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House Kills Education  
Bill By 242-169 Vote

WASHINGTON (BP)-- The House of Representatives killed the Administration's education bills for this session of Congress. But President Kennedy says, "We will be back next year."

This does not mean, however, that all education legislation is dead for the first session of the 87th Congress. There are certain portions of the various proposals that have good, fair, or poor chances of passage.

The House of Representatives by a vote of 242-169 decided not to allow a compromise education bill to come to the floor. The bill, which was a watered-down version of Administration requests, provided for classroom construction in overcrowded public schools, for an extension of the federally impacted areas bill, and for an extension of the student loan program of the National Defense Education Act.

Proponents of Federal aid to education still have not given up on certain educational remnants. It is expected that there will be an extension of the federally impacted areas bill. There is strong hope on the part of many on Capitol Hill that the student loan program of the NDEA will be extended. Others think that aid to higher education may yet be passed this year.

Three major factors have been assigned by Washington reporters for the failure of a general Federal aid to education bill this year. They are:

- (1) The sustained opposition by the United States hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church to any general program of school aid that did not help meet the financial needs of parochial schools.
- (2) The insistence of the organized teachers and the National Education Association that Federal aid include teachers' salaries as well as classroom construction.
- (3) Possibly the most potent factor of all was the opposition of conservative business organizations and legislators to any form of general Federal aid to education.

The reasons advanced by the latter groups centered around the fear of Federal control of the public schools, coupled with the necessity to conserve the Government's financial resources.

The President in his news conference indicated that he would continue his fight for help for the schools of the Nation. On the other hand, one of his chief supporters, Rep. Frank Thompson (D., N. J.), said that he saw "very little use to try again until after the next presidential election. The forces against it are too great despite the proven need."

Exactly what will be attempted remains to be seen. One thing is certain--other education attempts will be made.

Church Colleges May  
Profit From Tax Funds

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Both public and church-related colleges will be helped if the higher education bill is approved by Congress.

The House Committee on Education and Labor has already approved a bill to provide \$1½ billion in grants and loans to colleges. Consideration by the House is awaiting action by the Rules Committee, which governs the flow of legislation.

The purpose of the bill, sponsored by Mrs. Edith Green (D., Ore.), is to assist colleges in "the construction, rehabilitation, or improvement of needed academic and related facilities, and to authorize financial assistance for undergraduate study in such institutions."

The higher education bill would assist both existing and new colleges.

The House committee partially recognized the church-state problems in the bill when it prohibited the use of any of the funds for buildings "used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship" and for "any part of a program of a school of divinity."

According to the bill both loans and grants will be available to church-related colleges.

Provision for "judicial review" is written into the bill. This, however, specifically provides for dissatisfied States that might feel they are not being properly treated by the United States Commissioner of Education in the administration of the program.

There is no provision for "judicial review" for the benefit of taxpayers who might feel that the first amendment is being violated in granting public funds to church colleges.

Although general education bills have been killed in the House of Representatives, the Kennedy Administration still hopes that Congress will pass the higher education bill this year.

Indications are that the House may be given opportunity to vote on the measure unless the "religious issue" in it is forced out into the open. Most of the attack on Federal aid to church-related schools this year has centered on the elementary and secondary levels. Very little objection has been raised in the Congress over the use of public funds for church colleges.

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House Passes Juvenile  
Delinquency Bill

(9-1-61)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- The House of Representatives passed a bill to assist public and private agencies to find solutions to the problems of juvenile delinquency and youth offenses.

The bill now goes to a conference committee to iron out the differences between the House bill and the one passed earlier in the year by the Senate.

The House bill calls for a three-year program and \$30 million for Federal assistance to States and communities in combating juvenile delinquency. The Senate action was for a four-year, \$20 million program.

The bill states that the juvenile delinquency problem requires "intensive and coordinated efforts on the part of private and governmental interests."

Both grants and contracts are available "to any State, local, or other public or nonprofit agency, organization, or institution" to carry out the purposes of the act.

The Federal subsidies would be to develop demonstration and evaluation projects designed to solve juvenile delinquency problems. It would also provide help in training personnel employed or preparing for employment in this field.

Technical assistance is a third area in which the Government would help public and private agencies working for the control of juvenile delinquency or youth offenses.

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Morse, St. Louis Paper  
Hit Bishops' Position

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) has again challenged the Roman Catholic bishops to stop obstructing legislation to aid public schools.

Morse recently blamed the Catholic bishops for delay of the public school legislation by their demand that there be no Federal aid to education unless their parochial schools are included. The Senator favors Federal loans to private schools, but he has clashed with the Catholic leaders in their "all or nothing" policy.

