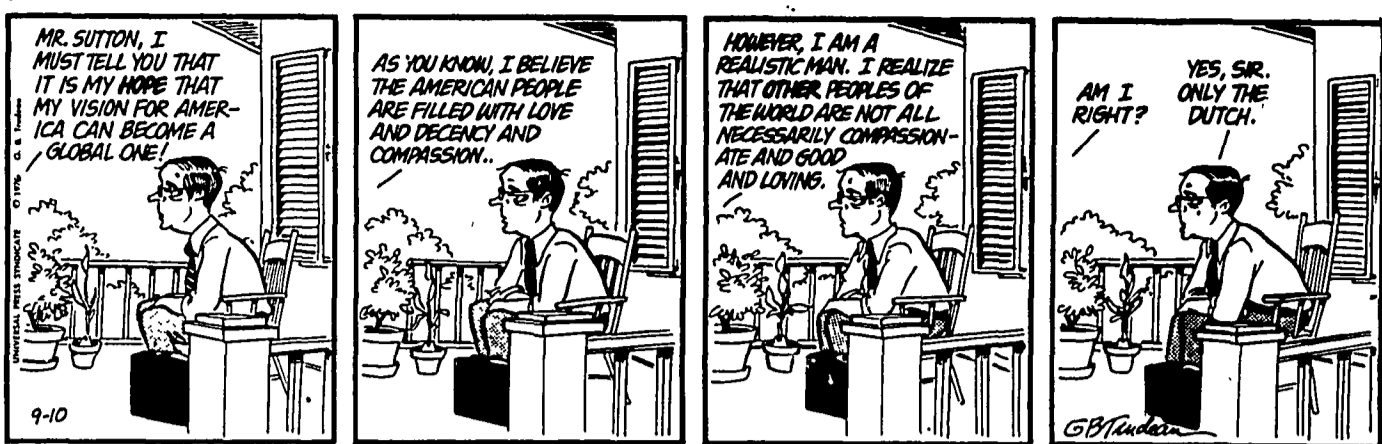


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House limits B-1 money Defense funds approved

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House yesterday approved legislation appropriating \$104.4 billion for the Defense Department for fiscal 1977, and limiting funds for the B1 bomber to \$87 million per month through next Feb. 1.

By a vote of 323 to 45, the House adopted a Senate-House conference committee's compromise on differing versions of the money bill.

On June 17, the House passed, 331 to 53, legislation appropriating \$105.4 billion for the defense budget. The Senate voted 82 to 6 on Aug. 9 to appropriate \$104 billion.

The conference report still must be accepted by the Senate before it will be sent to President Ford. House Republican sources said the administration had no objections to the legislation even though it is \$3.6 billion below the administration's request.

Chairman George Mahon, D-Tex., of the House Appropriations Committee, claimed the B1 compromise agreement was a victory for the House. The Senate originally wanted to postpone any funding whatever until next February.

"Had the Senate prevailed, it would have been necessary to lay off many persons working on the B1 bomber," Mahon said. Opponents of the B1, who feel the plane is too expensive and

has not been adequately tested, claimed the compromise, while not prohibiting funding, would restrict it so much that the next President still could halt the program if he wished.

Ford had asked Congress to appropriate funds immediately for procurement and production of three B1 bombers. Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter preferred that Congress not take any final action on the issue until after the presidential inauguration in January.

The total B1 program is expected to cost about \$25 billion. The conference report deleted \$170 million for long lead-time procurement of a nuclear powered strike cruiser and \$858.5 million for a conventionally powered DDG47 Aegis destroyer. Funding for both ships was proposed by the House, but the funds were deleted in conference because they were not authorized.

The compromise bill also carries \$5.6 million in a new separate appropriation for "Intelligence Community Oversight" to pay salaries and expenses of an independent intelligence oversight body.

The conferees rejected a Senate provision to phase out subsidies to military commissary operations.

'Loyalty questions' discontinued on federal employment requests

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government announced yesterday that federal job forms will no longer ask applicants if they are Communists or pose any of the "loyalty questions" that date from a 1953 internal security drive.

The Civil Service Commission order scraps the entire series of loyalty queries ordered up by President Dwight Eisenhower and pronounced "pretty darned good" by the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

The Commission said that, despite government attempts to rephrase the questions, courts have held them to be "over-broad" and to "encroach on the rights of association ... protected by the First Amendment."

"That eliminated all

reference to loyalty from the forms," said a Civil Service Commission spokesman — but it still leaves federal investigators free to probe the loyalty of job applicants in background security checks.

"This does not mean that in making a background investigation an investigator cannot ask those questions if loyalty were a factor in selection," he said.

The questions erased effective immediately are numbers 27, 28 and 29 from standard federal job form m171 and similar ones on other forms, beginning with the query familiar to millions of federal job seekers over two decades:

"Are you now a member of the Communist party, U.S.A., or any subdivision of the Communist party, U.S.A.?"

