



SECRETARY AND FAMILY - This photo from Morgantown, W. Va., shows the Secretary of the Army-designate and Mrs. Elvis J. Stahr Jr., and their three children, from left, Stephanie, 8; Bradford Lanier, 2, and Stuart Edward, 3. Mrs. Stahr is the former Dorothy Howland Berfield of New York. (UPI Telephoto)

JFK Made 220 Specific Statements Of Policy During Election Campaign

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY
Washington - (CQ) - During the election campaign, President-elect John F. Kennedy made 220 specific statements of policy which he implicitly or explicitly promised to carry out if elected.

From his acceptance speech July 15, 1960 to the eve of his election, Nov. 7, the transcripts of all of his speeches and of the prepared texts were analyzed by Congressional Quarterly. Also included were press conferences, TV debates and public letters which occurred during the campaign.

In every field from national security to civil rights, Kennedy made specific promises. Each of the 220 commitments is recorded by CQ in his own words.

CQ found that the President-elect made seven items matters of "priority." They are:

1. "If I am elected I will give the farm problem top priority in the opening weeks of my Administration." Lancaster, Wis., Oct. 23.
2. "I have pledged myself and my party to the immediate enactment of a program of medical care for the aged through Social Security . . .

And if I am elected President next Tuesday that pledge will not be filed away with old unmet campaign promises—it will be at the very top of my agenda for action. For I intend to submit such a program to Congress within 30 days after I take office." Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 1.

School Construction Bill
3. " . . . one of the first items on the Democratic agenda in 1961 is the passage of an adequate bill for school construction." Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 2.

4. "Our Democratic platform specifically states that we must remove the distinctions between native-born and naturalized citizens . . . I shall insist that this pledge be given high priority." Hyannis, Mass., Aug. 6.

5. "The next President must promptly send to Congress a special message requesting the funds and authority necessary to give us a nuclear retaliatory power second to none." Washington, D.C., Sept. 20.

6. "I would convene a working conference of public and power experts in January to work out an African educational system." Washington, D.C., Sept. 21.

7. "During your primary I pledged that within 60 days of my election I would send to

the Congress a complete program to restore and revive the economy of West Virginia . . . and all other neglected areas of our country. Today, I reaffirm that pledge." Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 19.

New Committees
In 12 of his promises, Kennedy proposed the establishment of new committees, conferences and agencies, such as:

" . . . there is a need for a second International Conference on Food and Agriculture, similar to the one held at Hot Springs, Va., under the leadership of President Roosevelt." Pamphlet, Agricultural Policy for the New Frontier.

"I propose the establishment of an educational extension service within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare." Los Angeles, Nov. 2.

"We should establish a multilateral development loan fund — a fund directed by Western and African nations." Bowling Green, Ky., Oct. 8.

"We will establish a Council of Resources and Conservation Advisors in the Office of the President . . . Billings, Mont., Sept. 22.

Foreign Policy
Kennedy's appointees in the field of foreign affairs have their work cut out for them. The President-elect made 54 specific promises in this field. Among them:

" . . . we must embark on a bold and imaginative new program for the development of Africa." . . . we must help provide the development capital which can transform the resources of Africa . . . into a higher standard of living for the African people." Bowling Green, Oct. 8.

"The United States must meet its commitments in Berlin." Third radio-TV debate, Oct. 13.

"We must promptly initiate a major broadcast program for Cuba." . . . we must attempt to strengthen the non-Batista democratic anti-Castro forces in exile, and in Cuba itself." Statement, Oct. 21.

" . . . we must help provide the funds — the long-term development loans — essential to a growing economy (in Latin America)." "We must act to stabilize the prices of the principal commodity exports of Latin America." "We must encourage and aid programs of land reform." Tampa, Fla., Oct. 18.

" . . . we must strengthen the economic and cultural ties between Poland and the United States — by expanding reciprocal trade, tourism, and information services. We can encourage the investment of American capital and technology." Chicago, Oct. 1.

" . . . I propose . . . a 'peace corps' of talented young men willing and able to serve their country in this fashion for three years as an alternative to peacetime selective service . . ." San Francisco, Nov. 2.

Welfare Suggestions
In matters affecting labor and welfare, Kennedy also had much to suggest. For example:

" . . . the government must offer technical assistance to companies which are trying to convert to new machinery without undue hardships to employees." . . . we must greatly expand our job training programs, to prepare men out of work in the new skills and techniques that will help them find new jobs." . . . we must revise our outmoded unemployment compensation laws to allow men to receive full benefit payments while they are engaged in retraining programs." Flint, Mich., Sept. 5.

