

Views of What 85th Congress Will Do Are Discussed

House Leaders Write Parallel Articles; Session Opens Today

Editors Note: In the following parallel articles written for the United Press, House Democratic leader John W. McCormack (Mass.) and House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. give their views on what the new Congress, which convenes today, will accomplish.

By REP. JOHN W. MCCORMACK
Democratic House Leader
Written For United Press
Washington — (U.P.)—The 1956 national and state elections showed unusual political results—a political phenomenon. The election showed a mandate to the President, personally, and a mandate to the Democratic party, politically.

On a political basis, the people clearly showed they believed in the policies of the Democratic party. The Democratic party in Congress will assume its mandate from the people. We will serve the people constructively during the 85th Congress.

The Democratic party is not a party of blind opposition. We will continue to support President Eisenhower in any recommendations for the national and best interests of our country. When we oppose, we shall do so constructively, stating our reasons, and where there is disagreement as to methods, we will constructively propose a substitute.

Action and Success
I expect, due to progressive Democratic policy, that the next Congress will be an active and successful one. While we Democrats will cooperate with President Eisenhower, we expect cooperation on his part and from the Republican party.

In order to get through some important legislation, President Eisenhower himself will have to take a more active and direct interest with the members of his own party. If there is team-work on the part of President Eisenhower with the Democratic leadership, a great deal will be accomplished.

I look for 1957 to be a very important year from the angle of international affairs. I look for many more tensions created by the Kremlin and Red China. To meet the trying problems of 1957, we must have firm and consistent leadership in the White House, for the president is the repository of foreign policy under our form of government.

The Democratic party will support measures of strength in national defense and firmness in foreign policy. But the leadership must come from President Eisenhower. That is his duty and responsibility under the constitution.

Out of Dream World
If the President will lead us out of the "dream world" he has led us into and realize that the Communist leaders are still intent on world revolution and world domination, and if he will propose policies of strength and firmness—get back to the policy of "peace through strength"—he will have the cooperation of the Democratic party.

While it is late, there is evidence that President Eisenhower is awakening from his "dream world," I hope so.

The Democratic party will support a firm, effective, effective policies so necessary to regain our friendships throughout the world, to give real hope to countless millions like those in Hungary who want liberty and independence, and to prevent the Communist leaders from accomplishing their objective—world domination.

In this historic battle, I look for 1957 to be a most important year.

To be successful, close cooperation, not for political gain, but for the national interests of our country is necessary. The Democrats will cooperate with such leadership on the part of President Eisenhower.

Old West Is Dead; Woman Named Mayor
Laramie, Wyo.—(U.P.)—The old West is dead, for sure. The man from Laramie is now a lady.

Mrs. Josephine Fay was elected by the City Council—unanimously—as Laramie's first woman mayor Wednesday night.

She has handled the city's purse strings for the past two years, anyway, and the men decided to give her the gavel, too.

Out-going Mayor Carroll Mohr escorted Mrs. Fay to the chair, then took a seat in the audience.

"I want to thank you for the confidence you've placed in me," Mrs. Fay told the council. Then she turned to the business at hand.

But she never once used the gavel.

By REP. JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR.
Republican House Leader
Written For United Press
Washington — (U.P.)—President Eisenhower's legislative program for continued prosperity at home and a real and lasting permanent peace abroad will be substantially approved by the 85th Congress.

I believe it will be approved by a bigger percentage than that of any president's program in recent years for these reasons:

He will have practically solid support of the Republicans in the Congress, and he will have sufficient Democratic support because of the tremendous Eisenhower vote cast in the congressional districts.

As a matter of fact, the most compelling duty of the new Congress will be bi-partisan cooperation to help the President in his determination to preserve peace with honor.

The people of the nation showed their feelings for Dwight Eisenhower on election day and they will look forward to the Congress co-operating with him to continue the progress and prosperity of the America—the foundations of which were so fundamentally built in the past four years.

The President's program for 1957 will be sent to Congress after the President confers with the leadership of both branches.

I believe that civil rights legislation will be passed in the House early in the new session in substantially the same form as it was approved last year.

School Bill
There will be a strong and determined effort to enact a school construction bill. The President certainly has the support of all the people when he says that every child should have a school seat. Enactment of the school construction bill will perhaps be a bit difficult, but its prospects are much better than they were in the past.

I do not see much difficulty in the President getting the appropriations he deems necessary for our national defense, and that includes foreign aid funds to bolster the free world. I feel certain that in this time of world emergencies both parties will support requests for funds for these two categories, including continued development and testing of nuclear weapons. Unless we do give this support the world would become demoralized and that would be disastrous to the United States.

That would mean greater spending than we are now asked to approve.

Peace Above All
All of the people of the United States know beyond question that President Eisenhower wants peace over and beyond anything else. I am sure that they will give him solid backing in that direction and expect their congressional representatives to give him the same support.

We should plan for another balanced budget in spite of what may be appropriated for defense and peace in the world. Fiscal sanity on the part of the federal government under Republican management has been a major contribution towards our existing prosperity. It has been a big factor in stabilizing living costs and putting a halt to inflation.

I believe that the Congress will cooperate with the President in easing the plight of the refugees who have escaped the iron heel of foreign despotism. Men and women who refuse to live in slavery and who have abandoned everything but life and hope to escape it will make the best kind of American citizens. Helping them exemplifies the humane idealism of the American people.

Fewer Bomb Hoaxes Expected at Schools
New York—(U.P.)—Authorities expected fewer bomb hoaxes at schools today because students have been warned they will have to make up class time lost for bomb searches.

Schools across the nation became the target of telephone bomb threats Wednesday with the end of the Christmas recess. Students were dismissed for the day in some cases and others returned to classes after participating in shelter drills while police searched for bombs.

Police said they had expected such bomb scares as attempts by students to extend their holidays. They took no chances, however, and searched any school that had been threatened.

New York's wave of scares since Christmas Eve had reached 175 by Wednesday night.

Major Issues Facing Congress Reviewed

Washington — (U.P.) — Prospects for action on major issues facing the 85th Congress:

"Eisenhower Doctrine" — Congress almost certainly will grant the President's request for advance authority to use American troops, if necessary, to block possible Soviet aggression in Middle East.

Schools — The President will push hard for big federal outlays to help communities build public schools. A similar bill failed in the last Congress when an anti-segregation amendment was added.

Negro rights — House passage again seems assured for the administration's four-point civil rights program. But it faces a threatened filibuster by Southerners in the Senate.

Farm — Congress is almost certain to approve an administration plea for relaxed planting controls on corn farmers to avert threatened collapse of their price support program.

Foreign aid — Funds sought by Mr. Eisenhower probably will be cut sharply. Some lawmakers contend that Congress is more likely to cut funds below the \$3.7 billion granted last year than to boost the outlay to the

\$4.4 billion administration will seek.

"Tight money" — This issue will break out on several legislative fronts. The administration probably will touch off bitter fight by asking that interest rates on government-guaranteed mortgages on new "GI" housing be raised to 5 per cent from present 4.5.

Immigration — Legislation to keep U.S. doors open temporarily for Hungarians and other refugees from Communist countries has good chance.

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