

Two Old Men Ride High on List Of Succession to Presidency

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Two very old men riding high on the congressional seniority system stand ready now to take over the White House if President Lyndon B. Johnson should not survive his present term in office.

The old men are Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., 72, and Sen. Carl Hayden, D-Ariz., 86. By the 1945 Congressional Act of Succession, they would succeed in that order to the presidency if both a president and a vice president were dead or unable to function.

The congressional seniority system has done well by both of these men. McCormack has been in Congress 36 years, Hayden 51. They acquired committee status and chairmanships and finally McCormack became head of the legislative branch as speaker and Hayden was elected president pro tempore of the Senate. The seniority system will accomplish about as much for any congressman who lives long enough. The system is assailed for putting and keeping in office as committee chairmen, representatives and senators who have outlived their prime, who have become impervious to new ideas, who lack initiative and reject the popular will.

System Unsuitable
If the seniority system is an improper method of selecting congressional committee chairmen, how much more unsuitable may it be as a method for selecting a president of the United States? The present succession was established after Harry S. Truman succeeded Franklin D. Roosevelt as president. At that time the succession would have gone to the secretary of state if the vice president had been unavailable.

State secretary then was Edward R. Stettinius Jr., a former board chairman of U. S. Steel Corporation who in 1940 had joined FDR's win the war administration in a minor capacity. The thought of an outsider succeeding to the presidency and all of its political powers was almost paralyzing to the practical politicians of the Democratic party.

The 1945 succession act took care of that for future generations but did not much improve the overall situation. It is no reflection on a pair of elder statesmen to suggest that their ages tend to disqualify them for the presidency. Neither is it unfair to suggest that the seniority system is a misfit at picking the best men available in Congress to serve as president.

New President Chooses
If those objections are valid, the Congress should do something about correcting a bad situation. One way would be by constitutional amendment followed by legislation. This would enable a vice president who succeeded a president in office to name a successor vice president. The successor vice president would be nominated to the Senate for ratification.

Such a choice would be made, of course, with the single end in view of getting the best qualified stand-by man available to become president if a vacancy occurred. Presidential nominees usually pick their vice presidential running mates. The national conventions dutifully nominate them. President Johnson, you will remember, was peculiarly John F. Kennedy's choice.

So why not permit a sitting president to name his veep associate? Under the old system, a president picked his second in line of succession when he nominated a secretary of state. The catch there is that the secretary was picked to run the State Department with no thought of his fitness, in emergency, to be president of the United States.



LINE OF SUCCESSION — With the assassination of the late President Kennedy and the ascension of Vice President Lyndon Johnson to the presidency, the order of present presidential succession is as follows: Speaker of the House John McCormack, upper left; President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Sen. Carl Hayden, upper right; Secretary of State Dean Rusk, lower left; and Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon, lower right. (UPI)

School News

Medford High School
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Representatives from Oregon tax supported schools of higher education met with seniors, who have a C or above grade average on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Seniors were given the opportunity to hear, talk with, and make appointments with the representatives. Parents were given the opportunity to meet the representatives that same evening.

The schools represented were Oregon State University, Oregon Technical Institute, Southern Oregon College, University of Oregon, and the University of Oregon Medical School, and School of Nursing Education.

Medford High School band traveled to Roseburg for the quarter final playoff between the Roseburg Indians and the Medford Black Tornado. One Greyhound bus and three school buses were used to transport the musicians.

The Medford band participated in the pre-game ceremonies with the Roseburg band. The massed bands played "The Star Spangled Banner" directed by J. A. Mirick, Medford band director.

Unable to present a half-time show because of the extremely muddy field, both bands played music in the stands while the majorettes performed.

Medford High Pep club members also traveled to Roseburg for the semi-finals game. About 80 girls made the trip.

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season started Oct. 3. We played four games and lost the first two, but won the last two.

