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FOREIGN POLICY

Trade (HR 11970)—Would authorize President to abolish tariffs on certain goods; to reduce tariffs by 50 per cent on all other items and provide federal aid to U.S. firms and workers hurt by imports. House—passed; Senate—committee approved.

UN Bonds (HR 9982 & S 2768)—Would authorize the President to lend the United Nations up to \$100 million to help the world organization solve its financial crisis. Senate—passed; House—approved after amending to limit U.S. loan to total loaned by other countries.

DEFENSE

Fallout Shelters (HR 10262 & S 2658)—Would authorize grants to non-profit groups for construction of public fallout shelters. No hearings scheduled on authorization bill by Senate or House; meantime, the House has denied all shelter funds. Senate has voted to restore limited funds to complete current survey and stocking of potential shelter space already existing and to include shelters in some new government buildings. Differences still to be compromised.

WELFARE, EDUCATION

Medical Care (HR 4222 & S 909)—Would provide partial payment of hospitalization and nursing home costs of persons 65 and older. Would raise Social Security tax. Senate—killed compromise version, 52-48. House—committee opposed, but abandoned plans for showdown vote in view of Senate action.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Literary Tests (S 2750 - HR 10034)—Would outlaw discriminatory state literacy tests for voters and make sixth grade education proof of literacy; would apply only to federal elections. House—committee held hearings. Senate—efforts to pass abandoned after Senate twice refused to join Southern talkathon.

SCHOOL SEGREGATION

HR 10056 & HR 11707—first would withhold federal aid payments from racially-segregated schools crowded by children of servicemen and federal workers; second would repeal authority for aid to "separate but equal" land grant colleges. House—both bills approved by Education-Labor committee, stalled in Rules committee. Senate—no hearings scheduled.

VETERANS

Insurance Reinstatement (S 3597)—To permit veterans who served between 1940 and 1956 to buy, or reinstate, up to \$10,000 in GI life insurance. Senate—passed. House—amended to limit insurance reopening to those with service-connected disability. The next move is up to the Senate.

TEACHER QUALITY

HR 11888 & S 2826—Would authorize about \$300 million over five years for expanded cooperative research in teaching improvement and summer college courses for grade and high school teachers. Participants to get \$75 a week stipend plus \$15 for each dependent. House—Education-Labor committee approved, stalled in Rules committee.

WOMEN'S WAGES

HR 11677 & S 2494—Would require pay for women for equal work within single companies with Labor Department authorized to enforce through federal courts. House—passed. Senate—subcommittee approved.

BRIDGE STEEL

Oakland—The Oakland-San Francisco Bay bridge contains 143,000 tons of steel, including 89,000 miles of cables.

AGRICULTURE

Government Controls (HR 11222 & S 3235)—Would require growers of corn, other feed grains to choose in national referendum between curbs on plantings to curb surpluses and sharp cut in price guarantees. Senate—passed. House—rejected.

ACREAGE CUTS

HR 12391—Would continue for one year stopgap wheat and feed grain programs, including payments to growers of corn and other feed grains who voluntarily cut plantings to reduce surpluses. House—passed. Senate—passed after revamping to tighten wheat controls. Conference committee has drafted proposed compromise including new wheat controls for 1964.

CITIES

Commuter Transportation (HR 1158 & S 3126)—Provides \$500 million in federal grants to help cities and towns subsidize development of better commuter trains, buses and subways. Senate—banking committee approved but Senate last week routed it to commerce committee for further study. House—banking committee approved, stalled in Rules committee.

CABINET (Reorganization Plan No. 1)

—Would create cabinet-level Department of Urban Affairs and Housing. House—killed.

WILDERNESS

HR 174 & HR 776—Would establish a national system of wilderness areas for recreation purposes. Senate—passed, with provision for 6,800,000 acres now and possibly up to 45 million acres eventually. House—committee approved more limited version.

DRUG CONTROLS

HR 11581 & S 1552—Would tighten federal controls over marketing of drugs. Senate—approved, with most of the strengthening amendments sought by administration. House—committee considering.

WIRETAPPING

S 2813 & HR 10185—Would authorize federal officials to gather wiretap evidence with court approval in serious crime investigations, with attorney general's approval in security cases. Senate—committee hearing in recess. House—subcommittee hearings completed.

CRIME

S 1655—Would permit witnesses to be granted immunity and compelled to testify in certain court trials involving graft, bribery and extortion. Senate—passed. House—in committee; no hearings scheduled.

GOVERNMENT PAY

HR 9531

state-operated public assistance programs, putting new emphasis on rehabilitation and increasing federal grants for relief checks for needy aged, blind and disabled.

Foreign Aid (Pub. Law 87-565; S 2996)—Authorizes appropriations of \$4,672,000,000 for year which started July 1 and \$1.8 billion for Latin America for subsequent three years. Administration had requested \$4.9 billion and \$2.4 billion, respectively.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE

Accelerated Public Works

(Pub. Law 87-624; HR 11040)—Creates a privately-owned, government-regulated corporation to build and operate a world-wide satellite system for relay of television signals and other communications.

Veterans Compensation (Pub. Law 87-645; HR 10743)—Gives cost of living increases averaging 9.4 per cent to veterans drawing compensation for injuries or ailments resulting from military service.

POLL TAX

(S 2965)—Authorizes outlay of \$900 million in federal matching grants to launch public works projects or accelerate existing projects in areas of heavy unemployment.