The follow-up questions asked whether the applicant belonged within the last 10 years to any group advocating the violent or unlawful overthrow of the U.S. government; and if so whether he or she intended to pursue that aim; and which organizations, and when?

Sometimes, the government accompanied the application form with its official black list of suspected subversive organizations.

Applicants would have to admit whether they ever belonged to such groups as the Communist party itself, or to anti-Franco Abraham Lincoln Brigade of Spanish Civil War days, or the American Poles for Peace, or the Chopin Cultural Center.

"The decision to discontinue using the questions

followed extensive consultation with the Justice Department" and court rulings in favor of applicants who refused to answer the statement.

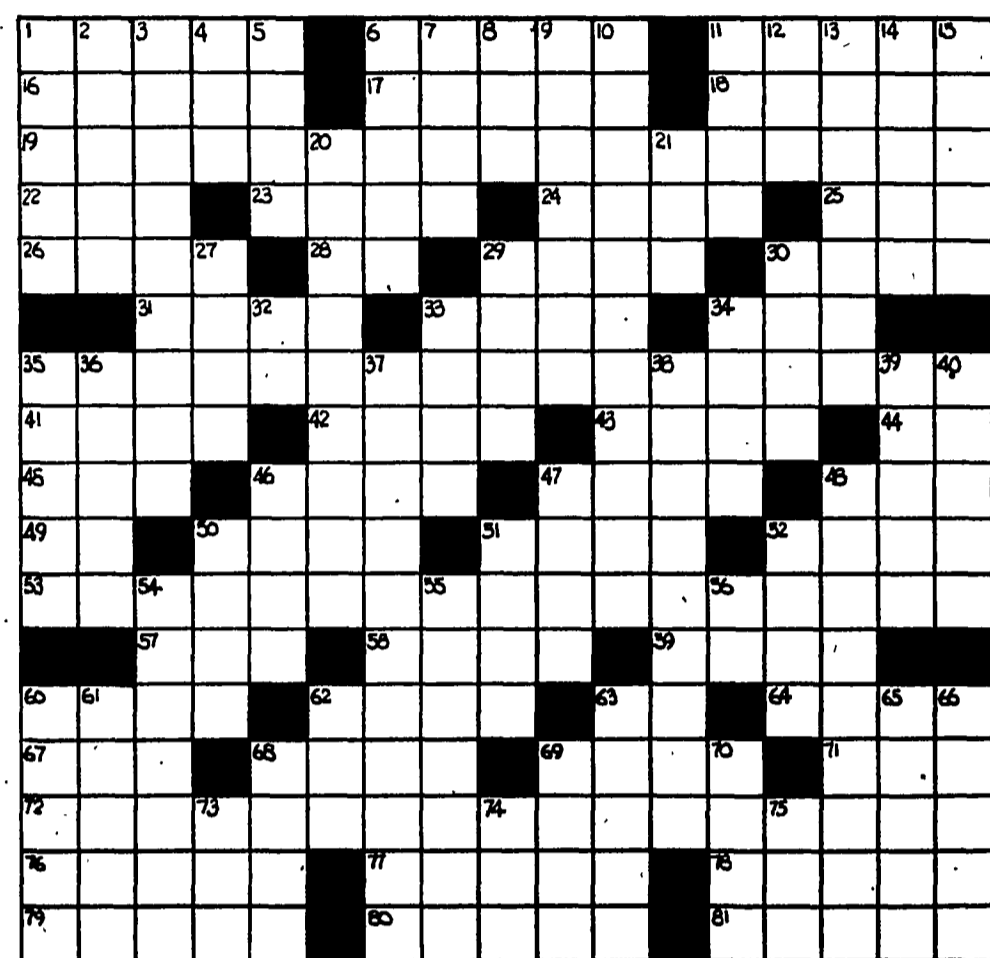
"The questions will be deleted from application forms when they are next revised," it said, and until then all Civil Service examining offices have been ordered "to inform all applicants in writing not to answer those questions."

The loyalty questions became a standard feature of federal job application forms in 1953 when Eisenhower, under pressure of the Red hunting investigations led by McCarthy, ordered federal department and agency chiefs to sweep the government clean of Communists and suspected subversives.

