

# Congressmen Take Vacation Breather; Demo Heads Pleased

Washington—UPI—Congress took a springtime breather today with President Kennedy's lieutenants generally pleased with action so far on his program.

## 300 Pear Trees Brought To Area

Approximately 300 pear trees were brought to the valley Wednesday by Mel Westwood, Corvallis, horticulturist at Oregon State college.

The trees have been grown from rootings which were cut from a cross of Old Home and Farmingdale varieties. After being rooted commercial varieties are grafted to it.

Two valley pear growers are planting the trees this week, County Horticulturist Clifford B. Cordy said.

## Irish Playwright Reported Rallying

Toronto—UPI—Irish playwright Brendan Behan was reported rallying today and trying to go to New York where "he feels at home."

Mrs. Behan said her hard-drinking husband, hospitalized here after a binge that cost him his job as master of ceremonies for a jazz revue, was making good progress in a private hospital. He had been reported in serious condition Thursday.

"Brendan is going to New York City next. I'm sure he'll write there. He is happiest when he's working," she said. "Brendan feels at home there."

Behan's street car inspector-philosopher friend, Eamonn Martin, predicted Behan would "walk out of the hospital on his own, free of the alcohol habit."

He added: "The man who gives Brendan a drink is a murderer."

## PLANNING PROPAGANDA AID

New York—UPI—The Advertising Council announced today it has appointed an Overseas Information Exploration Committee to find out how the council can help United States propaganda abroad.

The council said it hoped to set up a program that would "add the skill of the American advertising industry as a supplement to the government's official propaganda through the United States Information Agency."

er than usual for this time of year—won't crank up again for at least another 10 days. The lawmakers were off on their annual Easter vacation.

Democratic leaders and White House aides were more than satisfied with the speed with which Congress has acted on Kennedy's legislative program in the 10 weeks since he entered the White House.

Four of the 16 measures which Kennedy placed on his initial list of "priority" bills on Feb. 21 already have cleared Congress. Prospects were good that Congress would complete action on at least two or three of the other measures before the end of April.

So far Kennedy has suffered only one major legislative reversal. The setback came last Friday when a coalition of House conservatives defeated by one vote an administration-backed minimum wage bill. But administration strategists are confident that Congress will wind up approving a measure much more to Kennedy's liking than the conservative-backed bill the House passed.

**May Be Blessing**  
In fact, some Kennedy backers were saying today that the one-vote defeat may turn out to be a blessing in disguise. They said it had served the purpose of convincing liberal House Democrats—some of whom have had a poor attendance record on non-record votes—that they must be on the floor in force, if Kennedy is to win his cliff-hanger battles with the House's coalition.

Administration forces evaded the score with the conservative coalition by pushing through the House Wednesday by a surprisingly big 250-167 margin Kennedy's program to create jobs in economically-depressed areas.

## B52 Jet Bomber Explodes in Flight

Denton, N.C.—UPI—An Air Force B52 jet bomber with eight crewmen aboard apparently exploded in flight Thursday night and crashed in flames near a group of rural farmhouses, scattering fiery wreckage over several acres.

A spokesman at Dow Air Force Base, Maine, where the giant Strategic Air Command bomber was based, said one crewman was known dead, two survived and five were missing.

The two survivors, one of whom walked seven miles to a farmhouse after his ordeal, were identified as Maj. Wilbur F. Minnich, 40, the navigator, of Des Plaines, Ill.; 1st Lt. Glen C. Farnham, 26, of Loveland, Colo., the electronics warfare officer. Both are married and each has two children.

The plane, an intercontinental jet on an aerial refueling mission, carried no nuclear weapons, the Air Force said.

## They'll Do It Every Time



## Installment Financing Seen To Revitalize Housing Industry

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD  
UPI Financial Editor

New York—UPI—Installment financing could go far in revitalizing the recent sluggish housing industry—and at the same time fill an important social need.

