

Ride on Roosevelt's Train Started Johnson on Road To Presidency



GIFT FOR ERHARD—President Johnson presents West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, left, with a gold cigar box during a White House conference. The box was originally made on order from the late President John F. Kennedy who wanted to give it to the chancellor during his scheduled visit in Washington. In center looking on is West German President Heinrich Lübke. (UPI)

Editor's note: This is the second of three dispatches on the career of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

By HARRY FERGUSON WASHINGTON (UPI) — If President Johnson had to choose one day on which his entire future hinged, he probably would select April 10, 1937. On that day he won a special election for a seat in Congress.

That alone would not have made the day significant, but

by chance President Franklin D. Roosevelt was on a fishing trip off Corpus Christi, Tex. Johnson had run on a straight New Deal platform, backing everything Roosevelt wanted to do, including the backing of the Supreme Court.

Roosevelt got interested in the new congressman, and invited him to travel to Washington on the presidential train. They shared Manhattan cocktails on the trip, Roosevelt talked and Johnson listened. Back in Washington, Johnson began to receive invitations to breakfast at the White House and to get good committee assignments in the House of Representatives.

Had Narrow Squeaks Thereafter Johnson had some narrow political squeaks, which would make Hollywood cliffhangers seem improbable, but he definitely was on his way up the Washington ladder. Year by year his influence increased until his career reached its culmination last week at the Dallas airport where he was sworn in as President of the United States.

Johnson kept urging Johnson on to bigger and better things, specifically persuading him to run for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by the death of Sen. Norris Sheppard. Politics in Texas is gaudy and the infighting is fierce. Johnson had 27 opponents for the Senate seat. The most formidable was Gov. Lee O'Daniel whose followers constantly exhorted him to "pass the biscuits, Pappy." Pappy's technique for discussing the issues was to hire a hillbilly band and employ a girl singer called Texas Rose. Johnson retaliated by employing a diva weighing 285 pounds and billing her as "the Kate Smith of the South." As insurance, he also retained the services of some dancing girls and a black-face comedian. It was in vain. Pappy defeated Johnson by 1,311 votes.

Saw Active Duty Two days after Pearl Harbor, Johnson obtained leave from his seat in the House and, as a reserve officer, went on active duty with the Navy as a lieutenant commander and saw service in the Southwest Pacific. Roosevelt ordered him to return to his duties as a con-

gressman, and in 1948 Johnson made his second run for the Senate. His opponent was Gov. Coke Stevenson, who had never lost an election. Johnson changed tactics, substituting a helicopter for the diva and the dancing girls. He roared back and forth across Texas in the helicopter and cotton field workers frequently were astonished to hear a voice from the skies bellowing: "Hello down there. This is your candidate, Lyndon Johnson."

In a run-off election between Johnson and Stevenson almost one million votes were cast. It was so incredibly close that the final count gave Johnson the victory by 87 votes, and when he took his Senate seat he had to learn to keep smiling while people referred to him as "Landslide Lyndon."

Kept Mouth Shut He spent three years in the Senate making friends and largely keeping his mouth shut. In 1951 he was chosen whip of the Senate Democrats and from there went on to become Democratic leader. It is an office that requires tact, patience and

hard work. Johnson had to become a bridge between the Southern conservatives and the Northern liberals in the party. Sometimes he had to enforce party discipline with stern measures. Sen. William Proxmire of Wisconsin complained publicly that Johnson was running a one-man show that reduced his fellow Democrats to the role of yes men.

Johnson undoubtedly would have taken the Democratic presidential nomination in 1956 if it had been offered to him which it wasn't. In 1960 he made a hard run for it. But he arrived at the Los Angeles Democratic Convention to find that John F. Kennedy's travel and hard work at the political grass roots had made the Johnson cause all but hopeless.

Exchanged Harsh Words Johnson fought on and before the balloting started he and Kennedy exchanged some harsh words. Gradually, Johnson became convinced he couldn't get the nomination. The fact that he was a Southerner was against him, organized labor was skep-

tical about him, he seemed to be closely tied to the conservative oil interests in the Southwest.

If those things made it impossible for him to get the presidential nomination, they were precisely the reasons Kennedy wanted him for the vice presidential nomination. The approach was made to Johnson, the differences were smoothed over, the harsh words were forgotten and forgiven. Kennedy shrewdly appealed to Johnson on the grounds of party unity and a potential Democratic victory. To a man like Johnson, for whom almost every waking moment is filled with political considerations, the appeal was impossible to resist.

