

Senate Demo Head Faces Tough Time

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—The man with the toughest political horse to ride in the next session of Congress may well be Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Senate Democratic floor leader.

The tall, lean Texan will be herded by 48 party members stamped with almost every conceivable brand of political belief—including a few who are openly happy that

a Republican, not a Democrat, is in the White House.

Johnson will have to deal with party colleagues who hold a one-vote margin over the opposition and yet remain in the minority technically.

He will have to quell balky steers on his right and left flanks if his party is to write any sort of consistent record of opposition to Republican administration poli-

cies. It must take this record into next year's election campaign for control of Congress.

He will need something just a little short of magic to keep the Democrats from falling out among themselves on some low-boiling-point questions, such as civil rights.

And all the time, he will face the ever-present necessity of writing his own record so he can win re-election himself next year. He may have unprecedented Republican opposition in a state which went for President Eisenhower in the 1952 presidential election.

To this monumental task, Johnson will be bringing a year's experience in corralling his Democratic flock during their first session under Republican control.

Well aware of Eisenhower's demonstrated popularity in Texas, as elsewhere in the country, Johnson was influential in advising the Democrats this year to avoid attacks on the President and to concentrate their fire on other Republicans from the Cabinet level down.

If the Texas senator is of a mind to continue these tactics, he is likely to find increasing pressure upon him from within the Democratic party to unhalter the opposition in the session which begins next January.

It is no secret in Washington that Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas, the House minority leader, is getting tired of what he regards as the political nonsense of cooperating with the Republicans on domestic issues.

Rayburn's complaint is this: Eisenhower, he says, blames the Democrats for leaving things in a mess whenever the new administration can't find a ready answer to a pressing problem.

Rayburn's views carry a lot of weight with Johnson. And the situation in Texas may well affect Johnson's reaction.

Gov. Allan Shivers, who might challenge Johnson for the Democratic senatorial nomination but probably won't, made it clear he regards the Democratic votes cast for Eisenhower in 1952 as not available to help elect a Republican senator.

Eisenhower's visit to Shivers' Texas ranch over the weekend probably produced some conversation on this score.

On the other hand, Eisenhower is being urged strongly by the national and Texas Republican organizations to give his blessing to a prospectively well financed attempt by the Republicans to unseat Johnson at the polls next November.



MORE WATER AFTER DIP—Prof. Auguste Piccard sips water after diving his bathyscaphe 10,330 feet to bottom of Tyrrhenian Sea off island of Ponza near Italian mainland.

Macdoel Group Seeks Signal

MACDOEL — An automatic warning signal at the Southern Pacific main line crossing by the Macdoel depot will be sought as the result of action by members of the Butte Valley Farm Center, meeting last week at the Macdoel schoolhouse.

A resolution petitioning the state public utilities commission to require the railroad to install a wig-wag signal at the crossing was adopted after W. R. Creswell, of Sunny State Produce company, spoke on the number of potato trucks now crossing the track at this point and Walter Carruthers, assistant chairman of the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau, recalled the death of the Harden father and

Cassidy Suburban Fire President

Duane A. Cassidy was elected president of the Suburban Volunteer Fire Department at its Oct. 12 meeting. He succeeds Ted Milon who joins the ranks of past presidents.

Other officers serving for the ensuing year are Rolland K. King, vice-president; Prince W. Koberg, secretary; Joe Searles, treasurer, both re-elected.

The annual banquet for members and their wives and the installation of new officers is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at the fire station.

KENO PTA SALE

A white elephant and rummage sale sponsored by the Keno PTA will be held Saturday Oct. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Keno Hall. Anyone having items for the sale are asked to call Mrs. DeGrande, Phone 9652 and the articles will be picked up. Refreshments consisting of cake, pie, cookies and coffee will be served during the sale.

Dean Returning To Army Life

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army prepared a hero's welcome today for Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, the top American soldier captured by the Communists in Korea.

Honors due ranking heroes and visiting foreign chiefs—greetings Army chief of staff, music by the Army band, a salute fired by a field gun battery—were arranged for Dean's arrival at National Airport.

Dean, who commanded the first thin line of U. S. resistance to the Red onslaught in Korea in July 1950, spent three years in enemy captivity. Winner of the nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, he returned to the United States more than a month ago. He has been resting on the West Coast.

Later today he will call at the Pentagon to receive further top-level greetings from Secretary of Defense Wilson and others. He may also find out what the Army has in mind for his future.

A call on President Eisenhower at the White House has been arranged tentatively for tomorrow morning, after which the general who led the 24th Division in its

initial stand against the Communists in the Far East plans to visit hospitalized veterans of that unit at Walter Reed Medical Center here.

The Army has not given any hint about his future. Dean, 53 and with 30 years' active service, is reported to be in good physical condition.

"I'm not an old man yet," he said yesterday on leaving his home at Berkeley, Calif. "I'll have to

see what the Army wants with me."



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No one was injured, but Mrs. Reichling, who was in the kitchen at the time of the accident, went to the hospital suffering severe shock. Damage to the house was estimated at \$2,500.

Mary Astor's 4th Charged

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mary Astor's fourth marriage has ended in the divorce court.

She filed suit yesterday against Thomas G. Wheelock, 49, a stockbroker. The actress, 47, charged cruelty and nonsupport.

She said there is no community property and she asked no alimony.

Water Being Given Away

LEXINGTON, Mo. (AP)—They're giving away free water at the Lexington City Hall today.

The Lexington Advertiser News will guarantee payment for the water and will accept contributions from businessmen to help cover the cost.

The prolonged drought has dried up many wells and ponds in this area, and water hauling has become a major farm chore.

South Korean Sees US Bound

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—If peace talks are unsuccessful, the South Korean army will "march on North Korea" and the United States and her allies are committed to "march into battle" with the ROKs, South Korean U. N. Representative Ben C. Limb said last night.

Col. Limb, appearing on a nationally televised panel show, told a group of college students the Republic of Korea has a firm commitment from the United States to back up the South Korean forces in such an eventuality.





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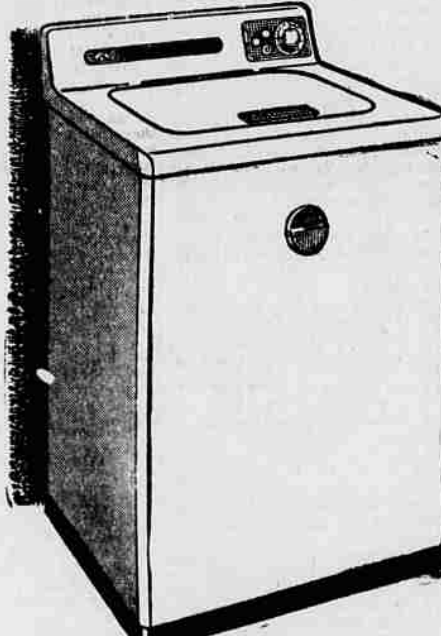
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