

Does it seem to you to be getting warmer?



State of union speech Wednesday more of report to people than to Congress

The State of the Union message in these days of television and radio is in reality a report to the people even more than the report to the Congress required by the Constitution. The world will be listening to President Johnson as he addresses the joint session of Congress on Wednesday not only for what he says — which is expected to stress his chosen theme of "continuance" — but for how he says it. Rightly or not, journalists and readers tend to assess an administration's pace and direction by the mood and style of the message.

Thus President Kennedy's first message was judged to be grim but determined. "I speak today in an hour of national peril and national opportunity," he declared. "Before my term has ended we shall have to test anew whether a nation organized and governed such as ours can endure."

Despite his father's stroke and his own back troubles, Kennedy's second State of the Union message in 1962 was confident, if not mellow. Last year the President reported the state of the nation as encouraging, said economic recovery was well under way. But he told an intently listening Congress that a massive tax cut was necessary if we were to expand our growth and set the pace for "the cause of peace and freedom."

The State of the Union message, which has inaccurately been called the "annual message," is required of the President by the Constitution, but he is free to choose his own time and occasion for it. Art. II, Sec. 3 provides that: "He (the President) shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge neces-

Unfit in a fit

President Johnson's recent cut-back of 100 limousines, referred to as "tokenism" by some people in Washington, D.C., won't cause him nearly as much trouble as his recent order concerning young 4-F's.

Johnson last weekend ordered a new effort to correct physical and mental flaws found among young men eligible for military service. He

He deserves a rest

Few Oregon citizens in the last quarter of a century have devoted so much of their time to non-paid or low-paid public effort as has a Coos Bay lawyer named Bill Walsh. He served several years in the legislature, back before legislators drew any expense checks, and while salaries were considerably below today's level. He was President of the Senate, and a good one. Eleven years ago the late Paul Patterson appointed Walsh to membership on the State Board of Higher Education, where he has served with distinction since.

Bill Walsh, during the past 11

Johnson facing possible battle with Congress

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of four dispatches in which United Press International's national reporter takes a close look at the 88th Congress, its relations with the executive branch and some of its personalities.)

By Harry Ferguson
UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson is in much the same position today as a new animal trainer venturing for the first time into a cage filled with \$35 wild beasts. Congress reconvenes this week and it may be that the nation is about to witness another knock-down fight between the executive and legislative branches of the government.

The prestige of Congress has hit one of its all-time lows. Some of its members realize this and are bold enough to say so. "The country," remarked Sen. D. Alben, R-Vt., the other day, "is disgusted with us." Sen. Clifford Case, R-N.J.: "Congress is becoming the laughing stock of the nation." An old saying by Mark Twain suddenly has become a current wisecrack in Washington:

"Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself."

Denounce System

The serious critics of the 88th Congress are not primarily concerned with which bills have passed or not passed. What they denounce is the "tyranny of committee chairmen"—a system under which one man can deny Congress its right, privilege and duty to vote on a piece of legislation. If a committee chairman personally disapproves of a bill, he simply bottles it up in his committee. Walter Lippmann, an even-tempered journalist, writes:

"It cannot be denied, I think, that the 88th Congress has been paralyzed by furtive filibuster in the committees, by what may fairly be described as a conspiracy to suspend representative government."

A stranger entering the Senate or House galleries usually is either surprised or shocked. He expects to see a group of intelligent men debating an issue and preparing to take a vote. What he usually sees is a few men lounging in their chairs, reading newspapers and paying no attention to what is being said by the man on his feet.

A visitor from Europe described the House: "It is very strange. A man gets up to speak and says nothing of importance. Nobody listens and then everybody disagrees."

President Johnson already has had his first brush with Congress, and he won it. He compelled members of the House to return from Christmas vacations, meet at 7 a.m. on Christmas Eve and pass a foreign aid appropriations bill. He cracked the whip over the Senate on the same bill with somewhat less success. Only 11 of the 100 senators showed up and the vote had to be postponed, but eventually the Senate yielded and passed the bill.

Johnson assumed the presidency with a vast reservoir of good will among congressmen. He has been a representative, a senator and Democratic leader of the Senate. He was personally popular on what is known here as "The Hill," a name given to the Capitol because it is built on land 88 feet above the level of the Potomac River and towers over the flatlands of Washington.

A president can use up his credit on The Hill very fast, and Johnson's problem, starting this week, is to decide how rapidly to demand payment for favors done in the past. Eventually every president has to make a basic decision—whether to drive his legislation through Congress or sit back and hope for the best. Either way he is likely to be in trouble.

Next: Harry Byrd, boss man of our taxes.

Fatigue slows prime minister

GOPABANDHUNAGAR, India (UPI)—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru cancelled all engagements today because of fatigue.