Next: The tough early years and what the future holds.



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STRIKE CONTINUES KELLOGG, Idaho (UPI) — Members of the United Steelworkers of America continued their strike against the Sunshine Mining Co. today and no talks were scheduled.



FESTIVE GARNISHMENTS — Surround the bird with festive garnishments like these for a bountiful, easy-to-serve Thanksgiving buffet. Suggestions for everything from tantalizing appetizers to dessert are included in today's food columns.

Feeding the Family

ZOLITA VINCENT Food Editor

Remembering back not too long ago Thanksgiving was a time of harried, but happy it is true, hostesses finishing up last minute kitchen duties while family and guests passed the time of day in the living room. This can all be changed today with the many convenience items available for quick assembling early in the day, ready to be whisked chilled just right from refrigerator or hot from the stove or oven in a matter of minutes for serving as a festive buffet.

Menu-wise, turkey is still traditional Thanksgiving fare... and since the actual roasting of the bird is a well known matter we merely suggest a new and different seasoning accent in the basting preparation. Melt one-fourth pound (one stick) butter or margarine and mix in two tablespoons seasoned salt; allow to cool slightly. Brush generously over the entire surface of the turkey before putting in the oven. Baste as usual during the roasting time.

Appetizer Tray Delicacies

The elegant appetizer tray in our picture is full of prepared-ahead-of-time delicacies. A lazy Susan, if handy, is perfect for easy service. Fill the center bowl of the lazy Susan with a cream cheese dip, flavor accented with fresh or frozen chives. Surround with crisp pretzel twists for dipping; black or red caviar with or without a sprinkling of lemon juice) topped with finely chopped onions atop flavored crackers; smoked salmon rolls and wine herring snacks.

Stuffing of Course

Something different by way of serving stuffing is added when it is baked in individual molds and the centers filled with whole cranberry sauce. Today's prepared stuffing mixes are fabulous for taking the work out of the age-old, time consuming job of making the stuffing.

Vegetable Variety

The platterful of vegetables is a taste treasure in itself. Glazed carrots, pearl onions and green beans with butter-almond sauce surround a bed of lightly seasoned potato rounds. Even the peeling of potatoes goes out the window when frozen potato rounds are simply heated according to package instructions.

Other Accompaniments

A tray of hot rolls with boysenberry jam and honey toppings, crisp tossed green salad and choice of dessert completes a buffet which truly combines the riches of our bountiful land.

Turkey-Ham Salad

After the Thanksgiving festivities are over, the turkey is cold and perhaps the family a bit weary of it, here is a tasty salad to revive their lagging interest. Combine two cups diced

cooked turkey with 1½ cups sour cream, one-half cup dairy mayonnaise, one tablespoon capers and salt and pepper to taste. Extend it further with bite-size pieces of lettuce, if desired. Piquant flavor of cranberry sauce continues to be a natural with anything that features turkey... so cranberry sauce on the side.

Cranberry Parfait This Cranberry Parfait is holiday fare. Alternate layers of crushed cranberry sauce and vanilla ice cream in parfait glasses or other dessert dishes. Top with whipped cream and a bit of additional cranberry sauce.

Orange-Sweet Potatoes

Popular Holiday Favorite This will bring to mind sweet potato-stuffed oranges, a long-time favorite that may have eluded your memory. Use either sweet potatoes or the moister, more deeply colored yams.

Mash boiled or baked sweet potatoes or yams with orange juice and season with butter or margarine and a little salt. Use your own taste to tell you "how much." File into orange shells left from the morning's juicing and top with bits of marshmallows. Put into oven to heat thoroughly; toast marshmallows.

We suggest that you place these on a separate plate or platter so father won't have to attempt to carve around them.

Honey Date Bars

Will Come in Handy You'll be glad you thought ahead and made up a batch or two of these honey-bate bars for having handy over the holiday or any other weekend. Perfect for serving with milk, tea or coffee for young guests and for their parents.

3 eggs
1 cup honey
1 teaspoon pure vanilla
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped dates

1 cup chopped walnuts, pecans, filberts or almonds
Beat eggs well. Add honey and vanilla. Sift and measure flour and sift with baking powder and salt. Stir into egg mixture. Mix with chopped dates and nuts. Pour mixture into a greased, shallow pan; spread butter about one-fourth inch thick. Bake in 350 degree oven 20 to 40 minutes. Cool and cut into bars. Sprinkle with powdered sugar just before serving, if you like.

