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### Many Men In Government Afraid To Make Decisions

WASHINGTON (NEA)—The major reason the U.S. is behind the Russians in missiles and in space is starkly simple.

Too many men in the U.S. Government are afraid to make decisions.

So they pass the buck. Or say no. Or go by the regulations. Or just don't make any decisions at all.

This is the conclusion drawn from an NEA Service survey of 26 key missile-space men and a study of 23 reports from industry men fighting to get Washington decisions that would speed their work.

None of these men thought the major problem was funds.

None believed the primary roadblock was Army-Navy-Air Force rivalry.

But all of them were discouraged by indecision.

Most of these men believed that indecision was responsible, too, for a great amount of aircraft-missile-space waste. Estimates of that waste for the past three years ranged from \$1 billion to \$1 1/2 billion.

Says one Pentagonian:

"Officials have been afraid to make even a decision to cancel a program that would be obsolete by the time it was finished—or even programs that would duplicate other programs."

Progress is made by new ideas. New ideas need approval. But in Washington—in missiles or space—"no one man has the courage

### American Education Week: Voting Role In Education

**Editor's Note**—This is another in the series of articles evaluating our educational system during American Education Week. It is written by Mrs. Fred Kelsay, past president of the League of Women Voters.

By MRS. FRED KELSAY

A good voter is an informed voter. It is not easy to be an informed voter these days. Matters calling for decisions are frequently complex, controversial, or completely outside his range of experience. With regard to education the voter is being confronted frequently with decisions on new problems.

The decisions he makes may directly affect his child's future, as well as his own pocketbook, and perhaps even his way of life.

The voter is a good voter if he knows his local candidates. He attends meetings where candidates for local school boards will speak. He may take the lead in encouraging his own club, civic, or neighborhood group to invite the candidates to a tea, coffee hour or reception, where they will have an opportunity to talk informally. Before the meeting he familiarizes himself with the candidates' records, backgrounds, and platforms, and decides what questions need asking.

The voter knows that major education decisions are being made on the state and national levels. He seeks all points of view. He listens to speeches, reads newspaper articles, follows radio and TV broadcasts both pro and con on the candidate, the bond issue, or the proposed legislation.

The wise voter knows how schools are financed, so that he can make enlightened decisions on any proposed changes. He knows, for example, that taking the nation as a whole 56 per cent of present school costs fall on local governments, 49 per cent on state governments, and four per cent on the federal government.

He visits the schools. When a

vote, realizes that this action is only the beginning. He continues to make his opinions known to candidates he has elected through letters and personal contacts. He keeps on attending school board meetings. He encourages the members of organizations and groups in which he is affiliated to make their views known to members of the State Legislature and to U.S. Congressmen and senators when education bills are being drawn up or voted upon. He often becomes so interested that he finds himself helping to get out the vote or even running for office!

Our communities, states, nation and the world will be improved in direct ratio to the number of persons, responsible and unselfish, who seek experience in the art of government, especially as relates to education.

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This chorus offers another vivid program ranging from sacred and romantic songs, glees for male voices, to choral scenes from the Old West and a bouquet of Jerome Kern favorites.

The program will encompass a wealth of composing geniuses from Monteverdi and Schumann to Poulenc and Stravinsky, presenting with special impact Act 2 of the last named master's electric operetta "Oedipus Rex" with costumes, masks and staging.

### Interne Hero Plans To Quit

NEW YORK (AP)—Dr. P. Shamsuddin, an interne from India, was a hero last weekend when he amputated an actor's leg with makeshift equipment. Today he was an angry young man preparing to quit New York and finish his medical training in England.

The slight, mustachioed doctor said he is leaving because of "extremely rude and impolite" treatment from Dr. Phillip D. Allen, supervising director of Knickerbocker Hospital over the issue of talking to the press.

The 25-year-old physician answered an emergency call in an ambulance Saturday to find English actor Marty Green with his left leg pinned in an automobile elevator shaft.

Shamsuddin borrowed a pen-knife from a patrolman and used the things of a policeman's nightstick for a tourniquet during the amputation. Green is reported recovering well.

Monday, saying Dr. Allen had rudely rebuked him for news accounts of the emergency operation, Shamsuddin resigned from the hospital's staff.

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