

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Election Trail Leaves Senate Bare

This is a year for national elections, if you don't believe it just look around you. In all parts of the country the smiles are on and promises are flowing freely.

However, if there is doubt about this being a season of goodwill toward the voters, one has only to cast an eye to Washington, Capitol Hill and more specifically the Senate chamber.

Regardless of why the Senate recessed, there still remains the question of just where are all those Senators were? Certainly there is no doubt in anyone's mind where one of the upper house members is.

Probably if one had a means of finding out, he would learn the other delinquent Senators are on missions just as important, as far as they are concerned, as Sen. Goldwater's trip to New Hampshire.

But election year or no election year it's not easy to pass off the readiness with which members of Congress declare for themselves a leave of absence from their jobs in Washington in order to participate in coffee hours and to stuff themselves on banquet steaks.

Bulletin Board

WEDNESDAY

College Station Baha'I will meet in the Anderson Room of the YMCA Building at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Aerospace Engineers Wives Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Paul Meiners at 400 Francis at 8 p.m.

Hometown Clubs

Amarillo will meet in the Anderson Room of the YMCA Building at 7:30 p.m.

El Paso will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Rio Grande Valley will meet in Room 106 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

Russian Exchange Talks On Again

MOSCOW (AP)—Two American proposals to increase information among the Russians about Western affairs ran into Soviet opposition at the outset Tuesday of talks on extension of the U.S.-Soviet cultural exchange program.

U.S. officials said they will do their best to get permission for establishment of a chain of American-sponsored reading rooms in the Soviet Union.

The United States also wants to increase to at least 100,000 the copies of the State Department picture magazine "America" sold on Soviet newsstands.

Chief Soviet delegate Sergei Romanovsky took note of both in an aside to a prepared speech. He said there will be no discussion about the establishment of American reading rooms. He also declared there will be no talk about boosting the circulation of U.S. publications.

Negotiating begins Wednesday on the new agreement, intended to extend through 1964-65 the exchanges begun under a pact signed in 1958.

The negotiations were to have opened last November. They were delayed by the arrest by the Soviets of Prof. Frederick C. Barghoorn of Yale on spy charges. The late President John F.

Kennedy abruptly suspended plans for the talks. The professor was freed shortly thereafter.

Heading the American delegation at the opening ceremony was U.S. Ambassador Poy D. Kohler. Both he and Romanovsky paid tribute to recent statements by Premier Khrushchev and President Johnson on desirability of the cultural exchange agreements.

Report On Smoking Slated For Doctors

WASHINGTON (AP)—The report on smoking and health which will be released officially at noon Saturday will be sent directly to every medical doctor and osteopath in the United States.

A Public Health Service spokesman said today this will require about 200,000 copies of the report. The first printing run, however, is only 8,000 copies which will be sent to all members of Congress, state governors, state health officers and others more immediately affected.

Copies for the general public will be put on sale at the Government Printing Office when they become available after the official release.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



... And just a few days ago I was complaining about left over turkey!

Goldwater Visits Concord Showing Much Confidence

CONCORD, N. H. (AP)—Sen. Barry Goldwater is in the midst of a three-day swing through New Hampshire expressing confidence he can win the state's 14 delegates to boost his quest for the Republican nomination for president.

The Arizona Republican opened his tour Tuesday with a news conference at his hunting-draped Concord headquarters close to the Capitol, predicting he will win not only in the nation's first primary, in New Hampshire March 10, but also in some of the bigger states, California, Oregon and Illinois. He said he also might enter in Ohio.

Goldwater said he will take his chances with the big industrial cities and predicted Republicans will gain in the suburbs, which he said are tiring of domination by the big cities. New Hampshire, with its early primary, has been the base for presidential campaigns for years. It was a write-in victory here in 1952 that led declared Dwight D. Eisenhower to run.

Goldwater's news conference ranged widely from his position on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and nuclear weapons to income taxes and the future of conservatism in the Republican party.

Goldwater told his news conference the Republican party must nominate a conservative to give the people the choice between two philosophies of government.

He said Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, the only other declared candidate for the GOP nomination, is the head of the liberal wing of the party.

"If a conservative cannot be nominated," he said, "then a handful of liberals is controlling the party."

Goldwater said he had given Eisenhower his position statement on foreign affairs but that it concerned mostly NATO and

the Western Alliance. He said he asked for criticism but that the former president did not express any.

Goldwater said his view is that the commander of NATO should be given all modern weapons, including tactical nuclear weapons.

However, he said the President should retain control over strategic nuclear devices.

Rocky Sponsors Tax Free Program

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller today handed the Legislature a 1964 program that promised no tax increases, urged a few specific new programs but shied away from major political, home-front controversy that might damage his presidential hopes.

Gov. Romney Would Take GOP Draft

WASHINGTON (AP)—Michigan Gov. George Romney said Tuesday he would accept if Republicans drafted him for the presidential nomination.

After a luncheon address at the National Press Club, Romney was asked whether he is an active candidate, and whether he would accept if "substantial sentiment" developed for him.

"Gee," he told the audience amid laughter. "I was afraid that question might not be asked."

"I have indicated clearly that I am not going to be a candidate for the nomination."

