

Congress May Exceed Ike On School Program

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A 22-word sentence that President Eisenhower inserted in his State of the Union Message has boosted prospects that Congress will go farther than he asked on a school aid bill.

Eisenhower didn't intend it that way.

In his printed message, distributed to members of Congress, the President urged action on the 25-year installment plan for school aid that he recommended last year.

It called for a federal outlay of about \$2,500,000 over a long period to help needy school districts pay off bonds for constructing new classrooms.

Seize On Statement

But Eisenhower, in reading his address, tossed in the extra sentence stating that his budget for the next fiscal year would show a \$4,200,000 surplus "to be apportioned against our national debt."

Liberal House Democrats seized this statement as justification for their pay-now program of bigger federal grants within the next few years for building schools.

Rep. Frank Thompson Jr. (D-N.J.) said Eisenhower's anticipated surplus "might better be used for our greatest natural resource — our children."

Willing To Compromise

Thompson, who supported a larger program last year, said he was "willing to compromise and spend just as much as the President recommended in 1957." He recalled the President then recommended \$25 million dollars annually for four years.

Rep. Cleveland M. Bailey (D-W.Va.), chairman of the House education subcommittee, said Eisenhower's message "opened the door a little" on school construction. But Bailey described as "so much political hooey" the Presi-

dent's forecast of the large surplus.

Rep. Carroll D. Kearns (Pa.), top Republican on the House Education and Labor Committee, viewed Eisenhower's message as showing a willingness to compromise. Kearns said he was "willing to work hard" to reach a compromise.

Kennedy Enters In Early Bird Primary

CONCORD, N. H. (UPI) — Democratic Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts was entered today as the first candidate in New Hampshire's early bird primary and a battle shaped up on the Republican side between Nixon and Rockefeller forces.

Petitions were filed on Kennedy's behalf to enter both the popularity poll and the contest for delegates to the March 8 party voting. At the same time his supporters filed a slate of 29 delegates pledged to vote for Kennedy at the Democratic national convention in July. A 30th candidate is to be filed later.

New Hampshire has 11 votes at the convention.

Two Republican candidates for delegate to the Republican national convention had filed before Kennedy's petition went in.

The first candidate filed "favorable to" New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller whose supporters are still hopeful they can draft him despite his disclaimer last month.

The second GOP candidate, former Gov. Robert O. Blood, filed favorable to Vice President Nixon whose petition is to be filed Saturday, his 47th birthday.

Kennedy is 42.

Republicans outnumber Democrats in New Hampshire almost 2 to 1 so the primary is not a direct contest between Nixon and Kennedy. The candidates' popularity will be judged on the percentage of the registered party vote won by each candidate.

Rome City Man Is Indicted In Murder

ALBION, Ind. (UPI) — A Noble County grand jury indicted Paul D. Young, 27, Rome City, today on charges of second-degree murder in the hospital corridor slaying of his ailing 14-month-old son.

Young sobbed at the jail where he was held pending temporary commitment to a mental hospital that he "saw a red wall in the hospital — red like a sky bathed in blood, and the Lord told me to do it."

The indictment charged that Young hurried his son, Roy Lee, to the floor of McCray Hospital corridor here on New Year's Day, then kicked the baby repeatedly.

Two physicians testified in court Wednesday that Young was capable of comprehending the charges against him. But one of them, Dr. Max Sneary, said Young was mentally ill from paranoid schizophrenia and had a persecution complex. Young was in a Knoxville, Tenn., mental hospital twice the last three years.

Judge Kenneth A. King ordered Young taken to Westville to a state mental institution for 90 days pending his ruling on whether he must stand trial.

Grabill At Annual Superintendents Meet

County school superintendent Gail Grabill attended the annual meeting of the Indiana school superintendents association at Indianapolis Thursday.

Supt. Grabill said that discussion centered on problems of the school superintendents, how to overcome them and, also, more discussion on the school reorganization act of 1959.

District Boy Scout Committee To Meet

The district Boy Scout committee, comprised of the institutional representatives from every sponsoring group in Adams, Wells, and Jay counties, will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the home economics room in the Decatur high school, Lyle Cotton, district president, said today.

This will be the organizational meeting for the new group of officers, and it is very important that as many as can attend the meeting.

