

Research Project Planned by SOC At Riddle Schools

ASHLAND — Riddle Public School students grades 1-12 will be utilized in a research project conducted by Southern Oregon College humanities staff members which will involve the nature of composition and the methods of teaching. Dr. Arthur Kreisman, chairman of the Southern Oregon College humanities division, has announced. Dr. Kreisman pointed out that the experiment, which will be coordinated by Robert L. Casbeer, head of the Riddle High School English department, had received the approval of the superintendent of the Riddle Public Schools, Kenneth A. Stuart and the Riddle board of education, chaired by Frederick Vedler.

Assisting Dr. Kreisman in the experiment will be Dr. Richard H. Byrns, professor of English, and Dr. Donald E. Moore, associate professor of education and English at the college.

Envisioned research projects would be supported financially by seed money from the Oregon State System of Higher Education research division or from Project English in the United States Office of Education's research program in English. Other financial aid may also be obtained through various foundation programs such as the Ford Foundation's current Oregon Program. Money for the research will not be obtained from the students but be at no cost to the school district involved.

Riddle Public Schools were considered ideal for the project because of the large numbers of Southern Oregon College graduates and post-graduate students currently employed; an assured continuity in personnel; an assured continuity of interest in enlightened educational processes tempered by a thorough foundation in fundamentals.

It was also pointed out that the enrollment of approximately 600 students would be a workable size for the type of research being considered and that at least two members of the high school English staff were relatively familiar with the kind of experimentation SOC has previously conducted in this area.

Discontent Said Facing Soviets Over Crop Failure

NEW YORK (UPI)—A student of agriculture behind the Iron Curtain reported today that Communist leaders face severe internal discontent unless they make a wholehearted effort to bolster crop production.

Richard Judy, a member of the faculty of the Air Force Institute of Technology who studied in Moscow University, says in a report published by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) that agriculture in Russia and most of her satellites and in Red China is in deep trouble.

"A hungry population is a discontented population, and such discontent may generate political opposition and even counter-revolution," Judy concludes. He said three alternatives — all of them painful — face the leadership of Communist nations:

—They can require their populations to tighten their belts and get along with less food. Russia's satellites are increasingly reluctant to do this.

—They can import more food from abroad, becoming dependent on the West and yielding a propaganda victory to capitalism.

—Or they can undertake "radical measures" to raise production.

Judy studied at the Russian Research Center of Harvard University and Moscow University's Faculty of Economic and traveled extensively through the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. He taught at the University of Colorado and Antioch College in Ohio before joining the Air Force faculty as his first military duty.

Here's One Way To Get the Day Off

LA PUENTE, Calif. (UPI)—A 15-year-old Nogueles High School student was in custody of juvenile authorities today for making a false bomb report to his school.

"It was my birthday and I didn't want to go to school," said Glenn W. Kilgore.

Status of Congressional Bills

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Status of major Congressional legislation:

Income Taxes — Administration-supported bill would reduce income taxes on individuals and corporations by \$11 billion with \$7 billion of relief effective on 1964 incomes and rest taking effect in 1965. House — Passed. Senate — Finance Committee hearings completed.

Stocks and Bond Taxes — To retard flow of American capital abroad the late President Kennedy proposed that purchase taxes be levied on Americans who buy foreign stocks and bonds from foreigners. House — Ways and Means Committee approved. Senate — Awaiting House action.

Fallout Shelters — Kennedy asked authority to make Federal contributions toward construction of Civil Defense fallout shelters in schools, hospitals and other non-profit institutions. House — Passed one year, \$19 million bill. Senate — Hearings under way before Armed Services subcommittee.

Health Insurance — Kennedy asked hospitalization program for persons 65 and older financed through Social Security taxes. House — Ways and Means Committee hearings started but no chance for passage this year. Senate — Awaiting House action.

Libraries — President asked construction and operating aid for city as well as country libraries. House — Committee approved. Senate — Committee approved.

Package Civil Rights Bill — Kennedy asked (and President Johnson has reaffirmed the request) new safeguards for Negro voting rights, ban on customer discrimination by private businesses, Justice Department authority to start school desegregation suits, White House authority to cut off Federal aid to discriminatory programs, creation of Federal agencies to fight government-related job bias and help mediate local race disputes and continuation of Civil Rights Commission. House — Judiciary Committee approved bipartisan compromise which seeks to end racial discrimination in voting, education, employment, unions and in use of privately-owned lodgings, eating establishments and places of amusement; would make Civil Rights Commission permanent. Request for clearance to House floor pending before Rules Committee. Campaign to by-pass rules under way. Senate — Judiciary Committee hearings on package bill in recess, no action expected.