"I have pledged myself and my party to the immediate enactment of a program of medical care for the aged through Social Security . . ." Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 1.

" . . . in addition to federal leadership to control and prevent juvenile delinquency, we must have provision for Day Care Centers for children whose mothers are unavailable during the day." Letter sent Oct. 18.

" . . . I propose the enactment of a student loan insurance act . . ." Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 2.

" . . . we must provide federal grants for the construction, expansion, and modernization of medical schools, dental schools, and schools of public health." Warm Springs, Ga., Oct. 10.

"And there's one man who won't like one implied promise made by Kennedy in his first radio-TV debate Sept. 28: 'I am not satisfied when I see men like Jimmy Hoffa, in charge of the largest union in the United States, still free.'"

As for accepting gifts which are showered on every President, Kennedy had this to say: " . . . all gifts which cannot appropriately be refused . . . shall immediately be assigned to the Smithsonian Institution or other federal agencies for historical, scientific or welfare uses. The President must set an example." Springfield, Ohio, Oct. 17.

And his intention to maintain ties with his predecessor is specific:

"The next President of the United States, whoever he is, should use the talents of President Eisenhower in the area of world peace." Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 14.

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Space Scientists Sometimes Learn Through Failures

By JOSEPH L. MYLER
Washington - (UPI) - In space research, scientists and engineers sometimes learn more from failure than from success.

A while back at Cape Canaveral, Fla., a usually dependable launching rocket failed to get off the ground.

Investigation disclosed an unsuspected flaw that had caused no trouble in the past. It was easily removed. But if it hadn't been discovered, it might have jeopardized lives later on.

It is true that the launching attempt failed. But it contributed a bit of knowledge essential to future successes.

The incident was typical. Research and development, whether in space or anything else, never proceeds smoothly on a constantly rising curve.

Dr. T. Keith Glennan, retiring director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), discussed this aspect of space experimentation in a recent statement to the National Association of Science Writers. Speaking of NASA launchings he said:

"These truly were experiments and as such carried a substantial inherent probability of failing to accomplish the full measure of hoped for results . . ."

Many Experiments
"Scientists and engineers have done so much and done most of this so well in recent years that the public generally has come to believe that they can bring into reality almost anything and also are capable of performing their miracles repeatedly with security and ease . . ."

"This just isn't the way things are done . . . the typical road to achievement of a scientific or technological success is dotted with the records of many experiments that did not succeed or were only partial successes."

Most members of the public, when a launching rocket blows up or a satellite fails to go into orbit, "are inclined to view with undue concern and alarm what we regard as normal experimental procedures and results," Glennan said.

"Only through the elimination of the causes of trouble through experimentation," he said, "is it possible to achieve ultimate success."

"The nation's space research and exploration program under NASA is no exception to the rules of scientific progress."

Crime Prevention Session Secret
Salem - (UPI) - One segment of the statewide crime prevention conference here Thursday and Friday — a special anti-burglary clinic — will be conducted in secret, State Crime Prevention Chief Phil Averill said Tuesday.

Because of the nature of the material to be covered, only law enforcement officers and district attorneys have been invited. Leon Kitch of New York, director of locksmith operations for the Yale and Towne Manufacturing company will speak.

All other sessions are open to the public.

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Bill Would Free Highway 42 Funds
Salem - (UPI) - A second bill to free \$4 million for reconstruction of Highway 42 from Roseburg to Coquille was introduced Tuesday in the House.

The money has been frozen because of a law requiring federal matching funds. The bill would drop the matching fund requirement.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), chief author of the first bill introduced last week, said the money would permit completion of three-fourths of the highway.

Tuesday's bill is identical with the first, but was sponsored by the Interim Committee on Highways.

HEARING SCHEDULED
Salem - (UPI) - The House Local Government committee has scheduled a hearing for 8 a.m. next Tuesday on a bill to prevent elimination of jobs if government consolidation occurs in Multnomah county.

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Aretic sled dogs can travel up to 100 miles a day.

Education Bills To Be Introduced

Salem - (UPI) - The Senate education committee Tuesday agreed to introduce two bills for the state board of education that would expand Oregon's program for education of migrant children and merge the state's programs for education of advanced, able and gifted children.

The migrant children bill proposes \$155,000 for the next two years, all but \$30,000 of it to reimburse local school districts for integrating the migrants in both regular and summer terms. It is an expansion of last summer's pilot program.

The \$30,000 would be for research and administration. The gifted child program would cost \$550,000 a year under the bill, consolidating two programs — one for the advanced and the other for the able and gifted.

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