon William A. Hatzi, assistant manager at Safeway Stores, Medford, told police of a "suspicious subject" at the store, Fifth st. and Bartlett st., Medford. The youth was reported to have taken a small amount of merchandise, and, when questioned by the store personnel, said he had run away from home.

City police contacted the teen-ager's father, who is to pick up the boy.

Nixon To Appear Before Editors

Washington – (UPI) – Vice President Richard M. Nixon accepted an invitation Tuesday to appear before the Washington conference of UPI editors and publishers at the Statler Hilton hotel Sept. 9.

A similar invitation was extended to Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

The vice president will make himself available to answer questions put to him by UPI delegates, who will gather here from newspapers in 50 states to discuss vital problems ranging from objective political coverage in a presidential election year to critical international and domestic situations.

Jobless Payments Top $312 Million

Salem–(UPI)–Oregon jobless have been paid more than $312 million since the state's Unemployment law was enacted nearly 25 years ago.

David H. Cameron, commissioner of the Department of Employment, said Tuesday the total includes all payments made between Jan. 24, 1938, when the first check was paid, and June 30, 1960.

JUDGE DIES

Chicago–(UPI)–Judge Grover C. Neimeyer, 79, a member of Illinois' superior, appellate and circuit courts for 27 years died Tuesday.

Ohio Democrat Wants Increased Defense Spending

Washington – (UPI) – Sen. Stephen Young (O-Ohio) says Congress should vote $2 billion over what the administration wants for defense because President Eisenhower is not "up to date" on American military needs.

Young, known for his outspoken comments both on and off the Senate floor, said he felt there was "a feeling of smugness in this administration that President Eisenhower is the last word of authority on defense."

". . . I think that warfare has so changed that he is not," Young declared.

The Ohio Senator voiced his views as the Senate reconvened for a post-convention "bobtail" session.

Young said he thought Congress should get busy and appropriate the extra defense money during the next three weeks so that this country can move faster in trying to catch up with the Russian missile and space lead.

Kennedy Would Close Gap

"It would not surprise me at all," he said, "if the Russians attempt to place a man on the moon before the end of the year."

Young said that if Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) was elected president this November, he would do away with "this 40-hour week in missile development and rocketry" and close the missile gap within "a couple of years."

The Ohio Senator, turning to the international scene, said he didn't favor formal diplomatic recognition of Red China but felt this country could still trade with them and possibly get rid of some surpluses.

"There's a market for the products of American farms and factories," he said. "Doing business with the Chinese and trading our products does not imply recognition of the Red Chinese government."

Young said also that he believed Red China must be included in any international agreement for disarmament and a nuclear test ban.

Both Fast, Slow Drivers Are Menace

The non-conformist driver who picks his own speed regardless of traffic conditions is a "menace to all others on the road," Medford Chief of Police Charles Champlin said today.

"The driver who goes to fast causes accidents," Champlin said, "and the driver who goes too slow contributes to traffic congestion which, in turn, increases the possibility of accidents on crowded city streets and heavily-traveled highways."

He added, "Both the speedy and the pokey driver need to adjust their speed to traffic conditions."

"A driver who adjusts his speed to traffic conditions is one who keeps pace with the flow of traffic. Ideally, if all drivers followed this practice, there would be little need for anyone to pass other vehicles, and our accident rate would plummet."

RETIRED PRESIDENT DIES

West Deal, N.J.–(UPI)–Alexander H. Aronson, 68, retired president of Ronson Art Metal Works Inc., reputedly the world's largest cigarette lighter makers, died Monday.

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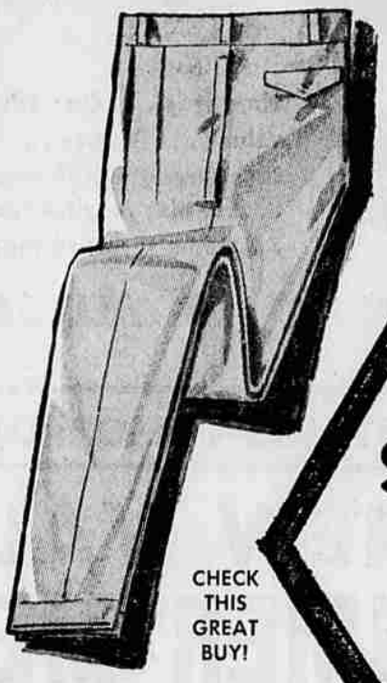

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