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A number of Jerry Ford's friends say that the person he turns to most for political advice is a man who prefers to remain anonymous and he is John Marsh, a former Democratic Congressman from Virginia and after he was defeated later, ended up in the White House as one of President Ford's aides. I always liked John Marsh but at one time after he dropped out of the House, he came to see me and was so disturbed emotionally and physically that I believed he might have to be admitted to a private sanitarium. He believed that people were following him day and night and that they were trying to put substances into his food and into his water. In one of his visits to my office, he talked to me for over an hour along this line and when he ended up in the White House as one of Jerry Ford's aides, it really disturbed me. Before going into the White House, President Nixon gave Marsh an assignment or two abroad and upon returning to this country, he had all kinds of hallucinations about what people were trying to do to him.

The Carter-Kennedy campaign is warming up and both appeared before the Congressional Hispanic Caucus dinner which was held here in Washington last week. Mrs. Carter is traveling all over the United States now and in answering a question as to whether or not Senator Kennedy would run against her husband, she said that she accepted his word that he was not a candidate for the Office of President and if he changed his statement, she would then accept his changed statement.

Along with our inflation, which is now over 11%, we have the price of gold up to \$346 an ounce. The tremendous jump today was a result of reports of a possible gold

shortage because of lower South African sales. Anyone who owns a nice collection of gold coins is in a very enviable position.

September 17, 1979

I have believed for several weeks now, that if Senator Kennedy pursues his desire to be President of the United States and goes through the primaries and on into the convention finally securing the nomination, he will end up with the nomination that has no value. I am just as positive of that as I am a Member of the House. I know that Senator Kennedy has decided recently that his move to bluff out President Carter has failed. I sincerely believe that his moves in the last two weeks were directed solely to force the President out of the race with the procedure being the same that was used by his brother Robert Kennedy and others when President Johnson was forced out of making a second run. Kennedy had lunch with President Carter at the White House several days ago and although the newspaper stories are conflicting, I believe that Carter advised Kennedy that he would go down to the end of the road, through the convention and would under no circumstances, bow out of the campaign. Speaker O'Neill and others have made statements recently that clearly indicates that Kennedy would secure the nomination if he went all the way and that with Carter's low rating in the polls, Carter could not win.

It seems to me that the bluffing days are now over and that Kennedy will either carry out his threats to run or quietly subside with this being his last hurrah. Four

years from now with all of the problems that the Kennedys are having and with Ted Kennedy being an uncertain quantity, morally, physically and otherwise the train will have passed him completely. This weekend Speaker Tip O'Neill said that that he now has strong feelings that Senator Edward M. Kennedy will not challenge President Carter's nomination. O'Neill went on to say in a radio interview in New York, that he truly believes now that the nominee will be Carter. O'Neill said that he based his feelings on the method in which the Kennedy's have operated in the past and that they now are not operating in the current "draft Kennedy and write-in campaign" which they have in the past. O'Neill went on to say that he was positive that Carter would run and that there would be no 1969 repetition that we witnessed with President Johnson when he withdrew. O'Neill said that Carter is a very determined person and would go to the bitter end and if any move was made and a number of powerful Democrats do go to the White House to ask Carter to step aside, in favor of Kennedy, this would simply be stupidity and would be out of the question. O'Neill went on to say that now in his opinion, we would have a Carter-Reagan race.

Regardless of the timidity of some of the Senators who have to run next year and would be on the same ticket with Carter and with the same applying to all 435 seats in the House, those that are afraid will simply have to put up with the fact that the Kennedy bluff is not going to work. Kennedy could continue his threats and go down to the convention and if he secured the nomination, it would have no value whatsoever.

During the past weekend, President Carter had another embarrassing event take place. A 6.2 mile race was held in the Camp David section of Maryland and Carter entered the race which was partly televised and at the end of three miles, looked like he was about ready to drop over dead. His legs collapsed near the top of a long hill with nearly four miles of the course completed and secret service agents running with him, grabbed both arms and led the ashen faced President to the edge of the road. The President was treated for heat exhaustion and his doctor then, after a complete examination, issued a statement that the President's health is excellent. After resting for a few minutes, President Carter attended the awards ceremony held at the end of the race on Saturday and in presenting some of the awards, said that he had simply tried too hard.

I like the President, but he time after time uses poor judgement and this has placed him in a position of where he is almost vulnerable as far as reelection is concerned. He has still failed to tell the people what he has accomplished as President and since the shortest thing in the world is the public's memory, his failing to do so has hurt him politically.

September 18, 1979

So far we have heard nothing more about the Morgan Murphy voting case which was referred to the Ethics Committee.

An editorial appeared in the September 13, issue of the Lexington Herald entitled, "Making It Harder for Rep. Natcher." This editorial is as follows:

"Rep. Morgan Murphy, D-Ill., can't be in two places at the same time. Or can he?"

While Murphy was holding congressional hearings in Chicago recently, the House computer registered him as voting six times on the floor. However, absentee voting is prohibited.

The House Ethics Committee is investigating the mystery of the phantom votes. The stir has unearthed other instances where votes were recorded for two congressmen who were actually absent.

House members have voting cards that are inserted in electronic counting machines, which register congressmen's votes.

While everyone loves to blame mistakes on computers, the House Administration Committee has concluded there was no malfunction in the machine.

This leaves open the possibility that someone else used Congressman Murphy's card. On ethical grounds this is a disturbing prospect. But in a different vein, it must be particularly disturbing to Kentucky Rep. William H. Natcher, D-2nd District.

During his 25 years in the House, Natcher has never missed a roll call. The 1978 Guinness Book of World Records recognizes Natcher's achievement. No other congressman or senator has served 17 consecutive years or more without missing at least one vote.

Maintaining that record has not been easy. There have been some close calls for

Natcher. He also has had to turn down some appealing invitations to events that would have caused him to miss votes, such as the one from President Carter to accompany the chief executive on his recent visit to Bardstown.

Natcher stayed in Washington in the House chambers. That's where any congressman should be if the record shows he voted."

September 19, 1979

The Senate yesterday decided to vote for heavy cuts in Fiscal Year 1980 domestic spending. Later in the day, these domestic spending cuts were deleted and defense spending was increased 5%, which now ends up with a deficit of \$31.6 billion instead of \$28 billion. The vote on the 5% defense increase was 55 to 42 and the Senate, which all down through the years has been the liberal house, continued to carry out this designation. For a matter of hours on a vote of 90 to 6, there was a \$3.6 billion reduction in the Budget Resolution in domestic spending. The defense spending increase cancelled out the domestic spending reduction. The action of the Budget Committee, of course, does not control the Appropriations Committee, but is a thermometer to a certain extent.

Gold ended yesterday at \$377.75 an ounce, this is the all-time record. Among the heavy buyers were the oil producing countries and especially the Arab states which now prefer to diversify their investments to include large amounts of gold. Formerly the Arab countries relied heavily on investments in U.S. Treasury and British

securities. One of the financial experts in New York said that the gold craze is an unhealthy development and in effect, it is a vote against the established economic and financial system.

Yesterday on the District of Columbia Conference, we had up the matter of abortion and I suggested that since we had resolved all of the money matters and the Senate was adamant in refusing to go along with the House position on abortion which prohibits the use of District of Columbia funds for abortion, that the question should be taken back in disagreement to the House. I believed that the District of Columbia Bill and the Conference Report would be defeated if the abortion ban were dropped by the Conferees. Here we go again on abortion.

September 20, 1979

Sometimes diaries and journals may cause trouble. Recently a Rice University historian has discovered a transcript which covers nearly all of a diary which contains former President Eisenhower's most candid thoughts about other high army and naval officers during World War II. The Eisenhower Library is located at Abilene, Kansas and contains some 9 million documents. It seems that this University historian in going through some of the papers at the Eisenhower Library, discovered this material in an envelope and published it in a copyrighted series in the Houston Chronicle. Here is another instance of a professor seizing upon material to make money for himself. According to newspaper reports today, General Eisenhower never let the diary out of his

possession and never allowed authors or historians to view the original diary or any versions where deletion had been previously made. It seems that the former President had ordered the transcripts of the diary destroyed in 1945 when he found out that a navy captain who had served with him in the war intended to use portions of the diary in writing a book on Eisenhower. In the part discovered in the Eisenhower Library, excerpts showed President Eisenhower as being very unhappy with Admiral King, one of the former Admirals of World War II. One insert made by the former President said that one one thing that might help win this war is to get someone to shoot King. This was a 1942 entry and the former President went on to say that King was a deliberately rude person which meant that he was a mental bully. Further the former President said that King was arbitrary, stubborn and with too much brains and a tendency toward being a bully. The diary revealed that Eisenhower was also disenchanted with General MacArthur and said that in many ways MacArthur is as big a baby as ever. This was a January 19, 1942 entry and the entry went on to say that regardless of his being a big baby, they still had to keep him fighting. Four days after the entry was made, MacArthur named Major General Richard K. Sutherland to be his successor in the event of his death and Eisenhower in his dismay wrote that MacArthur picked Sutherland which shows that he still likes his boot-lickers.

Diary and journals may cause trouble where vultures are trying to make money and a name for themselves.

We really had a day in the House

yesterday. The Continuing Resolution which must be passed before October 1, was turned down because it contained a 7% pay increase for Members of Congress. This Resolution permits the operation of the 14 Departments of the Government until the Appropriations Bills are passed and signed into law by the President. After the Continuing Resolution went down in defeat, the House then started the second day of general debate on the House Concurrent Resolution which fixes a deficit ceiling and expenditure ceiling. This Resolution went down 213 to 192. The Bill was handled well by the Chairman of the Budget Committee and the Democrats defeated the Resolution. Some of the more ultra-liberal Members were mad because the Resolution provided for an increase in defense expenditure but not enough for the domestic programs carried in the Labor-HEW Appropriations Bill. This is the fourth time that a Concurrent Resolution has been turned down in the House from the Budget Committee since 1974. The Speaker has requested me to serve as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House and I presided for two days over this Resolution. We will have to go back again next week and try again.

September 21, 1979

If this was the British Government, the Government would have toppled this week. The Continuing Resolution which provides that the fourteen Departments of our Government can continue issuing checks to pay their employees and to operate their Departments generally was turned down in the House this week on a roll call vote. We have had many Continuing Resolutions during the past 75 years and very seldom has the Congress ever turned down a Resolution which provides for the Departments to operate until the budget bills have

been enacted into law. The Continuing Resolution carried the increase in salaries authorized by the Special Commission set up for this purpose and since the ultra-conservatives and a few radical liberals wanted an excuse to vote against the Continuing Resolution, this gave them exactly what they were looking for.

Again this week, the House has turned down a Concurrent Resolution from the Budget Committee on a roll call vote that fixed a deficit ceiling and a spending ceiling for Fiscal Year 1980. This is the final Budget Resolution for the year and on a roll call vote, this bill was defeated.

Still acting along the same line, the House yesterday, on a roll call vote, refused to increase the debt ceiling. This money has already been spent and it is simply a matter of now paying the bills. A great many Members who voted against increasing the debt ceiling believe that the people in this country interpret such a vote as one to reduce federal spending. Of course this is not the case and is the deceitful way out. This roll call vote was another indicator that the House refuses to go along on the three major bills that must be enacted if our government is to continue operating after October 1.

Another bill was up yesterday which was the implementation of the two treaties approved by the Senate turning over the Panama Canal.

The President is really jumping up and down. He was so angry last night that he issued a statement that Congressmen who consistently vote against him can expect retaliation from the White House. He said--"I'll be damned if I send my wife into your District for a fundraiser." One Congressman

reported to the press that this statement was made by Carter to him. The statement from the White House followed the defeat of legislation implementing the Panama Canal Treaties, a vote that the President interprets as embarrassing him and casts considerable doubt on his Administration's ability to keep commitments abroad. In the House, we have 60 moderate Democrats who have organized a group known as the United Democrats of Congress. Last night the President, at a dinner for the United Democrats of Congress at the White House made the statements about embarrassing his Administration and further pointed out the setbacks he had suffered this week on the defeat of the Budget Resolution, the Continuing Resolution, the debt ceiling increase and then on the same day of the dinner, the implementation of the Panama Canal treaties. The President, if he will check the Congressional Record this week, will find that nearly all 60 of the United Democrats of Congress voted against two or more of the major bills that he is complaining about. At the dinner, one of the Members complained that it was almost impossible to gain access to the President through the White House and to the President's top staff people. This brought on the President's angry eruption and he almost shouted that some of you people who complain vote with us only 15% of the time. He went on to say that there are Republicans who vote with him at least 35% of the time. The President went on to say that those who vote against him could not expect favors. He said that we believe in rewarding our friends and punishing our enemies. He went on further to say that we keep your voting records on computer in my desk drawer in the Oval Office and further he said that if it is grants for a city, then of course it is not proper to consider a Congressman's voting record because he would be penalizing the people in

that particular city. He further said that invitations to the White House, requests for campaign help, appointments for filling patronage jobs and other favors would be doled out on the basis of how a Member voted. He went on to say to the United Democrats that some of you in Congress haven't supported me at all. He further said that his new Cabinet Secretaries at the Departments of Transportation, Energy and Housing and Urban Development would be more politically motivated than their predecessors indicating they too would look at voting records in passing out federal help. He singled out one Congressman at the dinner, House Budget Committee Chairman Robert Giaino of Connecticut and said "Bob, if there is anything I can do for you, you will get it."

The Members attending the dinner were really shocked and a number talked to the press after the dinner saying that it was very poor taste on the part of the President and bad tactics.

I voted for the Budget Resolution, the Continuing Resolution and the debt ceiling increase and if the computer has a real pretty light after my name, then maybe the President will change his tactics as far as Kentucky is concerned. He has ignored both of the two United States Senators and several of the other House Members from Kentucky. Personally, I like the President but I again believe that such statements as the ones he made last night will do nothing but come back to haunt him.

The House Ethics Committee is still investigating the Morgan Murphy case. This is the case of the Chicago Congressman who was in Chicago the day the electronic voting device recorded him as voting six times on bills when he was absent. Murphy has said

he is unsure of just how he came to be recorded as voting that day. The General Accounting Office has completed an investigation of the voting system and concluded that there has been no technical malfunction. It said it was theoretically possible but unlikely that Murphy's voting card, similar to an electronic banking card, had been counterfeited.

