

School Financing Seen As Hot Issue In Fall Campaign

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How to finance the ever-mounting cost of America's school system is likely to be one of the hottest domestic issues of this fall's election campaign.

On this question, unlike some others, there are clear-cut differences between the two major parties and their presidential candidates.

The basic dispute concerns the role which the federal

government should play in underwriting public school costs which have hitherto been borne almost entirely by state and local governments.

The Democratic platform calls for "generous" Federal grants which states may use for whatever educational purposes they deem most pressing, including classroom construction and/or teachers' salaries.

Won't Interfere
It pledges that this federal support will be extended in such a way that it will not interfere with "the traditional framework of local control."

The Republican platform endorses Federal aid for classroom construction only in needy school districts which are unable to go it alone. But it emphasizes that "primary responsibility" for school cost "must remain with the local community and the state." And it warns that "any large plan of Federal Aid to education, such as direct contributions to or grants for teachers' salaries, can only lead ultimately to Federal domination and control of our schools."

Party platforms are, of course, subject to a good deal of "interpretation" by the Presidential candidates who run on them.

Democrat John F. Kennedy has fully committed himself, both in his campaign speeches and by his Senate voting record, to the position taken by the Democratic platform. He has said that state and local governments no longer have "adequate tax sources" to carry school costs alone, and that the Federal government must take on a major part of the burden in the interests of "National survival."

When the Senate acted earlier this year on a bill to provide Federal grants for classroom construction, Kennedy was one of the principal sponsors of an amendment to increase the grants and allow states to use them for teachers' salaries if they chose to do so.

Died in Adjournment
The amendment was adopted, but the bill died when Congress adjourned because the House Rules committee refused to let a conference committee attempt to work out a compromise between differing Senate and House versions of school aid legislation.

Republican Richard M. Nixon has gone on record as believing that the Federal government should "limit its aid to classroom construction" and should not make any direct contribution toward regular school operating expenses such as teachers' salaries.

He has not yet spelled out his views on the kind and quantity of aid the Federal government should provide for classroom construction. But there are hints from the Nixon camp that he will eventually come out for a somewhat broader program of Federal Construction grants than the Eisenhower Administration was willing to endorse at the last session of Congress, or than the Republican platform seems to envision.

INSTRUCTION CLASSES
Both children's and adult instruction classes will get under way next week at St. Peter's Lutheran church, according to the Rev. John E. Simon, pastor of the church. The boys' and girls' confirmation class will meet on Saturday, Sept. 24, and the adult class meets Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Simon will be in charge of both of these classes.

Witnesses To Attend Kingdom Ministry School

Harlan S. Nixon, presiding minister of the Medford congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, and George W. Smyth, presiding minister of the Central Point congregation, will leave this week end to attend the fall session of the Kingdom Ministry school in South Lansing, N.Y.

The Kingdom Ministry school's program consists of 24 days of training. The course has been prepared by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society to help the overseers of congregations, the local minister said.

Nine miles north of Ithaca, N.Y., is the Watchtower Kingdom Ministry school. The school is located on Kingdom farm, an 800-acre tract that supplies food, not only for the school, but for the 600 people living at the executive and publishing headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y. Kingdom farm also furnishes 21 products that contribute to an almost self-sufficient community.

The advanced Bible training course begins Sept. 19, with enrollment of ministers from all over the United States and concludes Oct. 15. Associate Minister Ernest V. Odear will supervise the Medford congregation activity and Eldon Holmes will oversee the activity of the Central Point congregation during the absence of the local ministers.

"Does the Bible Teach What You Believe?" will be the topic of the public talk Sunday at the Kingdom hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2402 Jacksonville highway, at 6 p.m. The Watchtower study at 7:15 p.m. will be "Maintaining Right Conduct Among the Nations."

Tuesday at 8 p.m. the Bible study will be "Your Will be Done on Earth."

Methodist Pastors To Speak Sunday

Dr. George Roseberry, minister of First Methodist church, will preach on the theme "If I Were Young Again" Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service. The service will honor the Job's Daughter's Bethels.

The music for the service will include an anthem "Jacob's Ladder" sung by the youth choir. The solo will be "God Make Me Kind" sung by Mrs. Pauline Bush.

The Rev. Robert Dowrey will preach at the 11 a.m. service on the subject "Bread or Stone." This service is the Rally Day service for the church and the church school. The chancel choir will sing "Jacob's Ladder" and Mrs. Bush will sing "God Make Me Kind."

The Methodist Youth Fellowship Fireside will be held at the home of Mr. Dowrey Sunday at 8:30 p.m. The Oiler Youth Fellowship will hold their Fireside at the home of Dr. Vern Wilson. The State OYF President Dick Tracy and Peggy Harney will be in charge of the discussion.

The board of trustees will meet at the parsonage for a 7 a.m. breakfast meeting on Tuesday. The official board will meet at the church Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. The School of Christian Living will meet at the church at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

West Coast Gets OK on Suspension

Washington—AP—The Civil Aeronautics Board Thursday authorized West Coast Airlines to suspend service temporarily at the Newport-Toledo, Ore., airport.

The board accepted the airline's contention there has not been enough traffic generated there to warrant continuation of the service.

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