

Bentsen relies on organization in Senate race

From Associated Press

Democratic vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen waved his hand and his three-helicopter entourage climbed into the sky, black against the setting sun.

On the ground, his staff waved back and the national press corps shuffled away. For that evening, Bentsen had become Texas Sen. Bentsen campaigning for re-election.

Nearly everywhere he goes in his vice presidential campaign travels, Bentsen makes time to slip away — sometimes by helicopter or private plane — to tend to his Senate campaign.

He campaigns publicly for the vice presidency. For the Senate election, he is relying on a strong organization, millions of dollars in advertising and a reputation built over three terms.

Bentsen, asked once by reporters if his dual campaigns weren't confusing to the voters of Texas, said the answer was simple. "Vote twice for Bentsen," he said.

Vice presidential campaign manager Joseph O'Neill said this awkward system is the result of Bentsen's effort to comply fully with federal election laws which have never been tested in regard to Texas' unusual provision for dual campaigns.

"This is virgin territory," O'Neill said.

"We're working very hard to see that we follow not only the letter of the law but the spirit of the law," Bentsen said in an interview.

"I leave it up to the lawyers and accountants to be damn sure we comply," Bentsen said. "Then I don't worry about it. I go ahead and campaign."

As Michael Dukakis' running mate, Bentsen receives public funding for his vice presidential campaign. For his Senate race, the sky is the limit in fund-raising, and he's spending his millions in the state on organization and television.

One of the reasons that Bentsen is carefully dividing the two campaigns is that Bentsen's Republican Senate opponent, Rep. Beau Boulter, asked the Federal Election Commission to step in and block what he contended was an unfair advantage.

The FEC declined to act, and so did the federal courts, but the case caused Bentsen enough political grief that he bought television time in Texas to explain his reasoning to the voters.

Resigning from the Senate seat, Bentsen said, would automatically hand a six-year term to his opponent. If he ran, won, and then resigned, the voters would get to select a new senator in a special election.

Boulter has tried to ridicule the dual candidacies with his own television spot, featuring old-time cowboys trying to ride two horses at one time. So far, the polls consistently show Bentsen ahead of Boulter by a 2-to-1 margin, but Republicans say their effort has helped keep Bentsen pinned down.

Bentsen has been forced to keep separate his Senate campaign, and the \$8 million it plans to raise — including putting its Austin headquarters in a building separate from the Democratic Party and the presidential campaign.

"If Bentsen were not on the ticket, we probably would have had joint operations," O'Neill said. "We now don't have that (advantage) . . . to avoid even the appearance of overlap."

Since his selection as the vice presidential candidate in July, Bentsen has not made a single public appearance billed as a Senate candidate.

"We don't expect him to do any Senate campaigning," O'Neill said.

Bentsen's campaigns guard against at least any overt cross-pollination, although the division isn't airtight. Bentsen's top national campaign aides often tag along to Senate events.

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What's Up

Tuesday

ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS: Mr. Sumrell of J.W. Bates Construction will speak at 8 p.m. in 110 Civil Engineering.
AGGIES FOR BARTON: Congressman Joe Barton will speak at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower.
MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY: Dr. J. Dent will give interviewing tips at 7:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder Tower.
KINO-EYE/CINEMA: will present Ingmar Bergman's film masterpiece, "Fanny e Alexander," at 7:30 p.m. in 105 Langford Architecture.
COSSA: will meet at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder Tower.
PRSSA: will meet at 8 p.m. in 003 Reed McDonald.
NUTRITION CLUB: will have a general internship meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Kleberg.
ASM/IEEE-CS: will have an Exxon presentation at 7:30 p.m. in 127 Zachry.
TAMU FLYING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. at the airport clubhouse.
SAILING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower. Check the screening room number.
MSC ALL NIGHT FAIR: will have a committee meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder Tower.
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the man's Lounge in G. Rolie White.
INTRAMURALS: entries close for horseshoe singles and billiard doubles at 5:30 p.m. in 159 Read.
COCAINE ANONYMOUS: Call the center for details on today's meeting.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Call the center for details on today's meeting.
STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN: will meet at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder Tower.
ECONOMICS SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 Rudder Tower.
A&M OBJECTIVIST CLUB: will have an organizational meeting for those interested in the philosophy of Ayn Rand at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder Tower.
AGGIE TOASTERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.
HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT ORGANIZATION: will have Kol Nidre services at 8 p.m. at the Hillel student center.
PLACEMENT CENTER: will have an orientation session for all December and August graduates at 2 p.m. in 504 Rudder Tower through Friday.
THE AGGIELAND: freshmen and sophomores may take their yearbook photos through Sept. 23 at Yearbook Associates behind Campus Photo at Northgate.

