

# City School Officials Chided on 'Timidity' In Requesting Funds

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City school officials were told yesterday that they have been overly timid in requesting funds for the City's education program.

Rep. Roman C. Pucinski (D-Ill.), chairman of a special House Education subcommittee, said the Board of Education should be more aggressive in asking for what it needs. He said the Board should let the responsibility for cutting the school budget fall on the District Commissioners and Congress.

The subcommittee has already concluded that the school system here lacks the funds to provide remedial educational programs for children in the slums.

School financing and the dropout problem dominated the second day of hearings by the subcommittee looking into the City's schools and the anti-poverty program.

The subcommittee will turn next to the school's controversial track system of ability grouping. School Superintendent Carl F. Hansen has been called back to explain it when hearings resume Tuesday.

### Critics Ask Aid Curb

Pucinski said the subcommittee has heard serious complaints that the track system "provides its own program of retardation, creates discrimination and curtails opportunity."

Critics of the track system also have taken their complaints of discrimination to the U.S. Office of Education in an effort to convince the agency to withhold Federal aid under Title 6 of the Civil Rights Act. The City expects to receive about \$14 million for various programs.

David Seelye, director of the Equal Educational Opportunities Division, said the Office is looking into the charges, filed by Julius Hobson, chairman of the militant civil rights group, ACT. However, Seelye declared that this is a long way from ordering an investigation.

A copy of the charges has been turned over to Hansen, who told reporters he would welcome an inquiry by the Office of Education. He declared that the schools have not knowingly discriminated, and added that any suggestion that ability grouping is a form of discrimination is a specious, irresponsible argument.

### Cites Budget Cuts

In answer to subcommittee questions about financing, Hansen said the School Board budget is reduced each year first by the District Commissioners and then by Congress.

Pucinski told Hansen the School Board has not been bold enough in making its needs known to Congress. Hansen replied that school officials must operate in a straitjacket. They are prohibited by regulations from asking Congress to restore funds cut by the Commissioners.

It took the schools eight years to win approval for a sufficient number of elementary teachers to reduce classes to 30 students, he said. Only this year, after six years of effort, has there been a significant breakthrough in obtaining counselors for elementary schools, he added.

Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins (D-Calif.) earlier asked Hansen why he has been so slow in putting into operation programs to help disadvantaged students catch up. The California Congressman said he could not understand the delay since Washington has always had access to Federal funds.

### 'No Special Pipeline'

"We have no special pipeline to the Treasury," Hansen replied, pointing out that the City often lags behind the rest of the country in receiving Federal assistance. It was included in the impact aid program for the first time this year.

He said the City now spends

an average of \$513 for each pupil in the schools. The figure should be twice as much, Hansen contended.

"Tell us what you need and what it will cost," Pucinski said. "We will assist you in getting the program through."

But Pucinski also noted that many members of Congress are holding back in helping the schools here because they feel that local taxes on the whole are too low.

