

JFK Will Deal With Much Different Congress Next Fall

By VINCENT J. BURKE
Washington—President Kennedy will be dealing with a much different congress next year—regardless of the outcome of next fall's battle for control of the national legislature.

No one can tell before the Nov. 6 election whether Kennedy will have more or less influence over the next congress. This will depend on whether Republicans manage to cut the present big margin of Democratic control.

Regardless of the election outcome, however, the second Kennedy congress will in some major respects have more of a "new look" than the first one.

For example:—Farmers and others in rural areas will have a smaller voice than ever before. Conversely, voters in big metropolitan areas will have relatively greater representation than ever before.

—Many key members of the Republican "old guard" will be gone. There will be new top-ranking Republicans for at least six House committees and one Senate committee.

—It is almost certain that there will be many more new faces in the next congress than appeared after the 1960 election which, ended eight years of Republican control of the White House.

Population Changes

A single cause is wholly, or partly, responsible for these prospective changes. In accordance with the U.S. Constitution House seats for next November's election have been re-allocated among the states on the basis of population changes during the last 10 years.

Although New York City's metropolitan area is losing three congressmen and Chicago and Philadelphia are losing one each, the reapportionment will, on balance, give more representation to voters in urban-suburban areas and less to those in rural areas.

The Los Angeles area will gain four congressmen. The San Francisco area will gain two. Urban voters will have a choice in determining who occupies the other two new House seats allotted to California.

Miami and its outlying

suburbs will have two instead of one congressman. Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla., who now share a congressman, will each elect one in the next congress.

On the other hand, the

rural states of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Mississippi and Arkansas will lose a total of eight House seats.

Both urban and rural voters will have a voice in choosing the new congressmen to be elected in various statewide races. Michigan, Ohio, Texas and Maryland are among the states which have decided to elect at large the new congressmen they have

each been allotted, rather than re-map their districts.

In the states where congressional districts have been re-mapped to reflect changes in House representation, many veteran incumbents have decided to retire rather than undertake the chore of wooing favor of unfamiliar constituents.

Among those who because of this, or other reasons, will not be back next year are Chairman Brent Spence (D-Ky.) of the House Banking Committee and the senior Republicans on these other committees—Appropriations, Ways and Means, Foreign Affairs, Education and Labor, Government Operations, and the Committee on Un-American Activities.

Four New Faces

Overall, a big shakeup is in prospect. In only 15 of the 50 states is there still a chance that the identical Senate-House delegations now serving will be returned to the next congress. Moreover, it already is certain—five months before the election—that next year there will be a minimum of 44 new faces in the House and four new faces in the Senate next year. And almost a dozen other incumbents are running in newly-mapped districts where

the odds are against their survival. They will be defeated if their constituents favor the same political party for congress in 1962 as they did in 1960.

Thus, it is almost certain that the number of new faces in the House next year will exceed by far the 53 that appeared after the 1960 election. There is a good chance that the number of freshmen will top the 81 new House members that were elected in the big Democratic sweep of 1958.

This is so even though only three House incumbents were defeated among the first 171 to face the voters in this Spring's primary elections.

Veteran Rep. Carroll D. Kearns, Pa., senior Republican on the House Education and Labor committee, was upset by a newcomer in his bid for the GOP nomination.

The other two incumbents were defeated by incumbents in Alabama and Nebraska, each of which had to give up one seat as a result of re-apportionment. Rep. Frank Boykin (D-Ala.) lost out when he ran last in a state-wide race among Alabama's nine incumbents. Nebraska combined the districts of Republican Reps. Ralph F. Beermann and Phil Weaver. Beermann defeated Weaver in the primary.

The senators who are not seeking reelection are Republicans, Prescott Bush, Conn., and John Marshall, Butler, Md.; and Democrats Benjamin A. Smith, Mass., and Oron E. Long, of Hawaii. Butler is the senior Republican on the Senate Commerce Committee.

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