

Democrats, GOP Agree on at Least One Thing — Long Weekends Are Really Fine

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Washington — (Special)—The highest success at reaching bipartisan accord between battling Republicans and Democrats in this closely divided 84th Congress is not in the lofty realm of foreign policy or national defense but on how congressmen should be freed from anxiety about their weekends—nice, long weekends.

The unwritten rule in both House and Senate to which members of both parties adhere with fantastic harmony is that any one of the 435 representatives or 96 senators is free to join the "Thursday to Tuesday Club."

That's the unchartered chowder-and-marching society headed by eastern congressmen who are in Washington, D.C., in midweek between trips home or elsewhere that stretch from Thursday night to Tuesday morning. The invention of the airplane enhanced the attractiveness of the club to westerners as well.

This doesn't mean that the Congress of the United States is out of action every Friday and Monday — at least not utterly. But plans for floor action are usually rigged so as not to embarrass any of the club members who have lengthy weekend engagements, either personal or political.

If the House meets, for example, on Monday, this inconvenient show of legislative labor will usually be preceded the previous week by an announcement from Majority Leader John McCormack, who oozes political savoir faire. He will put it like this to his breathless colleagues who have rushed in from the cloakroom with train schedules in hand:

"Monday we will take up H.R. 9999, the anti-vivisection bill (groans rise heavily from the chamber at the thought of voting on this momentous issue) and there will be two hours general debate. Voting on the bill will be held over until Tuesday."

In language a voter might better understand, McCormack would be saying: "Monday a handful of members of the committee which handled the anti-vivisection bill will read their arguments pro and con, or simply insert them in the Congressional Record for that day. But don't worry boys, the coast is clear because we won't

have any roll calls until Tuesday." But from Tuesday through Thursday, the lawmakers really grind out the fresh new statutes. Tuesday, June 7, the House clipped off 99 bills between noon and 2:33 p.m. that afternoon when it quit for the day. Tuesday, June 14, the Senate punched out 90 separate bills from noon to 4:43 p.m. Both chambers employed an old device called the unanimous consent calendar — a kind of legislative automation.

Looking at this rate of speed, one can readily understand the good men and true being groggy by Friday and in bad need of rest. Sometimes they reverse the process and labor long and

Local Officials Said Doing Good Job With Youths

Salem — (U.P.) — Officials on the local level appear to be doing a good job in preventing commitments to the MacLaren school for boys, Superintendent James Lamb told Oregon district attorneys here yesterday.

Lamb said that "actually very few of the boys apprehended for law violations are sent to the school. Instead, the local officials find means of handling the situation locally."

Lamb said that any juvenile officer has more than saved his salary and expenses if he can prevent just three boys who have violated laws from being sent to MacLaren.

He added that MacLaren school must help in a reconstruction job which includes a complete change in a boy's personality, behavior and attitude. Records of parolees from MacLaren school are excellent, Lamb said, and the boys now in the school have caused but little community difficulties compared to those in the past.

This was the second day of a three-day institute for district attorneys sponsored by the State Department of Justice.

Miss Marjorie McBride, superintendent of the Hillcrest School for Girls, said broken homes was the principal cause of delinquent girls sent to that institution.

loud to produce one bill, like last Thursday when the House convened at 10 a.m., two hours earlier than usual, and ran until 7:25 that night to complete action on the public works money bill and clear the deck for the long weekend. The Senate, always seeking the last word, ran until 7:33 p.m. cleaning up the Commerce Department money bill.

All this high-powered time-table of the nation's lawmaking is in the nature of psychosomatic medicine for the politician who sprouts ulcers just thinking about the next election campaign when Candidate Joe Blow discovers he was absent that Monday the vote was unexpectedly taken on the omnibus pork barrel bill.

Now he doesn't have to think about such a fearful possibility. He knows it won't happen. Because everybody is a member of the Thursday to Tuesday Club, and the member who would blunder into calling for an unscheduled vote on Friday or Monday would later gladly swap his case of chills for a dose of poison ivy.

