

Russell and Johnson Girding For Battle



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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two of the nation's great are girding for the battle of the century on civil rights.

On collision course with apparently no way to avoid combat are two close friends and former colleagues, both giants of men from the South: President Lyndon Baines Johnson of Texas, who became chief

of state because of an assassin's bullet, and Sen. Richard Brevard Russell of Georgia, who might have become president except for his southern birth.

It will be almost like brother against brother. For the two men are remarkably alike except for one thing: Russell is dedicated to the South's right to keep separate the Negro and white races

without interference from the federal government. Johnson is equally dedicated to whatever federal action is required to end all racial discrimination in the nation.

The clashing devotions are so deeply entrenched, philosophically and politically, that no quarter can be expected in the battle to come.

Great Talents

The action will be joined in late winter or early spring when the Senate fulfills its duty with destiny on civil rights legislation.

Both men will bring acknowledged great talents to the field of battle.

Russell is "Mr. South" in the Senate. He is the leader of the southern forces which will try to argue the Senate out of the most drastic civil rights bill in history.

If arguments fail, Russell will try to talk it to death. He is the organizer of a three-platoon system by which outnumbered southern senators seek to prevent civil rights bills from coming to a vote. The southerners

are divided in three platoons of six men each. Two men of each team are on the floor at all times to carry on the debate while others gather their strength at nearby hideaways.

There is nothing parochial about Russell, except civil rights. His interests range far beyond the South and its problems. He has served in the Senate since Jan. 12, 1933, is topped in seniority by only Sen. Carl Hayden, D-Ariz. Russell's prestige and influence in the Senate are unmatched.

Perhaps no greater tribute to

Russell's talents has been made than the one which came, unsolicited with these words: "If Russell had been from Indiana or Missouri or Kentucky, he may very well have been president of the United States."

Those words came from former President Harry S. Truman, who had his differences with Russell, also on civil rights.

Clash In Past

Twice before, Johnson and Russell have clashed on the same field of controversy — civil rights.

The years were 1957 and 1960

when both were in the Senate. Both times, the Senate passed civil rights bills under Johnson's guidance and over Russell's opposition. But even today it is difficult to say who won and who lost, if there was a winner and loser.

The final products were not what the civil rights liberals wanted; nor was it what the southerners would have liked to have seen.

Those who are close to the civil rights battle say the past has few lessons to apply to the present. The 1957 and 1960

contests were merely skirmishes for the decisive battle now in the making. Those earlier skirmishes involved primarily voting — a basic political right. The civil rights arena now unfolds almost the whole area of human conduct.



Bellview Annexation Discussed at City Council Meeting

ASHLAND — The Bellview annexation problem again took the center of the stage at the Ashland City Council meeting Tuesday night.

The subject was re-introduced when Councilman Duane Baker, chairman of a special annexation study committee appointed by Mayor Richard Neill, gave a report.

He said his committee is studying what costs there would be in special assessments and increased taxes and that it is also conducting research in preparation for a formal recommendation to the council.

A council plan to provide water to Bellview residents on property adjoining the city then came under fire from three residents of the area who were present, Chester Squire, Harry Hawk and Ed Singmaster.

Facilities Inadequate

The men declared that sanitary facilities in the Bellview area are "inadequate" and that the council's water service ordinance would prove unsatisfactory.

The council proposed at its Dec. 3 meeting to adopt an ordinance which would allow hook-ups for existing single-family residences where a water main has already been installed, at a cost of \$250. Each unauthorized hookup which now exists would have to be paid for at the same rate.

The proposed ordinance would be only temporary, argued the three Bellview residents. They also thought it would be discriminatory in that it would offer no connections for homes not now built, thereby "stunting future development" of the area.

Singmaster asked that the city "lay out a long range plan so that present and future property owners may know what to expect and adjust themselves to it."

What Study Is Doing

The mayor replied, "That is exactly what this present study

is doing. It may be that an election will be required in the area and also in the city."

Discussion of fire protection and water services followed, and it continued when City Attorney Harry Skerry presented the first reading of the proposed ordinance for Bellview water connections.

In an effort to clarify terms to protect both the city and the water users, the council decided to refer the ordinance to its water committee for study and a recommendation to be made at the Jan. 7 meeting.