The Senate Ethics Committee last week voted unanimously to "denounce" Senator Herman E. Talmadge for financial misconduct and said its findings would be turned over to the Justice Department for possible federal prosecution. The Ethics Committee went on to hold that Talmadge must repay to the Senate \$12,894 illegally withdrawn from the fund in the Senate that is used to pay for Senator's expenses. In the House, we reprimand or censure. At times, we even try to oust, but the good old Senate this time did not reprimand or censure but used the word "denounce". This is really backing out the backdoor. This man Talmadge is an alcoholic and an arrogant one. He, by the way, is also from the State of Georgia and I presume that the President is a little concerned over Talmadge, Bert Lance and a few others.

Yesterday President Carter ordered immediate Secret Service protection for Senator Ed Kennedy, an unannounced but likely candidate for President who lost two brothers to assassins in the 1960's. The President took this action late yesterday on the basis of a Secret Service analysis of Kennedy's security situation after expressions of concern from Kennedy staffers who felt that the Senator needed protection

Because of his changed political status. Since George Wallace was shot in Maryland several years ago, Secret Service protection has been furnished to each Presidential candidate and since Kennedy teters from day to day over the precipice, I presume that this protection is necessary.

A real cute cartoon appeared in today's Washington Star showing Edward Kennedy sitting at the Cabinet table with President Carter and Mrs. Carter, along with staffers, standing around gazing at him, with the staffers stating to the President -- "We tried to get him out sir, but he keeps insisting that his mother said he could be President."

September 25, 1979

I have just returned from the House Chamber. We finally passed the Continuing Resolution which provides for the continuation of ten Departments of the Government until the appropriation bills for each Department are finally enacted into law. This Resolution contains about \$345 billion in actual funding. I have never heard as many demagoguery speeches in my life as I heard from 12 o'clock until twenty minutes after four when the Continuing Resolution finally passed by some ten votes. In Kentucky, we have seven Representatives. Since a salary increase of 5% was contained in the Continuing Resolution, which is a reduction downward from 12.9% recommended by the Commission set up for approval of salaries for the legislative and executive branches, the demagogues really started out. Last week, they voted the bill down on a roll call vote. Regardless of the fact that October 1 is the beginning of the new Fiscal Year and the departments of the government must continue to operate with salaries paid, the

Demagogues really came out from every possible corner, yelling and screaming about a salary increase for Members of Congress and for the Executive Department. Tim Lee Carter has not returned to Washington after undergoing open heart surgery therefore we only had six votes to cast. Today, four voted "no" and Carl Perkins and I voted "aye". We expected Hubbard to vote this way because he falls in the category of joining the hounds when the chase begins, but Mazzoli did surprise us. He's from Louisville and understands fully what the Continuing Resolution is all about. We were not surprised at the other Members from Kentucky.

We next take up the Second Budget Resolution and following that, the public debt limitation increase. These are two major bills and both were voted down on roll call votes last week.

September 26, 1979

The Kennedy-Carter struggle continues on each day.

In a townhall meeting in New York City yesterday, President Carter told some 2,500 people at Queens College that he looks forward to his first preliminary skirmish with Kennedy next month in Florida and that he will expect his record and those of all of his potential opponents to be compared during the coming campaign. He pointed out that during Kennedy's sixteen years in the Senate, he has made enactment of a comprehensive national health insurance program his top priority but has failed to get such legislation out of a Subcommittee. He went on to say that his own record will show that he has maintained a steady hand in dealing with national and international crises. "I don't think I panicked in a crisis", he said. This is the second time in less than a week that the

President has referred to his own steadiness in a crisis which seems to indicate that he intends to raise the issue of Kennedy's action during the Chappaquiddick accident in 1969. Kennedy admitted that he simply panicked and this is the reason why some nine hours passed before he reported to officials that his car had submerged and he believed that a young lady was in the car. I can still see Kennedy on television when he said he simply blanked out.

Senator Muskie is a very profound gentleman who serves in the Senate from the State of Maine. He is the one who stood in the snow in front of the newspaper office in New Hampshire with the tears streaming down his face, defending the members of his family who he maintained were criticized by this right controversial editor and publisher of the newspaper. These tears simply streamed Muskie out of the Presidential race and from time to time, he has been selected as probably the meanest man serving in the present United States Senate.

Mamie Eisenhower was admitted to Walter Reed Medical Center yesterday after suffering a stroke that affected the body functions on the right side and the 82-year-old widow of former President Eisenhower will probably be in the hospital for several months. I can still see Mrs. Eisenhower the night of the Congressional Ball when she complimented Virginia on her beautiful dress with several hundred in the receiving line at the White House patiently waiting while Virginia modeled her new dress for the First Lady.

President Carter finally signed the Public Works bill last night and this is the one that contains the Tellico Dam that brought about the many stories concerning the snail-darter which is one of the endangered species.

The environmentalists and the Secretary of Interior insisted that the bill be vetoed while James McIntyre, Chief of the Office of Management and Budget urged the President to sign the bill. Vetoing this bill at this time would have really been a political mistake for the President.

We finally passed the Continuing Resolution yesterday on a roll call vote of 208 to 203. This bill contained, among other things, a 5.5% pay increase and the newspapers are really on the front pages throughout the country berating Congress for increasing their pay from \$57,500 per year to \$60,700, along with top congressional staff members, federal judges and about 22,000 other federal employees who make more than \$47,500 a year. When the clock controlled by electronic device showed the 15-minute voting period over, the vote was 204 to 204. Then Representatives Gunn McKay of Utah, Eddie Boland of Massachusetts and George Brown of California voted with Ken Holland of South Carolina switching from "no" to "aye" thereby making the final vote 208 to 203. In Kentucky, Carter was not here and the other four Members voted "no". Carl Perkins and I voted "aye" and I know that we will be bloodied up some over this vote. We do not have Members with us from Kentucky any more like Brent Spence, Virgil Chapman, John Watts, Alben Barkley, Fred Winson, Swagar Sherley, Henry Clay and I could name some more, who served in the House that would have voted "aye" on the Continuing Resolution which continues the operation of the departments of the government after October 1, the first day of the new fiscal year, notwithstanding the fact that this Continuing Resolution contained provisions for a pay increase. If no action had been taken on the pay increase, it would have automatically gone to 12.9% which was the amount recommended by the commission set up three years ago for fixing salaries.

Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, in a policy speech yesterday before the United Nations General Assembly attacked falsehoods and propaganda about Russian troops in Cuba. He suggested that the United States should admit to creating an artificial issue and hinted that the dispute should be considered closed. President Carter, in the town meeting in Queens, reiterated the United States' contention that a Soviet force in Cuba is a combat unit and that unless moved, the United States would take appropriate action. We will see what "appropriate action" is because every indication today is that the Soviet Union does not intend to move these men.

Some of the black leaders, including a few in Congress, are really in a hassle now with the Jews in this country over the Palestinian issue. Walter Fauntroy, who traveled to Israel and who, by the way, is the Delegate from the District of Columbia, was really torn apart yesterday by some 200 Jewish organizations in the City of Washington and by others throughout the United States. Jesse Jackson, the Activist from Chicago is still traveling in the Middle East, notwithstanding the fact that Begin refused to see him and has completely snubbed him during his visit to Israel.

September 27, 1979

The President has assembled a group of outstanding men and women which he considers as wise people to advise him on the steps the United States should take in dealing with the presence of Soviet combat troops in Cuba. The bi-partisan group named earlier this week is headed by former Defense Secretary, Clark Clifford, and includes other former government officials with experience in advising Presidents on foreign policy and

intelligence matters. One of the President's staff said that they were doing what Presidents usually do in a situation like this. This group was briefed on Tuesday at the Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters and will proceed to make a recommendation to the President.

All of this sounds good but this certainly will not be a strong indication that the President is willing to make hard decisions and lead as a President should. This is one of the main reasons why the polls show the President to be such a poor leader.

We go back on the Budget Resolution today and I hope that we finish sometime late tonight.

The Panama Canal Implementation Bill finally passed, along with the Debt Ceiling and now if we can pass the Budget Resolution and reach some sort of an agreement with the Senate on the Continuing Resolution, we will at least be moving along just a little.

September 28, 1979

The House yesterday approved a Budget Resolution for next Fiscal Year, but only after the leadership traded away another Bill to win the necessary votes. The final Budget Resolution for 1980 provides for a deficit of \$28.9 billion and a spending ceiling of \$548 billion. Mendel Davis, a Democrat from South Carolina is bitterly opposed to the Budget Resolution and also to a Political Action Committee Bill which is in the nature of an amendment to the Campaign Expenditure Act and provides that no Political Action Committee can contribute

more than \$6,000 to a candidate for Congress and no candidate for Congress can accept more than \$70,000 from all Political Action Committees. The Chamber of Commerce is against the Campaign Expenditure Amendments Bill along with the National Manufacturers Association. Common Cause is for the Bill and along with labor organizations and other groups, wanted the Bill to pass.

Mendel Davis went to the Speaker and told him that he could deliver 11 votes for the Budget Resolution Bill if the Election Reform Amendments Bill would be taken off of the Calendar at this time. Gialimo of Connecticut, The Chairman of the Budget Committee and the Speaker agreed to this deal and it was made. The Budget Resolution passed 212 to 206 and this was a change from last week when it was defeated 213 to 192. Those in favor of the Political Action Committee Bill immediately cried, "legislative blackmail" and although it was, nothing will be done about it before the Columbus Day nine-day recess period.

So many ballet dancers and famous athletes from the Soviet Union are defecting when they reach this country, that the Soviet Union has abruptly cancelled the American tour of the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra. I suppose the Soviets were afraid that all of the orchestra would defect. The Soviets have been sturned by five important performers in the past month and tried to obtain United States assurances that defectors would not be granted asylum in the United States as a condition for sending the 170 member orchestra.

September 29, 1979

The Senate is really steaming this morning after playing a high stakes game of chicken with the House over the abortion

and Congressional pay raise voted late last night 55 to 9 to kill the continuing resolution. Before we adjourned for a week's recess, we passed the Continuing Resolution containing the strict House language on abortion and the 5.5% pay increase that was contained in the Bill. The Continuing Resolution is necessary in order that all of the Departments of the Government operate after October 1, which is the first day of the fiscal year. When you get right down to it, neither the abortion amendment or the pay raise amendment should have been in this Continuing Resolution. After we passed the Continuing Resolution in the House several days ago, the Senate immediately took out the 5.5% pay increase at the request of Ted Stevens, one of the Senators from Alaska, with the hope that this would be just enough to force the House to accept the Senate language on abortion which is much more liberal and provides for many more abortions. The plea was made that if the pay raise was deleted, this would force us to keep their abortion language. I am Chairman of the Committee that has the money where the abortion amendment is contained, and we refused to accept the Senate abortion language and still put the 5.5% pay increase back into the Bill. Late last night, the Conference was concluded and we brought back the abortion language in disagreement, but the 5.5% was agreed to by both sides. On a voice vote, we adopted the Conference Report and adjourned. Now the Senate is angry and they will be in session all next week.

After the Senate defeated the Conference Report, Senator Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, invited President Carter to call Congress back into session to act on the Resolution. It would be right funny if the President did call the Congress back in session, but his would not be necessary if

if the Senate today or Monday morning simply decided to do the right thing and that is to pass the Continuing Resolution so that the 14 Departments of the Government could continue operating.

George Meany, the President of the AFL-CIO finally announced his retirement yesterday. He is 85 years old and has been the Federation's leader since 1955. Meany was a plumber at one time, and he has been a right strict disciplinary as leader of the AFL-CIO--not in the class of John L. Lewis, Gompers and several others, but still a right good man.

Castro, the President of Cuba said yesterday that there have been no changes in the function of a number of soviet military personnel stationed in Cuba for the past 17 years, and he accused President Carter of jeopardizing world peace because of his own personal crisis. Castro says that Carter has been dishonest, insincere, and immoral and he has been deceiving the world and U.S. public opinion by making them believe the Cubans and the Soviets have taken some new irresponsible step. He stated that he emphatically and categorically calls Carter's action a lie and said it is dishonest.

The setting up a Committee to advise the President was a mistake and now the President is in a right embarrassed position. He seems to get into these positions without any trouble. I still believe that the Soviet troops have been in Cuba for the past 17 years and during the terms of Nixon and Ford, this was known.

Ireland is eagerly awaiting the first visit of the Pope and the same applies to this country. Next Saturday and Sunday will be two big days here in our nation's capitol when the Pope arrives. The President has

invited me along with a number of House Members and Senate Members to a reception for the Pope at the White House next Saturday. In addition to those invited from the Hill, the Cabinet and several hundred other people are invited.

In going back to the action with the Senate over the Continuing Resolution, this of course, is another instance of the Senate overplaying its hand and with the House placing an egg at the lap of the Senate and marching off in 50 tracks.

October 1, 1979

The black Members of Congress have considerable influence with the Black Caucus in this country. At their annual dinner here in Washington, it was agreed that Carter would not be invited to be one of the Speakers. During the past two months, Jesse Jackson and other black leaders have traveled abroad and have met with the Palestinian Leaders and upon their return to this country, have insisted that President Carter meet with Arafat, the Palestinian Leader because no lasting peace settlement, they say, can last unless the Palestinians are a part of the final agreement. During the past several months, in addition to participating in foreign affairs which of course under the Constitution they should let alone, the black leaders in this country, even though they deny it, are very much in disagreement with the Jews. You read articles from time to time that the bankers and those who own and operate the media are in the main, rich Jews and this the black leaders believe to be true. This is their conclusion and they maintain that there has been no improvement in conditions as far as the blacks are concerned in the past ten years and that as far as business and politics are concerned, there has been no improvement. They

continue to say that they cannot get their message over to the people in this country and this is because of the Jews. This has been building now for months and this past weekend, the smartest Jew in the Congress, Senator Javits of New York, said that both the Jews and the blacks should "cool it". He maintains that the feeling exists among the blacks that they are not being treated right and they blame a great deal of this on the Jews. This is a right unusual condition to have existing in our country because all down through the 1950's the Jews joined with the blacks in their fight for civil rights and for equal rights under the law.

Our Capital City today is really buzzing because the Pope is on the way. He lands in Boston today and unfortunately rain is predicted all day long throughout Boston and Massachusetts and the tremendous big crowd expected there will gather in the rain. An unfortunate event took place last week in Boston where there has been a white and black fight underway in the schools and generally in certain sections of the City for over two years now. This past week, a black football player in high school, while on the practice field, was shot in the neck by a sniper and is paralyzed now and in the hospital, from the neck down. The black people in the City of Boston say they will march today while the Pope is there and disorder generally prevails.