Sept. 27, Oak Grove elected student body officers to serve for the coming year. The officers elected were Mark Harris, president; Bob Myers, vice president; Karen Von Stein, secretary; and Alex Dumas, treasurer. Cheer leaders elected were: Brenda Barbee, Rita Myers, Carol Smith, Cheryl Smith, Sandra Wilson, Pam Bartlett, Christal Marks. The queen is Carol Smith.

Our school pictures were taken on Nov. 7 by Jack Gruber. All it took was a little cooperation and everyone smiling.

National Book Week was Nov. 10-16. Mrs. Dena DeKortess sixth grade gave a play called "Justice for Books" which was about book criminals. A book court sentenced the criminals to some strange penalties.

We had a National School Assembly on Nov. 12. Dean Short presented the Marionettes which he had made himself. The play was "Rumpelstiltskin." It was a very good show.

Open House was held on Nov. 12, also. The students brought their parents to their rooms and showed them some of the papers that had been done during the past weeks of school. A delicious ham dinner was served to all in the gym by the Parent-Teachers Association.

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Hedrick Junior High

The annual open house night held at Hedrick Junior High School last Thursday evening proved quite successful. Over 1,100 parents visited the school and attended their youngsters' classes on a schedule shortened to 10 minutes per class.

The Hedrick band and choir performed for the parents before the class visitations. A Parent-Teachers Association meeting was also held before the visitations. Members of the Future Homemakers of America donated food and helped sell food at the food sale which was given by the PTA in conjunction with the open house night.

Two new hunter safety classes were begun last week with about nine students in each class. These classes last for six weeks and are conducted by Lew Thanos.

Ray Lewis, faculty advisor for the Annual Staff, reports that Wilma Toenniges has been chosen as editor for this year's yearbook. The staff has been having weekly meetings for the past several weeks.

A faculty assembly is held each year before Thanksgiving. It consists of skits and musical members put on by faculty members for the benefit of the student body. At noon Nov. 27 the cafeteria serves its annual turkey dinner with all the trimmings to help celebrate Thanksgiving.

Jackson School
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Jackson School Special Chorus sang at Wilson School for the

McLoughlin Jr. High
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Nine girls and three boys earned straight A grades at McLoughlin during the first nine weeks of classes, according to information released from the office of Principal Berl Cox.

The straight A students are Jim Gordon, Bob Mann, Linda Messal, Carol Stuart and Nancy Eakin, ninth grade; Carolyn Giles, Kaye McDonald, Sheryl Merriman, and Carla Morris, eighth grade; and Tom Bradley, Martha Johnston, and Rebecca Moore, seventh grade.

McLoughlin joined with schools throughout the nation with its annual Open House Thursday, Nov. 21.
Purpose of the Open House

Jackson County Classroom Teachers meeting

We sang six songs. Harlan Weaver showed slides to the song, "Come Ye Thankful People, Come."

Mrs. Margaret Nesheim was the director.

At open house several hundred parents came to see the children's work and also to meet with their teachers. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria.

Many new books have been sent to the library. A new "Jungle Book" is in the library. It is very beautiful.

On National Book Week the story of "The Little Island" was told. Miss Eunice Gray read the story on the tape recorder, while Bruce Metzger, the principal, showed slides that went with the story. Many new films and tapes on Caldecott books are being prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Precia Medley.

Grades four and six visited the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County during National Book Week.

Slides of many kinds of lizards were shown.

Nov. 21 was birthday lunch. There were 42 birthday people. We had two guests, Mrs. Margaret Morgan and Mrs. Bernice Stevenson, from the Central office.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner was held Tuesday, Nov. 26. All the rooms ate together like a family.

Modern ceramic bowls, made by eighth grade art students, are currently on display in the main hall. Students whose projects are on exhibit are Ava Jackson, Tommy McCleary, Charles Robb, Dan Cuddie, Eddie Wyatt, David Reavis, Earl Tye, Francis Davis, and Carolyn Carter.

Teachers and their subjects

Parents met in the boys' gym where the varsity band, directed by Robert Bork, played "Storm King," "Psalm 18," and "Be-guine for Plutes." The parents then followed their children's daily schedules and visited in each room for a ten minute period.

