

# Old Coalition Will Be Congress Stumbling Block

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect John F. Kennedy made enough campaign promises and pledges—for better living in America—to keep him busy for his four White House years.

"The theme of this campaign," he said, "is going to be action." His actions—and his frustrations—begin as soon as he takes office and has to deal with a Congress where, although his Democrats retained control of it, there is a built-in stumbling block to some of his liberal ideas.

This is the old coalition of conservatives: most Republicans and the Southern Democrats. They can block, blast and baffle the man in the White House.

A president can operate in one of three ways in dealing with Congress: forcefully, like Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt; hesitantly, like Truman; or cautiously like Harding and Eisenhower.

Those who know Kennedy expect him to be forceful. But his squeaky victory over Vice President Richard M. Nixon has deprived him before he starts of that awe professional politicians have for a heavy winner.

Confronting Kennedy immedi-

ately will be two domestic problems involving money:

1. The country has had an economic downturn. He must try to avoid a recession.
2. Kennedy has never come up with a cost estimate for the programs he proposes. Nixon said it would be \$15 billion. Kennedy hooted at that. But soon after he takes office he will have to send his list of expenses—his budget—to Congress.

He has said he would not ask a tax increase. But he also promised to keep the budget balanced—spending no more than is taken in through taxes—except in times of national emergency or severe recession.

How then, in view of his broad and far-reaching promises, would he do the balancing? He suggested various fields in which he thinks expenses might be cut. And he is going to look for tax loopholes that can be plugged up.

Still, most voters probably never heard of one-tenth or even one-fiftieth of the pledges and promises he made because they were contained so many times in prepared speeches which, although he stood behind them, he threw away in order to talk to crowds about something which occurred to him at the moment.

But they cut across great fields of American life at home. He said: "I believe the times demand invention, innovation, imagination and decision."

What follows here is related only to his ideas on doing things at home and is separate from his proposals on national defense and foreign policy, both of which require money and plenty of it.

Here's a look at them:

High in his consciousness are the nation's natural resources from trees to water power.

He promised action on: a comprehensive plan for many-purpose river development; "restoration of American leadership in nuclear power development; a stronger fight against water pollution; intensified research on such development programs as weather control and conversion of salt water into fresh; expansion of forest management and access road development.

His proposals on health, education and aids to older people should keep him and Congress in a whirl for four years:

A medical care for the aged program paid through Social Security; higher pay for teachers through federal aid; federal grants for construction, expansion, and modernization of medical schools, dental schools and schools of public health; loans and scholarships for medical students; grants for renovating older hospitals; long term grants for increased medical research; stepped up efforts in rehabilitating the handicapped; increased Social Security payments; improved employment opportunities for older workers; a "massive construction program" for schools and colleges.

Then there's the field of civil rights, the most inflammatory the members of Congress ever try to handle.

Here are some of the things Kennedy said on this:

"The Democratic party intends to use the full legal and moral authority of the federal government—including in particular the presidency itself—to put an end to racial and religious discrimination in every area of our national life—so that every American has the same right as every other American to go to school, to get a job, to vote, to buy a house, to use any public facility and to sit down at any public lunch counter."

And he talked of creating a fair employment practices commission—an idea which is dynamic with Southerners in Congress—to make sure people applying for jobs are not turned down because of color or religion.

Then there's labor. Only part of his ideas on this are given here. He wants to raise the minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour, a notion blocked by conservatives in Congress last summer. Kennedy

# Klamath County 'Great Decision' Program Is Scheduled

A meeting to start off the 1961 Great Decisions program in Klamath County is scheduled at the County Library conference room at 7:30 Friday evening, Nov. 18.

The program promotes study of international questions. Subjects scheduled for study this winter over the eight-week period Feb. 3 to March 26 include: Deadlock over Germany, Soviet Challenge and World Leadership, France and Western Unity, Japan—Future of an Ally, South Africa and an Explosive Continent, The Americas in Jeopardy, Arms and Survival, and Blue Prints for the World Economy.

This isn't everything he promised—just for Americans at home—but it will do for a starter.

These international questions is Association. The program is endorsed by the United Nations Association of Oregon as well as General Extension of the State System of Higher Education and the Oregon State College Extension Service.

The program is built around informally organized groups of neighbors and friends. Over 60 Klamath County people participated in the 1960 Great Decisions program, according to Isabelle Brixner and Walt Jendrzejewski, who are assisting with organization.

