

# Commissioner Sees Need for Larger Investment in Education

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**United Press International**  
 Washington (UPI)—The man responsible for maintaining the momentum and direction of American education leaned back in an expensive leather-covered chair, propped his feet on a coffee table and looked genuinely undismayed by Washington officialdom.

Ask Keppel why he took the commissioner's job, he parries: "Mainly, because it was offered." Then he adds, seriously: "To someone who has been in education since the end of World War II, it was a natural step." He said, "You get to realize the relationship between education and the federal government."

1948 until picked by Kennedy in December to be the government's No. 1 school man. It was Keppel who lifted the education department at Harvard from lack-lustre status to a leader in its field.

Keppel won't be pinned down on whether he favors giving top priority to improving higher education rather than to improving elementary education. But other things he says show that this is how he feels.

Recently, he said a "sense of urgency" must be created to improve the quality of the American school system. Asked what he meant, he put it this way: "When parents find there aren't enough colleges for their children they'll create this sense of urgency. When they run into that brick wall," he said, slamming a fist into the palm of his hand to emphasize the point, "then they'll know what we've been talking about."

The only thing, he reflected softly, "is that it takes three years to build a college. I just hope it won't be too late."

## Kennedy Diplomats All Professionals; No Babies On Team

**BY WELLINGTON LONG**  
**United Press International**  
 Washington (UPI)—To Alexander Woolcott, diplomats were "babies in silk hats playing with dynamite."

President Kennedy agrees that his diplomats are playing with dynamite. But he accepts no babies on his team. Instead, he demands "men and women capable of informed and forceful action everywhere."

John O. Bell, born in the Philippines 50 years ago, is a lawyer, air transportation and economic aid expert who has been ambassador to revolution-ridden Guatemala since November, 1961.

Leonard Unger is another Harvard man, born in California 45 years ago, and in the diplomatic service since 1941. He has been ambassador to war-torn Laos since August, 1962.

The only amateur was John Kenneth Galbraith, an economist and Harvard professor. Kennedy sent the 54-year-old Galbraith to India in March, 1961. But Galbraith accepted it only on a temporary basis and will return to Harvard as soon as state department trouble-shooter Chester A. Bowles can replace him.

## Grange News

**Central Point Grange**  
 Central Point Grange will meet Friday, May 3.

The lecturer, Mrs. James Cornutt is arranging a Mother's Day program. Mrs. Walter Hicks is in charge of the display table, and requests that members bring pictures of their mothers to the meeting.

Plans for coming Grange visitations will be made. The last visitation, which was held at the Roky Ann Grange, was the largest. Shady Cove Grange is hoping that the visitation at their Grange Saturday, May 4 will be even larger.

**Phoenix Grange**  
 A pot luck dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at Phoenix Grange hall May 14 preceding the regular meeting. Members are asked to bring their own table service.

The last meeting was opened with the officers sealing drill. During the literary program everyone participated in a practice on the voting drill. During the program, a skit was performed by Mervin Hixon, Fred Meadows and Warren Lotter.

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