Wednesday

ALL MAJORS PHILOSOPHY CLUB: Dr. M. M. Davenport will speak at 7 p.m. there really a God? at 7 p.m. in 156 Blocker.
POLITICAL FORUM: will discuss terrorism and the Persian Gulf at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Check the monitor screen for the room number.
CKI: Jane Morris will speak on behalf of the Brazos Valley Crisis Pregnancy Service at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder Tower.
RACQUETBALL CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. by court seven in the Read Building. New members are welcome.
TAMU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB: will have an informational meeting at 7 p.m. in 026 MSC.
STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder Tower.
MSC VISUAL ARTS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 145 MSC.
AUSTIN HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 6 p.m. in 026 MSC.
WOMEN'S BONFIRE COMMITTEE: women bonfire chairmen will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 Rudder Tower.
HILLEL STUDENT CENTER: will have Yom Kippur services at 10 a.m. in Hillel building.
PI SIGMA EPSILON: will have a pledge meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Blocker. A general business meeting at 7:30 p.m. also in Blocker. The room number will be posted.
RIO BRAZOS AUDUBON SOCIETY: Tonna Harris-Haller will present "Wildlife of the Galapagos Islands" at 7:30 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Museum in the Brazos Center. Everyone is welcome.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion. Call the center at 845-0280 for details.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion. Call the center at 845-0280 for details.
EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Blocker.
WOMEN'S STUDIES: will have a free film, "Coup de Grace," at 7 p.m. in Harrington.
AGGIE BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE: will have a Red Cross blood drive at 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Commons and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rudder Tower.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only need the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Local Briefs

"Who's Who" applications due Friday

Applications for "Who's Who Among American College Students" are due Friday at 5 p.m.

Applications can be picked up and turned in at the following locations between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.: Commandant's office, MSC, Student Activities Office, Zachry Engineering Center, Sterling C. Evans Library, Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center, the Office of the Dean of Veterinary Medicine and the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.

Eligibility prerequisites to apply for Who's Who include outstanding credentials in leadership, academic achievement and service to the University and community, Nancy Elliot, senior secretary for the vice president for student services said.

Undergraduate applicants must have 95 credit hours, which must have been earned at Texas A&M University. They must have an overall 2.5 grade point ratio and they must be under any terms of probation of Aug. 31.

Graduate students must have 3.5 GPR and a minimum of credit hours, all of which were grade point credit.

Those chosen by Who's Who must maintain the original eligibility requirements throughout the year. A student can be listed in the Who's Who roll for one year only.

Those students selected will be recognized during Parents' Week in April.

U.S. defectors find privacy in life as Soviet residents

HOUSTON (AP) — Members of a family that defected to the Soviet Union two years ago and settled into a Moscow flat said they're happy with their decision to flee after alleged FBI harassment and death threats.

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They left suddenly, leaving behind food in the refrigerator and a porch light burning.

"We're very angry that we had to flee our country," Mrs. Lockshin told the *Houston Chronicle*. "Angry that the FBI forced us to leave. They threatened our lives. They threatened our livelihood. They destroyed our livelihoods."

U.S. officials have denied the Lockshins were the object of government-organized harassment.

"The statements attributed to Mr. Lockshin, alleging that the U.S. government harassed him and threatened his life because of his political opinions, are patently absurd," State Department spokesman Pete Hernandez said.

The defection came after the family visited the Russian mission at the United Nations in New York in August 1986 and later the Soviet Embassy in Washington seeking political

asylum. At the same time, Lockshin lost his \$50,000-a-year salary as a cancer researcher at the Foundation at St. Joseph Hospital.

Lockshin, once a full-time organizer of the Communist Party of America, now receives 500 rubles per month, well above an average Soviet citizen's salary, and pays rubles per month for rent.

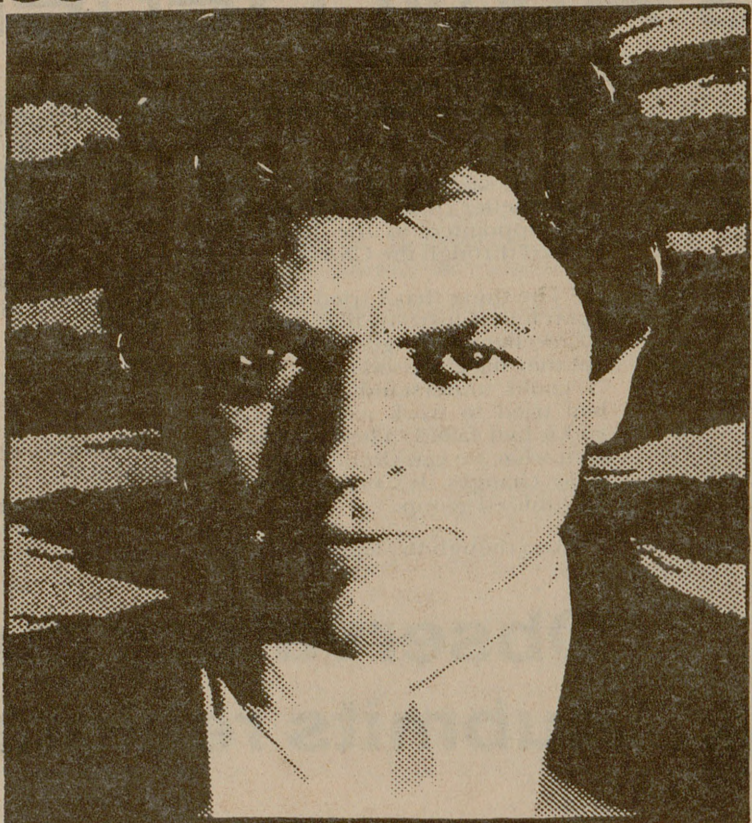
He said there are some Soviet citizens who do not agree with his American attitudes, including Jewish dissidents who resent the criticism of the United States.