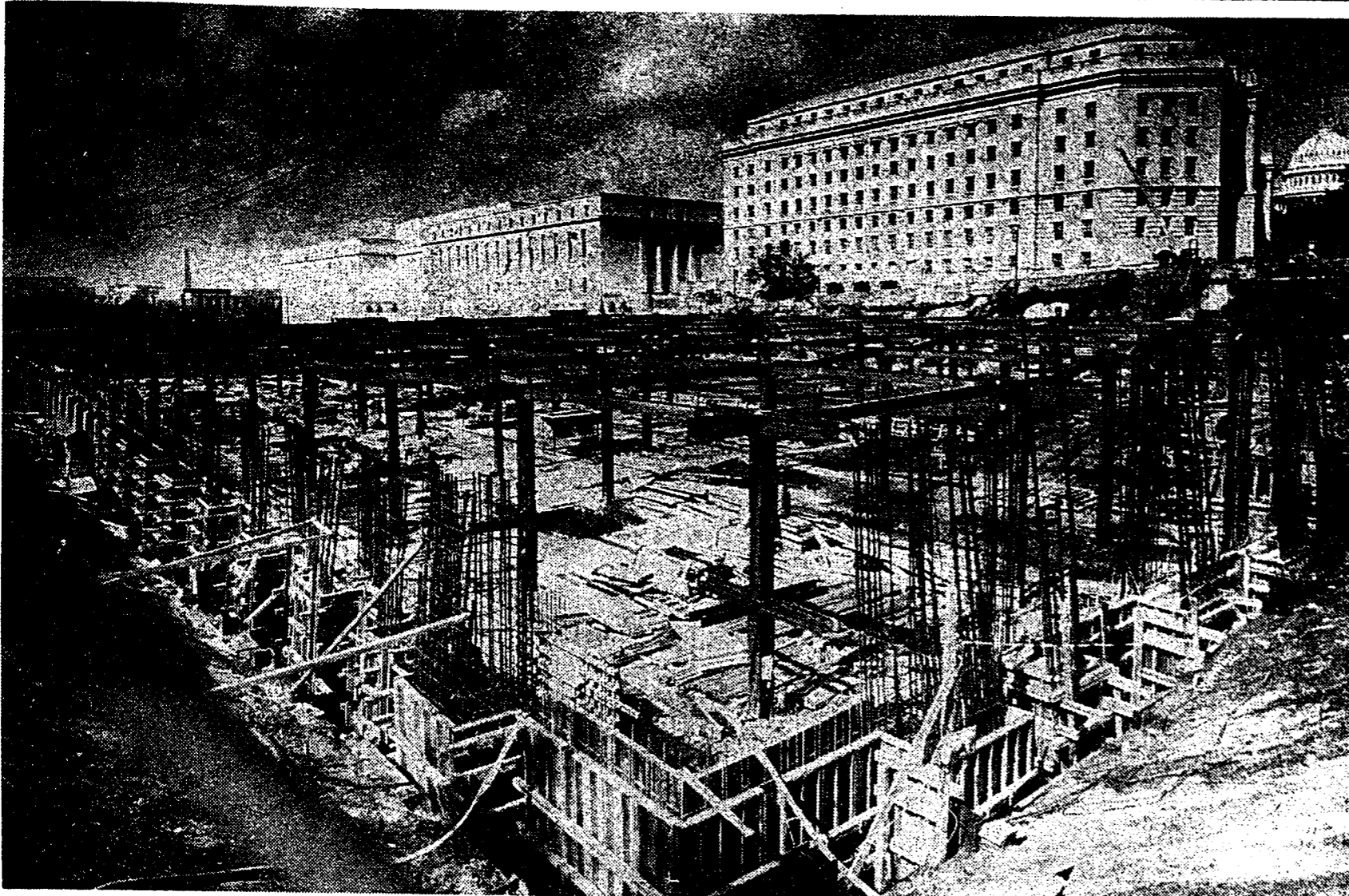
### Dropout Rate Noted

Hansen was unable to give the subcommittee detailed figures on school dropouts but acknowledged that the rate was far too high. He pointed out that it is not realistic to

place all the blame, as students tend to do, on the schools for not providing a sufficiently interesting curriculum.

Other factors should be considered, Hansen said, noting that the dropout rate is highest in those areas where the economic situation is the worst, where housing is inadequate and where family life tends to disintegrate.

The school with the highest dropout rate is receiving more funds per student than any other school in the City, Hansen testified. One charge leveled against the school has been that predominantly white schools in high income areas receive preferential financial treatment.



By Douglas Chevalier, Staff Photographer

## Work Progresses on Underground Parking Garages

Two parking garages are being built side by side behind the Rayburn and Longworth House Office Buildings. The garages, which hold 1276

parking spaces and will include maintenance shops for House maintenance crews, will cost \$12.8 million for construction plus \$3 million

for cost of the land. There will also be a park with fountains and landscaping on the surface level. The garages will be on three levels.