The Pope will be in Washington this weekend and will be at the White House on Saturday and on the Mall for a tremendous Mass on Sunday. While in Washington, the Pope will stay at the Apostolic Delegation which is located at 1339 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest. He will eat dinner and stay there Saturday night. The Delegation is

connected to the large Catholic Church on Massachusetts Avenue which is located 2½ blocks from the apartment Virginia and I have now occupied on Massachusetts Avenue for about 18 years.

The Pope seems to have been well received in Ireland and I hope that his reception throughout the United States is an excellent one.

We still, through the State Department, continue talking to the Soviet Union about the Russian troops in Cuba and President Carter will address the Nation tonight by television and radio. Castro was interviewed last night on "60 Minutes" which is a TV Channel 9 program and he emphatically stated that the Russian troops that are stationed in Cuba have been there since 1962 and that this is a training unit and not a combat unit. He says that Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter have known about this all along.

On Friday of last week, we met with the Senate Conferees on the Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 1980. Senator Magnuson of Washington is the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and he is the Dean of the Congress. He first served in the House and then was elected to the Senate. Senator Magnuson is about 76 years old and if not the most powerful man in the Senate, he is the second most powerful with Russell Long of Louisiana probably holding first place. During the conference the bells continued to ring in the Senate and the House and we were meeting on the Senate side so we had to troop all the way through the Capitol Building back to the House Chamber 8 times to vote during the time that the conference was in session. While walking out the door on the way back to the House to vote on one of the roll call votes, I heard Senator Magnuson say

to one of his staff members that he would try to get a quick haircut while the House was voting. He further said that he washed his hair only a few times each year and pointed out that you never have seen a bald eskimo. He went on to say that they never wash their hair. Maggie Magnuson is a good friend of mine and I could not help but laugh all the way back to the House side thinking about Magnuson and the bald eskimos.

We have a number of unusual men serving on the Appropriations Committee and since this was the Continuing Resolution those who serve on the Senate side as conferees are mainly senior Members and Chairmen of different Subcommittees. They serve along with three or four ranking minority Members and it makes an unusual group.

October 2, 1979

President Carter's speech last night on the Soviet combat troops in Cuba was appropriate and restrained. At the same time, we must still insist in all of our future negotiations with the Soviet Union that this brigade be moved. Unfortunately several days ago the President indicated positively that the combat troops in Cuba had to be moved and that he personally would make the demands of the Soviet Union for this to take place. Meetings were held with the Ambassador to the Soviet Union and with Gromyko but the Soviet officials positively said that the troops would not be moved and that they had been in Cuba for 17 years as a training group and not as a military brigade. Going to war and especially if nuclear weapons would be used was not the way to handle this proposition and the President's proposal to strengthen our forces in the Caribbean and to make other moves militarily in this part of the world was good, but still left him in

a right embarrassing position because too many positive statements had previously been made that the troops had to go. In his speech to the Nation last night, the President appealed to the Senate for the approval of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty stating that it must not be imperiled by the troops in Cuba dispute. He went on to say that to preserve the peace and ward off nuclear conflict, SALT II must be approved. The President had just about painted himself in and unfortunately he reached the point where it might be possible for us to go to war over the removal of the troops or to take the course that he finally approved. The President definitely is of the opinion that the brigade issue is certainly no reason for a return to the cold war.

The Cuban troop issue was certainly not a plus for President Carter in his race for re-election.

Pope John Paul II received an overwhelming reception in Boston yesterday and today is in New York City. I am looking forward to meeting him at the White House on Saturday.

Under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 the Panama Canal Commission replaced the Panama Canal Company and Canal Zone Government at midnight on Sunday, September 30, 1979. On Monday, October 1, there was a ceremony held at the Panama Canal and the Panama Government then proceeded to take over the joint operation of the Canal and the United States flag was lowered and the Panama Flag was raised in its place. On television there were a number of groups in

parts of Panama who seized and tore to pieces the United States Flag at the time of the ceremony and this to me is one of the sad events to take place during this century. Turning over the Canal was a serious mistake and with the Vice President representing the President at the ceremony you could tell by watching the program on television, that the Panamanians in their arrogant, mean way, were really enjoying the occasion. Communism prevails throughout Panama and I still am unable to agree with the action of the United States Senate in the ratification of the Panama Canal Treaty.

"Time" magazine entered into a contract with our former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and this magazine is now in the process of publishing excerpts from Kissinger's memoirs of the "White House Years". The Washington Star is partly owned by "Time" magazine and the excerpts are now appearing also in the Star. Kissinger, in one of the excerpts published recently, said that Nixon hated being shown up in a group as being less tough than his aides and that he had no doubt that Agnew's suggestion concerning the bombing of the sanctuaries in Cambodia during the war in Vietnam brought about a quick decision on the part of Nixon to bomb which really did not achieve any benefits whatsoever. A storm of protest which started in Washington following this decision caused not only the President trouble, but also Kissinger. Kissinger goes on to say that he himself had to leave his apartment which was ringed by protestors to get some sleep in the White House basement. The excerpts are anything but kind toward President Nixon and judging from what I have read so far, Kissinger should have waited for several years to release his memoirs of his White House years. He also described Nixon on one occasion as being so exhausted that

his advisors became deeply concerned about his mental condition. I can still see the former President on television in the White House just before he boarded the helicopter to leave Washington on his way to California.

For several days now, a balloon, which lifted off from Tillamook, Oregon last Wednesday, has been soaring over the United States traveling toward Norfolk, Virginia. This would have been the all-time record, but the balloon was forced down in Ohio yesterday as a result of a storm. A record was established as far as time in the air is concerned for this type of a balloon and I presume that it also established a distance record.

October 3, 1979

For a great many years, the brass in the Navy decided to unload Admiral H.G. Rickover because they considered him a rebel and one that could not be easily controlled. He has been in charge of the construction of the nuclear fleet and is one of the all-time great Admirals in this country. Each President, for the last four Presidents have interceded and directed that he remain in service long after he passed the usual retirement age. Yesterday the Navy extended the 79-year-old Admiral's tenure and this of course, comes as no surprise to me. Admiral Rickover has made it plain that he did not ask for relief after more than 57 years on active duty. His current two-year term expires next January and the additional two years will carry him to 1982. This is one of the Admirals who has not been afraid to talk back to the Secretary when he was positive the Secretary was wrong. He has been my friend for many years.

We continue to have trouble with nuclear plants throughout this country. Another leak-

ing plant is located in Virginia and this
s three now during the past several months.

The price of gold is now up to \$414 an
ounce and the prices that people in this
country are paying for gold coins is almost
unbelievable.

Pope John Paul II was well received in
New York yesterday and made a strong plea
for global disarmament and human rights. He
went on to say during his visit to New York,
that it was his fervent hope that a solution
to the Middle East crisis may draw nearer.
The Pope will be in Philadelphia today and
Philadelphia, like New York and Boston, have
made all the plans necessary for a warm wel-
come. During his visit to this country, he
has deplored the frightful disparities between
the few excessively rich and the majority of
nations and people who are destitute. He said
that everything will depend on whether these
differences and contrasts in the sphere of
the possession of goods will be systematically
reduced through truly effective means or
whether the belts of hunger, malnutrition,
destitution, underdevelopment, disease and
illiteracy will disappear from the economic
map of the earth. In New York, he spent more
time urging disarmament throughout the world
and peace in the Middle East. He said that
the Middle East peace must be based on equi-
table recognition of the rights of all and
cannot fail to include the consideration and
just settlement of the Palestinian question.
This question of the Palestinians really
berings the Jews in this country to a boil
and I presume that this one part of his
statement was not too well received in New
York City. In going from one section of the
city to another, the Pope passed down mean
streets last night where cab drivers and
garbagemen fear to tread. In an open car,
he cruised through the most forsaken quarters
of Harlem and the South Bronx.

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October 4, 1979

The Pope was well received in Philadelphia yesterday and today he will be in Des Moines, Iowa and the City of Chicago.

Mrs. Juanita M. Kreps resigned yesterday as Secretary of Commerce, citing personal reasons in a letter to President Carter. Mrs. Kreps was born in the mountains of Kentucky and her people were poor coal miners. Through a whole lot of determination, she received a wonderful education and ended up in North Carolina on the faculty at the University of North Carolina. Her husband, Clifton H. Kreps, Jr., 59 years of age and also a professor at the University of North Carolina, was released two weeks ago from the hospital after attempting to commit suicide. She has been in Washington since President Carter has been in office and has traveled back and forth to North Carolina to be with her husband. His attempt to commit suicide was quite a shock to Mrs. Kreps and I can certainly understand why she is resigning to go back home.

In making 12 landings on the Moon our astronauts brought back 843 pounds of Moon rock and dust. Some, by order of the President and the Secretary of Defense, was placed in museums and universities and the balance has been in the custody of the Space Agency. In doing an inventory recently, it was discovered that many pounds of the Moon rock was missing and that has caused considerable consternation. No telling how many astronauts and Space Agency people have little rocks tucked away at home.

Pope John Paul the II may be the best

thing that happened to this world in many years. He has made positive statements to his own church people throughout his tour concerning abortion, divorce and celibacy. It may be that he is just flexing his muscle to show the Soviet Union and some of the other countries, that traveling the right road to peace and human rights with the following that he has, is just enough to turn this world around and to stop wars, hatred, communism and all organizations and groups who have for their major purpose, the destruction of the peace loving countries. The millions of people that have come out to see the Pope and the reception that he has received, has just been tremendous. Apparently he is in excellent health and is 58 years of age. He may be just the man to lead all of us down the right road.

October 5, 1979

Pope John Paul II said in Philadelphia yesterday that the Roman Catholic Church will not relax its ban on marriage for priests or admit women to the priesthood, after Iowa, then on to Chicago where he received a tremendous welcome. In Iowa it was an all-American pilgrimage a thoroughly mid-western affair and a cross between a Sunday church picnic and a state fair. On a farm on the outside of Des Moines thousands of people gathered after lugging chairs and blankets which they used in the tremendous gathering, all around a hurriedly erected altar. On the way into Chicago, an Italian newspaper correspondent asked the Pope if he was surprised by the tremendous reception he was receiving in the United States. The Pope said he expected the welcome he received in Ireland, but did not expect

the welcome he is receiving in the United States. He said he is surprised and overwhelmed by the warm welcome he is receiving. When asked about his health, the Pope said that he felt tired upon arriving in New York, but said the he was feeling fine and ready to tackle the last three days.

One of the young ladies in our office will be married soon and in this morning's Washington Post appeared an article concerning a honeymoon trip which ended in horror. A couple from Uruguay were married and honeymooning in this country. They were in New York City in the Taft Hotel on the 18th floor. After retiring to their room about 11 o'clock p.m., the wife jokingly stood up and bounced on the bed which was beside a closed window. She lost her balance and in horseplay with her husband, fell crashing through the glass, plunging to a mezzanine, 18 floors below. All of us admonished our newlywed-to-be, not to bounce around on the bed.

The President bowed to the Senate yesterday in attempting to promote the SALT Treaty which is before the Senate and agreed to give the Senate an early look at his next defense budget and revised five-year defense plan. The Administration will advance the budgetary calendar by two months to make this possible. This decision apparently is necessary in a revised strategy for selling SALT II to the Senate. We are living during the time when even the word of the President as to what he will plan in a budget, is not accepted and the Senate demanded to have all the facts before the debate starts and the vote is taken.

October 6, 1979

I believed at the time, the commutation of sentences for the four Puerto Ricans by President Carter was a mistake. Judging from the action of these four people in Puerto Rico and other places, it is now clear that the President made a mistake. The woman, who only fired one shot, now says that she will spend the balance of her life convincing our country by dynamite, if necessary, that her cause is the right one. The new Governor of Puerto Rico is having considerable trouble now with these four people and the disturbance that they have continued to make in Puerto Rico since they were released from prison. In fact, the new Governor says that President Carter will lose Puerto Rico's electoral vote as a result of his action. I met the new Governor in the dining room in the Capitol building yesterday.

The Pope continues his visit in the United States and today is in Washington. He will also be here tomorrow and this morning at noon, I will go to the White House for a reception along with a great many other Members of the Congress.

October 9, 1979

We had a wonderful reception at the White House. At 12 o'clock noon, the House and the Senate were transported by bus to the White House. The ceremony was held at the front door of the White House, under the trees on the Pennsylvania Avenue side. The House was seated on one side according to seniority and the Senate was just across the aisle, seated in the same manner. The

Pope was in an open car that drove into the driveway from Pennsylvania Avenue where there were thousands of people watching him go by. He was greeted at the White House steps by President Carter and the two walked down the driveway to the small podium which had been erected and here the ceremony was held. In walking along the driveway, Pope John Paul II shook hands with those seated in the front row. The Catholic Members of the House especially were really pushing and shoving to get down front where they could either shake the Pope's hand or touch him. President Carter, in a fifteen minute introduction, covered the waterfront, stressing the elimination of nuclear weapons and ratification of the Treaty. He went on and on and this disturbed a great many Members in the House and Senate because the Pope was standing beside him with no chairs on the small platform. When finally presented, the Pope spoke for eleven minutes and made a good speech thanking all of us and America for the wonderful reception that he had received in this country.

Pope John Paul II traveled over 8,000 miles on this trip and was greeted by about 9 million people. His largest crowd was in Chicago and the Mass celebrated on the Mall on Sunday was before some 175,000 people. The size of the crowd was very disappointing and the officials in the District were surprised when the crowd did not reach 500,000 to a million. For several days the media played up the fact of how difficult it would be with a million people on the Mall and I guess this turned a great many of them back.

During his visit, Pope John Paul II frankly stated to the Catholics and the

American people, his position on a great many matters. In addressing 7,000 nuns at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, he met with some opposition. Fifty nuns with armbands stood throughout the ceremony during the Pope's address and never took their seats. One of the nuns representing the group made a short speech, stating that all ministeries of the Church should be open to women. The Pope did not acknowledge her statement when he addressed the group, but frankly stated that the priests should be men and both the priests and the nuns should comply strictly with the Church's traditional requirements. He went on to say that he supported the Church's traditional bar to women priests. Late Sunday afternoon, Pope John Paul II went to Andrews Air Force Base and boarded his plane for Italy. According to the media when the plane took off, he started eating his dinner, but was so tired that he went to his quarters and just about collapsed with fatigue. This man is 58 years old and what he went through with his visit to this country, would have been tiring for any 21 year old man. He made a good impression, was well received and I hope he comes back again soon.

