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CONGRESSMAN CENSURES TRAVELS OF FIRST FAMILY

SOLOMON WONDERS ABOUT "SEEING AMERICA FIRST"

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WASHINGTON—In an effort to ease the flow of U.S. dollars abroad, President Johnson has been urging vacationers to "See America First." It is a fact that one of the major causes of the nation's balance of payments deficit lies in the billions spent by American tourists abroad each year.

Rep. H. R. Gross, R-Iowa, a self-styled "watchdog" of the administration, protests that the President has not even been able to sell the program to members of his own family. "Since the campaign got underway," Gross points out, "Mrs. Johnson has vacationed in Mexico, Luci Johnson Nugent spent her honeymoon in the Bahamas and Lynda Johnson made two trips within a year to Europe after a trip to Mexico."

Rep. Gross' observations are essentially unanswerable in the context of the Puritan ethic which dictates that in American political life its elected leaders should comport themselves as closely as possible in the manner prescribed for the multitude.

This is impossible for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the position that any presidential family finds itself in with relation to diplomacy and other world leaders. If Mr. Gross would examine his own life as closely, he would undoubtedly find that he and his family do not apply the Puritan ethic to themselves in relation to the mores and behavior of their own consistency.

● **BAD THINKING**—In the midst of the rioting and by the pure coincidence of legislative progress, the House was scheduled to consider this year's anti-poverty appropriation.

The advocates of the measure, judging the temper of their fellow representatives, decided to delay the measure for a few weeks, certain that, if it was brought up for a vote, the effect of the white backlash would be to cause congressmen to overwhelmingly vote against the measure.

We do not doubt the correct assessment of the men who wanted to prevent defeat of the measure, but we seriously question the judgment of those members of Congress who believed they had to vote against the measure or get in trouble with their constituents.

If members of Congress cannot justify their votes for an anti-poverty program in the midst of riots whose roots lie in oppressive poverty, they obviously are out of meaningful communication with the people who sent them to Washington.

● **BELATED ECONOMY**—We reported a while back about the expensive flagpole at the new building complex of the National Bureau of Standards, and how Congress got peeved over the \$44,768 cost of the project.

Actually, the pole cost only \$8,000, with \$6,228 for installation. The balance of the bill came from the elaborate concrete walkways and granite base installed to set it off.

A flag is now flying from that expensive pole. It cost only \$33, and we suppose that the Bureau of Standards expects to get some credit for saving a few bucks on the cost of the flag.

Fact is, Congress is still so mad about the original extravagance that not one member has thought of issuing a statement congratulating the bureau on its economy effort.



Con-Con Batters Bill of Rights

Albany — The concern expressed by the New York State Catholic Committee that a new constitution make specific guarantees for the "welfare of all citizens" and "respect the dignity of all men, regardless of race, creed or color" was reflected in the Bill of Rights passed by an overwhelming vote.

The recommendation that every man, woman and child has the right to respect for his choice of religion and employment and the dignity of his being was incorporated into the final draft which won all but one vote in the convention.

The Bill of Rights proposals now go to the Committee on Style and Arrangements for its formal wording before it comes back to the convention for a second consideration—a formality in this case because of the size of its approving vote.

In their longest session in the convention's nearly five months of existence, the delegates fought hard and sometimes emotionally over the many separate sections of the Bill of Rights before adopting the overall articles with their nearly unanimous vote. The lone dissenter was H. Clark Bell, Republican of Woodstock, who offered no explanation for his action.

Basically, the proposed Bill of Rights outlined the rights of New York residents to freedom of worship, freedom of speech, trial by jury and all of the other protections afforded under the federal constitution.

It preserved the special concern—voiced by the New York Catholic Committee in its presentations to convention hearings—for the right of the working man, for the state's role in protection of bargaining rights, and for the equal treatment for all.

regardless of race, creed or color. An attempt was made to ban abortions—now permitted by law when the mother's life is in danger—but failed. This amendment was submitted by Delegate Charles E. Rice, Conservative Republican from the Bronx. He sought to insert the words "from the moment of conception" in an existing provision stating that "no person shall be denied the equal protection of the law." The proposal was defeated on a voice vote after only brief discussion.

Rice also tried to write in a provision that would prohibit government employment of any person who advocated criminal anarchy or violent overthrow of the government. This was also rejected on a voice vote.

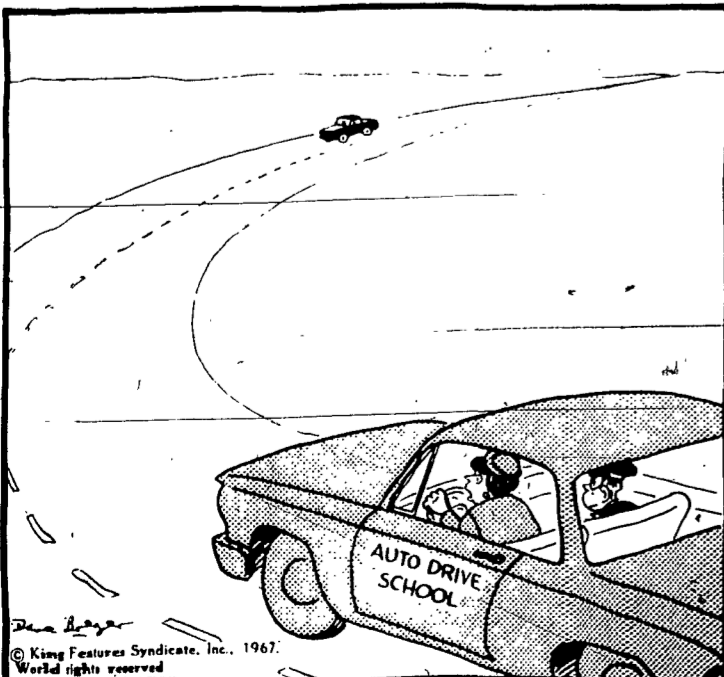
\$60,000 Goal For Cystic Fibrosis

The month of September has been named National Cystic Fibrosis Month with the theme, "Give Her A Run For Her Life." The Rochester Chapter, National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation, will seek \$60,000 in its annual fund-raising campaign Sept. 17-24, according to Harper Sibley, Jr., honorary chairman.

Mrs. Joseph Bayer, president of the Rochester Chapter, is general campaign chairman. Under her direction, approximately 7,500 volunteers have been recruited for this year's door-to-door drive in Rochester and Monroe County.

Cystic fibrosis is the leading cause of chronic lung disease in American babies, children, and young adults. It is a major reason for death in young children.

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