### The Federal Diary

## Post Office to Seek Advance in Funds

By Mike Causey

Post Office has had to get an advance of funds from the Budget Bureau to meet next week's payroll.

It had overspent its appropriation for the first quarter of the 1966 fiscal year to handle the 5 per cent increase in mail volume. The Budget Bureau advised Congress yesterday of the Department's financial problem.

Congress next week will consider giving Post Office supplemental funds to hire about 13,000 more employees.

Pay: The Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee will meet in closed session Monday morning to begin writing a Federal pay raise bill.

Meantime, a postal employee union leader told the Committee yesterday that his members would rather have no bill at all than accept legislation that did not include overtime pay for any regular employee who works on Sunday. Sidney A. Goodman, president of the National Postal Union, said premium pay for Sunday is "clearly the accepted practice" in industry.

J. Edward Day, president of the influential National Civil Service League, gave the House-approved Udall bill his endorsement. The former Postmaster General said the 4 per cent measure is a "good middle-of-the-road approach" but suggested that some of the fringe benefits be toned down to make them more acceptable to the President.

He said the League supports full pay comparability for employees up to the executive level and "comparability with private industry executives on vacations and time to rest" for top officials.

Hairy Issue: National Fed-

## 23 Per Cent of UGF Goal Is Pledged

Chairmen for seven divisions of the United Gifters Fund reported pledges yesterday totaling \$2,191,284 as the first week of the UGF drive ended.

The figure represents 23.82 per cent of the 1965 UGF goal of \$9.2 million. Pledges in the same divisions last year at this time totaled \$1,773,125.

Harold D. Fangbener, UGF general chairman, told volunteer workers at a luncheon in the Presidential Arms that he hopes the official UGF goal will be exceeded by \$1 million. The 143 agencies supported by UGF have requested more than \$10 million for next year's operating expenses.

The leader in the UGF campaign to date is the advance gifts division, which reported \$1,441,387 in pledges — more than 91 per cent of its goal. Volunteers in the division have been working since June to obtain pledges.

The Building and Construction Division, with \$226,264 in pledges, already has topped its official goal of \$225,000.

Other divisions reporting pledges were:

- Major firms, \$389,178, 26 per cent of goal.
- Prince George's County, \$10,850, 9.43 per cent.
- Montgomery County, \$28,067, 10 per cent.
- Virginia, \$33,416, 11 per cent.
- District, \$162,122, 6.95 per cent.

The Combined Federal Campaign, through which government employees give to UGF and other social service agencies, will make its first report Oct. 21. The Federal campaign is expected to account for more than \$4 million of the total UGF goal.

The Federal campaign got a late start because its chairman, former Postmaster General John A. Gronouski, was appointed Ambassador to Poland by President Johnson. Gronouski was replaced by John W. Macy, Civil Service Commission chairman, as head of the Federal campaign.

### For Poor Defendants

## Lawyers Lose Bid To Halt Free Aid

By Paul Valentine

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Three Washington lawyers seeking a halt to the free assistance given poor defendants by the Legal Aid Society and the United Planning Organization lost a critical first round yesterday in District Court.

Judge Joseph C. McGarraghy threw out their motion for a preliminary injunction to stop the assistance programs while the contending parties go to trial on the question whether the programs violate Federal Antitrust laws.

The three lawyers — Bruce R. Harrison, James H. Myrick and Jerry H. Luck — contend the legal aid groups are undercutting the business of private attorneys by using noncompetitive standards of indigency.

McGarraghy ruled that they failed to prove they would be irreparably harmed if the injunction were not granted—a basic requirement in preliminary injunction proceedings. But he said he also was denying the requests because he thought there is little likelihood that the attorneys will win the antitrust suit underlying the injunction request.

The Judge refused to let the complaining lawyers put up a witness who they said was prepared to testify that salaried attorneys for the Legal Aid Society have accepted fees from nonindigent clients whose applications for free assistance from the Society had been rejected.

