

Congressmen Urge Probe of Birch Society

Washington—UPI—Eighteen Democratic congressmen, all opponents of the John Birch society, have suggested investigations to determine whether the society is abusing postal or tax privileges extended to nonprofit organizations.

The suggestion was made public Tuesday when Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) released the text of a letter to the con-

gressmen sent to Chairman Howard Smith (D-Va.) of the House Rules committee.

Committee Opposed

The letter opposed creation of any select committee to investigate the controversial right-wing society.

However, it suggested that the Post Office and the Civil Service committee investigate whether the controversial so-

ciety and other groups "are abusing the postal rates made available to nonprofit organizations."

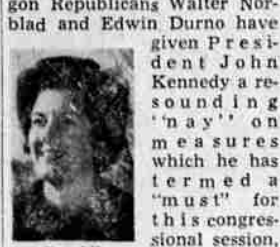
It recommended that the Ways and Means committee investigate whether the society is using tax privileges granted to nonprofit and non-political organizations "to subsidize political activity."

Among those signing the letter were four Californians, Reps. Chet Holifield, Jeffery Cohelan, Clem Miller and James Roosevelt.

Others included Al Ullman, Ore.

Durno, Norblad Cast Numerous 'Nay' Votes Against Kennedy's Proposals

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Minimum Wage: As originally passed by the House, Norblad and Durno supported the amendment (a Kennedy defeat) which raised the minimum wage to \$1.15 an hour, and which covered only 1,300,000 additional workers. Ullman and Green voted against this, however, voted for final passage of the bill as did Durno and Norblad.

The Conference Report (which is a compromise bill worked out by Senate-House conferees, and which must be voted on again separately if the measure differs) accepted the more liberal Senate bill, raising the wage to \$1.25 in stages, and which covered 3,624,000 more workers.

Laundry workers, who make 65c an hour were particularly excluded to obtain Southern votes. The bill mostly affects retail workers and businesses doing \$1 million in sales and who buy \$250,000 in goods which move across state lines. (Sen. Wayne Morse refused to sign the conference report because of the exclusion of laundry workers).

Norblad and Durno voted against accepting the conference report, however, voted for final passage of the bill. The Democrats voted for both.

Area Redevelopment: Authorizes federal loans and grants totaling \$394 million for depressed areas, industrial and rural. Ullman, Green and Norblad voted for, and Durno

no paired against (he was in Oregon; a pair means he arranged to cast his absentee vote with a congressman who voted for, thereby canceling out another's vote) the bill as originally passed the House.

Norblad and Durno both voted against accepting the Conference Report when it was returned to the House. It now calls for financing \$300 million in loans directly from the Treasury instead of by Congressional appropriations.

This is the so-called backdoor financing objected to by House members who resent any administration financing which is not first approved by the conservative House Appropriations Committee. Congress jealously guards the purse.

\$600 million in aid to Latin America. Durno voted against, Norblad, Green and Ullman for.

Federal Judgeships. A patronage plum which the Democrats held back until they had elected a Democratic President, who would nominate the judges. Creates 10 new Federal circuit court judgeships and 60 new district court judgeships. Democrats for, Republicans against.

Rules Committee fight, which the Democrats barely won, 217-212, centered on whether the ultra-conservative Howard Smith of Virginia or Majority Leader Sam Rayburn would control what legislation got to the House floor for a vote.

Durno and Norblad voted against Rayburn, Ullman and

Green supported him. Bills which chairman Smith held from a floor vote, last session, such as minimum wage, and area redevelopment because he opposed them, have been disposed of. Other Kennedy legislation is expected to have no trouble sailing through Rules; trouble will come in the House itself.

On less controversial welfare and appropriation bills, Durno and Norblad have supported the President.

Aid to Dependent Children Bill. Grants money to children whose fathers are unemployed, providing they are not also receiving other compensation. This was an unrecorded vote, and Durno and Norblad's votes are not known. Green and Ullman support the legislation.

Supplemental Appropriation Request to Aid Impacted School Areas. Norblad against, Ullman and Durno supported. Mrs. Green not recorded. The Federal Government contributes to the support of schools in areas where there are federal installations, or where there is a heavy concentration of government workers.

This is a popular bill with Congress, and the new Senate Aid to Education Bill, coming up for debate in the Senate this week, extends the life of this program further, although Kennedy asked that it be halved.

