

Kennedy Said Diplomatically Successful in Talks With Macmillan

Edith Green Concerned About Mail Attacking Congressmen and Court

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Washington (Special) - Congresswoman Edith Green thumped a bulging folder of letters, many of them bitter attacks on her patriotism by members of anti-communist societies, leaned across her desk and issued a dissenting warning.

She said that she disagrees with liberal Democrats who think the John Birch Society should be investigated, for she believes in freedom of expression and the right to disagree.

"I don't think any individual," she said, "or Member of Congress should set himself up as an anti-communist expert, and make the determination of what is American or what is un-American."

But she is gravely concerned about her mounting correspondence, some of it scurrilous and obscene, coming from individuals at the behest of super-patriotic organizations, which accuse the Supreme Court Justices, the President, Congressmen, as well as herself, of being "communists or their dupes."

Currently, her office is receiving dozens of letters a day, urging that Congress impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren. A signed tract which sometimes accompanies the letter is anti-Negro. The Supreme Court school desegregation decision is one of the bases for attacking Warren.

Letters Acknowledged
Mrs. Green acknowledges the letters with a short statement saying she must disagree with the writer.

Whenever she receives a reply, inevitably the writer hurries the ultimate weapon: "since the impeachment of Earl Warren would slow down the fast progress of the communists. . . I am wondering why you take this position unless you are a communist sympathizer and have much to hide."

She answers: "I consider the efforts to smear this great American and to impeach him to be ridiculous, contrary to the intent of the Constitution and based upon a complete misunderstanding of the nature of our system of government." She sent the writer a Congressional Record reprint of an article on the John Birch Society.

Those writers identifiable as members of the John Birch Society are only a part of Mrs. Green's worry.

The daily mail brings additional letters and tracts which are printed in southern California, Oklahoma and

replies, although terse, disagree with the vengeful writer, and make this point: "Preaching of racial hatred or to suggest that the Congress, the President, the Courts, the churches and both political parties have been taken over by the communists does nothing but divide our people, and destroys confidence in the Democratic way of life."

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Bridge Approved; Highway 42 Funds Hit Snag

Salem - UPB - The Astoria-Megler bridge has received a stamp of approval from the Senate. Highway 42 reconstruction hit a temporary snag.

Both bills have passed the House.

The bridge bill went to the Senate floor and action is expected within a day or two. The vote was unanimous, with five of the seven members present. They were Sens. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario), chairman; Al Fliegel (D-Roseburg), R. F. Chapman (D-Coos Bay), Richard Groener (D-Milwaukie), and Loyd Key (D-Milton-Freewater).

There were no opposition witnesses to either bill but a motion to send the Highway 42 bill to the floor failed 3-2 with Key and Groener voting no. It takes four votes to send a bill out.

Wants Time for Study
Key said the legislature shouldn't "tell the Highway commission where it should build roads."

Groener said he doesn't oppose the bill but wants to study it a few more days. Yturri said the measure would come up again Thursday.

Rep. William Holmstrom (D-Gearhart), testified in behalf of the bridge.

He said there is justification in Washington paying 34.4 per cent of the bridge's cost and Oregon 65.6 per cent. One reason is the boost to Oregon's economy through increased tourism and trade, and another is "so we can get rid of the increasing subsidy for our ferry operation."

The important result, in the opinion of high British and American officials, was the mutual discovery that there would be no lessening of cooperative efforts to deal with them.

On Laos, Kennedy and Macmillan had struck their bargain at their "quickie" meeting in Key West 10 days before they began the full-dress meetings here.

The United States, which previously had insisted on a pro-western government in the southeast Asian kingdom, agreed to accept a neutral coalition if this can be worked out at an international conference. First, however, there must be a proven cease fire in the civil war there, in which Russia is supporting the rebels.

The British, in turn, agreed that if the Red advance continued in Laos, they would join the United States in military action to block it.

Situation Unchanged
This week's meetings did nothing to change this situation. Macmillan and Kennedy merely awaited Russian agreement to a "verified" cease fire, which would set the diplomatic machinery in motion.

The Kennedy-Macmillan decision to try to find a way to give the other NATO countries more "partnership" in the control of U.S. nuclear weapons power was the expression of a general hope. Neither yet sees any practical way to do it.

The determination to get European members of NATO to increase their conventional forces was a reaffirmation of what the two countries have been seeking for years.

On Red China, they agreed that hitherto successful U.S. efforts to prevent the United Nations from even considering the admission of Peking probably would fail next fall. The British, if the matter comes to a vote, will have to vote to admit the Communists. The United States said it understood, but would seek a formula to block them.

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Eastland Calls for Court Impeachment

Dallas, Tex. - UPB - Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) Monday blasted the Supreme Court and called for impeachment of all nine justices.

Eastland, head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the court in recent years has issued more pro-Communist decisions "than any judicial tribunal outside of the Iron Curtain."

"I think all of them ought to be impeached," the senator said.

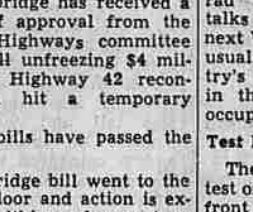
Eastland refused to comment on the controversial John Birch Society and pointed out his committee had a hearing on that group pending.

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