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e been traced by their serial
bers to weapons shipped from
U.S. to Vietnam and captured
hanoi.

ACKING THE CPSC
ne of President Reagan's
or accomplishments in his first
n was to get a Reaganite
larity on the boards and
missions of regulatory
ncies Congress would not let
abolish. One of those he has
ieved success with is the
nsumer Product Safety
mission, which even many
als agree had a tendency to be
"national nanny." Now the
ncy's protectors in Congress
nt to undo Reaganism by
isolation.

rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.),
ose subcommittee oversees the
ncy, wants to cut its size from 5
3. That would leave deregulator
airman Terrence Scanlon in the
nority with Jimmy Carter
lover Stuart Slater and
again appointee (but liberal
publican) Sandra Brown
mistrong in control. If the
l passes, deregulator Carol
son would have to vacate her
at the end of her term in
tober.

Primer

ht the itch and let you sleep.
If the plant growth is in your
kyard, you'll want to get rid of
There's only one thing worse
an poison ivy and that's poison
y in a youngster, who may itch
discriminately and produce a
condary infection. Don't burn
e plants. The resin in the smoke
is breathed in and cause
roast, nose and lung
inflammation. Bury the plants.
What about desensitization? It is
ossible, but you have to take the
ots for some time, and immunity
sts only a year. Those with
cupations that expose them to
e plant might consider it,
ough.

Parkinson's disease afflicts
ore than 200,000 Americans,
ith 36,000 new cases reported
nnually. Dr. Donohue's booklet,
Coping with Parkinson's," is a
actical patient and family guide
o treatment, therapies, and drugs
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nd handling.

Dr. Donohue welcomes reader
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remendous volume received daily,
e is unable to answer individual
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ncorporated in his column
whenever possible.

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The Editor

a "stake out" for gasoline and
battery thieves, but that no special
effort at all is being spent on solving
the murder of this child.

I grieve for the family of this little
girl, and I also grieve for the lack of
concern on the part of the city
officials who will not make every
effort or leave no stone unturned in
order to bring this murderer to
justice.

On behalf of the parents and
grandparents of young girls, I hope
that this letter will pressure to bear
on the Mayor, the Council and the
Chief of Police of Irvine to
straighten out their priorities and
give the officers whatever they
need to solve this brutal crime and
make Irvine safe again.

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Regan, Vice President
secretaries of state,
griculture and labor,
e representative and
of the Office of
and Budget.
isent are the secretary
the national security

adviser and the director of the CIA
-- the officials currently most
concerned with the national
security implications of trade with
the Soviet bloc. Defense Secretary
Caspar Weinberger raised the roof
last May when planning for
Commerce Secretary Malcolm
Baldrige's trade journey to
Moscow on May 20 was originally
placed under the new Economic
Council instead of the National
Security Council.
Critics claim that Baldrige had
made plans for the trip -- to discuss
possibly strategic oil and gas
equipment sales -- without con-
sulting the Pentagon. Regan heard
Weinberger's objections and at the
last minute shifted the planning
back to the NSC. But the original
circumvention does not bode well
for the future.

The Reagan administration is
schizophrenic about East Bloc
trade. On the one hand, it is being
pressured by traditional
Republican constituencies --
strongly represented at State,
Commerce and Treasury -- to relax
the reins. On the other, Wein-
berger and the national security
establishment want to halt the
transfer of militarily useful

equipment to the Soviet Union.
Reagan has yet to resolve the
conflict over which is more im-
portant.

BIRD'S BOO-BOO

California's Chief Justice Rose
Bird already knows she is facing an
uphill fight to win re-election to
the top spot on the highest court in
the largest state in the union next
year, but she is risking a loss of
support from the party's im-
portant Jewish constituency by
associating herself publicly with
one of the nation's leading anti-
Israeli politicians, former
Republican representative Pete
McCloskey.

Bird's Jewish backers were
simply astonished when Mc-
Closkey, a liberal Republican
whose ardent support for
Palestinian nationalism made him
a target of national Jewish
organizations before his departure
from Congress in 1982 to make an
unsuccessful Senate race, turned
up as a major player in the Retain
Bird campaign.

Bird did not help her cause any
when she made a speech to a
Jewish group in Los Angeles
focusing on the plight of Japanese-
Americans who were interned

during World War II without
making any mention of the
Holocaust.

California Democrats are
fearful Bird could be clobbered at
the polls next year by as much as
two to one. That could endanger
two other liberal justices up for
reconfirmation, as well as other
candidates on the Democratic
ticket, including Sen. Alan
Cranston.

VIETNAM AND EL
SALVADOR

Amid all the talk last April of
"reconciliation" with Vietnam 10
years after the end of the war, wa
there was little mention that le
Vietnam, like an evil spirit from
the past, continues to try and w
undermine U.S. interests, es-
pecially in El Salvador.