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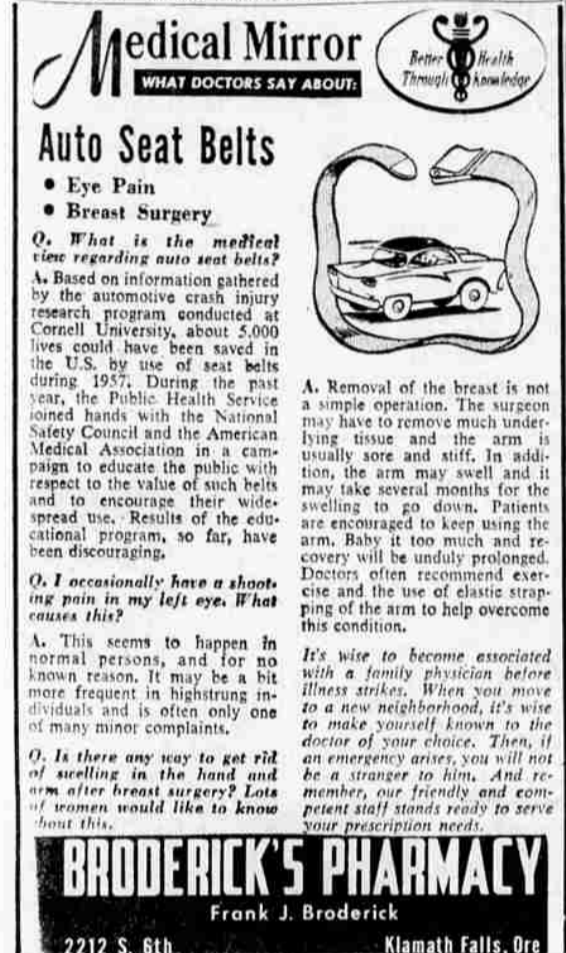
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