

EVERETT DIRKSEN MAKES HIT WITH MAIDEN SPEECHES

Debuts of Many Newcomers Bring Strange and Mirth- ful Situations in Congress — Confidence Rules

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON—Slowly, and on the part of some, rather surely, the new members of the house are venturing out into the open and making themselves heard in debates on the floor of the house.



EVERETT DIRKSEN

The debuts of some have been rather amateurish, but rarely apologetic. Time was when a new member made his maiden speech on the floor, he prefaced it with a statement that realized he was new to the congressional way, but that he hoped the members would bear with him for he felt he must express himself.

Most of the newcomers have shown little of that so far. They have jumped in with an air of confidence that they can clear the hurdle with ease.

For example, in the midst of debate the other day one of them arose, addressed the speaker, and without waiting for recognition started for the well of the house.

"For what purpose does the gentleman rise?" asked the speaker. By this time the gentleman was in the well. He turned around to the speaker and, with a look of surprise, replied:

"Why, er—to debate."

And he seemed a bit nonplussed when the speaker required him to explain just what he wanted to debate.

Good Delivery
Perhaps the freshman representative who has made one of the best impressions on the house so far is the young, tousled-haired gentleman whose Illinois district takes in territory that Abraham Lincoln once represented.

His name is Everett Dirksen of Pekin, who defeated the veteran William Ed Hull in the last election.

Dirksen, who during his campaign won the sobriquet of "the baker and delivery boy" because of his habit of making deliveries of bread himself from his bakery during rush hours, always gets "a hand when he speaks."

Laughs Too
He speaks with a deliberate and earnest drawl that is pleasing to hear.

He told five anecdotes in his maiden speech which lasted only four minutes. Each brought howls of laughter.

There is little cockiness about him. He admits that it is all strange to him that he has a lot to learn, and that he is trying to learn it.

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When First Lady Talks It's News; White House Story on Beer Proves It

By HERBERT PLUMMER.

WASHINGTON—As a general thing, the wife of the president isn't usually a source of what newspaper folk call "spot" news.

That doesn't mean, however, that they haven't at times been in the day's interesting stories.

Mrs. Hoover, for example, stirred up a controversy while she was mistress of the White House, by dismissing her secret service attendant and driving her own car around Washington.

So-called arbiters of etiquette professed to be shocked that the President's wife should do such a thing. And that celebrated incident of the time Mrs. Coolidge was late to luncheon in the Black Hills and kept the president cooling his heels also was news.

A New Source.
But the point is, first ladies never have been considered of sufficient news importance for the senate and press gallery correspondents in Washington to worry about them very much.

Twice a week most of them drop everything and go to the White House to attend the president's regular press conferences. They wouldn't think of missing one of those Wednesday morning or Friday afternoon sessions with the chief executive.

But it now appears that there are other news sources at the White House than merely Mr. Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt has emerged as a newsmaker who will bear watching.

Once a week Mrs. Roosevelt gives a press conference of her own which is attended only by the newspaper women of the capital. The men of the craft had thought little of these weekly meetings and had ignored them.

Then the other day they had their eyes opened.

3.2 Per Cent News.
It seems that Mrs. Roosevelt told the young women who had gone to the White House that day that while she was a testator herself, if it becomes legal to serve beer, then guests at the mansion may have it for the asking.

And then she switched to the subject of Easter clothing and voiced objection to the purchase of gowns which in price and manner of manufacture would proclaim they must be sweat shop work. Since the secretary of labor is waging a crusade on this subject at the present time the announcement was regarded as highly significant.

The men correspondents in the capital were jarred considerably when they read these stories in the paper and realized they had been scooped. What they'd do about it is not yet clear. But the general attitude seems to have been expressed by a columnist on one of the Washington papers.

"If the girls think we men," he wrote, "are going to miss out on such economic stories they are as crazy as galoots."