In an organization where success is counted by the number of your friends, no one violates the rules.

Search Resumed for Bodies in Reservoir

Detroit, Ore. — (U.P.) — Search resumed today for two bodies still believed to be in a car which apparently carried four persons to their death at the bottom of Detroit dam reservoir Saturday night.

The search was halted by rough water yesterday noon after authorities had recovered the bodies of James A. Jennings, 41-year-old highway worker and his son Leo, 16. State police also located the car 75 feet offshore in 185 feet of water.

Still missing are Jennings' 14-year-old son, Richard, and John Wallace, 17. All four were residents of Detroit, Ore.

The four disappeared Saturday night after leaving for the movies at Mill City. A highway maintenance worker on Monday found a broken guard rail, the license plate from Jennings' car and other auto parts at a point where a 175-foot cliff drops to the reservoir.



ATTRACTIVE ATTRACTION — Carolae Peterson and her bunny fill the bill as attractions at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton, Cal., June 24-July 7. As well as exhibits and entertainment features, the fair boasts 12 days of horse racing.

Judge East to Take New Office Friday

Portland — (U.P.) — Judge William East of Eugene is scheduled to take office here at 10 a.m. Friday as Oregon's new federal district judge.

Judge East succeeds Judge James Alger Fee who has been elevated to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Several speakers are scheduled for the event, including Harold Warner, chief justice of the State Supreme Court; Herbert Anderson, president of the Multnomah County Bar Association; Thomas Tongue, vice-president of the Oregon Bar Association; C. E. Luckey, U. S. attorney for Oregon; and Robert F. Maguire, Oregon federal court master.

Chief Judge Claude McCulloch said the Oregon Circuit Judges Association and the Lane County Bar Association also have been asked to furnish speakers.

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Northern California: Fair except coastal fog; occasional cloudiness extreme north.

Solar Batteries Available For \$25, But Still Won't Run Any Household Gadgets

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Chicago — (U.P.) — The solar battery, long a pet of science fiction writers, has become a commercial reality.

You can buy one for \$25. But don't expect the sun-powered gadget to run your electric shaver. The battery hasn't reached that stage of development—yet.

The solar battery, a silicon wafer about the size of a half dollar, was developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories. It is being produced commercially by Natural Fabricated Products, Inc., of Chicago, under a Bell license.

"Actually we're producing the batteries as prototypes and selling them a variety of industries for experimental purposes," said M. E. Paradise, company president.

"We've got ideas on how to improve the battery. Now we want specific ideas on how and where it can be employed."

The little silicon wafer represents man's first successful effort in converting sunlight directly into substantial amounts of electricity.

Look To Future
In the not-too-distant future, improved versions may be used to power portable beach radios, light meters and perhaps military field telephones.

The Bell System already is installing the batteries in Georgia to boost power during daylight hours on rural telephone lines.

And some scientists believe the day will come when solar energy, converted into elec-

tricity, will run factories and perform much of the world's work.

Fred Pollak, National Fabricated Products sales manager, put one of the hermetically-sealed wafers on the window sill where the sun's rays could strike it. The needle of a millimeter promptly kicked over to register a current of 32 milliamperes.

"Not enough to run an electric motor," Pollak conceded. "But an engineer was in here the other day with a wafer wired to a micro-relay and used it to actuate the starter of a 10-horsepower motor."

Sample Wafers
The company put its sample wafers on the market early this month. Since then it has received more than 500 inquiries from various industries and government agencies. Foreign governments, including India, Austria and several South American countries, have expressed interest.

The company "grows" sugar-shaped silicon ingots at its semiconductor plant in suburban Evanston. The ingots then are skillfully sliced into thin wafers to give the proper atomic structures to each slice.

Bell Laboratories claims that the efficiency of the battery can be compared to that of the best gasoline engines.

Officials of National Fabricated Products believe the silicon material soon may be perfected to the point where it can be put on a rooftop to form a big solar battery which conceivably could power all the household gadgets inside the house.

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