The 74-year-old statesman was forced to miss the day's sessions of his bickering Congress party and a speech to a big public meeting in nearby Paradip.

There were unofficial reports that the prime minister was not feeling well under the unusual strain of the stormy meetings. He has looked exhausted and stooped over since he arrived here two days ago for the annual convention of his ruling party.

Republican hopefuls flock to Washington to bask in Congress-generated sunshine

By Raymond M. Lahr
UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Republican presidential hopefuls, declared and undeclared, flock to the capital this week to bask in the political sunshine generated by the return of Congress.

Gov. George Romney of Michigan led the parade with a speech scheduled today at the National Press Club. This visit is one of two Romney plans. He said Monday he would speak at a Young Republicans meeting here Jan. 23.

After Romney comes Pennsylvania Gov. William W. Scranton, who will meet with the Pennsylvania congressional delegation Thursday. Scranton also is expected to meet with Republican leaders from other states during his time in Washington.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York and Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., the only two declared candidates, fly into town Friday — the governor for a National Press Club speech, the senator for a Re-

publican National Committee function.

Visits New Hampshire

Goldwater's appearance will come after a three-day campaign swing through New Hampshire, site of the nation's first presidential primary in March. He visited the state last fall, but has not been there since announcing his candidacy last Friday.

The Arizona senator invaded Romney territory Monday night with a speech before a Republican fund-raising dinner at Grand Rapids, Mich. He accused President Johnson of attempting to exploit a "conservative mood in America."

Goldwater said Johnson "is now trying to say 'me too' in regard to our policies." He said that Johnson would not succeed because he must run on the record of President Kennedy.

Romney, who has criticized Goldwater's views on civil rights, foreign policy and labor legislation in the past, met privately with the senator before

the dinner.

Presidential Picture

At a news conference, Goldwater listed Romney, Scranton, Rockefeller, former Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., as figures in the GOP presidential picture beside himself.

Ford, who is chairman of the powerful House Republican Conference, has been mentioned as a possible vice presidential candidate in the past.

In another development, Rep. John W. Byrnes agreed Monday to become the Wisconsin Republican party's favorite son candidate for President in a move to head off a possible bitter clash between conservative and liberal factions of the state GOP.

Both Rockefeller and Goldwater announced they would respect the Wisconsin GOP's decision and keep out of the state's April 7 primary. Byrnes will head a slate of uncommitted delegates to the Republican national convention in July.

Washington Merry-go-round

Johnson spares Erhard ride in famous aquatic jeep

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — When President Johnson reads a speech in public he sometimes complains that the lights of the podium are not bright enough. But when he gets out on his Texas ranch he has amazing eyesight.

He has what is called "rancher's eyes." He can look into the underbrush and see a deer a hundred yards away which a city visitor cannot possibly spot.

President Johnson used his rancher's eyes in spotting deer for Chancellor Ludwig Erhard during their Texas talks. However, the two men did not shoot any deer. Before Erhard arrived, Johnson did go deer shooting in his Lincoln Continental, fired at three bucks but missed. The car was moving and so were the deer.

Johnson has laid down the rule for himself that he will shoot no deer. The deer in Texas this year are so plentiful that the state has lifted the ban on shooting deer, but not Johnson. He doesn't shoot does himself and discourages others from shooting them.

The President showed the Chancellor of Germany almost everything around his Texas ranch and rode him in all sorts of vehicles, from his Lincoln convertible and his helicopter to his electric car. But he did not drive the Chancellor in his aquatic jeep, which Johnson likes to take out into the river with unsuspecting city folks who at first are afraid they're going to drown. Just as they start to scramble out of the jeep, it takes off in the water.

The President decided to spare the Chancellor this experience. He also did not take him to see Cousin Oriole who lives a couple of hundred yards from the LBJ ranchhouse. Cousin Oriole is over 70, lives by herself on the family property. The President likes to take a visitor to Cousin Oriole's house in the cool of the evening and, standing outside her door, he will call: "Cousin Oriole, this is Cousin Lyndon, can we come in?"

"No, Cousin Lyndon. I'm not decent. Wait till I put on some clothes," is her frequent reply.

The President has treated a good many visitors to this experience, but not the Chancellor of Germany.

Headlines and Footnotes
Two Soviet ambassadors have been praising President Johnson lavishly in their private conversations — Ambassador Dobrynin in Washington and Ambassador Fedorenko at the United Nations. Fedorenko came up to Johnson following his UN talk and praised it as one of the great speeches of the year. Johnson had urged easing cold war tensions. The two ambassadors are reported to have told Khrushchev that Johnson sincerely wants better relations. In undertaking this drive for better relations, LBJ completely ignored the advice of ex-Secretary of State Dean Acheson. The two men lunched together at the White House, Johnson listened carefully to Acheson's advice that you could not get along with Russia, then proceeded to ignore it. He followed the advice of his Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who has argued that, step-by-step,

relations can be improved, otherwise we drift into war. . .