Extension of the Sugar Act. Gives the President new discretion to deny the Dominican Republic the Cuban sugar quota. All members voted for.

Military Construction. All voted for.

Social Security Amendments. Increasing minimum benefits for retired workers, permitting men as well as women to retire at age 62 with reduced benefits, increasing widows' benefits, liberalizing eligibility requirements, and providing an increased payroll tax. All voted for.

Feed Grains Bill. Provides for a rise in price supports for feed grains for farmers who reduce corn and grain acreage. Ullman and Green supported, Durno and Norblad voted against.

Extension of Unemployment Compensation. Aid to workers who have exhausted their unemployment benefits. All voted for.

Their votes indicate that Norblad and Durno generally vote together; however, they did split their votes on aid to Latin America and aid to impacted school areas. Norblad is flatly opposed to aid to schools; Durno's views are not known.

The welfare measures Durno supported are unemployment benefits, social security and impact area school aid. Norblad supported the social security changes and unemployment benefits extension. Green and Ullman voted for them all.

Oregon's two Senators, Wayne Morse and Maurine Neuberger, are recorded as having voted for the Minimum Wage, Feed Grains, Depressed Areas, Unemployment Benefits and Judgeships. They voted for the Columbia River Treaty with Canada, and to allow the President more discretion in giving aid to countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Race Issue Seen In School Bill

Washington—UPI—The segregation issue was expected to rear up today in the Senate debate of the \$2.5 billion aid to public schools bill.

Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said he hoped there would be an early vote on a proposal by Sen. Strom Thurmond (D-S. C.) which would bar any withholding of funds from segregated schools.

The proposal appeared doomed.

Senate strategists have apparently reached agreement on the problem of aid to parochial schools. The plan seemed to be that aid to private and parochial schools would be tucked into expansion of the National Defense Education Act, rather than hung on the public school aid bill.

The House Education and Labor Committee was still working on its version of the aid program. It would also provide \$2.5 billion for classroom construction and teacher pay, but the formula for allocation would differ slightly from the Senate bill.

Four Persons Appear in Jackson Circuit Court

Four persons appeared in Jackson county circuit court yesterday. One man was sentenced, and pre-sentence reports were asked on two cases.

Wilburn Dell Crawford, 39, of Modesto, Calif., was sentenced to three years and six months in the Oregon state penitentiary for uttering and publishing a false check. He had pleaded guilty. He is charged with issuing a false

Vote Record Given

On major new bills passed in the House since January, the members voted as follows:

Governors Approve Mining Resolution

Salt Lake City—UPI—A mining resolution calling for a national minerals policy and inventorying of free world mineral resources was approved Tuesday by Western governors.

They passed the resolution after delaying action on a motion asking for increased shares for the states of monies received from federal controlled minerals.

Gov. Jack Gage of Wyoming asked that the state's share be increased from 37.5 per cent to 90. The governors ordered a standing economic committee to investigate the matter and report to them at the National Governors Conference next month in Hawaii.

The mining policy statement specifically asked that the National Minerals Advisory Council be re-established to facilitate adoption and implementation of a national minerals policy.

check to a Medford drugstore. Myrna Lee Addington, 23, of route 1, Talent, pleaded guilty to unlawfully taking away children, and a pre-sentence report was requested. She is charged with taking her three minor children with the intent to detain and conceal them from the Jackson county public welfare department.

Alice May Phares, 39, of route 2, box 207A, Central Point, pleaded guilty to charges of unlawfully obtaining public assistance, and a pre-sentence report was requested. She is charged with unlawfully receiving public assistance while she was also receiving an income from Feb. 25, 1958, to Oct. 31, 1960.

Stephen Allen Love, 65, of route 1, Rogue River, pleaded innocent to charges of attempted rape. No trial date has been set yet.

2 Youths Apprehended In Stolen Vehicle

Two 17-year-old boys, one from Salem and the other from Grants Pass, were apprehended in a stolen car at Tiller by state police Monday.

They were released to Douglas county juvenile authorities, police said. The car belongs to Hazel Brown, of Milo, Ore.

GAS OFFICIAL

Portland—UPI—The new vice president and general counsel of the Northwest Natural Gas company is Francis F. Hill, Portland attorney.

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