

Washington Report

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Washington - Three Republican presidential hopefuls for 1964 are already preparing to mount three wholly different and competing pressures on the new Congress.

Each man looks upon this as the place of crisis, for his own hopes and for the future hopes of the G. O. P. itself. Each will try to control, or help shape, the actions and tone of the Republican side of that Congress.

One, Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, will sit in Congress and so may have a small operating advantage, simply that of being on the scene. The other two, Richard M. Nixon and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, must exert their influence from afar and through congressional friends and supporters.

THE wheel of circumstances now turns full circle. A year ago, with the White House in Republican hands, a solitary Republican, Vice President Nixon, held a monopoly on the 1960 presidential nomination. It was then the Democrats who - on the outside looking in - had a large, restless group of aspirants.

Then, Senators John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Stuart Symington were maneuvering as rivals toward 1960. Now, beginning in January, Nixon, Rockefeller and Goldwater will become the maneuvering rivals - this time for 1964. They take the old places of Kennedy, Johnson and Symington in the great game of musical chairs.

What is most strikingly new in all this is the proof it offers of a revolutionary change in the realities of power in American politics. It used to be that senators and members of the House of Representatives rarely achieved decisive stature at presidential nominating conventions.

The big wheelers and dealers were the governors. But 1960 changed all that. The overwhelming victor at the Democratic convention, John Kennedy, was a man of Congress. The runner-up, Lyndon Johnson, was, too.

NOW, the one governor among high G.O.P. prospects for the presidential prize in 1964, Rockefeller, will run his real search for that prize in the national forum of Congress - not in his home state, electorally powerful though it is.

Mr. Rockefeller's friends have already made it plain that he will take a major hand in attempting to commit the congressional Republicans to liberal programs. He is determined to stamp the name "Rockefeller" on this Congressional Record, from the left wing of his party. Goldwater is equally resolved to stamp it with his name, from the right wing of the party.

Nixon is thus left holding the middle of the party, the spokesman for its center. His purpose will be to support the development of a moderate Republican line similar to that on which he so very nearly won the presidency last month.

HE IS, moreover, in simple fact the titular leader of the party, though neither Rockefeller nor Goldwater rushes to concede him that distinction. He is also something more. For Nixon is greatly assisted by the decision of his two rivals to challenge him in the halls of Congress.

He has more friends there than either of the two others. They have chosen to contest with him on his home field. It is a long time to 1964 and "maybe" is a safer word than "certainly." But, as for probabilities, there is this:

In this jockeying for place Nixon is going to be very hard to outdistance, particularly in this arena. And, as for certainties, there is this: No Republican membership of Congress will ever have been under more persistent courtship from three sides.

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Small Worlds Around Us
By Lynn M. Watkins

Ever Hear of Ions? There Are Good Guys and Bad Guys
Tell the average person there are two important kinds of ions, and he naturally will assume you mean male and female.

But not so. They are negative and positive. With every breath you take you inhale something more than oxygen, dust and gasoline fumes. You also receive several thousands or millions of "ions."

Ions are electrically charged particles generated by a wide assortment of agencies. Even two grains of sand, blown together by a gentle breeze, generates a tiny number of ions. Other billions of them are created by the friction of running water around a rock, or by cosmic rays from outer space, or by a thunderstorm.

An electrical storm generates the "things" by the zillions. The right kind of ions, namely the negative ones, entering our lungs rapidly enters the bloodstream and then into our body cells.

Nature, by various and often complicated means, always has been adding ions to the atmosphere, that enter the bodies of all living animals, and helps them or depresses them, depending on the preponderance of which kind. The little things may be so important to our lives that we couldn't live without them.

Life itself is probably the liberation, generation or the functioning of electricity in body cells.

Source of Refreshment
We become actually refreshed and exhilarated when there is a preponderance of negative ions in the air. In reverse, when we take on an over-abundance of positive ions we may become depressed; we may feel aches and pains in our bones or muscles, or our cornea may hurt. Some people even may become so depressed they will fight with their neighbors, or may reach a point where they may hang themselves from the rafters in the garage.

If your bunions suddenly become painful, or you feel "low down and mean," it may mean there is a change coming in the weather. The super-abundance of positive ions in the air is really "getting you down." What you need is a super amount of negative ions.

You may feel "like walking on air," or on your hands, or yelling for joy, or dancing across the front-lawn - a spite of what the neighbors might think - at the near approach of a thunderstorm. The reason: You have inhaled a preponderance of negative ions. As far as humans are concerned, as well as all living things, it might be better if, instead of being positive and negative ions were male and female. That way the bad ions could be so interested in the good ions that the positive ones would never exert a depressing influence on anyone. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1960)

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



PUTTING THE BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR THE KIDS WHO DON'T GIVE A DARN ANYHOOD... THANK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO E. J. K... KENNEDYPORT, ME.

Wonders of Life Found To Be In Multiple Division of Cells

Editor's note: This is the second of four dispatches by DeLos Smith, UPI Science Editor, on scientific efforts to expose the "secrets of life."

By DELOS SMITH
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New York - (UPI) - The wonder of DNA is nothing less than the wonder of the fertilized germ cell. Any life, no matter its form, begins with one such cell.

They shade downward in size from a dot to infinitesimal specks. Shelled eggs are the exception, of course. Yet each one is packed with a finely detailed recipe for the making of an organism which will be a replica of whatever organism produced and fertilized the germ cell.

