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# REPORT TO THE PEOPLE FROM YOUR CONGRESSWOMAN



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Herewith are the results of our fifth annual Congressional Questionnaire. Without, at this time, attempting to interpret your replies, let me say that you have expressed yourselves decisively and in greater numbers, proportionately, than in any previous survey. As to the meaning, let each of you be your own judge.

The results, I believe, are indicative of the high level of political interest in Union County. Combined with my continually heavy correspondence all this year, the survey confirms earlier impressions that this is an unusual "off-year" -- a non-Presidential-election year in which people are spending more time reading, thinking, and talking about their government and its problems than most experts would have predicted.

I am delighted that this is so, for it makes even more worthwhile my own efforts to communicate with the people I represent. Please accept my thanks, in addition, for the extra effort which thousands of you made to add comments to your questionnaire, from a few words to a dozen pages, and for appreciating how difficult it is to answer questions -- or cast votes -- on a yes - or - no basis. I know you understand it would be impossible to answer each of you personally, but please accept this as assurance that I have considered carefully the views you expressed and that I am deeply grateful for your help. You have made it possible for me to be a better Congressman and to represent you more knowledgeably and effectively.

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CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- 1962	(For)	(Against)
	YES	NO
1. Do you believe the proposed FEDERAL BUDGET for fiscal 1963, 63% of which is for defense, international and space programs, should be balanced?	78.6%	11.3%
If so, should a balanced budget be achieved by--		
(a) less Federal spending for defense, international and space programs.	32.3%	20.3%
(b) less Federal spending for domestic programs?	49.4%	12.1%
(c) increased taxes?	15.5%	31.7%
2. Do you believe the work of the HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE justifies its continuation?	56.6%	30.9%
3. What do you believe should be done by the U. S. about resuming NUCLEAR TESTING in the atmosphere:		
(a) Testing should be resumed immediately?	47.9%	12.5%
(b) Testing should be resumed only if it is clear we would otherwise lose our nuclear advantage to Soviet Russia?	48.3%	10.0%
(c) Testing should not be resumed under any conditions?	4.5%	21.4%
4. Do you believe the PEACE CORPS has functioned well enough to warrant continuing or expanding its program?	59.7%	27.4%
5. What is your attitude toward the UNITED NATIONS:		
(a) The U. S. should continue to support the UN vigorously as a worthwhile instrument for settling international disputes?	56.2%	11.0%
(b) The U. S. should lessen its reliance on the UN and give greater emphasis to finding alternative methods of preserving peace and strengthening freedom?	40.6%	13.8%

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	YES	NO
(c) The U. S. should withdraw or drastically reduce its support of the UN?	13.4%	22.9%
6. Should Congress approve the President's request for authority to purchase up to \$100 million of UNITED NATIONS' BONDS?	44.9%	46.7%
7. What should the Federal Government do about FALLOUT SHELTERS:		
(a) Assist in building public shelters in highly-populated areas?	34.3%	18.4%
(b) Encourage construction of private family shelters through tax relief or direct financial assistance?	22.4%	21.7%
(c) Make available technical assistance or advice only?	33.1%	14.4%
(d) Nothing?	17.9%	20.2%
8. Do you support the proposed multi-billion dollar "crash program" for placing a MAN ON THE MOON?	47.6%	44.9%
9. Should the U. S. associate itself more closely with the European Common Market, encourage FREER INTERNATIONAL TRADE, and authorize further reductions in tariffs on a reciprocal basis?	77.4%	15.7%
10. Should we strengthen our CIVIL RIGHTS laws to assure protection of rights in the fields of education, voting, employment and housing?	67.5%	24.4%
11. Do you support a Federal program of MEDICAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY operated through the social security system and financed by increased social security taxes?	53.8%	42.2%
12. Do you favor FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION of any kind?	56.8%	38.2%
13. Should TEACHERS' SALARIES be included with school construction in any Federal aid to education program?	29.3%	65.8%
14. Should PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS be included with public schools in any aid to education bill passed by Congress?	24.1%	72.5%
15. Should the President be given authority during RECESSIONS to lower taxes and speed up public works, temporarily and subject to Congressional veto?	62.7%	30.8%
16. How would you rate President Kennedy's conduct, to date, of U. S. FOREIGN POLICY? (a) Excellent <u>13.8%</u> ; (b) Good <u>38.8%</u> ; (c) Fair <u>32.7%</u> ; (d) Poor <u>12.3%</u> .		
17. How would you rate President Kennedy's conduct of NATIONAL AFFAIRS? (a) Excellent <u>15%</u> ; (b) Good <u>36%</u> ; (c) Fair <u>34.1%</u> ; (d) Poor <u>13.7%</u> .		

(Please note: percentages are based on the total number of questionnaires returned. The total yes-and-no replies do not add up to 100% because some people preferred not to answer each question. On multiple choice questions, the answers total more than 100% because some people checked more than one reply.)

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LAST CALL -- SERVICE ACADEMY EXAMINATIONS

Civil Service Commission examinations will be held in Plainfield on July 9 for all young men interested in competing for appointments from Union County to the four service academies: West Point (Army), Annapolis (Navy), Colorado Springs (Air Force) and King's Point (Merchant Marine). All candidates must take this examination, since my nominations will be based on the results. If you know of anyone interested in a career as an officer in the armed services, please suggest that they write me immediately for information and applications. Effective for classes entering academies in the summer of 1963.

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