Open House closed with a coffee hour and baked foods sales in the cafeteria.

McLoughlin's first all-school dance was held Nov. 15. The ninth grade yell leaders sponsored the dance to raise money for new outfits.

More than 300 tickets were sold for the "Sock Hop" with entertainment provided by the Jaguars.

"Powder Puff" football, or flag football, was played by the

Barton Sees End Of Session Monday

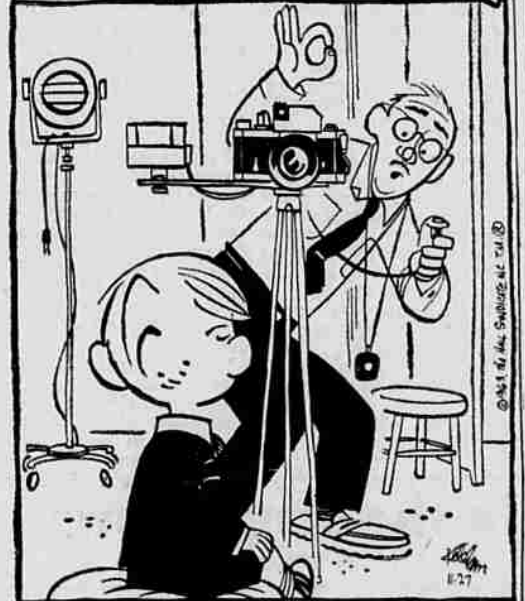
SALEM (UPI)—House Speaker Clarence Barton said Tuesday he feels the special session of the legislature can complete its business next Monday.

And of critics of the Boardman Space Age Industrial Park lease with Boeing Co., Barton said "let them take their complaints to court."

Barton said he believes the House will approve the bill transferring the project from the Land Board to the Veterans Affairs agency "after an hour or so of debate."

The Boardman bill will be up for final House vote when the session reconvenes. If it is approved by the House it then goes to the Senate. The Senate would have to suspend rules to give final approval to the Boardman bill Monday.

Dennis the Menace



"Now... lift your chin... open your eyes a little more... and pull in your tongue..."

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A GOLF FOURSOME, serious devotees of the game, had been held up from the second tee all the way to the ninth by two dumpy little ladies who hacked their way through rough and trap, forty yards at a clip, and who obviously had no intention of letting anybody play through.

The foursome's chance came on that ninth hole. The ladies had been stomping about in one patch of rough for some moments, and Judge Thomas, spokesman for the foursome, finally walked up to them and suggested, "May I help you look for your ball?" "She hasn't lost her ball," one lady explained testily. "She's looking for her club!"

Heard about the mule skinner whose critter wouldn't move a step? He went to a vet to get something to give the mule. A half hour later he was back demanding, "Gimme a double dose of that stuff. I gotta catch that mule."

DEFINITIONS:
BIKINIS: Bathing suits where the tags are bigger than the tops.
GAMBLING HOUSE: Where a fool and his money are.
MONEY: Jack of all trades.
PROCRUSTATOR: Man with a waft problem.
THEORY: A hunch with a college education.

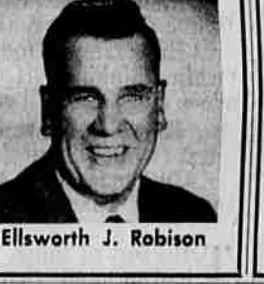
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Far Left Mikoyan Gets Strange Request

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan, probably about as far left politically as anyone can go, got a strange request Tuesday.

"Mr. Mikoyan, will you please move to the left?" asked a television technician while newsmen asked the Russian official about his meeting with President Johnson.

Mikoyan did not seem to pay much attention to the request.

SCHOOL IN PARIS

PARIS (UPI) — Two children of Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, widow of a slain South Vietnamese leader, arrived in Paris from Rome Tuesday night to enroll in school.

The children are Le Thuy, 18, and her brother, Le Quynh, 11. Mme. Nhu's eldest son, Trac, 15, and daughter Le Quyen, 4, remained in Rome.

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