Ten of our Appropriations Bills have passed in the House and only four in the Senate. This is the Budget for Fiscal Year 1980 and since we are now in the new Fiscal Year, a Continuing Resolution must be adopted in order for the government to continue issuing checks. The Continuing Resolution that we passed a week ago was voted down by the Senate by virtue of the abortion amendment in the Labor-HEW Appropriations Bill and the 5.5% pay increase which was the action the House took in order to stop the

12.9% automatic pay increase. In Full Committee today, we had another abortion fight and our Chairman of the Full Committee will go to the Rules Committee and obtain a Rule which provides for a vote both ways on abortion -- the Senate language and the House language. We just barely won in the Full Committee today and the House may turn this matter around under the new Rule on the Continuing Resolution.

The Carter-Kennedy race is warming up. The first test will be in Florida. Today in the House, one of the Members from Missouri circulated a mimeographed letter which was supposed to have been written by the President to Ted Kennedy following the President's town meeting in New England when he said in answer to one of the questions that during his term in office, he had never panicked. This letter goes on to state that certainly he did not refer to Chappaquiddick when he said he never panicked and under no circumstances would he have referred to Chappaquiddick. He said the people in this country did not expect Chappaquiddick to be an issue in the campaign and certainly it would not be fair to mention Chappaquiddick. Chappaquiddick is something that would be very unfair for the President to use, he said in the letter and he knew that Chappaquiddick would be referring to a matter that would be very unfair in a political campaign. This was a very short letter and the word Chappaquiddick appeared 14 times.

October 10, 1979

For the first time, one of those charged with giving a Congressman a bribe has just admitted it under cross examination. Dr. Murdock Head, a George Washington College professor and the head of the Airlie Foundation in Virginia, admitted under cross examination yesterday at his trial that he had

turned over money to Dan Flood's Administrative Assistant but the amounts were only small and were not bribes or payment for services in securing federal grants for his institution. Flood's Administrative Assistant, Elko, had previously testified that Head gave him \$49,000 in bribes between 1971 and 1974 with the payoffs to go to Flood and former Representative Otto E. Passman (D-La.). This kind of testimony may be just enough to convict Head. His statement that the amounts given were only small amounts and just for Flood's Administrative Assistant to help him out of financial problems, may sound anything but true to the jury.

Interest rates soared and the stock market plunged yesterday. Prime interest rates soared to 14.5% and the Dow Jones Industrial average plummeted 26.45 points following a drop of 13.57 points on Monday. Trading at the New York Stock Exchange was the fifth heaviest in history.

The Federal Reserve Board's latest inflation fighting strategy will make it more difficult for many consumers to borrow money and will push home mortgage rates even higher. The President, at his news conference yesterday, strongly endorsed the action of the Federal Reserve Board and said that he would do everything within his power to bring inflation down. Inflation now is between 13% and 14% and is certainly working a hardship on the men and women in this country who live on fixed incomes.

October 11, 1979

It snowed off and on all day yesterday here in Washington and in some parts of Virginia, the accumulation was five or six

inches. This is the first time it has snowed in Washington during the month of October since the year 1892.

We go back into Conference with the Senate today at 10 o'clock a.m. on the Continuing Resolution. Unless the pay increase and the abortion issue are resolved, paychecks for all government employees, including social security will cease beginning on Friday. It seems we have to go through these gyrations with the Senate almost every year. Of course, the salary increase should be deleted and the abortion issue should not be resolved in an appropriations bill. Day before yesterday, we had the Continuing Resolution back before the House and yesterday morning the Today Show on television broadcasted the whole proceedings. My speech in its entirety was televised and we won on a roll call vote, 72 majority.

President Carter met with eight Western Governors last night and was endorsed by two of the Governors. This is not a good batting average and unless the President improves considerably, he may be dropped by the wayside long before the Democratic National Convention meets.

October 12, 1979

Yesterday the United States Senate denounced Senator Herman E. Talmadge from Georgia for reprehensible conduct of his official finances. The vote was 81 to 15. After the vote, Talmadge then rose confessing errors of negligence but continued to reiterate his contention that he was not

guilty of wrongdoing. He is Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture in the Senate and second ranking Member on the Finance Committee. Herman Talmadge is very much like his father the "Old Hummon," drinks alot of whiskey and has no respect for anybody or anything. Judging from what I understand that he did, he was exceedingly lucky just to be denounced. At least he should have been censured.

We have not resolved the Continuing Resolution and the government will come to a halt at midnight tonight, unless we finally resolve this matter in Conference with the Senate, which meets again at 10 a.m. this morning. Yesterday, I refused to sign the Conference Report unless they resolve all of the matters pertaining to the Bill that I am Chairman of. This is the Bill that appropriates the money for the Department of Labor and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

All eyes are now directed on the State of Florida where the Democratic Caucuses will be held on Saturday and this will be an indicator of just where Carter and Kennedy will finally land in this State.

Most anything can happen in this great Capital City of ours. Yesterday the Interior Department fired a veteran scientist for writing to one of Secretary Cecil D. Andrus' favorite French restaurants, Dominique's asking the owner to stop serving rattlesnake steaks. The scientist, one of the endangered species group, maintains that the snake in question, which hails from Pennsylvania, is rapidly approaching extinction.

C. Bennett Dodd, the scientist involved, said in his letter that since this snake is rapidly approaching extinction, he respectfully requested that rattlesnake be removed from the menu. Dominique D'Ermo the owner of the restaurant, stopped offering the rattlesnake steak promptly, but the letter was leaked to the press and the next day, Andrus apologized to the restaurant owner and Dodd was on his way.

October 15, 1979

On Saturday, I attended the State Democratic Rally for our candidate for Governor, John Y. Brown, Jr. I stayed at the Executive Inn West which is located some three blocks from the Fairgrounds Exposition Center where the speaking was held. The Barbershop Quartet Annual Convention for Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio was being held at the Executive Inn West and you have never seen as many different kinds of fancy coats, hats and dresses in your life--old time flat sailor hats with brilliant ties and striped jackets, along with pink, yellow and green dresses. I think some of the quartets that were singing in the lobby were trying to scare off the competition. Some were really good. The judging apparently took place all Saturday night because long after I had retired to my room, I could still hear--"Sweet Aelin".

Senator Ed Kennedy was the principal speaker at the rally and in order to put in some good licks in his candidacy for President, he arrived in Louisville about noon on Saturday. Along with the Secret Service guards who are now accompanying him everywhere he goes, he checked in at the Executive Inn West. He had only been there a few minutes until he was joined by my old friend, Carl Perkins, who proceeded to get on the telephone and call people from all over the State who have political influence. Perkins urged them to come on into Louisville to the

Executive Inn West and meet the next President of the United States. I presume that Earl thought this would never be recorded in the good old Courier Journal, but there was a full-page story about it on Sunday. The reception started at 6 p.m. and I was requested to go over to the Exposition Center and make a speech to help hold the crowd there until Senator Kennedy, John Y. Brown, Jr. and his wife, Phyllis George, one of the former Miss America's, arrived. In crossing the street from the Executive Inn going toward the Exposition Center, I was confronted with a long line of men and women carrying large posters calling upon Kennedy to change his position on abortion. Some said that he believed in killing babies and others said that notwithstanding Chappaquiddick, he could still do an about face. Bill Smith of Bardstown, along with the State Chairman of the Pro-Life group, Mrs. Montgomery of Louisville, were in charge of the picket line and the reception they gave me was really nice. I shook hands with them all up and down the street and all of them wanted to know as to just when that man Kennedy would cross the street so that they could confront him with all of his sins. I then went on over to the Exposition Center and later was advised that Kennedy was driven to the Center out the back way and in this manner, did not see a lot of the posters and signs that were being carried.

On the sidewalk in front of the Exposition Center were other card-carrying men, women and children with just about the same messages as those on the placards across the street from the Executive Inn West. In addition, on a little platform sat a beautiful little girl about ten years old holding a large teddy bear. A big sign beside this platform said--"Not All Teddys Are Nice." Just down the street a little distance from the platform was a large wooden casket which contained a beautiful mannequin dressed in a

very nice dress. A large banner beside the casket stated that this beautiful girl was killed at Chappaquiddick by Senator Ted Kennedy. Some of the placards contained right unusual messages and I was surprised to see several Catholic Nuns who had joined the group in front of the Exposition Center. Most of the Pro-Life people across the street from the Executive Inn were members of the Catholic church and they apparently, in Kentucky, are real bitter over Kennedy's liberal stand on abortion and they are not adverse to enumerating his many sins at every opportune moment.

Kennedy, along with Brown and his wife, finally appeared at the Exposition Center some 30 minutes late and Kennedy, who is about 6' 2" now weighs about 220 pounds and he looks like a perforated bear. His hair is all over his neck and comes down around his shirt collar and he has a wild look. I presume he knows all of this is coming but unless he makes the run this time, will be out forever. In his speech, he simply yelled and hollered, making no sense whatsoever, saying just a few words about John Y. Brown, Jr. and the State Ticket and most of the balance of his speech was about the deficiencies of the present Administration at the White House. He eulogized Perkins and mentioned the fact that I was a Member of the Committee on Appropriations, never having missed a vote and was one of the respected Members of the House, and at the same time, failing to state that I am Chairman of the Committee which holds all of the money that he promises to spend all over the United States. Prior to the reception, along with Perkins and several others, he went to one of the Health Centers where there are a great many elderly people. According to Sunday's Courier Journal, several of the older people asked him why he was for abortion and what he was going to say about Chappaquiddick. These questions must really have set him off because at the speaking, he was

just simply wild.

Only a small portion of the Exposition Center was closed off for the speaking and with the exception of 15 chairs on the platform which we occupied, there were just a few chairs on the floor in addition to those occupied by the Marion County Band. All of the rest of the people stood up on a right cold concrete floor during the entire program. I was called upon to estimate the crowd and I said 2,500 which was really small. The paper said from 2,800 to 3,000.

Kennedy wasted very little time with the rest of us on the platform but I thought that he was really going to pick Perkins up and pat him like you do a small child. Perkins, of course, is bitter toward President Carter over the veto last year of the Public Works bill which cut out the Yatesville Reservoir in Perkins' District. This year President Carter said he would veto the bill again if this project, which carries only a 0.9 to 1 benefit cost ratio, was included in the bill. My friend, Carl Perkins, knows that this project cannot be justified but he is really mad over the fact that as Chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, the President would turn him aside.

I shook hands with everybody on the floor at the Exposition Center and this included the band. There were very few people from my District at the meeting and actually, if I had counted them, I presume the number would have been about 16 not including the band. The same applied to the other Congressional Districts with the exception of Louisville. Nearly everyone that I shook hands with said they were from Louisville and had been placed on buses and bused to the Exposition Center by the City Democratic Organization. John Y. Brown, Jr. did not get off of the platform and shake hands with a single man, woman or

child in the audience and when the program was over, he, along with his wife and Senator Kennedy and the Secret Service, moved right quickly off the platform out a rear door into a corridor which leads around the Exposition Center section to the front door where he again was confronted with the casket and the mannequin. In speaking of Kennedy, I have always believed that he was the rough one of the clan but if you had seen him in Louisville, you would have agreed without any question. He is a man who is unable to control his appetites and this includes a great deal of arrogance. It is a right sad situation because he may knock Carter off and if he does, the Republican Party, of course, will confront him every hour of every day with Chappaquiddick and the cheating scandal where he paid another boy to take his examinations for him at the University of Virginia.

With the exception of the aloofness of our candidate, which really was embarrassing to a great many of us, I had a good time at the weekend rally. That afternoon, before leaving the Executive Inn West, I watched the Baltimore Orioles beat the Pirates which did not please me. At least late yesterday afternoon the Pirates succeeded in defeating the Orioles and keep the series just barely alive.

After the speaking ceremony at the Exposition Center, I had a good time talking with a lot of people at the rally and then had a late dinner at the Executive Inn with four or five of my friends.

Early the next morning I flew out of Louisville and am now back in Washington where I have the honor and privilege of association with nice people on the House side of the Capitol.

The Senate finally conceded to the House on Friday night and the impasse was broken to the extent that we passed the Continuing Resolution. Most federal agencies needed this Resolution to continue meeting their payrolls in the Fiscal Year that began October 1. President Carter immediately signed the Bill. The Senate backed away from its hard-line position on liberal abortions and also accepted the 5.5 salary increase for Members of Congress, the Judiciary and high grades in the government. The President's Commission that now sets the salary increases, recommended 2.9 which, of course, was clear out of reason. We will have to take up the abortion issue again in the Labor-HEW Appropriations Bill sometime between now and November 20.

Murdock Head was found guilty this weekend by a federal court jury in Alexandria, Virginia of conspiracy to bribe United States Representative Daniel J. Flood, Democrat of Pennsylvania and former Representative Otto E. Passman, Democrat of Louisiana. The 12 member jury deliberated for sometime and the conspiracy conviction carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Head is a department professor at George Washington University in addition to being Director of the Airlie Foundation. He holds degrees in law, medicine and dentistry and is much too smart of a man to have bribed Flood and Passman for their help in obtaining more federal grants for his foundation from the federal government. Passman has not been indicted on this charge and was acquitted on the charge of accepting money from Park. Flood's trial again is slated to begin on November 11. In

his hung jury, eleven were for conviction and one for acquittal. Flood has been in the hospital most of the time since his previous trial. John Connally, a candidate for President on the Republican side, really stirred up a hornets nest last week. He called on Israel to withdraw from occupied territories and for Palestinian self-determination. Israeli officials in Washington and American Jewish groups denounced Connally accusing him of surrendering to blackmail by Arab oil producers and saying Connally had disqualified himself for the Presidency. The Arab-Americans praised Connally saying that he had placed United States national interests in the Middle East ahead of domestic political pressures.

President Fidel Castro of Cuba addressed the United Nations Organization on Friday of last week after being closely guarded to the meeting and later when he left by plane for Cuba. This was his first appearance before the United Nations General Assembly in 19 years and much to the surprise of all of those present, he did not criticize the United States, but made his entire pitch on the plea for a \$3 billion fund to be used for assistance to the third world countries. He reported on the Havana Summit meeting and he used a long check list of concerns for the future of the third world countries.

The House voted on Friday to end price and allocation controls on gasoline, but the vote may be reversed this week.