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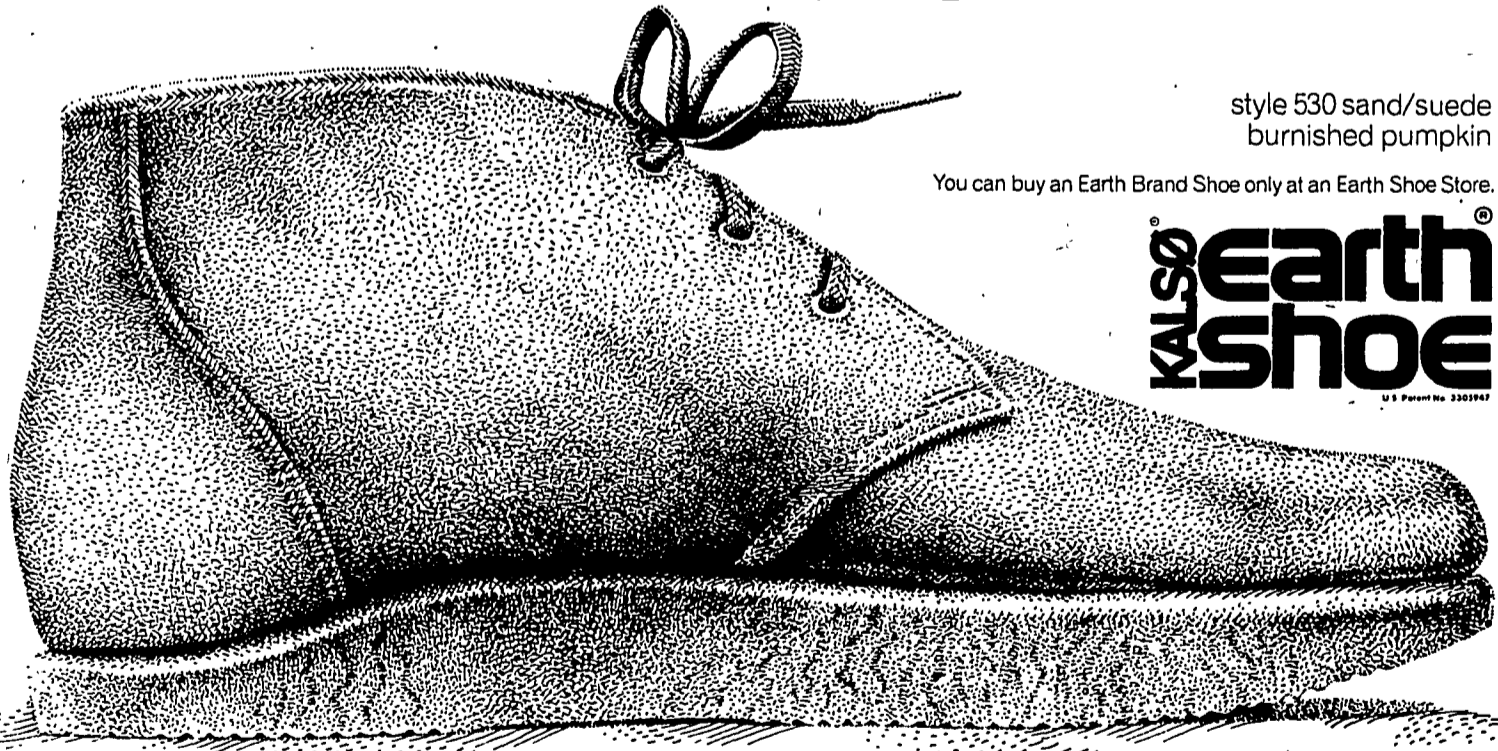
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 - Walking ... job for a flatfoot
 - Meal
 - Its capital is Jesselton
 - Adam Smith, for one
 - "Where ... has gone before"
 - "... What Comes Naturally"
 - Heavy metal
 - Attention-getting sound
 - Extremely hot states
 - Edgar Allen and family
 - Singe
 - Eisenhower and others
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 - "Don't ... Me"; flag motto
 - Choice word
 - Breathes wearily
 - Dim
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 - AFL-CIO blawg
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 - Precious
 - Biblical name
 - Slender
 - Paper mulberry bark
 - Resort
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 - Prevaricate

- ACROSS
- Jeweler's weight unit
 - Flow
 - Cover with a rug again
 - Greek letter
 - Dined
 - Speak publicly
 - His pen name was Lewis Carroll
 - Compass point
 - Actress Bancroft
 - "... long way to Tipperary"
 - Suffix for part or mono
 - Pierre's state; abbr.
 - Chemical symbol of tantalum
 - Pain
 - Shaker contents
 - South American capital
 - Wings
 - "One ... all"
 - Lewis Carroll book
 - Type of bed
 - "... of the Rings"
 - Habitat plant form
 - House number, in roulette
 - Certain language; abbr.
 - Muddy
 - Stratford-on-
 - Friend; French
 - Alternatives to DC
 - Imitate a hot dog
 - Facial feature
 - Shah's domain
 - First part of a Lewis Carroll book; see 72 Across
 - Moray or conger
 - "Dracula" author Stoker
 - TV's talking horse
 - Lather
 - Believer in action
 - Musical note
 - Sizzle
 - Opposite of exterior; abbr.
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 - Second part of 53 Across, followed by "Found There"
 - River horse
 - Red dye
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 - Vapor
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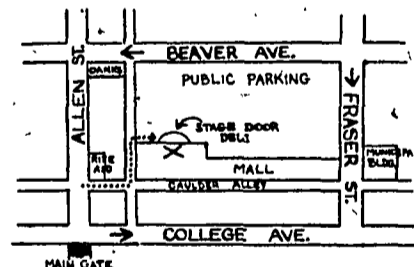
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