In other matters Councilman Emmett Whitman, realty committee chairman, reported on the recommendation by the park board that the city purchase the Meadows property, 3.9 acres along Ashland Creek. The park board has an option on a smaller adjacent property which it expects to buy. The two pieces would complete Lithia Park up to the lower reservoir. Appraisal of the Meadows property was voted.

Property Sale Discussed

Also reporting for the realty committee, Whitman said there had been a meeting with the YMCA board to discuss sale of the 2 1/2-acre city-owned land adjacent to Walker school for a YMCA building. Eventually the Y would like the remaining 8 acres for handball courts and other recreational facilities.

Question on the legality of such sale was raised and the city attorney was asked to research the conditions.

Councilman Don Lewis reported that applications for an assistant to City Superintendent Elmer Biegel are being received and that several ads have been placed in magazines.

Objection was voiced to use of the term "assistant city manager," and that resulted in a change of wording to "assistant city administrator." Biegel is nearing retirement as superintendent and a successor is being sought.

Appointments Made by Hatfield

SALEM (UPI) — Three reappointments and several new appointments to state boards and commissions were announced today by the governor's office.

Reappointed were Dr. Merrill J. Reeh, Portland, Dr. Homer H. Harris, Portland, and Wallace Mekkers, McMinnville, all to the State Medical Investigation Advisory Committee.

Named to the military council were Lt. Col. Ferdinand H. W. Hoefke, Salem, who succeeds Brig. Gen. Donald N. Anderson who recently was appointed adjutant general; and Col. Roland H. Jensen, Portland, who succeeds Col. John S. Panek, Portland, who retired.

O. W. Corbett Jr., Burns, was named to the State Board of Pharmacy to succeed the late Orville Corbett, Burns.

A. G. McLain, Roseburg, a pharmacist, was named to the State Board of Health to succeed Orville Corbett. McLain's appointment requires senate confirmation.

The 33rd Illinois Infantry was known as the "Schoolmasters Regiment" in the Civil War because it was made up of professors and students from the State Normal University at Bloomington, Ill.

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DETROIT (UPI) — Top automotive executives have voiced unanimous confidence that the automotive industry will continue its record pace in 1964.

General Motors Corp. President John F. Gordon estimated the industry would finish the current year with record sales of 7.7 million cars, including imports.

Ford Motor Co. Chairman Henry Ford II, said in his year-end statement Monday, matched the GM estimate and said that Americans "will buy an estimated 7.7 million automobiles, including imports, in 1964."

A new truck sales record of more than 1,250 million units will exceed by 120,000 units the previous record year of 1960.

Both forecasts comparable sales for 1963.

Phrased Differently
 American Motors Corp. President Abernethy estimated the industry would post registration of 7.5 million automobiles this year. He added, "Key yardsticks of the economy indicate a new record year for 1964 in excess of 7.5 million registration of automobiles in the United States."

Chrysler Corp. Vice President Clare E. Briggs last week estimated that more than seven million cars would be sold in the United States during 1964.

The spokesmen for the big three — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler — all saw the largest increase in the automotive market overseas.

23 Million Total
 Gordon said current economic projections estimated that by 1970 "when the United States is producing some 10 million vehicles annually, the rest of the free world will be producing 13 million for a grand total of 23 million."

Ford said, "It is entirely conceivable that world sales of automobiles in 1964, could exceed a record 15 million units, while sales of trucks could also reach a new record of 3.4 million units."

The executives said action on the tax cut would do much to stimulate consumer confidence and ensure that 1964 would also be a bumper year.

Medford Student Is Picked for Society

CORVALLIS — Clinton N. Stiger, 300 King st., Medford, has been chosen for membership in Oregon State University in Scabard and Blade, national honor society for students taking military science training as part of their university work.

Stiger is enrolled in the Navy Reserve Officer Training program at Oregon State. He is a junior in the school of science.

Thirty-one top ROTC students from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps units were picked for the honorary this fall on the basis of scholarship and leadership. OSU is one of only 35 colleges in the country that offers ROTC training in all branches of service.

The Highball is practiced in an early railroading practice of raising a metal ball on a stick as a go-ahead signal for an engineer. Nowadays it is a drink of spirituous liquor mixed with water or carbonated beverage, served in a high glass.

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