October 18, 1979

We had an unusual court decision handed

down yesterday here in the District of Columbia. A District Judge held that President Carter violated the Constitution by unilaterally terminating the United States Mutual Defense Treaty with Taiwan. This treaty was to lapse on January 1, of next year. The suit was filed by Senator Barry Goldwater, Republican of Arizona along with 24 other conservative law-makers who call the President's termination of the treaty one of the worst power grabs in history. The judge held that treaty termination generally is a shared power and the President is clearly not the sole maker of foreign policy. This was really an upsetter.

We have 435 Members in the House of Representatives and 100 Senators. When I was first elected a Members of Congress we had 48 states and now we have 50 states. In the Congress, we have a number of unusual men and women.

One of the two Representatives from Hawaii is Daniel K. Akaka. He was born and raised in Honolulu and is a member of the Kawaiahao Church. He married Mary Chong and they have five children. Daniel Akaka's brother is the high Priest of the Kawaiahao Church. This Church according to my information, has the largest membership on the Islands of any church in Hawaii. Daniel Akaka is a fine looking man, but his brother could be described as a beautiful man if such a description is permissible. His hair is dark black and he looks like the pictures you see of the surf boarders who could accept employment in most any movie and stand all the ladies right on their heads. By virtue

of being the brother of this famous church-man Akaka would be exceedingly difficult to defeat at any time and since he is a good Member of the House and works for his people, the chances of his defeat are right slim. I have met his brother and was very much impressed with him. Hawaii, as you know, is the pineapple kingdom of the world and sugar is also a very important commodity insofar as the Islands are concerned. You should see Akaka when the sugar bill comes to the Floor of the House.

Hale Boggs was Majority Leader in the House and was a right controversial Member from the State of Louisiana. Some six years ago while flying in Alaska one snowy, stormy night, the plane in which he was flying suddenly disappeared and it has never been located. The Congressman from Alaska was with him and they were traveling from city to city, speaking in the Congressman's race for reelection. When Hale Boggs was never found, the Democrats in his District elected his wife Lindy Boggs to his seat. Lindy is from a very wealthy family and from one of the early families of Louisiana. She has three children, two daughters and a son and her son, Thomas Hale Boggs, Jr. is a local Lawyer here in Washington, who is right prosperous. She was Chairman of the 1976 Democratic National Convention which is a right unusual position for a woman to hold. Lindy Boggs is a Member of our Committee on Appropriations and she knows how to play politics the New Orleans way. In order to remain in Congress, you have to be adept in knowing how to do this and so far she has been right successful.

Charles E. Bennett of Jacksonville,

Florida has the second best voting record of all-time in the Congress of the United States. For 22 years he never missed a vote. In 1949 and 1950 he missed several votes, but starting in July of 1951 he ran for 22 years without missing a vote. During World War II, he was in the infantry in the Philippines and had polio which left one of his legs in right bad condition. He wears a brace on this leg and has successfully represented the City of Jacksonville in the United States Congress since 1948.

Three Senators have been censured in this Century and they were Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin, Senator Bingham of Connecticut and Senator Dodd of Connecticut. In the House with us at this time is Jonathan B. Bingham from New York City who is the son of the old Senator who was censured a number of years ago. Money matters were involved in the censure of Bingham, the same as with Senator Dodd. McCarthy was censured for his conduct and as you will remember he was the Communist hunter, accusing everyone along the way that he could find and especially those who disagreed with him. Jonathan Bingham is a hard working Member from New York City and notwithstanding the fact that he is a millionaire, works hard to make a good Representative for his people. He has a wonderful education and practiced law in New York City for a number of years. Among some of the assignments he has held are positions as assistant to an Assistant Secretary of State, Secretary to Governor Averell Harriman when he was serving as Governor of the State of New York and as a principal advisor to Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, who was our Ambassador to the

to the United Nations.

We have two Brothers serving in the House from California and they are John L. Burton and Phillip Burton. Phillip Burton is a lawyer and served for a number of years in the California legislature. John Burton, who serves in an adjoining District to his brother, in San Francisco, is also a lawyer who served for a great many years as a bartender. He is still a member of the Bartenders Union, Local #41 and served for a number of years in the California legislature. Both of these men are ultra-liberals and both are right controversial Members in the House of Representatives.

October 19, 1979

President Carter has asked Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Democrat of Massachusetts, a long-time friend and ally of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, to serve as permanent Chairman of the Democratic National Committee Convention which meets in New York City next August. The convention will be held at Madison Square Garden and according to my information, O'Neill has accepted the offer. This indicates that Carter is right confident that he will go into the convention with a majority of the Delegate votes.

Yesterday Speaker O'Neill appeared before the Subcommittee that I am Chairman of to testify in behalf of the \$1.2 billion crisis energy payments request which will be acted upon today by our Committee. This is the first time the Speaker has appeared before a Committee to testify in behalf of

ny program. All of the television cameras
re there and the place was running over
th the media. This legislation provides
at those under the Aid to Dependent Chil-
en Program, SSI assistance and those in
e category of 125% below poverty level
ll be eligible to receive up to \$700
o pay for heating and fuel bills. The
enate acted yesterday morning by using the
partment of Interior Appropriations Bill
a vehicle and on a vote of 85 to 11,
oked on the \$1.2 billion supplemental
quest. Of course this money will have to
me to our Subcommittee and there will be a
ttle battle over the amount involved and
o just is to receive the money under a
ormula that we have to approve.

October 20, 1979

This week, a supplemental appropriations
request was submitted to our committee for
1.2 billion which if approved, will be used
o pay oil and utility bills for people who
ualify for Supplemental Security Income,
id to Dependent Children and those who are
n the poverty category with the percentage
eing 125% under the poverty level. The
mount requested in the regular bill for
1980 for this purpose was \$250 million and
e approved this amount. A supplemental re-
quest in addition to the \$250 million approved
as submitted by the White House several weeks
go and we were just about ready to meet and
approve this additional amount. The \$1.2
illion was presented to our Committee on
ursday of this week with all of the tele-
sion cameras and media present. The Speaker
is present and testified along with a number
f other Members in the House and the Senate.
ey were followed by our new Secretary of
ealth, Education and Welfare and when con-
onted with the question of why \$1.2 billion

instead of \$400 million, she simply said that with the winter as it will be this winter and next winter and the summers like they have been for several years, the poor people simply must have this money. In addition to those who were eligible, she said for the \$400 million, others must be made eligible because they are in dire need of assistance. We marked this bill up and approved the \$1.2 billion and it will go to the floor of the House sometime next week. Since our action, a number of stories have been written in the newspapers about the \$1.2 billion and the Senate is hooking this amendment to everything that comes down the road so that all of those who are running next year can get credit for paying the utility bills of those who qualify. This may lead to a program which will ultimately run as high as \$5 billion or \$10 billion.

The results of the Florida Presidential Caucus races now show the President is the winner by at least 2 to 1. Senator Kennedy now says that the real test will come in Iowa and that since he is not a candidate at this time and was not a candidate during the Caucuses in Florida, the Florida test is not an accurate one. Both Kennedy and Carter will be in Massachusetts today to dedicate the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library and I presume that they will be just as friendly as possible and sit as close together as the platform will permit. This campaign between these two men will be bloody, ugly and bitter. The Democratic party will be the loser and the November election may be really something.

The Senate has finally gotten all of their ducks in line and the SALT II Treaty debate will begin within the next few days. This will be a right political debate since those Senators running for reelection will have to answer to their people as to whether

or not SALT II really favors the Soviet Union and not our country.

We voted a windfall profits tax in the House of 60% and the Senate yesterday voted a tax that would collect only half as much from the oil companies as the one we passed in the House in July. The new tax which was a watered down version of the House bill contains a number of exemptions and would produce \$141.7 billion in new taxes between now and 1990. The House bill would produce \$273.4 billion. About 60% of the money would be placed in trust funds or otherwise reserved for mass transit grants and for cash grants to help the poor pay fuel bills and for a tax credit for middle income users of home heating oil.

October 22, 1979

President Carter along with the Kennedy family, dedicated the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library in Boston this past weekend. In President Carter's speech, he kidded Senator Kennedy a little but about making a statement one time that he did not want to be President. Judging from the expression on Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' face when the President kissed her, was anything but kind. She clearly showed that she was not in favor of this kind of contact. The Kennedy family wanted Farvard University to set aside a choice location for this library and the site selected by the family was not approved by the University. The Kennedys then decided that they would select a location down on the waterfront for this memorial library and with most of the money coming from the Kennedy family, it was constructed. The design was modern and contains over 8 million papers of the former President, along with

millions of other papers of Robert Kennedy and several of the former President's associates. Another picture appeared in the paper showing the President holding the hand, while seated on the platform, of Joan Kennedy, the Senators wife. Mrs. Carter was looking in that direction at that time and the expression on her face was very similar to the one on the face of the former President's wife when she was kissed. This week will be the week that I believe the President will announce his candidacy and will also be the week when the Kennedy forces step up their campaign.

In the House we will present the Urgent Supplemental Appropriations Bill totaling \$1,350,000,000 for the low income fuel assistance program. Our Subcommittee completed hearings last Thursday and marked the Bill up on Friday. We are now ready to take this Bill to the Floor of the House for final passage.

The Federal Grand Jury in Lexington, Kentucky continues to call witnesses pertaining to wrong-doing in State Government. Mike Molloy, a former Democratic County Chairman Patronage Chief in Fayette County, who is the brother of the present District Attorney, Pat Molloy, apparently was operating as a central figure in a scheme by which hundreds of thousands of dollars of commissions on insurance policies issued by State Government were shared with friends of former Governor Wendell Ford and the present Governor Julian Carroll. During the 1971-1974 Administration of Senator Ford, Molloy was his chief fund raiser and continued on about the same terms with the present Governor, Julian Carroll. Ford and his

brother own an insurance agency in Owensboro, Kentucky. This week Governor Carroll's two children, Kenneth M. Carroll and Iva Patrice Carroll were summoned before the Grand Jury when it was discovered that they had received considerable money from a man in Lexington, Kentucky, by the name of W.B. (Bill) Terry. Terry has business interests scattered throughout the State and has been very close to Carroll throughout the years. Payments were made by check to the Governor's son and daughter from an Illinois firm headed by Terry which operates a number of Long John Silver's Seafood Shops. Last May, Terry said that the payments were for the leasing of Illinois restaurant property owned by Kenneth and Patrice Carroll. Governor Carroll said that we, indicating his family, had invested in a Long John Silver's to help finance Patrice's college education. Carroll refused to give further details of the investment. A number of other State officials are under investigation from the standpoint of contracts and purchasing of state equipment, including trucks and automobiles. Ford's brother was subpoenaed before the Grand Jury about two weeks ago. This Grand Jury investigation was held in abeyance until after the Governor's Primary last May. The Attorney General here in Washington, after great pressure from certain sources which have never been disclosed, directed the District Attorney in Lexington to hold up on the Grand Jury investigation until after the Governor's Primary was over. When the Governor's Primary was over in May, the Grand Jury was impaneled and some 45 FBI agents who had been assigned to Kentucky at different times were the first witnesses to appear. The payments received by the

Governor's two children were mailed to an aid in the Governor's office and then turned over by the aid to the two children.

Politics apparently are still the damnest in Kentucky and this investigation will involve a great many people before it is over.

People ask me from time to time what I intend to do with this journal. They want to know if I intend to sell it or just where it will go when I retire or pass on. Sometimes I believe if it was published word for word, I might have to fight on every corner.

In speaking of journals and letters, this past week more than 3,000 letters were delivered in 18 boxes to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, New York. The gift of the letters was made in 1958 by Lorena Hickock, a reporter and author for three decades who stipulated that the letters not be opened to researchers until 10 years after Miss Hickock's death which was in 1968. The 10 year period has now passed and recently the letters which were written to Miss Hockock by Eleanor Roosevelt the wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, were the subject of a book by Doris Faber who insinuated that the relationship between these two women was right unusual to say the least. Letters such as -- "Hick, my dearest I cannot go to bed tonight without a word to you. I felt a little as though a part of me was leaving tonight. You have grown so much to be a part of my life that it is empty without you eventhough I am busy, every minute." These letters are right

affectionate letters apparently and it is a little unusual that they would have been accepted in the library without some examination by those in charge of the library to save all kinds of embarrassment and insinuations which are floating around the country at this time, since the letters are now open for the public. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., said today that he had not seen the correspondence between Hickock and his mother, but that his mother was an incessant letter writer and her affectionate passages were standard letter prose of the times. Articles appeared in most of the large newspapers today about the letters and one of the Washington radio stations blared forth at Noon that the letters clearly established a lesbian relationship between these women. Regardless of who you are there will always be some who are ready to tear you down and destroy you without any qualms whatsoever.

Shortly after the House convened today some wild man in the Gallery proceeded to holler a few times and then swing over the rail, jumping down to the Floor of the House. This is about a 17 foot drop and although this has happened several times since I have been a Member, I often wondered why they don't break their ankle when they jump. This man started down the aisle and was then grabbed and escorted from the Chamber. One of the Senior Members of the House said to the Speaker shortly after the event took place, that eventhough it was hard at times to get recognition from the Speaker, he did not intend to go up into the Gallery and jump out to attract the Speaker's attention.

The man's name was Salieu Mohammad Bah and he said he was from an unidentified African country.

October 23, 1979

In going back again to the Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok letters, I am amazed that Miss Hockok, if she cared anything at all about Mrs. Roosevelt would turn over the letters before her death with instructions when she knew that upon being released to the public, all kinds of interpretations would be given to the conduct of the two women. Maybe she did it for the publicity or for vengeance. Another one of the letters that is appearing in today's paper goes on to state -- "Hick darling, oh how I want to put my arms around you. I ache to hold you close. Your ring is a great comfort. I look at it and think she does love me or I wouldn't be wearing it."

Moshe Dayan resigned from the Israeli Cabinet yesterday in complete disagreement with Prime Minister Begin. Begin's Government is quite shakey today and regardless of his arrogance which he has demonstrated now for many months, may go under. This man Begin has been up on the Hill trying to give us instructions on a number of occasions. Several weeks ago, we passed a Wind Fall Profits Tax in the House and one finally passed in the Senate. Not too soon, when you consider Exxon Corporation's reported profits yesterday in the third quarter of 1979 totaling \$1.14 billion which is up 120% from the same period last year. The company tried to explain this tremendous increase by saying that most of the gain came

from operations overseas where crude oil prices are being passed on more rapidly than in this country. The people in this country are very much up in arms over just what the big oil companies are doing to them and the only way to correct the situation is to do it with wind fall profits tax legislation.

