

Nominees Await Nod By Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former Virginia Gov. J. Lindsay Almond heads a list of men left behind when Congress adjourned last Oct. 13 without acting on their nominations.

The Senate probably will be asked again this year by President Kennedy to confirm the appointments. In most cases, the nominees have been on the federal payroll for months under recess appointments.

The list of nominations awaiting confirmation includes several judgeships, an ambassador, two customs collectors, a tariff commissioner and about 250 postmaster appointments in 32 states.

Some are controversial, others simply were submitted by Kennedy too late in the 87th Congress to be acted upon.

Almond, who feuded with the powerful Byrd group in Virginia over school desegregation, was named by Kennedy last April 16 to a \$25,500-a-year post as judge on the U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals.

Veteran Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., withheld his endorsement of the nomination. It languished in the Senate Judiciary Committee six months until the Senate went home.

Almond now is serving under a recess appointment. Prospects are that he will be confirmed in due time by the Senate.

But for sheer legislative lethargy, the nomination of Negro attorney Thurgood Marshall to a Federal judgeship topped that of Almond's in the last Congress.

Kennedy first named Marshall, former chief counsel for the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, to be a federal appeals court judge in New York on Sept. 11, 1961.

It was a year later — Sept. 23, 1962 — before Marshall was confirmed. The drawn-out confirmation battle was sparked by a running verbal battle between northern and southern legislators.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"YA BAKE A CAKE ON MY BIRTHDAY! YA BAKE A CAKE ON DADS BIRTHDAY! YOU COULD LEAST BAKE RUFF A CUPCAKE!"

Momma Irons Hubby's Shorts - For Free Yet

By ANN LANDERS
Dear Ann Landers: You hear from all kinds of nuts, but I'll bet this letter takes the prize. We have been married for 12 years and my husband still carries his shirts and shorts over to his mother's house because I don't iron them to suit him.

The more I think of it the madder I get. I iron organdy curtains well enough so that everyone who comes into the house comments on how lovely they look. My daughter won first prize in the school Halloween costume contest. She was a rosebud. I ironed close to 2,000 rose-petals before I sewed them on her dress.

Do you think I ought to insist that my husband leave his shirts and shorts for me to do—as a matter of pride?—PEARLIE

Dear Pearl: So long as your husband's mother is alive and able to iron his shirts and shorts she's going to do it. Accept the situation and consider it your good fortune.

Millions of women would be happy if they could get someone to help them with their ironing—for free yet.

Dear Ann Landers: A group of us girls were sitting around talking about our kids. Mrs. X mentioned that her 6-year-old son walks exactly like his dad. His dad, incidentally, walks like his dad. When the three of them are together it's quite a sight.

My 15-year-old daughter has the same walk I have. Many people have commented on it. Is this because our children imitate us? Some of the girls say it's in the genes, in the same way that voice quality is inherited.

Can you clear this up?—PARK RIDGERS

Dear Ridgers: Our children do imitate us, walk, talk and the works—but there's more to it than that. My expert tells me that the similarity of walk is not only mimicry but also hip joints—the way our bodies are put together. This, of course, is inherited.

Dear Ann Landers: What can I do about a boy friend who isn't exactly cheap—he's just thoughtless.

We both smoke. In the middle of a conversation I will look at him and there he is with a cigarette in his mouth—lit and everything.

How he gets the cigarette out of his pocket without being seen I never know. I then must ask him for a cigarette or get one out of my purse. I have never mentioned this to him but it annoys me terribly—especially when others

Cubans Observe Fourth Anniversary

HAVANA (UPI) — Premier Fidel Castro will light ceremonies today formally observing the fourth anniversary of the overthrow of ex-President Fulgencio Batista.

The anniversary observance actually comes a day late, presumably to avoid confusion with the traditional celebration of New Year's.

President Osvaldo Dorticos gave a reception at the Cuban presidential palace Tuesday night for foreign diplomats and official visitors, including Soviet spaceman Pavel Popovich.

A number of high Castroite officials attended the reception.

Villagra, whose epic poem "The History of New Mexico" was printed in Spain in 1610, was the first poet of the present U.S.

Today's speech will be Castro's first since Nov. 1, when the U.S. "arms blockade" of Cuba was still in force.

The premier was expected to review the events of 1962, including the continuing shortages which forced his regime to ration food, shoes and other clothing.