According to the Defense Cl
Department, about 70 percent of
the infantry weapons captured fr
from communist guerrillas fighting
to overthrow the freely elected R
government of President Jose
Napoleon Duarte have been traced
bi to Vietnam. Most of the captured
D weapons are U.S.-made M-16 or
AR-15 rifles, the bulk of which O

Donohue This Week

A Poison Ivy P

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

"Dear Dr. Donohue: What's the
best way to treat poison ivy? --
S.D."

Let's speak of prevention first.
You have to be able to recognize
poison ivy and its ilk. You can find
pictures in encyclopedias.
Remember the old adage: "Leaves
of three, let it be."

Upon contact with a known
culprit, wash the area within 15
minutes. If you don't, you'll get
the rash. Use plain water. Soap
facilitates spread of the oily resin
of the plant leaves.

What if you can't get the resin
off in time? You should get the
stuff off your skin anyway, for
you can spread the rash to other
parts of your body (and to others)
by contact. Same goes for pet fur
and clothing. The resin can be
spread that way as well.

Here's what happens next. From
five to 21 days after exposure the
skin turns red and itches. If it's a
repeat exposure this can happen as
soon as a day or two after. Directly
following the redness and itch
come the blisters. Their fluid is
harmless and won't cause poison
ivy rash on your body or anyone
else's.

A fine mess you've got yourself
into. Oozing blisters and a devilish
rash. What now?

First, you're stuck with trying to
make yourself as comfortable as
possible. It's going to take one to
three weeks for everything to
subside depending on how much
oil got on your skin.

You can relieve the itch with
drying lotions, calamine or
Burrow's solution (a pharmacist
can help you formulate the latter).
When weeping (of the blisters, of
course) has subsided you can begin
steroid creams; the kind available
over-the-counter will do. If you
have a first-rate case, the doctor
might want to prescribe oral
steroids to quiet the inflammation.
At the same time you can ask
about use of antihistamine pills to

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by Hal Rogers
5th District Congressman



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Three years ago, one of my top
priorities in Congress was to
become a member of the powerful
House Appropriations Com-
mittee. The reason was simple; here
was a place where I could directly
help our Fifth District on any
number of issues. Fortunately, the
House leadership saw fit to place
me on this choice committee.

The opportunity to help our
district was clearly demonstrated
this past week, as the House began
acting on the 1986 appropriations
bills. As each bill came through the
Committee and onto the floor, I
was able to deal with a particular
problem facing our district.

Here are some examples:
AGRICULTURE. One of the
keys to Kentucky's agriculture,
besides maintaining the tobacco
price support program, is to begin
developing supplemental crops. If
farmers could begin growing fruits
and vegetables in addition to
tobacco, they could increase their
farm income and ride out tobacco's
rough spots easier.

In my Agriculture Subcommittee,
I was able to place \$150,000
for what I call "Project: Agriculture
Diversity." This program
joins U.S.D.A. and the University
of Kentucky in a research and
marketing effort to help Kentucky
establish an entire fruit and veget-
able industry. By week's end, the
full committee had also approved

We also approved funding for
the Big South Fork National River
and Recreation Area, a burgeoning
tourist area. Earlier this year, of
course, we got work restarted on
the Cumberland Gap Tunnel, and
have now moved funding for next
year through the full committee.

COAL. I was able to deal with
two different coal issues this week.
The first one dealt with freeing up
an additional \$100 million for
abandoned mine reclamation
work. We were able to argue that
the money needed to be spent, and
prevented a major cut in the
program which would have affect-
ed all coal states, including
Kentucky. Now, Kentucky's
program should be able to continue
without delay.

Also, I pushed through some
instructions in a bill which will
encourage a new approach to
selling our coal overseas. By
combining financing for boilers
with support for long-term American
coal contracts, I am hopeful we can
increase our coal exports. This
effort involving the Export/Import
Bank and the Department of
Commerce holds great promise.

All these are examples of how
important the Appropriations
Committee is to the Fifth District.

Agencies

Funding

Fifth District Congressman
Harold Rogers said two programs
"of vital interest to every county in
my district" were given a major
boost by the U.S. House of
Representatives.

Rogers said funds to continue the
Appalachian Regional Commis-
sion, totalling some \$134 million,
were approved, along with contin-
uing funds for the Economic
Development Administration.
EDA would receive \$180 million
for loan guarantees.
"There is not a single county in
our district which has not benefit-
ed from one or both of these
programs," said Rogers.

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the first promises I made when I
was elected to Congress was the

construction of flood control along
the Upper Cumberland River. Too
many of the residents along its
banks have suffered repeated
flooding, costing millions of dollars
and disrupting lives.

This week, the House approved
legislation from my committee to
continue the floodwall project in
Pineville, the levee and cut-through
at Barbourville and planning work
in Harlan County. Funds were
also approved for dredging in
Middlesboro, and for continued
operation of such projects as
Laurel River Lake, Martins Fork
Lake, and Lake Cumberland/Wolf
Creek Dam.