

Kennedy Announces Rigid Code of Ethics for Administration

Congress Asked To Stiffen Laws On Private Gain

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy has announced a rigid new code of ethics for administration officials and asked Congress to stiffen laws against improper use of federal posts for private gain.

In a special message on conflicts of interest, Kennedy also proposed outlawing private approaches to federal regulatory agencies in cases which must be decided through formal hearings.

The latter provision would apply to members of Congress, if administration officials have their way. It is doubtful that they will, since many lawmakers insist it is proper for them to talk to agencies about cases involving their constituents.

The recommended ban on "ex parte" contacts with agency officials was an echo of congressional hearings which were highlighted in 1958 by the resignation of Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams.

Kennedy named no one in

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By CLAY R. POLLAN

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins
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The Hermit Crab Has Solved The Housing Problem. The so-called "hermit" crab solved the housing problem early in the earth's history. Being devoid of his crab relatives, he had to get something to cover his soft body, and empty shells being always available, he adopted them as secure coverings.

Of course he continues to grow, so more commodious quarters frequently become necessary. When he feels cramped inside his unelastic "home," he searches for an empty shell that is a little more roomy.

He moves out of the old shell, crawls to the larger one

and squirms his soft body into the new home. If when he is searching for a suitable shell, he happens on a pipe bowl, a small tin can or perhaps a bottle of about the right size, he moves into that and drags it along with him.

The hermit crabs of nearly a hundred different species, are pretty generally distributed throughout the oceans of the world. There's even one kind that spends much of its time in trees that grow near the seashore. Hermit crabs are found in the medium depths of the sea as well as many that live in shallow waters.

Mrs. Hermit Crab, come

spring and warmer water, lays a group of eggs that hatch out into free swimming little things known as "zoea." As the youngsters grow they develop the instinct to secrete themselves in an empty univalve shell. They select only a shell that will fit them snugly but not too tightly. During the process of growing up they must frequently change shells.

Fight Each Other

Hermit crabs are short-tempered; they fight one another if the other's shell looks better to them than the one they are occupying. They are active characters and move with considerable speed. When alarmed, they retract themselves into the shell, close the opening with their claws.

When the danger is past, they extend the body far enough to place the first pair of legs on the sand, and they scamper along, looking for food or another hermit crab. Even when he is completely withdrawn inside the shell,

he is sensitive to outside conditions, even to passing shadows. At times the shell in which he is living becomes thickly encrusted with marine growths; may even become so heavy the hermit crab can hardly drag it along. At such times he may become highly exasperated and vacate his portable home, leaving the "hangers-on and hitch-hikers" stranded.

His is a carefree life; like a gypsy he moves from place to place or wherever food is more abundant; he lives off the bottom of the sea, carrying his home along with him; his life is actuated only by his personal preference or his desire for a mate.

Ammunition Ship, Carrier Collide

Norfolk, Va.—(UPI)—The 60,000-ton super aircraft carrier Independence and the ammunition ship Diamond Head collided in the Caribbean Thursday, the Navy reported.

EDUCATION BILLS VOTED
Salem—(UPI)—The Senate has approved bills giving \$250,000 for education of gifted children and \$50,000 for education of youngsters of migrant workers. The bills went to the House.

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Republican or Democratic administrations, but he said that "in the past two decades, incidents have occurred to remind us" that changes are needed in laws and regulations covering government ethics.

The President made a point of demanding that administration leaders set personal examples of conduct "above reproach." He promised to help, by such means as applying standards for property holdings and acceptance of gifts by presidential appointees.

"No president can excuse or pardon the slightest deviation from irreproachable standards of behavior on the part of any member of the executive branch," Kennedy said.

At the same time, he asked Congress to make it easier for private experts to work for the government without risking criminal charges under conflict of interest technicalities.

A bill being drafted by the administration would carry a possible fine of \$10,000 or a year's imprisonment, or both, for violating proposed bans against:

—A regular government employee accepting outside pay for any transaction involving the government, or taking part in any federal business in which he has a financial stake without permission from his agency head.

—Ever "switching sides" from the government to a private party in a case upon which an official has worked, thus pinpointing and making permanent what is now a vague two-year prohibition.

Orders Forthcoming

While calling for this and other congressional action, Kennedy said he would issue orders and memoranda of his own which would:

—Prohibit presidential appointees from receiving pay "for any lecture, article, public appearance, etc., devoted to the work of the department or based on official information not yet a matter of common knowledge."

—Apply "government-wide standards to the continuance of property holdings by appointees to the executive branch," following through on the Senate Armed Services Committee's demands that Pentagon nominees sell stock they hold in firms with defense contracts.

—Prohibit gifts to government workers if they have "reason to believe" their official positions prompted the presents, or if the donor's "private interests are likely to be affected by actions of the employee or his agency."

—Prohibit government employees "from using for private gain official information which is not available to the public," thus preventing such actions as stock speculation through possession of inside knowledge.

—Bar government employees from using their positions for "the subtler forms of extortion" such as inducing economic gain from a person whose interests may be affected by the worker's agency.

—Bar any government employee from doing outside work which is "incompatible" with his federal employment, with each department and agency setting its own rules in this regard.

Neuberger Joins in True Interest Bill

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Maurice B. Neuberger (D-Ore.) Thursday joined with Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.) in sponsoring legislation she said is designed to allow consumer buyers to know the true cost of money borrowed.

Mrs. Neuberger said the measure, called a revised "truth-in-lending" bill, "is not designed to control credit." She said limitations on legitimate interest rates would still be left to the states. The bill would merely require, she said, "that the public be told the truth about the cost of the money that it is borrowing."

She said hearings on the true interest rate bill introduced in the last Congress revealed widespread use of misleading and deceptive ways of stating the price of credit.

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