

Flemming Favors Education Measure; Mrs. Green Dubious

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Washington (Special)—Although the Kennedy administration consulted with every major education pressure group in drawing up the omnibus education bill, the reaction in Capitol Hill is more bitterly than sweet.

Ironically, Dr. Arthur Flemming, president of the University of Oregon, and a former secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under Eisenhower, favored the President's message.

The President's message should convince those who doubt that assistance is desperately needed.

A key Republican, whose support the Democrats will need to garner votes for their program, was critical.

"This catch-all program is the height of political cynicism," said Peter Freylinghusen (N.J.), ranking Republican on the Education committee.

He criticized the lack of priorities in the program, saying that the blanketing in the bill of every possible field of education, without giving a firm price tag, invited opponents to "gang up" and criticize the bill to death.

Some other knowledgeable legislative prophets said the omnibus approach "didn't have a prayer" and Speaker John McCormack seemed only moderately optimistic about even getting a college aid bill through.

Mrs. Green had hoped her higher education bill would get a presidential priority, and is known to believe that the request for funds for public elementary and secondary education has little chance of passage because of the religious schism in Congress.

Freylinghusen believes that the best chance for getting legislation is, first, to list the urgent priorities and fight for them, and he agreed with Mrs. Green that college classroom construction had first priority.

He indicated that bipartisan action on a higher education bill was essential. The Republicans on the education committee have generally been in harmony on a higher aid bill.

Mrs. Green, whose subcommittee considers higher education bills, plans to introduce legislation which will be similar to the \$1.5 billion college classroom construction bill that was defeated on the religious and scholarships issue last year.

Her bill, which has Republican support, will provide grants and loans for construction to both public and private colleges; it will not include scholarships.

May Reach Stalemate
If the House again insists on grants (free gifts) to colleges in opposition to a Senate bill containing loans only, the bill may very well reach the stalemate of last year.

Dr. Flemming also seemed to think that the anti-omnibus

feeling would die down and that upon further perusal of the president's bill, opponents would see that, as he said, aside from construction requests, the bill is but an expansion and extension of existing programs—such as the National Defense Education Act and the National Science Foundation programs, etc.

"I think everything he (the President) has identified does represent a genuine need and the areas are those where the federal government can be of real help," said Flemming; then, touching on the controversial omnibus approach, he continued:

"You have to point out that the only piece of legislation passed since the late 1950s of any significance is the NDEA, which was an omnibus-type bill and which included a good many different things."

Dr. Flemming listed point by point how the president's program would benefit Oregon, particularly the extension and expansion of existing scholarships under NDEA and the new work-study program to allow students to earn money toward their increased tuition.

He noted that the program increases the graduate fellowships from 1500 to 10,000 and pointed out that the University of Oregon has more graduate fellowships than any in the country.

Flemming agrees with Mrs. Green that the raising of the religious issue in the higher education program is unfortunate.

"I do not see why, after 100 years of grants and loans to both public and private colleges by the federal government, this shouldn't continue," he said.

More Effort Needed
Flemming also feels that while the universities "got their fair share" of Gov. Mark Hatfield's budget, more effort is needed to raise revenues to meet the ever-expanding college needs.

Enrollment at UO is now 9600; he estimated that in 1965 it would be 12,000 and in 1970, 18,000.

"We definitely feel that the Governor's budget as recommended will not maintain the quality of education that we all want to maintain, and we feel that every effort should be made by the legislature to see that the revenue is raised to support the budget indicated by the board of higher education," Flemming said.

Upper Applegate
Members of the Upper Applegate Grange will have a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8.

The business meeting will open at 8 p.m. Members are asked to take table service including cups. They also should take salads. Coffee will be served.

Central Point Grange
Central Point Grange members welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Mrs. May Korner, and Leigh Biew into the Grange, at a recent meeting.

The candidates received the first and second degree at the Upper Applegate Jan. 11, when the Central Point degree team conferred the degree on 26 candidates from several Granges.

Blew received the third and fourth degrees later in January, when Roy Ann Grange exemplified the degrees at Upper Applegate. De Hendrickson obligated Mr. and Mrs. Vail and Mrs. Korner.

Arnold Bohnert, agriculture committee chairman, announced dates of several coming events. Feb. 7 and 8 is an irrigation short course at the extension service auditorium.

The State Grange Agriculture committee will hold an area meeting at the extension service auditorium Feb. 18.

Delmar Smith reported on livestock conditions in the county.

HEC chairman, Mrs. Morr-Frink mentioned the new coffee maker which the women recently secured.

The display table was arranged by Carl Hoover at the request of Arnold Bohnert. A display of fertilizers and insecticides for use in garden and field.

Cecil Kee, of Shady Cove Grange explained the health, accident, and life insurance policies of the Grange Mutual of Idaho for which he is agent.

The Grange voted to furnish cookies and coffee for the Bloodmobile when it visits Central Point in the near future.

Biegel also reported that there is interest in purchase of a 10-acre piece of city-owned property between Walker school and the cemetery.

After some discussion of the future use of cemetery land, the council voted to call a special session on the matter Feb. 12 at 8 p.m.

Mayor Neil's airport committee appointments were approved. Those who will serve are Councilman George F. Ward, Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, Dr. Glenn Revel, J. C. Hamaker and Edd Rountree.

Portland Produce
Eggs—To retailers: AA extra large 46-47¢; A large 45-46¢; AA medium 44-45¢; A small 43-44¢; cartons 1-6¢ higher.

Butter—To retailers: AA and A prints 66¢; cartons 1¢ higher; B prints 65¢.

Cheese (medium cured)—To retailers: 46-47¢; 1 lb. packages 45-46¢; American 3-10 lb. loaf 43-44¢.

Portland—UPI—Dressed chickens—No. 1 grade dressed to retailers: Fryers, whole dressed, 32-33¢; cut-up 30-44¢; Hens, light type, whole dressed 22-24¢; light type hens, cut-up 23-24¢; heavy whole 26-28¢.

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