

# New Congress Will Provide Test Area For Demo Hopefuls

By RAYMOND LAHR  
Washington - (UPI) - The new Congress which convenes this week will provide a daily forum and testing ground for at least four potential candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1960.

It will also be the base of operations for Vice President Richard M. Nixon, now the strongest contender for the Republican nomination, although he plays no direct public role in dealing with the legislative program.

Nixon presides over the Senate, votes only in case of ties and works offstage as an agent of the Eisenhower administration. He also appears likely to inherit from President Eisenhower the active leadership of the Republican party organization.

Here are the potential Democratic candidates in Congress:

Sen. John F. Kennedy (Mass.), 41, now viewed as the pace-setter. He will play a key part, just as he did in 1958, in whatever the Democratic-controlled Congress does to combat corruption in labor unions. Membership on the Foreign Relations Committee also offers him a vehicle to gain national attention. He has substantial support in the south.

**Humphrey Rallying Point**  
Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.), 47, a likely rally point for the more aggressive liberals in the Democratic party. However, he is weak in the South. He will be in the forefront of the struggle to change the senate's filibuster rule next week. He is a member of the Foreign Relations and Agriculture Committees and chairman of the subcommittee on disarmament but readily and deeply involves himself in issues in other fields, too.

Sen. Stuart Symington (Mo.), 57, who is often described as "everybody's second choice" for 1960. As a former secretary of the Air Force, he gets most attention for his frequent attacks on the Eisenhower administration's defense program. Like Kennedy, he is regarded by southern Democrats as much more acceptable than Humphrey.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.), 50, dominant figure in writing the Democratic party record during the past four years while majority leader of the Senate. Although he insists he is not a candidate, many Democrats consider him a potential contender, at least in case of a convention deadlock.

**Kefauver Failed Twice**  
Another possible Democratic contender is Sen. Estes Kefauver, who failed to win the Presidential nomination. However, he may be kept busy protecting his Senate seat in 1960.

While these and possibly other Democratic senators will figure in the 1960 nomination, all of them know that U.S. political parties seldom choose presidential candidates from the Senate.

Other possible candidates—Govs. Robert B. Meyer of New Jersey and G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, Gov.-elect Edmund G. Brown of California and Adlai E. Stevenson—can stay aloof from the daily battle.

There is a widespread belief among Democrats that state presidential primaries will not weigh heavily in the selection of the 1960 nominee. Unless one candidate builds a commanding lead, most states are expected to support favorite son candidates or send uncommitted delegations to the 1960 convention.

## They'll Do It Every Time



## Backstairs: Two Different Shoppers

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
UPI White House Reporter  
Washington - (UPI) - Backstairs at the White House: President and Mrs. Eisenhower are quite different persons when it comes to shopping.

The President asks the price of an item, but doesn't haggle. He buys or he doesn't. The first lady, on the other hand, will tell a saleswoman right away if she thinks a price is too high.

One Gettysburg storekeeper tells of a recent experience with Mamie. She was looking at some articles piled up on the counter and admired them greatly.

When she found out the price, however, she stiffened. "They're lovely," said the first lady, "but I think I'll wait until you have a sale and these are reduced."

She did.

The President still is rather new at shopping. He did more store to store buying last week in Gettysburg than he has ever done before in his adopted hometown. He was buying principally for his 10-year-old grandson, David.

The chief executive did not question a price in any store he visited nor did he buy without regard for price.

He bought David some insulated boots for tramping over the snowy fields of the

Eisenhower farm in quest of rabbits. Eisenhower could have spent much more than he did, but he told David that in making a choice, they must realize that David's feet were growing at a rapid rate and it would be unwise to invest in the best possible boots, only to have them outgrown quickly.

So, the President and David settled for boots that were good, but not the very best and paid slightly over \$14 for them.

About the only thing in the Gettysburg stores that seemed to make the President's eyebrow arch was the price of socks. He did not complain, but he did express surprise when the clerk at one store said a pair of heavy hunting socks for David would cost \$1.50.

Naturally, one cannot waste precious press conference time in determining such things at a presidential meeting with reporters, but limited research shows that in the mercantile world, Eisenhower may not have ever visited such commonplace establishments as:

- A big grocery supermarket.
- A modern gigantic drug store.
- A drive-in eating place with curb service.
- A drive-in movie.