Another event that has taken place in Israel which must have surprised Begin, was the decision of the five-judge panel of the High Court of Justice which declared this week that private Arab land seized near the West Bank city, Nablus was taken for political reasons and not for overriding security needs as contended by the Government. The land must be turned back and this together with Dayan's resignation, must be creating some excitement in Israel.

October 24, 1979

The Sugar Bill went down to defeat in the House yesterday. This is one of our annual battles and the bill proposed to give cane and beet growers in this country, a direct subsidy of one-half cent per pound and by setting a price support of 15.8 cents per pound. The consumers really fought this bill and the majority of the tobacco state representatives voted with the sugar bill. Those in the cane and beet sections generally stay with us on tobacco and each year the sugar legislation becomes more complicated and involved and it has just about reached the point that eventhough we want to help them, it is just too much to take.

Several of the Nation's largest banks raised their prime lending rate yesterday from 14½% to 15%. This is another all-time

record and only two weeks ago the prime interest rate rose from 13½% to 14½% after a series of Federal Reserve actions reducing credit availability in an attempt to curb inflation. I have my doubts that this excessive prime interest rate will do the job.

The exiled Shah of Iran reported into a New York City hospital yesterday from Mexico, after approval by our country. The report is that he is suffering from advanced cancer and will undergo surgery today or tomorrow. This man has really had it in the last two years.

Following Moshe Dayan's resignation, Prime Minister Begin faced a series of five test votes to sustain his government and he very narrowly won each time. Another Minister is to resign soon and this will bring on more trouble for Begin. This time it will be the Agriculture Minister.

October 26, 1979

Murdock Head was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary by a Federal Jury in Alexandria, Virginia this week. The jury found him guilty of conspiracy to bribe Representative Flood and former Representative Passman. This means that Flood's case, which will be tried again, may result in a guilty verdict instead of a hung jury.

My Bill, after five hours of debate yesterday in the House, passed 290 to 105. This is the Low Income Fuel Crisis legislation which provides for an energy appropriation of \$1,350,000,000. This Bill stirred up

quite a bit of controversy and many loud and noisy speeches, but in the end we had the votes and thousands of our people at the poverty level, will receive funds to help keep them warm this winter.

October 27, 1979

South Korean President, Park Chung Hee was shot to death by a government official last night and the country is now under martial law. The explanation as to how the President was shot is still right hazy at this time. According to the first reports, the President, who had ruled for 18 years, was shot by the Chief of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Kim Jae Kyu, during an argument at a dinner party. It seems that Park was dining at the restaurant with Kim and an argument started between Kim and Park's bodyguard with the shooting beginning, resulting in the death of Park. The President's bodyguard and 4 other men were also killed. It was some 12 hours following the shooting before the announcement was made that Park was dead. The Cabinet held an emergency session and the Prime Minister Choi Kyu Huh was designated as Acting President.

South Korea has really been a burden as far as our country is concerned. We lost a lot of our boys in South Korea, and since 1964 have spent \$13,349,000,000 supporting South Korea. We have some 35,000 soldiers in South Korea at this time.

Inflation continues to increase and the prime interest rate at this time is 15.25%. The Chairmans of the Banking and Currency Committee in the House and in the Senate have warned the Federal Reserve Board that it is

now clear that interest rates are too high every effort must be made to protect housing, farms, and small businesses. Hearings will begin on Monday to determine just why it was the Federal Reserve Board overestimated the growth in the nation's money supply for the week that that ended October 17. The Federal Reserve Board issued a statement yesterday to the effect that a reporting error by a private bank brought about the overestimated growth of the basic money supply by \$3.7 billion. This is quite an error.

October 29, 1979

Finally South Korea has announced that President Park was assassinated in a plot organized by the South Korean Central Intelligence Agency Director and involving at least five members of the Director's staff. All six are now being held and Kim, the KCI Director, apparently had been in an argument for some time with President Park over the administration of his duties. South Korea remains calm and there is some 12,000 troops posted throughout the capital city.

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Great Depression. In 1929 there were many suicides and wealthy people who were hopelessly insolvent. Today we have inflation of over 3% and are suffering from a recession. Last year we exported \$142 billion worth of goods and this was the all-time record. So far this year, we have had a deficit in balance of payments of \$30 billion and our gross national product is standing still. There is no chance for a depression such as the one in 1929, but the Presidential race next year will be fought over the question of which party can control the economy better at that time.

October 30, 1979

Shirley M. Hofstedler, the highest ranking woman jurist in the United States, will be named today as the head of the new Department of Education. I understand that this assignment was offered first to the Governor of New Mexico who turned it down. The new Secretary will start with a Department of 18,000 employees and an annual budget of \$14 billion. Mrs. Hofstedler is on the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and lives in Pasadena, California. I presume that if President Carter is reelected, the first vacancy on the Supreme Court would be offered to Mrs. Hofstedler.

Senator Kennedy, according to his brother in-law, Steven Smith, will announce his candidacy for President in Boston on November 7. Smith will manage the Kennedy campaign and this will really be the most unusual election that has been held for the office for President during my lifetime. That is to say in a Presidential Primary.

November 1, 1979

Mamie Eisenhower died in her sleep last night. She was right famous for her "bangs" and her patience. She certainly had to have a lot of patience to have put up with the General.

I can still see Virginia in the receiving line at the White House when Mrs. Eisenhower held up the line for several seconds admiring Virginia's dress. The President turned to me and said "Mr. Congressman, these women and their dresses are really something".

I write to our grandchildren every week and today I sent them the following letter:

Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower died in her sleep last night at Walter Reed Hospital here in Washington.

As you know, she was the widow of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and was one of the nicest ladies that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. She was kind and considerate and was noted for her patience. She had to have considerable patience to have put up with the General as long as she did.

I started my career in Congress while President Eisenhower was in office and during his two terms, he coasted along, demanding at all times that no one rock the ship. He was not in favor of starting any programs which would be controversial and when proposals were made for elementary and secondary education, higher education and pollution, he simply passed the word that none of these could be given priority during the time he served as President. The education legislation, of course, was started by President Kennedy and enacted into law by President Johnson. President Eisenhower operated the White House like the military operates its command posts. He delegated most of the duties and succeeded in serving two 4-year terms without too much controversy.

While Mrs. Eisenhower lived in the White House, each year the President and the First Lady would entertain the Members of Congress at a Congressional Ball. We would all dress up in our best "bib and tuckers" and promptly arrive at the White House to pay our respects to Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower. The men wore tails, white dress shirts and white ties. This outfit costs about \$600.00 now

and I still have a beautiful one hanging in my closet. On one occasion, Virginia purchased a beautiful rose colored evening gown and in those days a receiving line was set up. We passed through this receiving line to shake hands with the President and Mrs. Eisenhower. When Virginia and I shook hands with Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower in this long line, Mrs. Eisenhower complimented Virginia on her beautiful dress and said, "Mrs. Matcher, turn around and let me see in the back," Virginia of course, was delighted that Mrs. Eisenhower noticed her dress because she too thought it was a beautiful dress. Virginia turned around once or twice to let Mrs. Eisenhower have a better look and the receiving line had come to a complete halt. The President turned to me and said, "Mr. Congressman, these women and their dresses are really something" and he kind of smiled. Those near us in the receiving line knew what was taking place but way down the line some, of course, believed that we were just holding up the process.

I always liked Mrs. Eisenhower and each time I was invited to the White House and had an opportunity to see her, she not only remembered me, but always stopped and talked for a minute or two. Of the wives in the White House since I have been a Member of Congress, I always liked Mrs. Eisenhower, Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Ford the best. Mrs. Johnson reminded me somewhat of a wagonmaster with an iron jaw and of course Mrs. Kennedy in those days, and this does not apply now, was very timid. I like Mrs. Carter, but she does not fall in the category of those I have mentioned above.

A lovely lady has passed on and she must

be given credit for her patience, loyalty and just good old common horse sense.

I hope this letter finds you well and happy and with lots of love, I am

Your Grandfather,

November 2, 1979

The Presidential Primary between Senator Kennedy and President Carter will cost this country a minimum of \$10 billion. Carter is supposed to be a moderate and continues talking about a balanced budget. Kennedy is an ultra-liberal and refuses to even think of a balanced budget. Manuevering for position on the track, will cost this country billions. Programs that Carter has refused to endorse up to this time will come sailing up to the Hill and a request will follow for funding. Programs that, if really necessary, could be delayed during this high inflationary period and especially when we are in a 14% inflationary period, with a deficit in balance of payments running about \$30 billion so far this year.

Today the Carter Administration asked Congress to approve up to \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees to keep the Chrysler Corporation from going bankrupt. Chrysler would have to raise another \$1.5 billion from private sources before any loans would be guaranteed and the government would have powerful leverage over the companies operations, including a right to demand management changes. Think about the government being into such a position with a right to demand management changes. Several months ago, the Secretary of the Treasury in answer

to a request from Chrysler, said that the figure would have to be brought down to about \$750 million, but now we have a rescue plan that totals \$3 billion. This is strictly a political move because 285,000 people are involved and company after company all over the United States who manufacture carburetors, seat covering material and so on will be affected. Mayors and Governors will within the next two days start their telegrams and telephone calls to the Hill demanding that the Federal Government save Chrysler.

It looks like the Treasury Department is about ready to go into the automobile business. This Department says that it is convinced that Chrysler will go bankrupt by the end of the year if it fails to get a massive transfusion of credit. The question involved it seems to me is, should the Federal Government prop up weak companies? Other questions would be how does the government best insure a strong automobile industry and how many automobile companies does the United States need? Do we need more than General Motors and Ford, who have a full line of cars and trucks of all sizes or should we permit the private sector to control and let Chrysler be taken over by some other business group or just what moves should be made? This is the year 1979, the year before the election of the President in 1980 and President Carter and his Administration are simply maneuvering for position on the track because this plan would have been overwhelmingly refused last year by the Carter Administration.

Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee, formerly announced his candidacy for President

yesterday and this makes a total now of nine candidates in the GOP battle. Baker, in making his announcement said that only three of the nine have a chance to win and they are Ronald Reagan, the former Governor of California and the movie actor, John B. Connally, the former Governor of Texas and the former Democrat, and himself.

November 3, 1979

Another member of the President's Cabinet is leaving. Juanita M. Kreps finished up her Cabinet career yesterday as President Carter's Secretary of Commerce. She leaves with the feeling she says that the Presidential Economic Advisors have not served him as well as they might have. She includes herself in this statement. In leaving, she also pointed out that she was excluded from a major role in economic policy formation "by the boys at the breakfast table" who managed Carter's top level economic policy group. Apparently she deeply resents that exclusion although she concedes that her participation might not have made much difference in the results. She said that she felt a deep sense of pecking order among certain of her colleagues. As Secretary of Commerce, she assumed her duties in a workmanlike manner and I thought generally speaking made a good Secretary. At least she was not always popping off like most of Carter's Cabinet Members and this might have been the result of her early childhood which took place around Berea, Kentucky. She was born in Kentucky and her father was a coal miner. As a result of integrity and determination, this lady succeeded in life. She ended up in North Carolina at the University on the staff. Her husband was on the staff also at North Carolina University and some three months ago, he attempted suicide. He remained in

North Carolina and her assignment here in Washington apparently was anything but a happy one as far as he personally was concerned. Mrs. Kreps has been a teacher since she was 20 years of age. She said that she agrees with the statement made by the former Secretary of Treasury Blumenthal to the effect that the Carter Administration's basic error was in underestimating inflation and worrying too much about unemployment instead. She said further that President Carter had difficulty in understanding why his economists could not find solutions and that Carter could in his race for reelection, point with pride to a number of accomplishments but these were accomplishments outside the economic policy area. At no time was she considered, during the Cabinet juggling, as one of those who should leave. All in all, this is a fine little lady and I hope she finds peace and happiness when she returns to her husband in North Carolina. She was well received when nominated for the position that she held and in my book, she leaves this position with a good record.

November 5, 1979

Even though we are not engaged in war, anywhere around the world, we still have accidents that come up that are not only embarrassing, but the kind that require considerable diplomacy. This past weekend several hundred Iranian students stormed and occupied the United States Embassy in Tehran taking some one hundred hostages, including diplomatic staff. The marine guards that we have stationed in the Embassy were also taken. The guards are instructed not to shoot in situations such as this one and all

they could do was to use tear gas bombs which were not effective against this group of mad dogs. The students were mostly in their early 20's and apparently are receiving the cooperation of and support of Khomeini. The Shah of Iran is in a New York City hospital taking treatment for cancer, following a gall bladder operation. He was moved from Mexico to New York City in a critical condition and we are now confronted with the move in Iran.

For several months now, hundreds of Iranian students in this country have caused trouble and on many occasions in returning to my apartment on Massachusetts Avenue late in the afternoon, I see disturbances all along in front of the Iranian Embassy which was finally taken over after the Shah left the country. These students are scattered throughout the United States and have caused trouble now for years. If our State Department proceeded as it should, these students would be ordered home.

November 6, 1979

The demand made by the students in Iran apparently has been agreed to by Khomeini that the Shah of Iran be extradited back to Iran, but has been refused by our Government. So far there is no sign that the impasse which has developed is to be solved immediately and the students are still holding our Embassy employees as hostages. The Iranian Government is unwilling to honor international law and diplomacy and we are forced to say very little and continue working behind the scenes to resolve this impasse. Tight clamps have been placed on all public utterances by U.S.

officials and the White House. We still call upon the Iranian government to secure the release of the Americans and to return the Embassy compound to our control.

Iranian students in addition to holding some 60 Americans hostages at the U.S. Embassy, seized the British Embassy in Tehran for about five hours. In Tehran, Ahmad Khomeini, the son of Iran's revolutionary leader, called for the severance of all political, economic and cultural relations between Iran and the United States.

Bob Strauss, the former Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who has recently served as the Administration's special Middle East Negotiator, will become Chairman of President Carter's reelection campaign. This development was discussed last night at a Cabinet and senior staff dinner held at the White House which was called for the purpose of discussing the coming campaign. Strauss is quite a man and is right influential in the State of Texas. For weeks now, Strauss has been showing signs of a desire to get back into the policy fray since it is now apparent that Carter will be challenged by Senator Kennedy. Regardless of the polls which show Kennedy ahead, Strauss is convinced that President Carter can be reelected if the campaign is well managed.