Curried Turkey Casserole

Curry powder and diced apples, a rich white sauce and elbow macaroni make this turkey casserole from leftover turkey something to look forward to. Four servings. Doubles easily. Melt two tablespoons butter in heavy skillet or sauce pan. Add one cup diced apples and cook

until tender (about five minutes). Cook four ounces elbow macaroni in boiling salted water until tender, according to package directions; drain.

While macaroni is cooking, stir two tablespoons flour, one-fourth teaspoon salt, dash of pepper and one teaspoon curry powder into butter-apple combination. Gradually add 1½ cups milk stirring constantly until thickened. Add one-half cup canned mushrooms, stems and pieces, or one cup sliced fresh mushrooms, and one cup cooked turkey, cut in bite-size pieces; fold in macaroni. Pour into greased 1½ quart casserole and bake in moderate, 350 degree, oven for 20 to 25 minutes. Serve hot with chutney and other choice of condiments.

Pumpkin Chiffon Pie

Thanksgiving Specialty When typical-of-the-country recipes were chosen by representatives of the various governments to the United Nations Cookbook, it was natural that a pumpkin pie with its traditional Thanksgiving background be considered representative of our country. It is with pleasure that we give you at this time the recipe for Pumpkin Chiffon Pie just as it appears in the aforementioned publication for enjoyment throughout the holidays.

3 beaten egg yolks
¾ cup brown sugar
1½ cups cooked pumpkin
½ cup milk
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
3 stiffly beaten egg whites
¾ cup granulated sugar
1 large pie shell or 8 individual shells, baked
Whipped cream

Combine egg yolks, brown sugar, pumpkin, milk, salt, and spices. Cook in double boiler until thick, stirring constantly. Soak gelatin in cold water and stir into hot mixture. Chill until partly set. Beat egg whites, add granulated sugar, and beat until stiff. Fold into gelatin mixture. Pour into pie shell and chill until set. Garnish with whipped cream.

Armed Man Said To Be False Alarm

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Police today checked out an apparent false alarm report that a man was seen with a weapon on a roof opposite the office of Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Police said the report apparently resulted from someone mistaking a workman, carrying tools, as a gunman. Several workers were on the roof repairing pipes and insulation, officials said.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officials said about 30 workmen had been on the job atop the IRS Building. They said all the workers were accounted for.

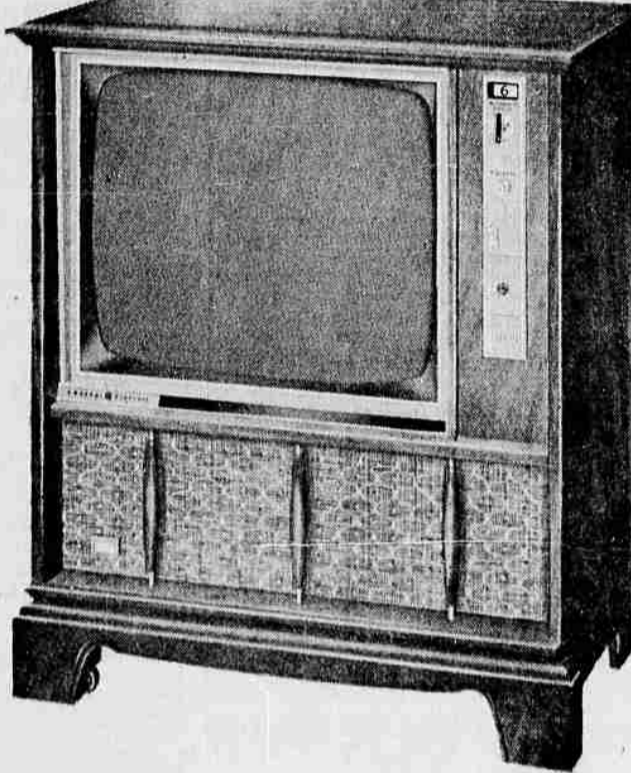
Sgt. T. F. Sullivan of the General Services Administration (GSA) police said an extensive search by officers failed to uncover any trace of a gunman.

AMA Clinical Meeting Scheduled PORTLAND (UPI)—The 17th annual clinical meeting of the American Medical Association begins Sunday with about 7,000 physicians and their families expected.

It will be Portland's biggest 1963 convention, and the first time the AMA has held a clinical meeting here. The same convention was held in Seattle in 1956.

The meeting runs through next Wednesday with more than 100 physicians scheduled to deliver lectures.

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