ELKS BAND PLAYS IN J'VILLE FRIDAY

The Medford Elks' band will play in Jacksonville, Friday night, April 21, at 8:15 p. m. at the gymnasium. No admission will be asked. The program follows:
March—"Ambassador," Bagley.
Selection, "Dance of the Serpents," Boccacari.
March, "Chicago Tribune," Chambers.
Popular, "Just an Echo in the Valley," Selection, "The Chocolate Soldier," Straus.
Popular, "Goofus."
Vocal solos, "The Trumpeter," by Dix and "Brother Can You Spare a Dime" from Americans, George Andrews, accompanied by Mrs. George Andrews.
Fantasia, "Creme De La Creme," Tobani.
Popular, "Farewell to Arms."
March, "Storm and Sunshine."
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The program is sponsored by the P. T. A. of Jacksonville. Candy booths will be maintained by the P. T. A.

MEDAL APPLICANTS SHOULD SEE COLLIER

The number of applications for Verdun medals, sent in through the Veterans of Foreign Wars here, have been returned with request for individual applications. A. D. Collier, announced yesterday.

All persons, who made application, are asked to call Mr. Collier at Western Union offices at once to arrange for individual applications. Prompt action is urged as applications must be in before May 15.

AMERICAN MOTORS HAUL JAPANESE IN DRIVE UPON JEHOL

Trucks, Autos, Motorcycles, Ambulances and Airplanes, Bear U. S. Trade Marks— Officers Loud in Praise

By JAMES A. MILLS,
(Associated Press Writer With Japanese Army)

JEHOL CITY—(AP)—American motors, in trucks, automobiles, motorcycles, ambulances and airplanes, played a leading role in Japan's conquest of Jehol.

When the campaign plans were drawn it was decided that the 65,000 square miles of territory could be most expeditiously added to the Japanese-occupied state of Manchukuo by the use of a motorized force.

Trucks Pursue Chinese.
All except a few of these vehicles bore American trade marks. The exceptions were made in Japan.

Caravans of trucks, sometimes 3 miles long, loaded with Japan's warriors, pursued the poorly organized Chinese over frozen roads and mountain passes, going day and night.

All of the Japanese officers were loud in their praise of these American machines, which stood the most terrible abuses and stresses on some of the worst roads in the world.

Another score for American industry was chalked up by the motor-cyclists. Thousands of these sturdy little vehicles carried officers, machine gun units, medical supplies,

dispatches and even the wounded. They, too, stood the grueling tests with few breakdowns.

Wounded Ride in Comfort.
The hospital service used American ambulances almost exclusively. I saw scores of these comfortable, six-wheeled vehicles, none of which failed at a critical moment.

American-made airplanes also contributed largely to the Japanese success. Some of the ships had only American motors in them, but there were a considerable number of entirely United States manufacture.

To complete the American transport monopoly, virtually all the Japanese generals and other high officers traveled in powerful American passenger cars, equipped with over-size tires.

SALEM, April 20—(AP)—Mandamus proceedings were filed in the state supreme court here today to compel the secretary of state to accept petitions for referendum of the so-called granite power bill approved at the last legislative session.

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BUSINESS GAINS BRING CHEERFUL BANKING REPORT

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—An improvement in almost all lines of business throughout the country was reported to Secretary Woodin today by the governors of the 12 federal reserve banks.

The secretary said he had received the optimistic reports in the conference with the governors here today and that they all described the outlook as very cheerful.

"The governors gave me a very hopeful picture," Secretary Woodin said. "There is certainly an improvement all over the country in almost every line. The rise in price of commod-

ities has increased the hopes of the farmers."

The secretary said the primary purpose of the conference of the governors was to discuss plans for aiding the thousands of banks now closed to reopen but he declined to go into details.

He said herculean efforts would be made to open the closed banks as rapidly as possible. About five billion of deposits are tied up in the banks still closed.

The secretary said his conference with the governors had not yet touched upon the question of the banks but that this subject was the next to be discussed. He announced more than a week ago plans for aiding the opening of closed banks but declined to divulge them.

Stockmen's Notes
Good For Grazing
WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—Authority for forest supervisors in the west to accept notes from stockmen for grazing fees in national forests, in lieu of cash, was announced by Secretary Wallace today in a letter to

Senator Carey (R., Wyo.) who had been waging a campaign for lower fees.

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