

Demo Leaders in Congress Say Aid-to-Education Bill 'Must' for August Session

Washington—(UPI)—Democratic leaders say an aid-to-education bill is a "must" for the August session of Congress. But a large number of Republicans and Southern Democrats are none too anxious to send a school bill from Capitol Hill to the White House, and it's just possible that President Eisenhower would not want to sign it if it got

there. A sharp fight on the issue is likely.
Action So Far
Both the House and the Senate have passed education bills, but the provisions differ in major respects. The Senate bill authorizes about \$1.8 billion over two years in federal grants to the states, to be used for school construction or teachers' salaries. Under the Senate bill, funds would be allocated on the basis of need, with the poorer states receiving more per school-age child than the wealthier states. The House bill authorizes

about \$1.3 billion over four years for school construction only, and does not contain any "equalization formula" to give more money to the poorer states. In addition, the House bill carries a rider, sponsored by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.), declaring that schools constructed with the federal funds "shall be available to students without regard to race, creed, color, national origin or religion, in accordance with the decisions of the United States Supreme Court."

The House Rules Committee June 22 voted 5-7 against allowing the bill to go to conference to iron out these differences. However, House and Senate leaders were already informally working out a compromise. Final agreement on a plan would probably bring enough pressure on the Rules Committee to get it to release the bill for a formal conference.
Under the compromise, the Senate would accept the House's four-year authorization of \$1.3 billion and forego

aid for teachers' salaries; the House, in turn, would drop the Powell amendment and accept an equalization formula.
But the bill faces several additional hurdles. Democrats and the Administration are still at odds over a plan for the states to put up funds matching those contributed by the Federal Government. Democratic sponsors of the House bill wrote in a provision that either state or local governments could put up the matching funds in the first two years, giving the states

some time to set up machinery to raise the money. Republicans are insisting that state governments should be forced to assume the matching obligations all four years. Both sides say they won't yield, but it is unlikely that this point of difference alone would prevent a bill from passing.
President's Position
A more important question—to which the final answer is still unknown—is whether President Eisenhower would sign the compromise bill. The Administration aid-to-education plan, rejected by both houses, would have spread federal payments over a period of 30-35 years by helping local

areas pay the costs of long-term school bonds. Whether Mr. Eisenhower would be agreeable to a short-run program of direct grants is uncertain. Possibly, compromises have put the bill in a shape acceptable to the President.
But if the President indicates to his Congressional leaders that he won't sign the bill, Republicans will do their best to block the bill's passage and embarrass the Democratic Congress rather than risk a veto embarrassing to themselves.

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KF Hopeful Of Federal Support For Reservation

Washington—(UPI)—Members of a Klamath Falls delegation were hopeful today that they had won federal support for their drive to keep the Klamath Indian reservation intact. The delegation favors administering the reservation as a separate national forest.

Laurence Shaw, Klamath Falls lumberman and delegation spokesman, said they were given "a good hearing" when they made their rounds of government agencies Wednesday.

Elmer Bennett, undersecretary of interior, told the delegation he was "in accord" with their belief that the reservation should be managed as a separate unit by the forest service. The service will acquire administration of the reservation on April 1, 1961. They also conferred with Edward Cliff, acting director of the forest service, and Edward Crafts, his assistant.

Courteous Hearing
"Both men gave us courteous hearing," Shaw said. Cliff told the group that management plans for the reservation were still being worked out.

"There seems to be no controversy with our case," Shaw said.

Also in the Klamath Falls party were Frank Jenkins, editor of the Herald News; Nelson Reed, former chairman of the Oregon-Klamath River Water Commission and Al Hatton, a merchant.

In addition, Wayne Gaskins and Leonard Netzorg, represented the Western Forest Industries Association of Portland.
Linked Economically
The delegation told forest service officials that the town of Klamath Falls is economically and historically linked to the reservation.

It said this "continuity would be spoiled" if its administrative set-up was changed. Today, they meet with Undersecretary of Agriculture Ervin Petersen; Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.) and Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.).