Low-cost homes designed for easy erection on the owner's lot have become increasingly popular with moderate-income families. Some of these can be purchased in various stages of completion, ranging from a "ready-to-live-in" house to a basic shell that the owner completes with his own labor.

The lot often served as the down payment.

Usually, homes of this type have not qualified for traditional mortgage financing. But now millions of dollars of installment credit are being made available to finance their construction.

Typical of the interest shown in this market is the recent agreement between C.I.T. Financial Corp. and Certain-Teed Products Corp. on a nationwide program for installment financing of low-cost homes.

**\$100 Million Earmarked**  
Universal C.I.T. Credit Corp. has earmarked an initial \$100 million for the retail financing of homes designed by the Institute for Essential Housing, Inc.—a unit organized by Certain-Teed in cooperation with other building suppliers.

The homes will be built by established lumber dealer-contractors and other franchised representatives across the nation under the institute's supervision.

There are many families who would become homeowners if decent housing was within their reach. Universal C.I.T. president Alan G. Rude

said installment financing will translate this latest demand into actual sales, "with far-reaching benefits to individual consumers and the economy at large."

And the emergence of a mass market for low-cost homes has important implications for the housing industry, Rude added. The home building industry has not been operating at anywhere near its full capacity for many months.

**Reduced Volume**  
The result has been a reduced volume of business for building material suppliers,

lumber dealers, contractors, and the many manufacturers and distributors of products whose sales depend to a large extent on a high level of construction.

Rude said increased sales of installment-financed, low-cost homes will take up this slack. By using his lot as the down payment, the purchaser of such a home can pay off the balance in monthly installments that often may be lower than his former rent, according to Rude. Payment periods normally range from 3 to 10 years.

## IS MRS. NEUBERGER DIETING?

# Expense Reports of Delegation To Paris Meeting Arouses Curiosity

By DICK WEST

Washington—UPI—Members of Congress, you may recall, used to get criticized a lot for going off on junkets without telling us taxpayers how much of our money they had spent.

Last year after a great deal of soul searching, they finally decided that travel expenses properly belonged in the public domain.

So they passed a law requiring congressional committees to publish reports of the expenses entailed by their members while looking out after our interests overseas.

These reports have been showing up in the Congressional Record this year and some of them contain some rather curious entries. To show you what I mean, I selected at random the expense account filed by the Senate delegation to the 1960 NATO parliamentarians' conference in Paris.

The delegation was composed of nine senators and 11 staff aides. Among them, they spent \$11,053.77 in U.S. currency and \$2,291.34 in the French coin of the realm.

The first thing I noticed was that Sen. Maurice Neuberger (D-Ore.) listed \$134.02 for lodging but only \$2.83 for meals.

In some Paris restaurants that I know of, \$2.83 wouldn't even get you a bouillon cube. How, then, did Mrs. Neuberger manage to dine so inexpensively?

Was she on a diet? Did she cook on a hot plate in her room? Or, being a charming and attractive lady, did she receive a lot of dinner invitations? These are things the report doesn't cover.

Equally puzzling was the item showing that Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) spent \$161.86 for meals, which more than doubled the outlay of the rest of the delegates.

Is Kefauver some kind of gourmet or something? Or, as a southerner unaccustomed to French cuisine, did he order expensive imported dishes, such as hominy grits? The report doesn't shed any light on that either.

**Javits Transportation High**  
And here's another puzzler. Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) ran up a \$1,845.48 bill for transportation, but three other delegates—Kefauver, Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.) and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson reported no transportation expense at all.

How did Kefauver, Fulbright and Johnson get to Paris? Hitchhike? The report doesn't say, but my guess is that Javits chartered an airplane and that his three colleagues stowed away on it as free-loaders.

**Identical Expenses**  
There was one other part of the report that aroused my curiosity. Under the head of "miscellaneous" four senators listed identical expenses of \$240.

How did they happen to be so miscellaneous together? Did they all buy the same things? And if so, what? By and large, I think the

## TO TELL ACCEPTANCE

Moscow—UPI—The Soviet Union shortly will announce qualified acceptance of western proposals for a cease fire in Laos, informed diplomatic sources said today.