Rural Churches

PLEASANT MILLS BAPTIST

Allison Van Wormer, pastor
9:45 a.m., Sunday school.
Lowell Noll, S. S. Supt.

10:45 a.m., morning worship.
Sermon by pastor. Communion service.

6:30 p.m., youth fellowship.

7 p.m., evening worship. Sermon by pastor.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., W.M.S. meets with Mrs. Paul McCullough.

Bring your White Cross bandages and material. Read Genesis in January.

U. B. RIVARRE CIRCUIT

Huber Bakner, pastor
Mt. Zion
9:30 a.m., Sunday school.

10:30 a.m., class meeting.

7 p.m., Christian Endeavor.

7 p.m., Wednesday, mid-week prayer service.

Mt. Victory

9:30 a.m., Sunday school.

10:30 a.m., class meeting.

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, mid-week prayer service.

SALEM EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

H. E. Settage, Minister

9 a.m.—Sunday School. Classes for all age groups.

10 a.m.—Worship Service.

7 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meet.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer meeting.

Saturday, 9 and 10 a.m.—Confirmation Classes.

10 to 10:45 a.m.—Children's Choir Rehearsals.

PLEASANT DALE

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

John D. Misher, Pastor

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School with Mr. Loren Liechty as superintendent and Mrs. Mildred Roth as the Children's director. Classes for every age.

10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.

7:30—Evening services with sharing experiences.

7:30 p.m. Tuesday—the quarterly council will be held.

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Pleasant Grove

9:30 a.m., Sunday school.
10:30 a.m., evangelistic services.
7:30 p.m., evangelistic services.
Rev. Stanley Peters leading the song services with his wife as accompanist and the pastor bringing the messages. Services will continue nightly with special numbers



Strong Churches

Lesson for January 10, 1960

A TRAVELING medicine man is not a registered pharmacist. They both make a living out of selling medicines; but there the resemblance ends. The medicine man is interested in the money and nothing else. The pharmacist is a member of the community and has a personal stake in the community's health. The medicine man has never had one to examine him; the pharmacist has to pass a state examination to be licensed. The medicine man seldom Dr. Foreman knows much about his stuff; the pharmacist spent years studying it.

Likewise, the fly-by-night preacher is not, as a rule, a churchman. They both are religious professionals, that is to say they "live by the Gospel" as Paul put it. But the fly-by-nighter can be identified by the fact that he is interested chiefly in the money; the churchman is interested in the people of the church. The churchman is a member of the Christian community, he lives there, he feels responsible. The fly-by-nighter is irresponsible; the churchman has been stiffly examined, and has spent years learning his job.

Strong Churches Make Strong Christians

Saint Paul was one of the most successful evangelists who ever lived. But he never thought his duty was done when he had simply preached somewhere. Saint Paul was a traveling preacher, but no fly-by-nighter. He had a sense of responsibility for the Christians whom he had converted. He knew that just getting people converted and then doing more about them is like a doctor who would specialize in delivering babies but would not care what they ate, drank or wore after that. A neglected baby is a sickly baby, and a neglected Christian is a sickly Christian. The best place for babies is in a good home; and the best place for growing Christians is with other growing Christians, namely in church. Strong churches make strong Christians.

What Makes A Church Strong?

Paul knew all this, indeed we may say that this method of work demonstrated that this is true. He knew if he left weak churches behind him the Christians would also be weak.

The recipe for strong church has not changed since Paul's time. Three foundation stones for a strong church are mentioned in Acts 14:21-23. First of these is preaching. Paul had preached in these churches before; they had heard the gospel. But they needed further help.

Can Christians be strengthened by talk? Certainly if the talk is right. If the preaching in a church is faithful to the Word of God, and if the preacher is trained to preach, instead of being a fuzzy-minded Christian who likes to talk the listeners in that church Sunday after Sunday are being fed, to the health of mind and spirit.

Organization and Worship

Another foundation for a strong church is organized leadership. A church is not a mere collection of Christians, a religious mass-meeting. It is, or should be, a power in its community. Its responsibilities to its members and through its members are many. To do what needs to be done, leaders are needed who have some authority, some capacity for planning, some gifts of persuasion, some far vision.

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