November 7, 1979

Frank Moore, one of the President's top staff assistants, stopped by the main dining room yesterday and came in and sat with us for about an hour. Charles Bennett of Florida, Tom Steed of Oklahoma, Carter Hanasco and I were sitting together when Frank Moore entered the dining room. We had a long discussion about the Presidential campaign and Kennedy's entry which is to be

announced today in Boston. In addition, we talked about the situation in Iran. At this time, we are importing from Iran between 800,000 and one million barrels of oil a day. Shutting off this amount would be almost enough to bring about rationing in this country and for sure, odd and even days for purchases. With 60 to 90 of our Embassy employees now being held as hostages in Iran, any thoughts of sending in the Marines or Armed Forces, is out of the question. According to Moore, the President has contacted President Sadat and a number of other leaders throughout the Middle East urging them to contact Khomeini so that the hostages may be released. Ramsey Clark, one of our former Attorney Generals, together with a man by the name of Miller who is a top staff assistant on the Senate Security Committee are on their way today to Iran hoping to see Khomeini. These two men are being sent by the President.

According to Moore, the plan now is to secure the release of the hostages and then immediately notify the 1,500 to 2,000 Americans in Iran that they must leave immediately because we cannot guarantee their freedom and security in Iran. In fact, these people have been notified two or three times, but they persist in remaining in this country. After the hostages are released and the other Americans notified, we would immediately close the Embassy in Iran and order the diplomatic staff out of the Iranian Embassy on Massachusetts Avenue here in Washington, with our Embassy here closing within a designated number of hours. All diplomatic relations would be broken off according to Moore and some 4,000 or 5,000 Iranian students in this country would be ordered out of the country at a designated date and time. A number of these students are here legally and others are illegally in this country. They have caused trouble ever since they have been here and

long before the Shah left Iran, they were causing disturbances on Massachusetts Avenue almost daily. In driving back and forth to the Capitol, I have seen crowds of students and on many occasions they were wearing paper masks so that the Embassy people and the Shah's forces could not photograph them.

Securing the release of the hostages, shutting off the oil imports and closing the Embassies is the only system that will work as far as our country is concerned. We have been pushed around throughout the world in the last 15 years and certainly releasing the hostages, thanking the Khomeini for releasing them and then still taking our chances with this wild man are just too much. With over half of our oil now coming in from abroad and costing nearly \$58 billion a year, the energy situation becomes more binding. When you think of the leader in Iran at this time being a religious man supposedly, you certainly cannot understand his joining with those who are holding the hostages and ordering the death of the people he has since he returned to Iran. If this is religion, certainly the rest of the world is not in favor of this particular sect. The people are just crazy about this man in Iran and this simply means that there will be no improvement in the situation for years to come.

During our conversation with Frank Moore, we discussed the Presidential race in some detail. I made the observation that if the Presidential Primary between Kennedy and Carter was a mean, ugly and bloodletting one, it would simply mean that the nomination would not have too much value in November of 1980. This is what the Republicans expect and this is what they are waiting to see take place. Frank Moore answered my observation by saying that he did not believe this would be the situation because the White House did

not believe that Kennedy would stay in the race beyond March or April of next year. This was a real surprise to those of us sitting at the table and none of us agreed with this observation. Moore went on to say that it would be a matter of money and that Kennedy could not raise the money to make this kind of race. This is a real good example of why they are in trouble now in the White House and why Carter's judgment has been contested time after time. To me, Kennedy and the Kennedy Foundation would raise all of the money that is necessary to make this race even if it required \$20 million, \$30 million or \$40 million of the Kennedy money. This is exactly what was done in Jack Kennedy's race in 1960 and after it was over, the old gentleman, Joseph Kennedy, said that it cost between \$10 million and \$15 million for Jack's race but that if it had cost twice that much, the Kennedy's would have put up the money. This is Kennedy's last run and certainly he would not enter this Presidential campaign and later withdraw. This, to me, is just absolutely asinine. I still am of the opinion that Ted Kennedy knows that it is either run now or forget it forever.

John Y. Brown, Jr. and the entire state ticket won overwhelmingly yesterday. The vote was considerably larger than any of us expected and the majority now for John Y. Brown, Jr. will be in the neighborhood of 150,000. This ends the political career of Louie Nunn and according to the majority of people in Kentucky, this is long overdue. He conducted a scurrilous campaign and as usual he failed to win. One development that has taken place since the vote was counted

is the announcement by our new Governor that a tremendous big fund raising dinner will be held soon so he can get back all the money that he spent in the Primary. This amounts to well over a million dollars and this really establishes a new precedent. He says he will have to pay income tax on the money but he knows the people in Kentucky do not want him to have to pay all of this money out of his own pocket.

Representative Daniel Flood who faces retrial on federal criminal charges, announced today that he will resign from the House of Representatives next January 31 for health reasons. Flood is 75 years old and has been hospitalized now for several months. The new trial date was set for December 3, on the federal charges and the trial has been postponed twice this year due to Flood's physical condition. I understand that he is almost blind and is in right pitiful condition.

November 8, 1979

Ted Kennedy formerly announced his candidacy for President yesterday in Boston. He said that he is running for President to preserve the old dream against new dangers. Following his statement there was a question and answer session and the question was asked if his wife, who now lives in Boston would campaign for him. His three children and his wife were seated on the platform with him and Kennedy turned to his wife and said, she could answer that question. She then walked up to the podium and said that she looked forward to campaigning for her husband. The battle is now on and where it

will end is anyone's guess.

Iran still refuses to release the American hostages at the U.S. Embassy and will not meet with Ramsey Clark and William G. Miller two emissaries of the President who are now in Turkey waiting for further instructions from the State Department. We are now advised that the 60 to 65 Americans now being held prisoner were being psychologically and verbally abused by their captors. On television we witnessed one of the hostages who was blindfolded being paraded around the Embassy by the students and the others who have taken over the Embassy. The 79 year old leader in Iran says that he will not meet with Clark and Miller and has forbidden any other responsible official from meeting with them. Khomeini went on to say that the U.S. Government has announced its opposition to Iran by giving shelter to the ex-Shah and it has been revealed, he says, that the American Embassy in Tehran has been a place of espionage against Iran. This espionage statement is simply a myth and has not been accepted by our country. A number of speeches are being made in the House and the Senate now as to what President Carter intends to do and tension continues to build up. Something must give because the mood of our people is not good.

November 9, 1979

The situation in Iran is still serious. Khomeini refuses to negotiate or to meet with any of our representatives. The PLO's have tried to talk to this man but he refuses to discuss the matter with anyone. He demands that the Shah of Iran be arrested in the hospital in New York City and returned

to Iran for trial.

The people in this country are rapidly becoming disturbed. On television now, you see hundreds of Iranians marching one or more of our Embassy people, blindfolded around our Embassy in Iran. There is no question that our people are being severely abused.

In returning to my apartment yesterday I passed in front of the Iranian Embassy on Massachusetts Avenue and there were several hundred police in cars and on motorcycles all up and down the block where the Embassy is located. Still further up the street were a number of students with placards from American University with all kinds of statements on the placards. One said, "If you want us to take over their Embassy, honk." You should have heard the honks when I passed by.

If we go in and blast this country off the face of the earth, of course, the 60 to 90 Americans will be immediately killed and we, of course, would not expect to hold Iran from the ground because it would take several hundred thousand of our troops. This is really a serious problem and it has no quick solution. The Shah of Iran cannot be moved out of the hospital at this time to return to Mexico. This might alleviate the situation. Coming at this time, it is bad, of course, for President Carter because he has been severely criticized several times for his failure to act in matters where our people have been abused. It seems that every little jackleg country in the world pushes us around and gets by with it.

We finally resolved the Low Income Fuel Emergency legislation in Conference yesterday and the contents of the bill that I passed in the House are carried entirely in the Conference Report.

We adopted the motion of the Chairman of the Budget Committee yesterday striking from the Conference Report, the provision that committees in the Congress must now go back and cut appropriations bills that have been passed and signed into law. The Speaker asked me to preside over the House during general debate on this motion and I was in the Chair about five hours.

November 10, 1979

So far our hostages are still being held in the American Embassy in Iran. The only change is that four Ambassadors and Consuls of other countries were permitted to enter the Embassy today by those holding the hostages in order that they might see themselves that the hostages are not being mistreated. I know that the other Members of Congress are receiving all kinds of telegrams and letters which contain suggestions such as the one that I received today demanding that we cut off all food and aid to Iran and send it to Cambodia. Further, that one Iranian city be destroyed for every American hostage killed and that we send all Iranian students benefiting from American education, back to Iran.

November 13, 1979

The interest in this country and in fact anger, over the hostages that are now being held in Iran, certainly placed Ted

Kennedy's announcement for President almost on the back page of every newspaper in this country. He had announced the date that the announcement would come and this, of course, was last week when the papers and the media were simply full of the Iranian situation. There was quite a build up for the Kennedy announcement and I know that he must be simply furious with Khomeini who upstaged him.

Ronald Reagan will announce his candidacy after making a 12 year struggle for the Office of President tonight and since he has been unable to buy 30 minutes of national time tonight, he has syndicated his address to some 90 stations, which his manager says will penetrate possibly 70% of the television households in America. His announcement will come when station after station is releasing new developments on the situation in Iran and the student uprisings in this country which have resulted from the holding of the hostages. This will be a bad time for Reagan and after making this struggle for 12 long years to occupy the White House, it must be of great concern to him the same as it was to Kennedy.

It now appears that we will start pro forma Sessions on November 17 and continue until November 26.

President Carter's announcement on Saturday at 2 p.m. that the United States would no longer purchase oil from Iran, was very much in order. We are purchasing some 700,000 barrels a day from Iran and this simply means that since this oil represents about 10% of our imports, we must have more conservation. The President said that no one

should under estimate the resolve of the American Government and the American people in the action of the Iranians who are holding some 60 to 65 Americans prisoner. The Iranians are still demanding that the Shah be returned to Iran for trial and today, they are adding another stipulation and that is that the great wealth that the Shah has acquired be returned to Iran since, according to the Iranians, those billions of dollars are rightfully owned by Iran.

I hope this latest move does not bring on gas lines again here in the City of Washington.

November 14, 1979

There is a picture on the front page of the Washington newspaper that shows two Iranians carrying out the trash from the American Embassy in Tehran. They are using the American flag as the vehicle to carry the trash in and this, of course, just really sets our people off. How so many mean people could live in such a country is beyond comprehension. Yesterday the Iranians withdrew some \$12 billion from Americans banks in this country. I presume that if a careful check was made, it would disclose that most of this money was received from the United States Government.

Ronald Reagan becomes the tenth candidate on the Republican side to announce for President, last night. He is the front runner and unless his opponents are able to side-track him, he will pick up the nomination without too much trouble. My guess is that if he does, the Vice Presidential nomination

will be offered to George Bush of Texas.

A bill to make the late Reverend Martin Luther King's birthday a legal holiday, was defeated in the House yesterday. It was placed on the suspension calendar and since two-thirds of the Members voting on a recorded vote failed to vote in favor of the bill, it was defeated. A National holiday costs this country between \$200 and 300 million and we have no National holidays so far for individuals such as Martin Luther King. Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. was present on the Hill yesterday when this bill was defeated. The black Members in the House said after the defeat that they would now go to the Rules Committee and obtain a Rule which would then bring the bill back to the House and it would be subject to amendments. One of the first amendments to be offered would be one to make this holiday to fall on a Sunday each year, thereby saving the American Government a tremendous amount of money. This of course, will not suit the Black Caucus in the House.

The reporters who are traveling with Reagan now have inquired as to whether or not he dyes his hair and on one of the plane trips Reagan leaned over and let the reporter examine his hair to see if they could detect any dye. Another reported inquired as to whether or not he had one or more face lifts and to prove that this was not true, he leaned over again and let the reporter examine the back of his neck and that portion especially near his ears where tiny stitch marks show in case there is a face lift. The younger candidates such as Howard Baker, George Bush and John Anderson are, of course,

all during their campaign, going to stress Reagan's age and the fact that since he has not served in the Federal Government, should not receive the nomination.

November 15, 1979

According to word that our government received yesterday, the seven American women that are being held hostage in the U.S. Embassy may be released. This does not mean that the balance of the hostages consisting of some 60 Americans and about 50 non-American employees will be released. Yesterday the President issued an Executive Order freezing all Iranian government assets in this country and successfully blocked Iran's call for a United Nations Security Council debate on the bitter dispute between the two countries. Some \$5 billion is involved in money and assets in this country and at least this will be protection for American business interests in Iran. The people in this country become more impatient each day that the hostages are held and I hope that something takes place soon which will prevent military intervention.

We take up the Continuing Resolution in Conference today and with six Departments of the government having to operate under a Continuing Resolution and the Senate pouring more money in with provisions to take care of their pet projects, this Conference could be right controversial. If too much so, we may not be able to recess tomorrow for ten days.

Tim Lee Carter, our Representative from the 5th Congressional District and the only practicing MD in the House, announced

his retirement yesterday. Late yesterday afternoon Tim Lee came over to our side in the House Chamber and told me that he had just issued a press release announcing that he would not be a candidate for reelection in 1980. Recently he had open heart surgery and this, along with other ailments he has had through the years, brought about this decision not to run for reelection. As a Member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, he succeeded in becoming a Member of the Subcommittee on Health and Environment, which is probably the most important Subcommittee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. This is the authorizing Subcommittee for most of our health programs that come to my Committee for funding.

November 26, 1979

I have just returned to Washington from our Thanksgiving recess week in Kentucky. The people are very much concerned about the Iranian situation but the great majority believe that the President is proceeding correctly in attempting, through diplomacy, to secure the release of the 38 hostages still being held. I did meet a few people who wanted to go in and blast Iran because they believe that the hostages will be killed before its over.

When this emergency is over, we must then take another look at our foreign policy. From the 1940's and 1950's, the United States was virtually the sole major power in the world and then was, of course, a radical change as the direct result of the war in Vietnam. The war in Vietnam and other instances that have occurred since that time clearly indicate that there are limits to power even if it applies to the country with the most power. We have people every day that say to us in the Congress that our

foreign policy must henceforth become more hardnosed and more pragmatic. These people say that we are consistently backing the losers and this applies especially to South Vietnam and Iran when the Shah was in charge. I remember back in the 1950's when we restored the Shah to the "Peacock Throne" after he had been deposed. It now becomes the duty of the President and this Administration to make a hard assessment of our foreign policy program. This will be one of the major issues in the President's campaign next year.