"I have no way of knowing whether such a demand as you mentioned will develop. It would be presumptuous to assume that it will."

"However, if it should, like any other concerned American I would have a duty to accept."

In his speech he told the club this is a "moment of historic Republican opportunity."

He called for a grass roots campaign to recruit into the party all those "who are worried about the trend toward statism and away from creative cooperation by groups of concerned citizens."

The party, he said, must work toward a rebirth of the nation and a restoration of the eternal principles of its founders.

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By Charles M. Schulz

OLD PROBLEM RETURNS

Texas Demos Leaderless With LBJ In Whitehouse

WASHINGTON (AP)—Now that Lyndon B. Johnson is in the White House the Texas Democratic delegation finds itself in a leadership dilemma not unlike that when death came to Speaker Sam Rayburn on Nov. 16, 1961.

The vacuum caused by Rayburn's departure has been only partially filled during these intervening two years. No one man has so much as thought of taking over. But, Johnson and Rep. Wright Patman of Texarkana, the "dean" of the delegation, jointly have attempted to fill the void.

In his first four weeks as president, Johnson slipped away from the White House to come unannounced to the Capitol and break bread with his old friends — at regular Wednesday luncheons of the Texas Democratic delegation in the Speaker's Dining room.

Off hand, this could be interpreted an indication he intends to keep close to Texas problems, political and otherwise, as he did as vice president. Some of those closest to him, however, say that isn't likely — that for obvious national political reasons he must be careful not to appear too pro-

vincial. They feel he may attend other luncheons from time to time, but only for the pleasure of being with old friends.

Still another void is now being realized in the leadership situation: that left by the resignation Dec. 20 of Rep. Homer Thornberry, D., Austin, to become a federal district judge.

"We are hard pressed with Homer's leaving," commented Rep. Joe Kilgore of McAllen, the 1963 chairman of the delegation. "He was trusted by everybody. His judgment was respected by everybody. You could call him a moderate liberal or a liberal moderate."

In that summary, Kilgore put his finger on the real problem. While such tags are sometimes unsafe to the individuals involved, it is true that for years the Texas delegation (now 23 house members, including two Republicans, and a democratic and a republican senator) has been almost evenly split three ways — among liberals, conservatives and middle-of-the-roads.

Rayburn had enough personal influence to swing the group behind him almost to a man on vital issues. Since his death the delegation has split widely, and on some votes it went predominantly against the Democratic leadership in the Kennedy Administration.

There has been speculation and presumption on the part of some that with Johnson in the White House there will be more unanimity among the Texas Democrats. It's a good bet there will be an improvement, but an equally good bet is that on many vital issues it won't make any difference that their fellow Texan and friend is now president.

An example is the vote on the "\$2.8 Billion foreign aid appropriation bill which passed the House, 249-135. The Senate upped the figure to \$3.3 billion with Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D., Tex., voting for the bill. Sen. John Tower, R., Tex., was not recorded as voting on the measure which passed, 60-25.

The Texans in the House were evenly split on the measure with 11 for the bill and 11 against, and one listed as not voting. Those for: Beckworth, Brooks, Gonzalez, Mahon, Patman, Purcell, Roberts, Thomas, Thornberry, Wright, Young. Those against: Burleson, Casey, Dowdy, Fisher, Kilgore, Poage, Pool,

Rogers, Teague, and the two Republicans — Alger and Foreman. Thompson was listed as not voting.

Rep. W. R. (Bob) Poage of Waco, a veteran of 26 years in Congress is a moderate to whom many of his colleagues often look for advice or comment when they discuss how to vote on an issue.

At one of the delegation luncheons President Johnson said that Poage next to Thornberry was his dearest friend among the Texas congressmen, yet on the very day before Poage had voted against the Administration's foreign aid bill. And, there was no doubt that Johnson knew how the Texans had voted.

"I think I will go along with the Johnson administration on most issues," Poage commented later. "But I won't vote for anything just because they want it."

In the speculation as to when the Texans will turn for leadership, two other names have been mentioned — Rep. Albert Thomas of Houston and Rep. Jack Brooks.

They both were aboard the presidential plane with Johnson when he flew back from Dallas after the assassination of President Kennedy. Other Texas congressmen who had been in the presidential motorcade when the tragedy took place flew back in a separate plane.

Some of the Texans point this out to suggest that Thomas and Brooks, with long and strong democratic administration program records, will be close to the White House these days. Others, however, recall that Thomas and Johnson had been rivals for an important House committee post years ago and had never appeared outwardly to be fast friends.

While the real power leadership question may remain unsettled, Patman continues to wield great influence because of his seniority. He has been in the House since March 4, 1922. Kilgore will surrender his Democratic delegation chairmanship position with the beginning of the new session on Jan. 7, to Rep. Jim Wright of Fort Worth. The chairmanship rotates yearly on a seniority basis. Rep. John Young of Corpus Christi is next in line after Wright.

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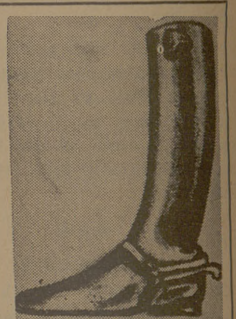
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