McGarraghy said general allegations of this sort were already in the lawyer's written complaint and he did not need specific testimony for the injunction hearing.

Harrison, representing the plaintiffs, said he may appeal the McGarraghy injunction denial.

Barring that, the next step will be a hearing on the aid

groups' motion to dismiss the suit.

Noted trust-busting attorney Thurman Arnold represented the Legal Aid Society at yesterday's hearing. He said that if the Society were enjoined from operating, scores of indigent clients in pending cases would be stranded.

Gerry Levenberg, representing UPO, said 1125 pending cases in UPO's seven Neighborhood Legal Services projects would suffer irreparable harm, too.

Harrison contended both aid groups arbitrarily have set a \$5400 indigency standard as the maximum allowable annual income for a four-member family. This compares with the U.S. Labor Department's poverty ceiling of \$3000, he said.

Levenberg countered that the allowable maximum for a single person actually is \$2680 and \$5200 for a family of four. Harrison's suit contends the two legal aid groups and other unidentified organizations have illegally conspired to siphon off the business of private lawyers in violation of the Sherman and Clayton antitrust laws.

The suit asks \$50,000 damages for each of the three complaining lawyers, to be trebled if the aid groups continue their activities.

### Today's Chuckle

Next to the wound, what women make best is the bandage.

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### Outweighs Gubernatorial Campaign

## Battle Over County Board Hottest in N. Virginia

By Leslie Check

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While much smoke is being raised in the State's gubernatorial campaign, the hottest race in Northern Virginia is being fought over local issues between two candidates for the Arlington County Board.

Republican dentist Kenneth H. Haggerty, 40, is pitted against incumbent Royce L. Lowry, 47, a statistics expert representing the non-partisan Arlingtonians For a Better County (ABC).

Haggerty, who lost last year to ABC incumbent Thomas W. Richards, hopes to enlarge the board's GOP contingent, which has been small since the ABC took

control of the five-member body in 1958. The Board's lone Republican is Harold J. Casto.

Haggerty has labeled the ABC a "boss-ridden, highly partisan machine spawning a sham called consensus government," and Lowry calls Haggerty and Casto "an opposition which makes decisions on the basis of personal pique and petulance."

But name calling during the campaign has taken a back seat to key local issues. The issues, and the candidates' positions, are:

### LAND USE AND ZONING

Lowry claims Haggerty favors "a land use policy . . . (that) would be an open

invitation to every entrepreneur and developer to come into any neighborhood and develop it any way he sees fit."

Haggerty charges that the ABC Board's zoning actions have given it "a reputation of being an anti-business and anti-progressive organization," more concerned with "protecting its own special interests" than encouraging private enterprise.

### SCHOOLS

Haggerty denounced the merger of this fall of an all-Negro junior high school with a predominantly white junior high as "blackmail to get the people of South Ar-

lington to accede to the School Board's desire for a new junior high school" to replace the merged schools. The County Board appoints the School Board.

While Haggerty and Casto have announced their opposition to a \$4.25-million bond issue for the new school, Lowry asserts that "we need adequate junior high facilities in South Arlington—and we don't have them now." He called the proposed school "a reasonable way to meet actual and future needs."

### WATER

Lowry charges Haggerty with "fiscal irresponsibility" in proposing elimination of

Arlington's personal property and business privilege taxes "without naming any alternative source for the \$4.5 million gained by the County in revenue from these sources."

Haggerty has claimed that the revenue loss from the tax cut could "be absorbed in the \$2-million annual growth of our tax base." Lowry asserts that "it would take an addition of \$130 million in assessed valuations to yield \$5 million more in revenue from real estate taxes."

Haggerty has come out against "any additional vehicular bridges" across the Potomac. Lowry voted in March to favor an Inter-

state Rte. 266 crossing at Three Sisters Islands against one further upstream "if and only if it is determined that a bridge is to be built."