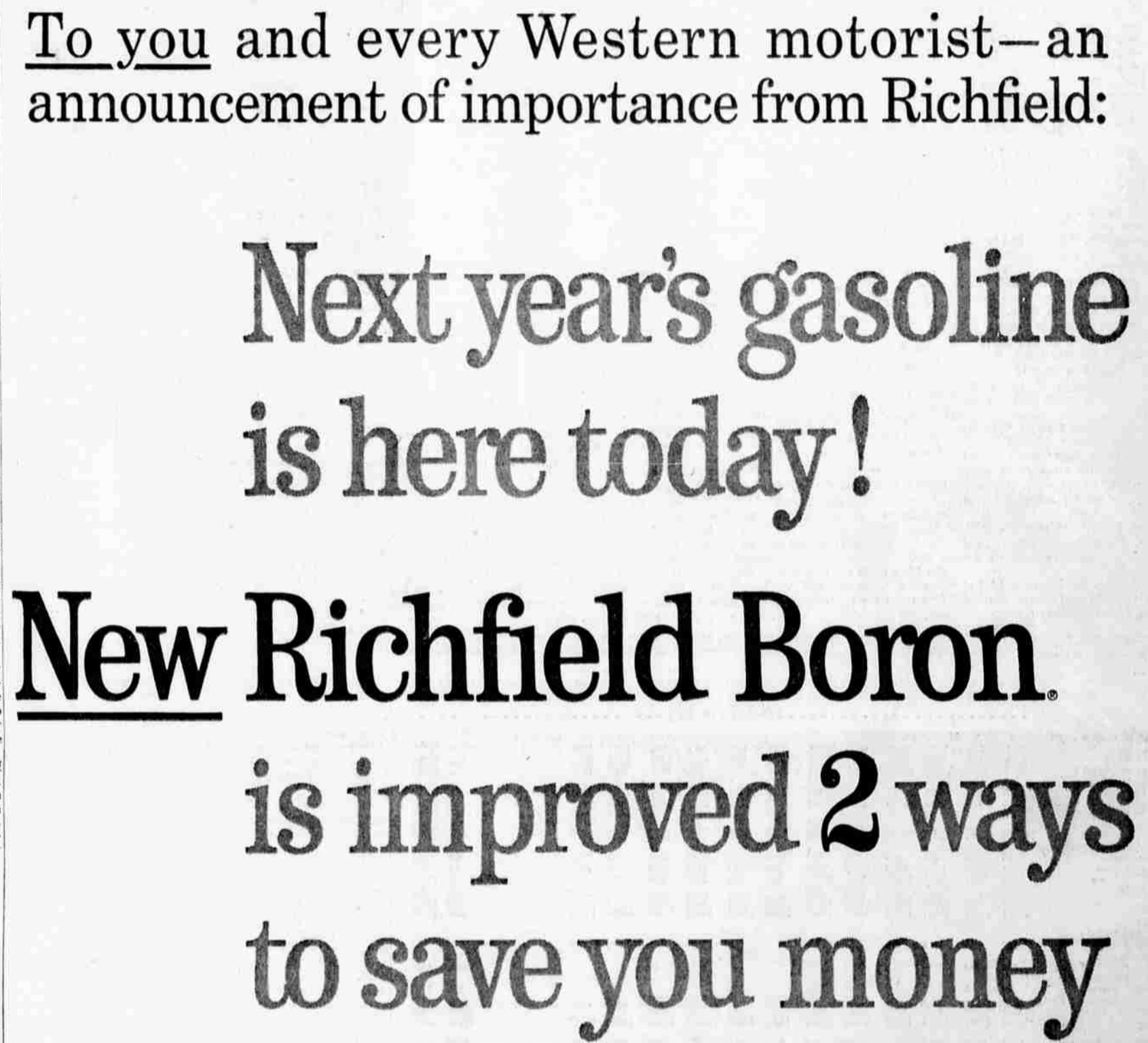
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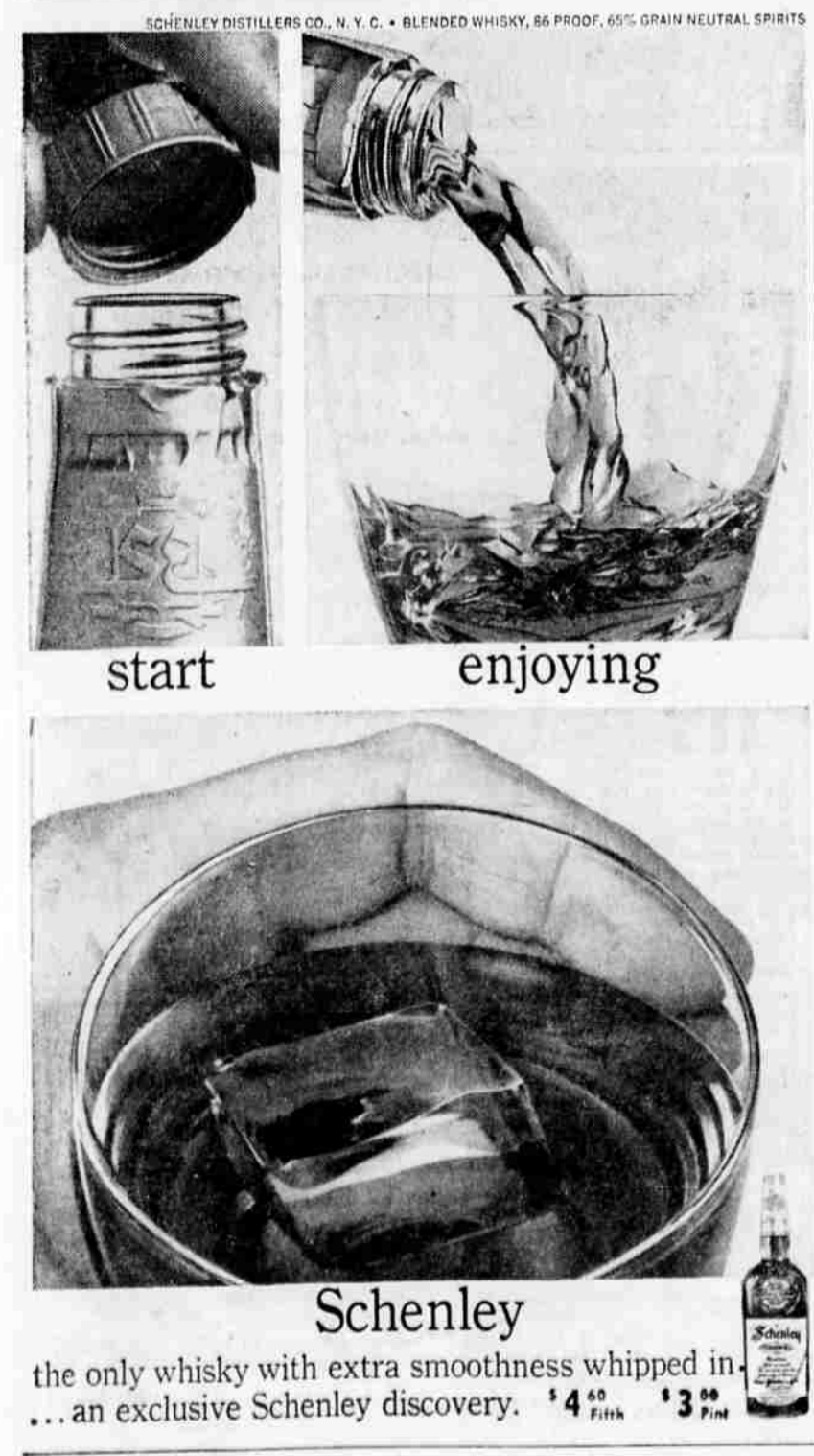