Poll Tax (S 2965)—Would ban poll tax as a requirement for voting in federal elections. Passed by both houses and ready for consideration by state legislatures. Becomes 24th Amendment if 38 states ratify within seven years.



OOPS! — Did she lose something in that stack of tires? No, it's just a gimmick to attract customers to a service station in Chicago. The legs are those of a mannequin and Tom Sebastian, owner of the service station, says she does what she's supposed to do... attract customers. (UPI)

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 a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Drury. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Mrs. L. M.—Our son is inventive and creative. He belongs in a private school. Let him learn to take things in his stride.

Mrs. L. M.—Neal is 9 years old. He's in the fourth grade in the local school, and bored stiff. The teacher admits he could do fifth and even sixth grade work, but no skipping is permitted. So she keeps Neal occupied by letting him wash the blackboards.

He reads advanced books about dinosaurs, a subject that fascinates him. He also has a toy planetarium and is trying to make himself a telescope from a few old magnifying glasses he rounded up. He hates school, but grins and bears it. That's no way to feel about school. There's an excellent private academy in the next town. Classes are small and many more subjects are taught. With a slight strain on our budget, we could swing it for Neal. But my husband thinks it would make him a namby-pamby.

Mr. L. M.—In real life, Neal won't be able to duck out of situations that bother him. He must learn to adjust.

My wife and I went to public schools and we were bored, too. But we stuck it out, and maybe we learned lessons in getting along with all kinds of people that you don't learn in those exclusive private schools. It didn't hurt us.

Maybe washing the teacher's blackboard and doing errand for her is good for Neal. With his brains, he can invent an easier way to cover the ground. Over at Harris Hall he'll get ballroom dancing and horseback, but not much ammunition for life's struggles.

I say let him fit himself to the school, not vice versa. He'll learn to stand on his own feet and solve his own problems.

The Council's issue here isn't public versus private schools. Eminent and productive citizens have come out of both. Gifted people, with a strong innate drive to succeed, sometimes come through

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SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 10. DRIVE CAREFULLY! MANY CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME! DON'T LET IT BE THEIR LAST! YOUR CAUTION CAN SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE.

● **DRIVE CAREFULLY** around schools and playgrounds! Be on the lookout for children when they walk to and from school! Your vacation from school children is over now!

● **BE ON THE ALERT** when you are near a schoolbus. Of course, they have to obey all traffic rules! But, give schoolbuses a break anyway... they carry a priceless cargo!

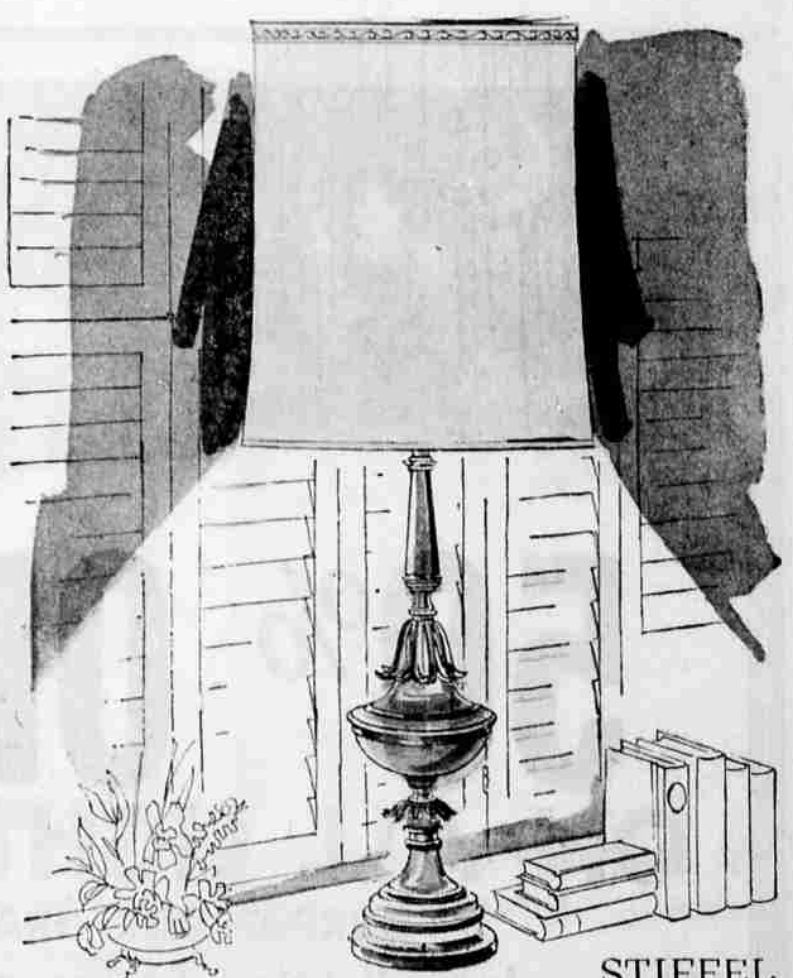
● **PARENTS! NEVER STOP TELLING** children about the many traffic dangers! Only then can we hope to help reduce traffic fatalities! One out of seven fatalities involves a schoolchild! One out of ten fatal accidents is caused by a teen-age driver!

● **DRIVERS! DON'T HURRY** when you drive! We may as well face it! We cannot reduce traffic casualties unless we slow down! The lives of others are in the hands holding your steering wheel. The minute you may save, isn't worth the life of a schoolchild!

● **HAVE YOUR CAR CHECKED** by an expert! Any car that is not in perfect mechanical condition is a potential murder weapon! The few dollars you spend may save a life!

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