



WALKS TO CLASS — Lynda Bird Johnson, daughter of President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, walks to her Latin class in Austin, Tex. She is attending the University of Texas. Lynda, who is the oldest daughter of President and Mrs. Johnson, will continue her schooling in Texas at least until January 1964 when she may change schools. (UPI)

Bloodmobile Plans Visit to County In Mid-December

The Red Cross Blood Program's 15th Anniversary Year—1963—was a prosperous one.

Another peacetime record for collections was made in the 1962-63 fiscal year — 2,638,200 pints — compared to 2,562,700 pints in 1961-62.

Progress was made in the several research projects now under way in the national headquarters blood laboratory and its two branches in Los Angeles and New York.

Unfortunately the program has not been as successful in Jackson County. Collections for the past year have fallen below quota, Red Cross officials noted, with several hundred pints still to be collected. Residents will have one more opportunity this year to donate blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visits here next week.

The Bloodmobile will be at the chapter house in Medford, 60 Hawthorne Ave., from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10. It will move to the Elks Lodge in Ashland on Wednesday, Dec. 11, and will be open from 1 to 6 p.m.

Local Red Cross officials said that so far only 29 appointments have been made for next week's visit. Drop-in donors will be welcome, they explained, but shoppers could save time by making an appointment in advance by telephoning 772-3813.

Persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are eligible to donate, but those between the ages of 18 and 21 must have a written consent from their parents or guardian.

Transportation and baby sitters will be available for persons wishing these services.

Law Deceptive on Line of Succession For Presidency

WASHINGTON (CQ) — The succession to the Presidency of the United States is not as simple a matter as it appears at first glance.

A widely cited 1947 law provides that in the event of the death or disability of the President and Vice President, the succession to the Presidency would be, in order: The Speaker of the House, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and on down the Cabinet list.

With the death of President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson's ascendancy to the Presidency, the nation no longer has a Vice President. Speaker of the House John W. McCormack D-Mass., 71, is next in line for the Presidency.

Speaker Always Next
But if McCormack himself were to become President and then die, the man in line to be President would not necessarily be the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, currently 86-year old Carl Hayden, D-Ariz.

A close reading of the 1947 law makes it clear that McCormack's successor as Speaker of the House of Representatives would be next in line.

In fact, the succession would never go further than the Speaker of the House, unless the House had failed to elect a Speaker, or the new Speaker was ineligible because he was foreign born or not old enough.

Probably a national catastrophe, killing most of Washington officialdom, would be the only event in which the Senate Pro Tempore or one of the Cabinet officers would become President.

Moreover, if a Cabinet officer did become President, he would be forced to relinquish the Presidency just as soon as the House chose a Speaker or the Senate chose a President Pro Tempore who qualified to be President. However, a Senate President Pro Tempore would not have to step down should the House subsequently elect an eligible Speaker.

Temporary Powers
In order to succeed to the Presidency, the House Speaker or Senate President Pro Tempore would, under the 1947 law, be required to resign those posts and their seats in Congress.

Thus, if Speaker McCormack were to become President because of a temporary disability of Johnson, and Johnson were then to recover, Johnson would resume the powers of the Presidency but McCormack would no longer be Speaker — or even a Member of Congress.

Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy made agreements with

Vice Presidents Nixon and Johnson providing for temporary assumption of the full powers of the Presidency by the Vice President in the case of physical "inability" of the President. The President would resume full powers when he declared himself able to do so.

In their 1961 agreement to this effect Kennedy and Johnson pointed out that prior to the Eisenhower - Nixon agreement, "Vice Presidents have hesitated to take any initiative during the period when the President was disabled. Obviously, this is a risk which cannot be taken in these times."

The risk may well be run again, however, if the 1947 law remains on the books. The law would require McCormack to resign from the Speakership and Congress if he assumes the powers of the Presidency even temporarily.

The law does provide that a man may resign the Presidency or decline it. The prescribed procedure is by written declaration to the Secretary of State of the United States.

Earlier Law
Until 1947 members of the Cabinet followed the Vice President in line of succession to the Presidency. In one of his first messages to Congress, President Truman in June 1945 pointed out that under the 1886 succession law he would be in a position to name his own successor by his Cabinet appointments.

He requested that the law be amended, suggesting that next in line after the Vice President should be the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who as elected officials might be closer to the people. The Democratic Congress in 1945 failed to enact such a measure.

A Republican Congress in 1947, however, looked with more interest on a bill which might

place a GOP member in the Presidency. A bill was sponsored by Senate Majority Whip Kenneth S. Wherry, R-Neb., to place the House Speaker and the Senate President Pro Tempore after the Vice President in the line of succession. It was passed by the House (365-11) and Senate (50-35) in 1947 and was signed into law July 18, 1947 by President Truman.

President Johnson, who was then in the House, voted for the bill, as did McCormack, the current Speaker. Hayden, the current Senate President Pro Tempore, voted for an amendment to place that office ahead of the Speaker in the succession. The amendment was defeated, and Hayden voted against the bill.

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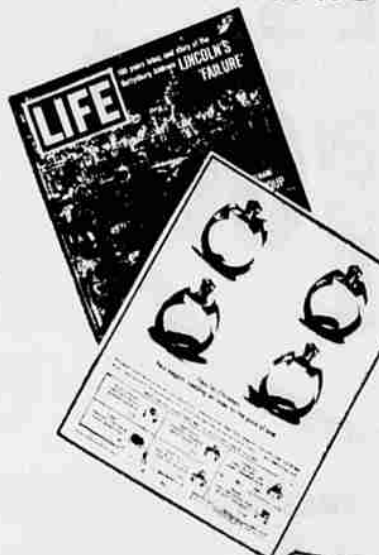
NO SMOKING
BERLIN (UPI) —The West Berlin city council said today it is considering a law to allow a certain percentage of taxicabs to hang out "no smoking" signs and accept only non-puffing passengers.

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