## BUTTER CONTENT

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## The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors. (Copyright 1961—General Features Corp.)

**Annabelle M.**—If he lied once, he'll lie again. How can I trust him?

**Ross M.**—It was a white lie to avoid complicated explanations.

**Annabelle M.**—The best thing about Ross and me was that we could say anything to each other, could relax and speak our mind. Since we knew each other from high school days, there were no secrets.

That's why I never dreamed of doubting him when he said he'd be home late last Wednesday because of a bowling match. His team was participating in a tournament and it was their turn. It so happened I needed Ross for an emergency. Our little boy had a bad fall down the cellar steps, and the doctor had to take a few stitches in his forehead. To my horror, Ross wasn't even playing that night.

Ever since, he's been so sore at me for raising such a fuss that he still hasn't told me the truth. I'm the one who should be angry. I always trusted him completely. Now I feel I shouldn't have.

**Ross M.**—Anne is cooking up a tempest in a teapot, looking for trouble where none exists. Her doubts and insinuations have hurt me so badly, I decided to clam up and keep her guessing. After all these years, she should have more faith in me and know that if I've made up a "story," it's to benefit her, not to hurt her.

The truth is that our firm is going through a reorganization. A crisis in the industry is at hand, and there's even a possibility of this branch closing down. I didn't want to tell Annabelle. Maybe if I would all blow over and she'd worry needlessly. So, rather than explain in detail, I took my bowling things along in the car, and said I'd be home late because of the match.

I'm sorry for the snafu. And if that's the thanks I get for trying to spare her, I'll dump

all my worries on her from now on.

**The Council**—Ross is being completely honest about one thing, Annabelle; namely, that he's furious with you. First, you couldn't take a little mercy-lie. But second, you're branding him dishonest, past, present, and future imperfect.

Dispassionately now, what have we here? A man who thought his wife couldn't take a business problem straight, so doctored it up. A wife who wants the truth, the whole truth, and nothing about bowling alleys to "spare" her.

Look here, Annabelle, come off it. We agree with Ross that you're blowing things up, over-dramatizing this incident to settle more than meets the eye. All you really want to squeeze out of this freak sequence of events is the assurance that deep down, Ross is basically open and straightforward with you. Your own self-doubts and imagination seem to be behind your hurtful suspicion and insinuations.

Of course there may be some good in this ill ripple, because Ross won't make a habit of concealing, misleading, and misinforming his wife as some husbands do, innocently at first, then conveniently and unnecessarily. His wife, he must remember, is a helpmate. So she must know the true predicament. According to President Kennedy's mother, her children were brought up to this refrain: "Come clean, tell us all of it. If you don't, we won't know how to help."

At the bottom, know what a lie is? A wish. Ross wished he was going bowling. Looking back, Annabelle can understand and in that instance even approve. Looking ahead, however, they both see how closely love is bound up with trust.

**TRAFFIC TOLL**  
Chicago—For each traffic fatality in the U.S. there are 35 persons injured and about 150 vehicles badly damaged.

## Pope To Attend Services in Rome

Rome—UPI—Pope John XXIII leaves the Vatican today to take part in the Good Friday rites in the Basilica of St. Paul's in Rome.

An estimated half-million visitors, including about 100,000 foreign tourists, have jammed the eternal city for the Holy Week observances. Rome's more than 450 churches have been filled during the services.

The Pope Thursday commemorated the example of humility set by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper by washing the feet of 13 young religious students, including two New Yorkers, during ceremonies in the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

## Talks Continue on Construction Pact

Portland—UPI—Negotiations between Associated General Contractors and the Hoisting and Portable Engineers Union continued today. The old contract expires at midnight.

Federal Mediator Leroy Smith said progress had been made Thursday, but did not know if a strike would be averted. He also said he did not know if the present contract would be extended if agreement was not reached today.

The contract talks affect about 5,000 members of the engineers union but a strike would affect other employees in the construction industry who work on the same projects.

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