When the cell divides, life begins. The first result is two cells precisely like the original. These two divide and then you have four, all alike. By this multiple progression you could soon have millions of cells, all identical.

But there is design, and that is the wonder and mystery of it. Specialization sets in among the dividing cells. Some become nerve cells; others, the cells of liver, hair, muscle and blood. Thereafter, they divide only into those kinds of cells. If the recipe calls for wings or for two legs or four legs or many legs (as in some insects), the properly specialized cells appear.

What is it that causes each cell to do the right thing at precisely the right moment? DNA is answer. DNA is capable of explaining this wonder, of showing exactly how all forms of life "breed true," of giving science free access at long last to the chemistry of heredity.

Science has known for a long time that these recipes were in the chromosomes and genes of cells. Gregor Johann Mendel (1822-1884) established that in his celebrated experiments with peas which produced the "Mendelian Law."

But what he established was the mere existence of units of heredity which later were located in the chromosomes. He had no idea of the chemical constituents and organizations of these units, nor how they worked to unfold their recipes. Nor did generations, as well as all living things, it might be better if, instead of being positive and negative ions were male and female. That way the bad ions could be so interested in the good ions that the positive ones would never exert a depressing influence on anyone. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1960)

ions of his scientific heirs. Now science knows. DNA molecules are the stuff of chromosomes and genes.

These "queen bee" molecules of life are close-packed in them, along with a complex of protein molecules of unknown nature and number. There are around 800,000 DNA molecules in every fertilized human germ cell.

The recipes for life are contained in the molecules in the form of a chemical code. Each molecule is constructed chemically somewhat like a spiral staircase. The stair steps number in the thousands; each one is made by varying combinations of four compounds.

Each unit. Each compound is a unit of a code. Thus, each stair step spells out a particular bit of

the recipe. That leaves two very large questions-how this coded information is passed on, generation by generation; and how the code gets "read" and put into action.

The first question is answered by the phenomenon of cell division. Just before a cell divides, its chromosomes flatten out, then they rip apart and the halves move to opposite sides of the cell. Then the cell divides into two cells. Each of these "daughters" have the same chromosomal constitution of the original cell.

Return now to the DNA molecules and keep in mind they're built like spiral staircases. If these staircases split right down the middle in the splitting of the chromosomes, you'd have halves of staircases. Each daughter cell would have its complement of halves of DNA molecules.

These halves could then serve as molds. Cellular chemistry could assemble and "press" raw substances against these molds. As the result, the halved molecules would be restored to wholeness. And each half would contain the same full recipe and each would pass it on to a "daughter" the next time the cell divided.

Wednesday: How the DNA code is "read."

Mrs. Kennedy Eyes White House Role

Palm Beach, Fla. - (UPI) - Mrs. John F. Kennedy hopes to spend a quiet week in sunny Palm Beach making her inaugural plans and giving some thought to her White House role.

Now that she has seen her future home, she can make her plans accordingly. But she will be doing it solo until her social secretary, Letitia Baldridge, comes on the scene after the first of the year.

Jacqueline remained at this winter resort with her baby, John Jr., 3-year-old Caroline when the President-elect flew back to snowbound Washington Monday night. Since her arrival Friday evening she has been in seclusion at the Spanish-style villa facing the Atlantic Ocean, owned by Kennedy's parents.

University Named In Vacation Suit

Portland - (UPI) - A suit charging the University of Oregon with failure to grant adequate vacation time to a carpenter will be filed within two weeks in Marion County Circuit Court, the Oregon State Employees Association has announced.

Darryl Storm, OSEA president, called the suit a test case and said its outcome would affect about 18 other persons.

The controversy involves journeyman carpenter Delbert Wilson, 44, who applied for a third week of vacation on the basis of 10 years of university service. The school denied the request on grounds that Wilson's pay scale exceeded his civil service classification.

Following an opinion by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, the Civil Service Commission upheld the university.

Christmas Scenes At Portland, Salem Criticized

Portland - (UPI) - The American Civil Liberties Union has protested the placing of nativity scenes in Salem at the Capitol Mall and in Portland at the Pioneer Post Office.

Charles Davis, chairman of the Oregon Civil Liberties Union, in a letter to the Salem Chamber of Commerce and Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., pointed to the Constitution in the protest.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has said that the first amendment of the federal Constitution requires 'the state to be neutral in its relations with groups of religious believers and non-believers,'" Davis wrote.

Appling gave his permission for placement of the traditional Christmas decorations. Davis said, "To use the Capitol Mall for a religious display aids and endorses religion, which the state of Oregon is not permitted to do."

Appling criticized the stand and asserted the scene would stay on the Mall until the Christmas observance is over. He said, "I am dismayed that you should protest, on hyperlegalistic grounds, the placing, at no public expense, of a Christmas scene on the Capitol Mall."

Appling said he believes there is more than ample authority in tradition, national heritage, precedents and constitutionalality for having the Christmas scene on the Mall.

A similar letter sent to the Portland office of the General Services Administration at the Pioneer Post Office drew this reply: "We do not plan on rescinding our permit."

PGE To Relocate Cove Palisades

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon Highway Commission Monday approved an agreement with Portland General Electric Co. whereby the company will relocate Cove Palisades state park in Central Oregon at a cost of \$350,000.

The park will be flooded by PGE's proposed Round Butte dam. The new park site is on higher ground nearby between the Crooked and Deschutes rivers.

The commission added a requirement that PGE be required to further guarantee a "suitable water supply" in the new park.

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