He inserted in the Congressional Record an editorial from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, which he said presents his case on the issue of public and private school legislation.

In recommending the editorial to the advocates of aid to private schools, Morse said, "I yield to none of them in my determination to seek to get legislation to aid private schools within the framework of the Constitution and subject to the restrictions of the first amendment of the Constitution...."

Referring to the argument of Francis Cardinal Spellman in a recent press release that it is anti-Catholic to deny public tax support for parochial schools, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch said editorially:

"With all due respect to the many Roman Catholics who sincerely hold such views, we believe this line of reasoning overlooks several elements of the problem."

The editorial pointed out: (1) the followers of every religious faith and the followers of none have a right to religious liberty but this does not mean they have a right to obtain financial support for indoctrination of their faith from followers of other faiths and followers of none; (2) the basic characteristic of the public school is that it is open to all children without imposing the tenets of a particular religious faith.

Those who hold that religious training at home or church only is an inadequate arrangement, the editorial continued, are at liberty to combine religious training with general education in one school, but they cannot demand the right to do so at public expense.

"The reason is that it is fundamentally wrong to tax one family to pay for the propagation of another family's faith. This is the underlying and profoundly wise principle upon which the constitutional doctrine of church-state separation rests," the editorial stated.

The editorial concluded that the best and constitutional way to deal with the matter is to tax nobody for the support of any particular creed, and to tax everybody for the support of nonreligious public schools.

Morse, commenting on the editorial, told the Senate he favored a separate public school aid bill and a separate private school loan bill. He said he still supported the Clark-Morse bill for aid to private schools, and raised some questions for the Catholic leaders of the country:

"What is wrong with that bill? Why do you not start giving us support for that bill, rather than take the position that we have to follow your legislative procedure or be confronted with your political opposition?"

Morse told the Senate he would not be deterred by the private school advocates from his attempt at legislation for both public and private schools, any more than he would be deterred by Protestant objections.

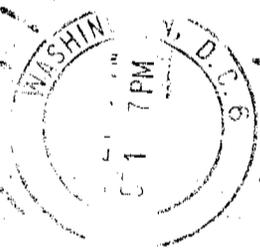
"No Catholic child in America, in either public or private school, will profit from the obstruction of the public school bill," the Senator said. "Second-rate public schools will mean a second-rate America, and what Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish child is going to be better off then?"

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### Young Baptists Request Firm Stand On Communism

AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)--A telegram has been sent to President John F. Kennedy by more than 1,100 young people who attended the annual Latin American Baptist Youth Encampment near here urging him to be firm in dealing with Communism.

The young people decided to send the telegram after a week of study on Christianity versus Communism. McDonald W. Held, general chairman of the "Democracy in Action" program of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., led the study program.

"In view of our new awareness of dangers from those who deny God and would make slaves of men," the telegram to Kennedy said, "we hereby resolve to be more alert to those dangers and to give ourselves more wholly to the support of our basic American principles and Christian heritage.

"We urge you, as President of the United States of America, always to be firm in dealing with this atheistic menace and to continue to use your leadership to make this country aware of it," the message concluded.

Among the record 1,106 young people registering for the encampment, there were 66 professions of faith in Christ. More than 400 other decisions were recorded during the services, including 30 who surrendered to the ministry and 10 who made commitments to other phases of vocational Christian service.

Daniel Sanchez, of Howard Payne was elected president of the encampment for 1961-62. Next year's sessions will be at Alto Frio Baptist Encampment near Leakey, Tex., Aug. 20-24.

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### Hardin-Simmons Begins Student Union Building

(9-1-61)

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Hardin-Simmons University here has started construction on a million-dollar Student Union building, university officials announced.

Completion of the building, to be built by Oates Construction Co. of Abilene, is expected within one year.

The building will include Hardin-Simmons' dining and recreational facilities, a faculty lounge, women's lounge, large student lobby, hobby and game rooms, two private dining rooms, a snack bar, bookstore, banquet and assembly hall for large gatherings, three conference rooms, bowling lanes, and also the offices for the Hardin-Simmons Student Association, the office of alumni affairs, and student organizations.

To make room for the new student center, the oldest building on the Hardin-Simmons campus, Anna Hall, is being torn down. The new student center will be located just south of the new Hardin-Simmons chapel-auditorium.

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Salvation Explained  
By Building's Light

DALLAS (BP)--Even a building's lighting system can depict God's saving grace, T. C. Gardner learned here.

Gardner, vice president of East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Tex., was interviewing a student for a scholarship in his Dallas office.

As they talked, Gardner realized the youth was not a Christian.