"They're not particularly pro-Jewish that a Jewish family comes here and says life in America is not so good," Lockshin said.

The Lockshins lost almost all their belongings when they fled. They provided no details about their lives in deflection except to say they were endangered by the FBI.

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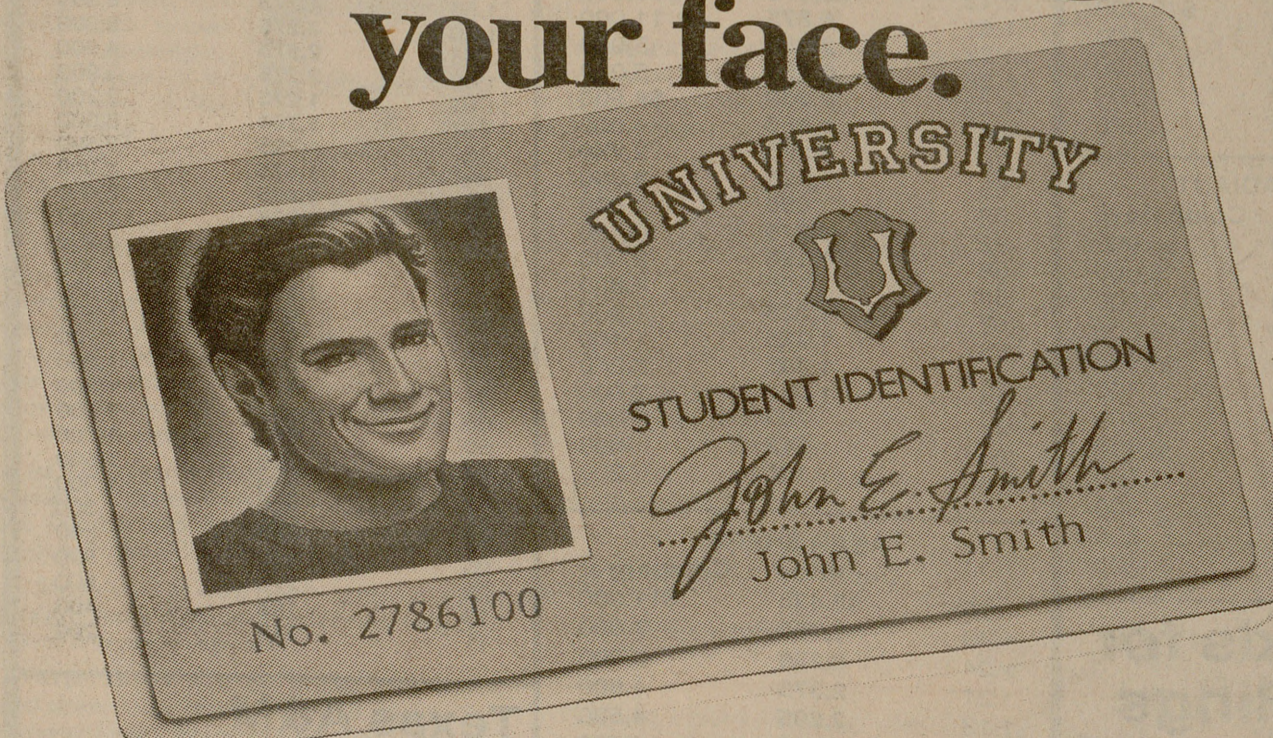
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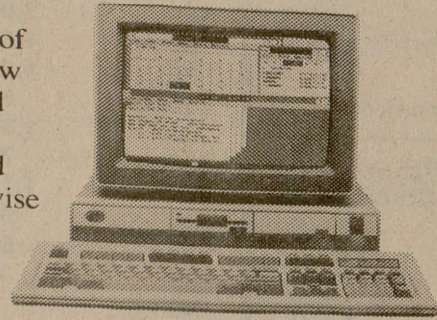
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