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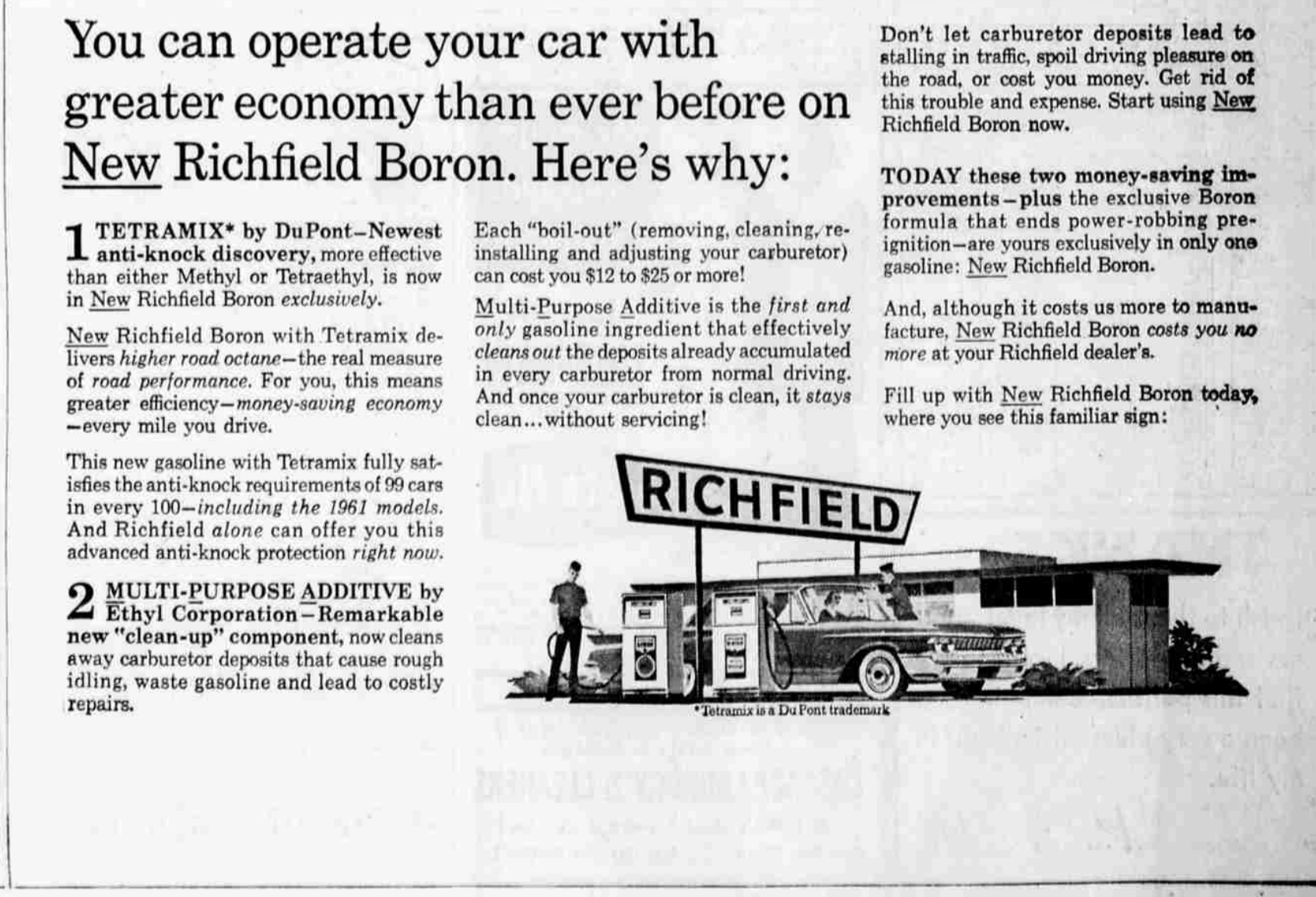
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