News Agency, Union Agree On Contract

New York—(UPI)—United Press International and the Commercial Telegraphers' Union have accepted an arbitrator's award for a new two-year contract covering operators and maintenance men employed by UPI.

The award was written by Saul Wallen, Boston, impartial arbitrator, on Aug. 10.

The CTU acceptance was announced Wednesday by Reynold A. di Cula, national committeeman for the UPI division of the union after the members of the division had voted on the award.

Ross Downing, UPI personnel manager, accepted for the company.

Charter Issue To Appear On Ballot

Astoria—(UPI)—The Clatsop county central labor council said Wednesday it has obtained enough petition signatures to ensure placement on the November ballot of a measure calling for changes in the Astoria city charter.

The proposals would extend civil service to almost all city employees, and would gather collective bargaining privileges to organizations representing city employees.

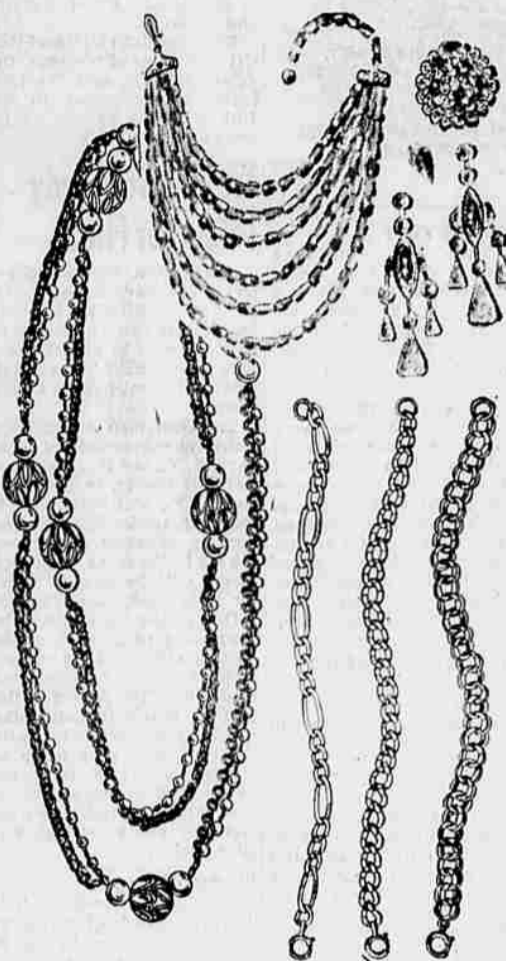
Charges Filed Against Prison

Portland—(UPI)—A petition charging prison hardships and denial of religious freedom at Oregon State penitentiary was filed in U.S. district court here Wednesday by Lillard James Gibbs, 21, an inmate of the prison.

Gibbs claimed he was placed in isolation for as long as four nights and three days, and was denied bedding, food, and medicine for him by the penitentiary physician.

Gibbs also said he was denied religious freedom at the penitentiary. His petition was the second filed in district court here charging denial of religious freedom.

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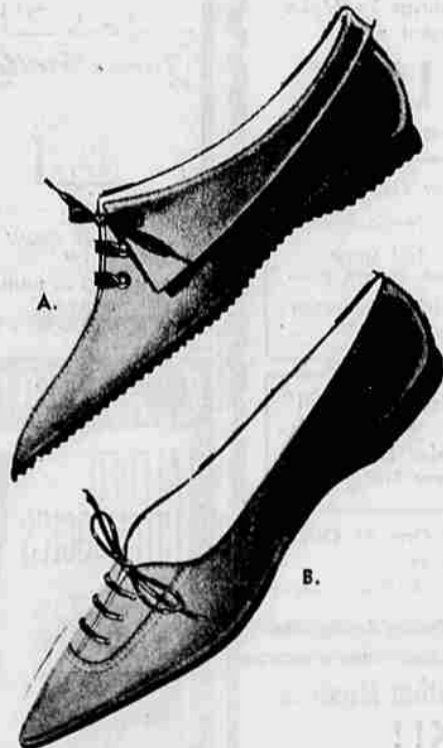
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