At the very same time Chancellor Erhard was being conciliatory at the LBJ ranch, Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai made a significant detour in his African trip to visit Khrushchev's No. 1 Communist enemy, Albania. The Albanian and Chinese press began blasting Khrushchev's coexistence policy. It didn't help Khrushchev's recent efforts to patch up the Russian-Chinese feud. . . Si Casady, alert publisher of the Valley Times of El Cajon, Calif., reports that the John Birch Society and extreme elements of the Daughters of the American Revolution are out to discredit Carl Foreman's production of "The Victors" which shows that neither side can win in war.

Goldwater runs well in Illinois

CHICAGO (UPI)—Sen. Barry Goldwater's strength in Illinois is so great that no other Republican presidential aspirant has a chance of capturing the state's delegate votes, the Cook County (Chicago) GOP chairman said today.

"It's just fantastic," Chairman Hayes Robertson said of the Arizona senator's following. "I think Illinois has been wonderfully well organized. We have committee headquarters in each of the state's congressional districts."

Robertson said petitions were being collected for filing Goldwater's name in the April primary. "We'll have thousands," he said.

Goldwater, when he announced his candidacy for the presidential nomination Friday, said he would file for the Illinois primary before the Jan. 16 deadline. The senator is scheduled to speak here Feb. 8.

James S. Kemper, GOP national committeeman from Illinois, hailed Goldwater's decision to run and said "most, if not all, of the Illinois delegates" will go to the Republican national convention pledged to him.

Fire claims lives of six

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, N. J. (UPI)—A father, his four children and a sister-in-law were killed early today in a fire that swept the interior of their home about two miles north of Trenton.

Police said one person, described as the mother of the children, survived the blaze and was rushed to Helene Fuld Hospital at Trenton in critical condition with second and third degree burns over 40 to 50 per cent of her body.

The woman was identified as Cecilia McMahon, 43. The dead were tentatively identified as Edward J. McMahon, 42, her husband, and their children, Kevin, 10, Kathleen, also 10, Eileen, 8, Brian, 8, and Margaretta Smyth, believed to be the children's aunt.

British action in Cyprus may prove problem

By Phil Newsom
UPI Staff Writer

Notes from the foreign news cables:

Long Conflict:

Some members of Britain's government fear that British Colonial Secretary Duncan Sandys may have bitten off more in Cyprus than Britain can chew, and that the process of extreme action may prove costly and painful. The agreement to call a peace conference in London has eased the crisis temporarily. But differences are far reaching between the majority Greek Cypriots and the Turkish minority, and extremists on both sides are hard to control. The Turks accuse Archbishop Makarios III, Cyprus' president, of trying to wipe out their rights through changes in the Cyprus constitution.

Disarmament:

The 17-nation Geneva disarmament talks resume on Jan. 21, but with no chance that they will be joined by France. President Charles de Gaulle continues to believe that talks in such a mass gathering are useless. He sees no possibility of attacking the disarmament problem except in direct negotiations between the nuclear powers, of which he considers France to be one.

De Gaulle Diplomacy:

De Gaulle will hold one of his rare news conferences in the second half of January. At his conference last year he announced French rejection of Britain's bid to join the Common Market and of the U.S. offer to share its Polaris missile. This year he is expected to expand on his desire for stepped up trade and cultural relations with Peking, with diplomatic recognition of the Communist Chinese regime to come later. Meanwhile, the French-German alliance is seen heading into a period of stress. De Gaulle was said to have been deeply angered and to regard as a piece of U.S.-inspired meddling the West German demand for return of accused French terrorist leader Antoine Argoud. Argoud claims he was kidnapped from West Germany to stand trial for conspiracy against De Gaulle. The demand for return of Argoud came immediately after West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's return from the United States.

Indonesia vs. Malaysia:

Indonesia, which has openly declared its intent to wipe out the new British Commonwealth member, the federation of Malaysia, may soon recognize the rebel regime proclaimed a year ago by A.M. Azahari. Azahari proclaimed a "unitary government" covering Brunei, Sarawak and Sabah (North Borneo) but was crushed by the British.

Barbs

At least a yawn gives some married men a chance to open their mouths.

A tea kettle is a good thing to have around — even when it's up to its nose in hot water it'll sing.



An Ohio boy travels 60 miles to college by plane every day, but it doesn't help him keep his studies up.

Most grown-ups hate the snow that they used to love when they were kids.

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