"Come with me," he said.

Down the hall from Gardner's office in the Southern Baptist Annuity Board's building is a small prayer chapel. Inside, the lights are controlled by a dimmer which raises or lowers the flood of light.

Gardner touched the dimmer. The chapel became pitch black.

"This darkness represents sin," said Gardner. "That's how we are without Christ, the light of the world."

Then he turned on a spot light with the beam falling on an open Bible. Pointing to the Bible, he continued:

"In God's word, it says when you accept Christ as saviour, His light enters into your heart and absorbs all that darkness. From then on you live in His light."

He flipped the dimmer again, and light flooded the chapel.

The youth got the message. He knelt beside Gardner and accepted Christ, the light of the world.

The conversion was the fifth known conversion taking place in the building on 511 N. Akard since its erection here in 1959.

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Book Of "Baptist Hour"  
Sermons Published

(9-1-61)

FORT WORTH (BP)--A new book of "Baptist Hour" sermons by Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, Okla., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been printed and issued by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Entitled, "Best of the Baptist Hour," the 48-page book contains the nine sermons most requested this year by "Baptist Hour" listeners.

Included in the book are such titles as "Twenty-six Words That Can Change Your Life," "Most Important Question Ever Asked," "Heaven," "Hell," and "The Second Coming." This is the second book of sermons by Hobbs to be published by the Commission. The first was "Victory of Faith."

"Best of the Baptist Hour" will be available from the Commission and sold only by mail.

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Folks and facts.....

(9-1-61)

.....Don Newbury, sports publicity manager and statistician for Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., has been named assistant director of public information and journalism instructor at Howard Payne, announced President Guy D. Newman. In addition to his duties at Howard Payne for the past four years, Newbury has also served as sports director of radio station KBWD in Brownwood. A graduate of Howard Payne, Newbury has spent his summers for the past six years in such assignments as sports editor and news reporter for the Brownwood Bulletin, and editor of the weekly Brown County Gazette in Bangs, Tex. (BP)

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Stewart Named Hospital  
Assistant Administrator

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)--Orel H. Stewart, administrative assistant at Hendrick Memorial Hospital (Baptist) in Abilene, Tex., since 1957, has been named assistant administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Antonio.

He succeeds David Arnold Garrett, who was recently elevated from assistant administrator to administrator of the San Antonio Baptist Hospital.

Stewart has done administrative hospital work at Dallas' Southwest Medical School of the University of Texas, and at Southwest Clinic Association, Dallas. He had also worked in Hendrick Memorial Hospital's business department from 1942-1952.

He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist), Abilene, Tex.

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.....Gabrial Frank Vrsic, former professor of modern languages at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., has been named chairman of the languages department at Howard Payne University (Baptist), Brownwood, Tex. A native of Graz, Austria, Vrsic speaks Russian, German, French and English fluently. Before going to Lincoln University in 1959, Vrsic was assistant professor at the Universite de Montreal for four years. At Montreal, he earned the bachelor of arts in Slavic studies, the master of arts magna cum laude in Slovenian civilization, and the doctor of philosophy with highest honors in Slavic languages. He also holds degrees from Real College, Maribor, Yugoslavia; Zagreb University in Yugoslavia, and from a school in Brno, Czechoslovakia. (BP)

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Minimum Education  
Bills To Be Tried

(9-1-61)

WASHINGTON (BP)--A new education package has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Adam C. Powell (D., N.Y.), chairman of the House committee on education and labor.

The new bill includes a two-year extension of aid to public schools in federally impacted areas and of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 as it operates at present.

Other federal aid to education bills have either been bottled up in the House rules committee or killed on the floor of the House.

By attempting to extend these two bills for two years, the House would try to eliminate the consideration of aid to education bills next year, an election year. This would bring aid to education bills to a virtual standstill until the 88th congress, with the exception of higher education.

The House probably will consider its new bill on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The Senate will probably take some action the following day. Final results will be seen in the report of the conference committee that will seek to harmonize the actions of the two houses.

In the meantime, opinion in Washington has shifted in relation to the higher education bill in the House. It was previously thought that the higher education bill might have a chance this year. However, House Rules Committee Chairman Howard W. Smith (D., Va.) says that he has no plan to consider it.

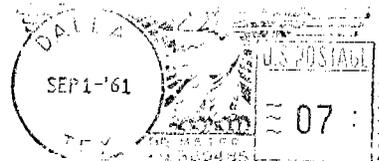
Since there is little time left in the first session of the 87th congress, and since there is not a great enthusiasm for the higher education bill at this time, it will probably be carried over until next year.

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