## Egan Takes Oath As Alaska Governor

Juneau, Alaska - (UPI) - Gov. William A. Egan was sworn into office as the first chief executive of the new state of Alaska Saturday following official word from Washington that President Eisenhower had signed the proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union.

The oath of office was administered by U.S. District Judge Raymond F. Kelly in a brief ceremony here this morning. Kelly then administered the oath of office to Secretary of State Hugh J. Wade, the only other elective statewide official provided for in the new state's constitution.

The simple ceremony was attended by only a few members of Egan's staff, members of the Wade family and representatives of the post office department.

# Porter to Introduce Three Bills When Congress Convenes

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) has announced that he will introduce three bills on the first day of the first session of the 86th Congress, scheduled to convene Jan. 7.

Heading the list and described by Representative Porter as his "chief legislative goal of the session" is a bill for the "Home Ownership and Mortgage Credit act of 1959."

The bill, which covers several aspects of federal housing legislation, was drafted by Porter after lengthy discussions with housing and home finance experts both in Oregon and Washington, D.C. One of its major provisions would increase by \$1 billion the special assistance program of the Federal National Mortgage association. The program was set up in last year's Emergency Housing act to make commitments and purchases at par on GI and FHA loans in a principal amount of \$13,500 or less.

**Other Provisions**

1. Eliminate the down payment requirement on FHA insured loans below a valuation of \$15,000, with a 10 per cent down payment required on that portion of the valuation in excess of \$15,000.
2. Increase the permitted loan term from 30 to 40 years. This would, of course, reduce monthly payments substantially.
3. Increase the maximum FHA mortgage on 1 and 2 family homes from the present \$20,000 ceiling to \$25,000.
4. Reduce the FHA insurance premium to one-eighth of 1 per cent. It now stands at one-half of 1 per cent.

5. Include the so-called "trade-in" provision of both the Administration and Congressional bills considered last year. This is designed to facilitate trade-in financing under the FHA program and eliminate certain duplicate closing costs.

**Other Bills**  
The other two bills which

Congressman Porter will introduce are to provide for a Federal Shoe Labeling act and to amend the Surplus Property act of 1944. The Shoe Labeling bill is an outgrowth of considerable study by Porter's office and the Federal Trade commission over the past year or so. It was first suggested by a shoe repairman in Medford, Ore., Wilbur Gardner.

The Surplus Property act amendment would eliminate the present requirement that property conveyed by the Federal government for historic monument purposes must have been acquired by the United States before Jan. 1,

1900. This bill is the outgrowth of the long and controversial battle to acquire the Lillie Lela Moore property in Roseburg for use as a historic monument site by the Douglas County Historical society.

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## Meeting Planned To Break Deadlock

Los Angeles - (UPI) - Union and management negotiating teams planned to meet today in an effort to break a five-day strike-lookout which has closed 1,000 food markets and caused the average Los Angeles housewife to go in search of food.

State Conciliator Ralph Duncan said the dispute between the Retail Clerks Union and the Food Employers Council might remain unsettled for two weeks or more.

The markets closed by the strike-lookout normally retail 75 per cent of the groceries sold in Los Angeles county. Some 4,000 local groceries and about 400 other large markets have remained open and are doing a landoffice business.

Open markets reported increases in business as much as 300 per cent and several have been forced by fire laws to limit the number of customers allowed in aisles.

## Sign Asks Prayer For Detroit Thief

Detroit - (UPI) - "Please say a prayer for the person that took the infant from His Mother."

That was the sign placed in the straw before a kneeling figure of Mary in a nativity scene outside St. Bonaventure's monastery in Detroit.

A thief stole the figure of the infant Jesus.

## 4-H Club News

**Home Living Club**  
Mrs. Bernice E. McCue, 134 Laurel st., Central Point, took members of Schemers Home Living 4-H club on a tour of some home furnishing stores in Medford during the recent club meeting.

Managers of the stores explained the different kinds of furnishings to them. Club members wish to thank Lipert's Home Furnishings, Wakefield Drapery shop and the S.W. Floor Cover shop.

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