



Church, Kennedy advance in Senate

By STEVE GERSTEL United Press International WASHINGTON — Two of the most intriguing figures in the 96th Congress are bound to be Edward Kennedy and Frank Church.

They have much in common — relative youth, liberal philosophy, activism and unbowed ambition. Kennedy and Church share another distinction. They are the new chairmen of two premier Senate committees.

Washington Window

Over the 22 years, Church has firmly established himself as a liberal and an internationalist. Whatever direction he decides to move, everything in his past points to an active and outspoken term, along the lines of former Sen. William Fulbright.

Students beware (\$)

By DOROTHY DUBOIS If you're sitting at home now in your 62 degree apartment, shivering because you're trying to keep your fuel bills down, you'll be interested in this.

enterprises, and furthermore, how should they be billed? If you would like to express your opinion on this, come to the city council meeting...

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Umbrella warfare

By DICK WEST WASHINGTON — As if controversies over the cruise missile and neutron bomb weren't vexing enough, President Carter may soon find himself embroiled in the military bumbershoot issue.

stay toasty and dry. You can bet the Army and Navy not only will come up with umbrella programs of their own; they will be out to build a better bumbershoot than their sister service.

Then will come a 500-page manual of operations, setting forth the proper techniques for opening and closing umbrellas in

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a military manner; the minimum drizzle under which bumbershoots may be unfurled and the heights and angles at which the canopy affords maximum dryness under various weather conditions.

Why, at a time when the administration is struggling to hold down the federal budget, is the Air Force opening the door to umbrella escalation?

One defense analyst told me there was fear at the Pentagon that military bumbershoot production might be restricted in some future SALT agreement.

"If our troops already have umbrellas in place, there is less chance of the Red Army gaining bumbershoot supremacy under the treaty," he said.

"Believe me, if Senator Jackson ever starts warning about an umbrella gap, SALT is dead."

That prospect arises with an Air Force magazine report that the U.S. armed forces are testing umbrella-carrying by servicemen.

The test only involves male Air Force personnel stationed at the Pentagon. But when the trial period ends next April, a month notorious for showers, "full-scale approval Air Force-wide seems likely," the magazine says.

To appreciate the significance of this development you must be aware that our defense establishment traditionally has barred the use of umbrellas by servicemen in uniform.

Servicemen have been allowed this extra measure of precipitation protection, presumably because of the havoc that dampness wreaks on coiffures. But for servicemen, umbrellas were deemed un-military. It was determined that open bumbershoots made saluting awkward, impeded close order drill and played hob with executing the manual of arms.

Nevertheless, the break in the once-solid anti-bumbershoot front is almost certain to lead to massive crumbling of prohibitions, touching off a new wave of costly research and procurement.

Although Air Force magazine says the Army and Navy "show no signs of discarding the longtime ban," nobody seriously expects soldiers and sailors to stand around getting drenched while airmen

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Corps 'unfeminine'

Editor: Rereading Miss Zentgraf's letter with an open mind it is easy to see that she is an astute observer of the obvious, however, the subtleties escape her.

She joined the Corps, I assume, voluntarily and with full knowledge that it was male-oriented and dominated. But now, after three years of wearing trousers and fatigues and trying to be "one of the boys," she suddenly wants to hide behind the skirts of femininity.

However, when she stands there screaming "I am woman" in her combat boots and fatigues, facing a career of driving tanks or firing cannons, then her argument is lacking.

I'm truly sorry that she didn't get into the Ross Volunteers or get Corps public relations officer for that matter. However, if her disappointment is real, may I suggest some alternate courses of career development for a bright, attractive young woman? — Modeling, being a stewardess, or even a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader — all of which seem to be popular professions.

However, I get the impression that this is not Miss Zentgraf's idea of representing A&M or femininity. How cliché of Kim Tones to earn the title of Miss USA, when she could be running in step with the R.V.s!

I think that 99 percent of the women at Texas A&M don't take a back seat to anyone. But, as the old saying goes, there is always that one percent who never find out.

—Cameron E. Clements, '79

Good Ags...

Editor: We would like to say a special thank-you to a good Ag that rescued us on Jan. 23, 1979, at 11 p.m., in the staff parking lot near Hughes Hall.

Thanks again. —Lynn Falco, '82 Debbie Spencer, '82

Talk with Dr. Miller Loan set-up unfair to working students Dear Dr. Miller: My parents are able to contribute only minimally to the cost of my college education... —William L. Irwin, '80 Dear Mr. Irwin: I appreciated your letter concerning your eligibility for financial aid for the academic year... —Jarvis E. Miller



TOP OF THE NEWS CAMPUS A&M ranks well in study

Texas A&M University was the only Texas school to rank first or second in specific fields in the latest Gourman Report, a rating of American and international universities published by National Education Standards.

STATE Deportation of violators sought

The Texas State House of Representatives adopted a resolution Wednesday asking Congress to direct federal agencies to deport Iranian students who violate American laws.

Shah's family to leave Lubbock

Eight days after their arrival in Lubbock, four of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's family members are preparing to leave, possibly for a Moroccan rendezvous with the monarch.

NATION Parents appeal treatment ruling

The attorney for the parents of 3-year-old Chad Green Wednesday filed an appeal in Massachusetts of a court order barring them from using the controversial drug Laetrile to treat their son's leukemia.

Florida tornadoes damage homes

Small tornadoes spawned by a fast-moving cold front damaged houses and trailer homes in Fort Myers and Brandenton, Fla.

Monster role actor dead at 45

Ted Cassidy, the 6-foot-8 actor who had several monstrous television roles, including Lurch on "The Addams Family" and the voice of the Incredible Hulk, died Jan. 16 of complications following open heart surgery.

WORLD China absent from conference

The new enlarged Geneva Disarmament Conference began Wednesday with France present for the first time but with China absent for the time being.

Tanks close Iranian airports

Tank-backed army units seized control of Iran's major airports today in an apparent move to block the impending triumphant return from exile of opposition leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

WEATHER Cloudy and slightly warmer with drizzle throughout the day.

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