### RAIL RAPID TRANSIT

Both men have urged that a rail rapid transit system be built to Arlington before another highway bridge crosses the Potomac. Lowry suggests that Arlington "aims to have connecting lines at the Pentagon and Rosslyn" to meet the Washington system, while Haggerty proposes linking the D.C. system terminals with parking areas on the Arlington-Fairfax border "by rapid bus transit."

## Action Broadens Wage Floor Bill

By Robert L. Asher

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A minimum wage bill to provide \$1.25 an hour for nearly all workers in the city won approval from the Senate District Committee yesterday.

The Senate measure is much broader than legislation passed by the House, which would exempt a number of work categories and delay the \$1.25 rate in most fields until the fall of 1967.

Under the Senate proposal, about 300,000 more persons would be brought under the \$1.25 rate. Only about 85,000 women and children now are covered under minimum wage rates and these range from about 80 cents an hour to \$1.15.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), is expected to push hard for Congressional approval of the bill, which he feels is one of the most important measures to improve the lot of city employees.

Besides the \$1.25-an-hour rate, the Senate bill provides time-and-a-half pay for all work beyond 40 hours a week.

The measure also permits the city Commissioners after one year to review all wages, and if the rates are found insufficient, to raise them.

In other action yesterday, the Senate Committee received from a subcommittee a bill requiring local residents to carry insurance providing them with coverage in accidents with uninsured motorists.

The proposal, opposed by most insurance interests and a majority of the House District Committee, was passed by the House after Rep. Carlton R. Siskles (D-Md.) moved to substitute it for the House Committee bill.

The bill would establish a fund from fees charged to all uninsured motorists and would require all insured drivers to carry policies covering such accidents.

Some members of the Senate Committee are said to be unhappy with what they feel are shortcomings in the legislation. However, many of them have indicated that they want the bill passed unchanged, to avoid any further stumbling blocks in the House Committee.

The Senate Committee also reported out a bill that would permit the Redevelopment Land Agency to acquire title to a number of Southwest Washington tracts needed to continue its redevelopment program.

### Car Here Looted

#### Of \$1500 in Goods

Someone got away with six suitcases containing a full line of knitwear and a spare tire and wheel as well—the entire haul valued at \$1500—from a car parked in the rear of 2001 Wisconsin ave. nw. Thursday night, police said.

The theft was reported by Edward A. After, of 13027 Old Stagecoach rd., Laurel, salesman for a knitwear company.

## Conant Asks Quality List For Colleges

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 8 (AP)

Dr. James B. Conant proposes that prestige colleges and graduate schools cooperate to assure places for superior high school students.

The former Harvard president, who has been conducting foundation-financed studies of American education, spoke yesterday to 1600 members of the Association of College Admissions Counselors at a convention dinner here.

Conant charged there was a conspiracy of silence on the quality of different institutions. He noted a definite connection between the top 50 to 75 colleges and the leading graduate and professional institutions when it came to selecting students.

He said nobody puts out a prestige list partly because "it is a basic American article of education faith that all degrees are of equal worth."

Conant said the lay public knows degrees are not of equal worth and he suggested a system to make this clearly known.

He proposed two associations. One would include the top undergraduate colleges and the other the top graduate and professional schools.

The associations would then agree, Conant said, that top high school students would be admitted to a prestige college and upon winning a bachelor degree have a place in one of the top graduate schools. These students, he said, might not go to the school of their choice but at least there would be a place for them.

### Patron Interrupts

#### 14th Street Holdup

A man who demanded money from clerk Millie A. Bahn in Stuart's Feminine Apparel at 906 14th st. nw. yesterday left with only his empty paper bag when a customer came in, police reported.

The man was described as a Negro, 19 to 20, 5 feet 11, slim, wearing a gray waist-length wool jacket with a red stripe down the front, dark trousers, tennis shoes and a gold or yellow snap-brim hat.

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