He also was expected to touch on such matters as the Cuban crisis and the release of the 1,113 survivors of the ill-fated 1961 invasion.

Soviets Pledge Cuban Support For New Year

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Union started the new year today with fresh pledges of support for Cuba and a stand-pat approach to most other East-West problems.

Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev mixed veiled threats and soft words in New Year's toasts and messages to world leaders, but he produced no political bombshells as he occasionally has in the past.

There was no sign that 1963 will bring any major changes in Soviet policy on such questions as Berlin and disarmament.

Speaking of Cuba during a toast at a Kremlin New Year's Eve ball, Khrushchev said the crisis showed that Soviet armed forces must have "new, modern weapons." He did not elaborate, but he warned that Russia could destroy a capitalist aggressor "in a matter of hours—short hours."

The premier's year-end message to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro stressed "unbreakable, brotherly, Soviet-Cuban friendship."

The Soviet army newspaper, Red Star, pledged that Russia "will never leave Cuba in the lurch. . . Revolutionary Cuba will not remain defenseless."

Khrushchev told East German Communist leader Walter Ulbricht

that the German question was among those "whose non-regulated status carry a serious danger to world peace."

But the Soviet leader mentioned no new proposals or a deadline for a Berlin settlement, and he made none of the usual threats about signing a separate peace treaty with the East German regime if the West balks at accepting the Kremlin's terms.

On disarmament and a nuclear test ban, Khrushchev repeated the Soviet claim that "the capitalists have only talked about disarmament" while the Russians are ready to do something.

In a reference to the deepening ideological rift between Moscow and Communist China, the Soviet premier admitted differences existed within the Communist camp. But he warned that the Communist nations will stand together in the face of any interference from capitalist states.

Ex-Dictator Bids Again For Release

MIAMI (UPI) — Former Venezuelan dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez will make another bid for freedom Friday in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, it was learned today.

Perez Jimenez was jailed here Dec. 12 after losing a legal battle against extradition to Venezuela.

Jimenez is seeking to be released from the county jail here while his attorneys continue their extradition fight.

The present Venezuelan government wants Perez Jimenez returned to face charges of robbing the government treasury.

2 Governors Take Office

By United Press International
Two Republicans, prominently mentioned as 1964 presidential candidates, were sworn in Tuesday as governors.

New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller made a bid for the support of both liberals and conservatives in his inaugural speech which went beyond state borders.

But Michigan's industrialist governor, George Romney, stuck primarily to state issues in his address, saying he would concentrate "on the job at hand," not on campaigning.

Rockefeller said his second administration would be "conservative, liberal and progressive." He said that "there are important elements of basic value in all three."

The millionaire New Yorker said conservatism should be respected because it is based on the foundations of the past on which the future is built; liberalism "because we should be more concerned with the opportunities of tomorrow than the record of yesterday. . . and progressivism because "we can never halt and say: 'Our labor is done.'"

Romney admitted that Michigan's troubles, primarily economic, had focused the attention of the nation on the state. He exhorted Michigan citizens to join him in restoring "the confidence of the nation. . . in Michigan because, like it or not, such confidence is lacking today."

Red China Backs Cuba

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist China, in a New Year's blast at the United States, today pledged its full support to Cuba in maintaining a foothold for communism "on the American continent."

The Peking government appealed for Sino-Soviet unity in communism's struggle against the American "paper tiger."

An editorial in the Peking People's Daily, official newspaper of the Chinese Communist party, said establishment of a Communist regime in the Western Hemisphere by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro was one of the most significant developments in the history of communism.

Noting the fourth anniversary Tuesday of Castro's revolution, the People's Daily said the United States "has resorted to every conceivable means to strangle the Castro regime. The paper said it is "very important" that other Communist countries assist Cuba.

Mediators Talk Strike

NEW YORK (UPI) — Federal mediators meet today with publishers and printing printers in a "new year" effort to end the longest newspaper strike in the history of New York City.

William E. Simkin, director of the federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, was scheduled to fly here from Washington to take personal charge of the meeting.

The walkout, which has shut down the city's nine major newspapers, began Dec. 8 and since then bargaining talks have been sporadic and there has been no noticeable progress toward a settlement.

Working with Simkin at today's meeting will be mediator Stephen L. Schlossberg who recessed the talks for the New Year holiday last Friday.

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