Public Accommodations — Kennedy's proposal to ban discrimination in use of hotels, restaurants, theaters, stores and other public accommodations. House — Included in omnibus bill. Senate — Commerce committee approved limited version as separate legislation.

Employment Discrimination — Kennedy endorsed separate FEPC covering private business and labor unions. House — Labor committee approved separate bill; judiciary subcommittee included differing version in omnibus bill. Senate — Labor subcommittee approved; Commerce committee put labor bias ban into public accommodations bill.

Cotton — Administration backed subsidy plan would provide cheaper cotton for U.S. textile mills; includes lower support prices for large-scale growers and potential relaxation of planting restrictions. House — Approved. Senate — Hearings completed.

Mass Transit — Kennedy proposed \$500 million in subsidies to improve city rail, bus and subway services. House — Banking committee approved bill, pending in rules committee. Senate — Approved \$375 million program.

Wilderness — Kennedy wanted to establish a national program to preserve public lands in their natural state. Senate — Approved, with provision covering 1 million acres immediately and possibly up to 35 million acres eventually. House — No committee hearings set.

Outdoor Recreation — Kennedy requested a special land and water conservation fund to finance purchase of additional federal and state park lands and forests for outdoor recreation. House — Interior committee approved bill. Senate — Hearings completed, awaiting House action.

Depressed Areas — Kennedy asked Congress to expand sharply program of federal redevelopment aid to local industries designed to create jobs in areas of chronically high unemployment. Senate — Approved additional \$455 million authorization. House — Rejected, but banking committee has approved a "second-try" \$355 million bill which is pending before rules committee.

Youth Employment — Kennedy asked new \$100 million youth conservation corps for outdoor work in forests and parks; home town youth corps for local civic projects. House — Education committee has approved, pending in rules committee. Senate — Passed.

Domestic Peace Corps — President Kennedy asked for new organization of 1,000 to 5,000 skilled volunteers to carry out work in this country similar to Peace Corps projects abroad. \$5 million first year cost. House — Education and labor subcommittee approved. Senate — Passed.

Price-Cutting — Administration - opposed bill backed by druggists and some other retail groups is designed to stop retail price-cutting of brand-name merchandise. House — Commerce Committee approved. Senate — Commerce subcommittee scheduled to have one more day of hearings. No date set.

Awaiting Signature: Foreign Aid — Administration asked \$4.5 billion authorization. Congress approved \$3.8 billion compromise.

Mexican Farm Hands — 12-year-old law permitting importation of Mexicans for temporary work on American farms expires Dec. 31; administration requested one-year extension with new safeguards to protect domestic workers. Senate and House — Approved administration-opposed simple one-year extension without safeguard amendments.

Enacted: Colleges: A three-year, \$1.2 billion program of loans and grants to build classrooms, libraries and laboratories with emphasis on science, engineering, mathematics and modern foreign language facilities.

Military Pay — President asked \$1.2 billion annual pay boost for servicemen, reservists and retirees. Congress approved \$1.2 billion increase with some changes including elimination of boosts for low-ranking enlisted men with less than two years service.

Draft — Congress granted Kennedy's request for four-year extension of selective service and doctor draft.

Feed Grains — Congress extended for two years temporary program of paying farmers to hold down surplus production of corn and other feed grains.

Silver — To combat shortage of silver for coins, Congress gave administration authority it requested to replace existing silver-backed \$1 bills with gold-backed \$1 bills.

Women Workers — Starting next June employers must provide equal pay for women workers who do the same work as men; new law applies to jobs covered by minimum wage-hour law.

Taxes — Congress in response to administration request extended for another year present temporary tax rate on corporation profits, liquor, cigarettes, automobiles, telephone calls and airline tickets which had been scheduled to drop to lower levels July 1. (Corporation tax rates would be permanently revised downward, if the administration tax-reduction program is enacted.)

National Debt Limit — Congress granted President's request to extend through Nov. 30 temporary ceiling of \$30 billion on national debt. Ceiling would have reverted to \$25 billion Sept. 1 without the new legislation. (New extension for increased \$315 billion debt limit for last seven months of fiscal year slated for House vote this week.)

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