

Peace Corps Program May Cost \$10 Million

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Peace Corps Director R. Sargent Shriver said today he hoped the first year's "pilot program" of the agency would cost no more than \$10 million and "maybe as little as three or four."

The handsome Chicagoan, a brother-in-law of President Kennedy, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee the program's cost would depend largely on the demand for Peace Corps members in underdeveloped countries, and thus was hard to figure.

However, he said, it may be possible to send Peace Corps volunteers abroad in some programs for a total cost of as little as \$5,000 per person, much less than the cost of maintaining military or diplomatic personnel.

Shriver underwent an intensive but generally friendly questioning about all aspects of the program

President Kennedy Treasures Rocking Chair

WASHINGTON (AP) — That rocking chair in President Kennedy's office has been one of his most treasured possessions for more than five years.

Dr. Janet Travell, the White House physician, is glad he likes it so much. She is convinced that rocking in a good high-backed chair is a fine way to relax.

"Such a chair," said the doctor, "provides gentle, constant exercise and helps prevent muscular fatigue."

A reporter went to Dr. Travell after noticing Kennedy using the rocker during a recent conference with Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara.

The reporter asked if the rocker had been prescribed by Dr. Travell because of the trouble the President has had with his back — an ailment which she first treated in 1955.

Kennedy first hurt his back as a youth. The injury was severely aggravated when the PT boat he

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House Passes Bill On Property Tax Relief

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP) — The Oregon House of Representatives passed 47-12 Tuesday a bill to allow complete property tax relief on homes of persons more than 65 years of age.

The bill, which goes to the Senate, would allow such persons to defer payment of property taxes until death or until the property is sold.

The taxes would be payable at 8 per cent interest. It would be taken from the inheritance, or from the sale price of the property.

Rep. Clarence Barton, D-Coquille, told the House that the bill would help solve "the ever-increasing social problem that is plaguing elderly persons. Elderly people on fixed incomes are caught in the inflationary blight and there isn't much they can do about it. They have a real problem now in keeping their homes."

The children of the old people, he pointed out, would pay the taxes in cases where they are deferred. If a taxpayer died, his widow could go on living in the house under the deferred tax plan.

Barton said that the children would be encouraged to pay the taxes while the parents are still living, so that the children could avoid paying the 8 per cent interest after the parents die.

Barton told how legislative interim committees have been trying to solve the tax problem for the elderly for the past four years.

He said the House Taxation Committee, which approved the bill, also would submit another bill to let counties issue bonds to make up for the tax loss in the next few years. After that, he added, the counties would have sufficient revolving funds built up to make bonds unnecessary.

He said the bill is better than numerous other proposals which would grant certain exemptions on the property of elderly people. These other bills, he said, would not bring the needed relief, and they would shift the burden onto other taxpayers.

Thieves Fail To Capture Cat

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — When Louis Loeser opened his store Friday, he found thieves had taken \$93 in cigars and cigarettes. Also missing was his Siamese cat, "Baby."

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To get a deferral, the taxpayer would have to apply for it. It would now make any difference how much his house is worth, or how much income he earns.

Rep. George Annala, D-Hood River, opposed the bill. He said it is an example of "social legislation which has contributed to our problems, such as juvenile delinquency and welfare."

Annala said that people over 65 years old are the ones who built up a national debt of 290 billion dollars in the past 30 years.

Then Rep. Don McKinnis, D-Summersville, feared that the result would be more foreclosures of property.

Rep. Victor Attyeh, R-Portland, argued for the bill, saying, "We are not giving the old people a thing. We would collect the tax from their heirs."

The House also ground out some major appropriation bills, including those for the National Guard.

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