November 27, 1979

I have just returned from the White House. At a ceremony this morning, President Carter signed the Emergency Low Income Fuel Legislation which appropriates \$1,350,000,000 to use in payment of fuel bills for those who qualify in the low income category. The poverty level at this time is \$4,700 for a family of four and for the past two winters, we have had a number of poor people in this country who have really suffered.

At the ceremony this morning, there were some 45 or 50 House Members and about that many Senators. In addition, a number of Governors were present and nearly all of the Members of the President's Cabinet. In addition, there were representatives from the senior citizen organizations, Presidents of a number of colleges and a number of employees in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare who will, along with Secretary Patricia Harris, administer this program.

The ceremony took place in the Cabinet room and I have been in this room on a number of occasions. There were so many at the signing ceremony that if you had to scratch your nose, you would have had to call upon your neighbor for assistance. We were simply packed

into the room and with the number present, it would have been much better to have had the ceremony in the East Room. I presume that more invitations were issued than ordinarily, but at the same time, this was a wonderful ceremony. The President made a brief statement about the legislation and the energy crisis generally and then he called upon Senator Robert Byrd, the Majority Leader in the Senate, to speak for the Senate. Senator Byrd praised a number of Senators who joined with him in passing this legislation in the Senate, calling them by name and made a nice talk. In listening to him, I thought that it would have been much better to have given the full credit to the President because he is the one who sent the request to the Hill and had every member of his staff, including most of the Cabinet, get behind this legislation when it was on the Hill. Our Speaker of the House could not be present and in standing down near the end of the Cabinet Table, which was some distance away from the President, I was just wondering who he would call upon to speak for the House. As soon as Senator Byrd made his statement, the President turned and looked in my direction and said, "I want my friend, Bill Natcher, to speak for the House." This was a surprise to me because I had not been warned that I would speak for the House, but it turned out alright. I made a brief statement commending the President on this legislation and stated in about two minutes that this was the kind of legislation that produced results for our people and was the kind that made our people feel good down deep in their hearts. The amount requested in this legislation is money that will be well spent and in fact, was a milestone in programs which are operated for the poor people in this country. In closing, I again commended the President because I sincerely believed he should have full credit and did not go into detail naming House Members who participated in the passage of the

bill. I did say that the House Joint Resolution which carries my name, passed in the House by 185 Majority and when I turned to the President and said that he knew this was right good, everyone in the Cabinet room, including all of the cameramen and photographers smiled just a little.

This is the first time that I have ever been called upon to make talk in the Cabinet Room, but I have attended meetings on a number of occasions when we would sit around the table and discuss generally, some problem pertaining to appropriations or to some legislation that was pending in the Congress.

The President looked much better than he did the last time I saw him which was about 2 months ago. The strain and stress of the Iranian situation is enough to take its toll, but he looks good and seemed to feel real good. He was exceedingly nice to me and I certainly enjoyed attending this signing ceremony. I have a number of pens that have been presented to me by the Presidents when legislation I either sponsored or played a part in was enacted and I may get one of the pens used this morning.

November 28, 1979

One of the newspapers in my District will print a special edition of the newspaper concerning the major events which took place in our country during the 1970's and a brief look at the 1980's. The following is a statement which I submitted for this special edition.

"We are now living in the last quarter of the Twentieth Century and this, to me, will be one of the most fascinating periods in the history of our country. A great many major events occurred during the 1970's and we will continue on into the 1980's with challenging events which will call for more attention and responsibility from our government and from the people of the United States.

We have witnessed a changeover from the Industrial Age into the Space Age during this period, and living as we do in the strongest country in the world militarily, economically and spiritually, our obligations and leadership problems are more serious now than at any time in the history of our country.

Our gross national product now is up to \$1.9 trillion. During the 1970's, in order to bring about better control over federal spending and the budget for our government, we enacted the Budget Reform Legislation in 1974. Under the provisions of this legislation, we now fix a deficit ceiling and a spending ceiling for each fiscal year and all of the Committees in the Congress are directed by this legislation to stay within the provisions of the final resolution as adopted.

New Departments have been brought about by legislation in the Congress which were deemed necessary by the President and the two new Departments created during the 1970's are the

Department of Energy and the Department of Education. Education is so important today that a majority of the Members of Congress and the President deemed a Cabinet level office necessary. Energy today, is one of our major problems and this is one that will continue on into the future. This is a problem so important that it was decided a new Cabinet Level Department of Energy was necessary. A number of major changes have taken place during the 1970's in the structure of our government and a number of bills have been enacted to make it much easier for our government, which is the largest business in the world, to operate more efficiently. During the 1970's, we have witnessed legislation which brings about civil service reform and legislation which for the first time in twenty years, places the social security system in a position of being actuarially sound. Now, the young people who enter this system will no longer have doubts as to the solvency of the social security program in this country.

In changing over from the Industrial Age to the Space Age, in the year 1969, we succeeded in placing a man on the moon. For many years, writer, scientists and poets had written about our ability to accomplish such a feat but it was not until July 20, 1969 that our first astronaut walked on the moon. Neil Armstrong, who landed with Edward Aldrin, were the first two to walk in the gray dust on the moon. We have succeeded in placing twelve men on the moon and our achievements in the space

program are recognized throughout the world. The Soviet Union makes many claims, but every attempt they have made to place a man on the moon has failed. This achievement on the part of our country, clearly shows that our technology and scientific accomplishments are much more advanced than any country in the world.

Unfortunately, we have had events take place in the operation of our government in Washington which were not good. During the 1970's we had "Watergate" which began with a bungled burglary and ended in the Oval Office of the President of the United States. In addition to the resignation of our President, the Vice President of the United States was forced to resign from his Office due to charges which began long before he became Vice President, and continued while he was serving in the second most important office in the country.

In the year 1970, the war in Vietnam was still underway and in this country, we had disturbances on our college campuses and throughout a great many cities from coast to coast. This was the longest, most unpopular war in the history of our country. We could have won this war during any 6-month period of the war if the leaders had only agreed to let our trained military experts fight the war, using every available weapon, with the exception of nuclear weapons. Fighting a war with instructions not to bomb dikes behind the enemy lines and with instructions

not to continue pursuit of the enemy across boundary lines, of course means that you cannot win. We lost 56,000 boys in this war and over 300,000 were seriously injured.

During the early part of the 1970's, we had the "Pentagon Papers" mystery. Secret documents were stolen and released which brought about consternation from the people in this country. This event clearly showed that top secret, classified papers could be removed from the files and released in such a manner as to cause embarrassment to our country.

In 1972, we had the establishment of one of our "Firsts". A peace mission to Communist China began on February 21, 1972 and ended on February 27, 1972. Our President led this peace mission and this was the beginning of our relations with the present China, which so far have proved successful.

On January 27, 1973, with ships and helicopters, we removed our forces from South Vietnam. I can still see our Ambassador on television entering the helicopter with our flag folded and under his arm. This was a sad day in the history of our government of the United States of America.

The most important event that occurred in this country in the year 1974, was the installation of Gerald R. Ford as President of the United States. He was our 38th President and was sworn in on August 9, 1974. Following the

resignation of Spiro Agnew, President Nixon sent Jerry Ford's name to the Congress as provided for by the Constitution and he was elected Vice President by the Congress of the United States. Jerry Ford served on the Committee on Appropriations for 14 years. He sat directly across the aisle from me on the Committee for this period of time and he was a good Committee Member.

The year of 1975 was a busy year because this was the year that we started making plans for America's Bicentennial. The year of 1976 was the Bicentennial year and the 200th Birthday of our Country. Millions of dollars were expended by the Federal Government for matching grants to states, cities and counties who submitted plans for Bicentennial celebrations. Every state and hundreds of cities and towns submitted plans and the Bicentennial celebration continued throughout the entire year of 1976. As time goes, we are not an old country, but we are the major power in the world.

Many other important events have occurred during the 1970's and before the calendar year 1979 closes, we will have more events take place which I hope will help us solve the major problems now confronting our country. These problems are inflation, unemployment, the energy crisis, low income for our farmers and the need for more industrial development. Our children are our greatest assets and our problems in education continue to be serious.

As we enter the 1980's, we can look back upon our many achievements in the 1970's and continue to be proud of the fact that we are Americans living in the strongest country in the world militarily, economically, and spiritually.

November 29, 1979

The President held a press conference last night and after making a brief statement concerning Iran, he then answered questions for some 30 minutes. This was a good press conference and he answered every question without any difficulty. This is the first press conference the President has held now in several months.

One of the smartest black women that I have met since I have been in Congress is a woman by the name of Mary Frances Barry. She is presently serving as the new Assistant Secretary for Education. Shortly after the President nominated U.S. Circuit Judge Shirley Hufstetter as the new Secretary for the Department of Education, Mary Barry stated that she would resign effective January 1. Mary Barry is qualified to be Secretary of the new Department of Education but I presume that the President believed that Pat Harris, the Secretary of HEW who is also a black woman, was sufficient insofar as the Cabinet was concerned. Mary Barry will have no problem in securing employment. The Shah of Iran has been receiving treatment in the hospital in New York City for cancer and this weekend a gall stone from his bile duct was removed. The indications are now that he will be able to leave the hospital by Saturday and this

should bring on some action as far as the hostages in Iran are concerned.

A one percent rise in consumer prices last month mainly because of housing costs, has been reported by the Department of Labor. There are only faint signs that inflation may be easing in some categories. Inflation is now about 13%.

We are still moving some of our forces into position to carry out military operations against Iran if President Carter decides they are needed. The most obvious force is the six-ship task force led by the aircraft carrier, Kitty Hawk.

For several days now, George Hansen a Member of congress from Idaho, has been in Iran. He was permitted to see part of the hostages being held in our Embassy and has been photographed and televised daily since he has been in Iran. The White House has criticized Hansen's trip to Iran, saying that it does not make sense for anyone to make a private tour of the crisis area and risk making misleading statements to the Iranians. One of the newspapers in Idaho was quoted in saying that "Hansen is simply stupid and has indicated this trait ever since he has been a Member of Congress."

The Chrysler matter will come before Congress one of these days and those who are in favor of this legislation compare it with the New York City loan legislation which we have approved on two occasions. In my opinion, this legislation will be on the Floor for four or five days.

A 38-year old woman pulled a six inch

hunting knife from beneath her coat yesterday in the Capitol Hill reception room of Senator Edward M. Kennedy and was wrestled to the floor by a Secret Service agent. Kennedy, who was working four doors away in his private office, did not learn of the incident until after the woman was taken away in handcuffs. The woman was indentified as Suzanne Osgood whose family lives in New Hampshire. She has been hospitalized several times for treatment of mental illness and yesterday was sent to Saint Elizabeth's Hospital here in Washington.

November 30, 1979

A number of House and Senate Members have indicated that they are retiring at the end of this term. Tim Lee Carter of Kentucky first said, after his open heart surgery, that he would run for reelection but has now changed his mind and will not run for reelection.

John Anderson of Illinois, Dan Flood of Pennsylvania, Ray Roberts of Texas, David Treen of Louisiana, John Rousselot of California, Marc Marks of Pennsylvania, Dan Quayle of Indiana, Charles Grassley of Iowa, Phil Crane of Illinois and Dawson Mathis of Georgia have all indicated that they are either retiring or they are running for the Senate or for Governor. Dawson Mathis has decided to take on Herman Talmadge of Georgia and my guess is that Herman Talmadge will be defeated.

Last night Mexico advised the Shah of Iran that no longer would he be accepted under his visitors visa in Mexico and that

he must select another country. This comes as quite a surprise and since the Shah was planning to leave the New York City hospital this weekend, he must now either accept President Sadat's invitation from Egypt or make another selection. The situation with our hostages is no better and the Security Council meeting set for Saturday night in the United Nations organization will not be attended by Iran's representative.

December 3, 1979

Virginia and I are really proud of our grandchildren and I still write them a letter every week. The letter they will receive this week is as follows:

"If any of you decide to run for President, I want you to make sure that it is not in a year that ends with a zero.

As you know, the President of the United States serves a four-year term when elected and under the Constitution, can run for a second four-year term. Only two terms can be served and this is the situation with our present President who wants to now run for his second term. The next Presidential year will be in the year 1980 and this is a year that ends with a zero. Along with President Carter, we have Senator Edward Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Philip Crane, George Bush, John Anderson, John Connally, Howard Baker and several people whose names have never been heard of who would like to be President of the United States of America. All of these men are now making every effort to win this office in the year of 1980.

Presidential elections in years ending with zero only take place every twenty years. Beginning in the year 1840, every President

elected in a year ending with a zero has died in office. In the year 1840, William Henry Harrison was elected President and got pneumonia at his inauguration and died 31 days later. In the year 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected President and after serving his first term was reelected and died on April 14, 1865 after being shot while attending a play at Ford's Theater here in Washington. In 1880, James A. Garfield served only a few months after being elected when he was shot to death by an assassin who was of unsound mind. In the year 1900, William McKinley, who had previously served one term as President and had been reelected was also shot and killed by an assassin when he was attending the opening of the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. Warren G. Harding was elected President in the year 1920 and while traveling back from Alaska after a visit as President, suddenly died in San Francisco, California. In the year 1940, Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President and this was his third term to be elected. He was first elected in 1932 and after serving three terms, ran again while still in the White House for his fourth term in the year 1945. Roosevelt died while serving as President in the year 1945 at Warm Springs, Georgia. John F. Kennedy was elected President of the United States in the year 1960 and he was killed by an assassin while driving through downtown Dallas, Texas in the year 1963 which was the third year of his four-year term.

All seven of these Presidents were elected either for their first and only term or for one or more terms in a year ending with a zero and every one of them died in office while serving as President.

I know that none of you are superstitious, but how would you feel if you were one of those that I mentioned in the first part of this letter who's now making every

effort to be elected President of the United States in the year 1980 with this good year of 1980 being a year that ends with a zero. Maybe if each one of them would carry a buckeye during their campaign in 1980, the jinx would thereby be broken and they could serve out their term or terms and would not then be added to the list which would make 8 Presidents who were elected in a year ending with a zero and who died in office.

I hope this letter finds you well and happy and with lots of love, I am

Your Grandfather,
s/William H. Natcher, M.C."

The Shah of Iran left New York City early Sunday morning and was flown in an Air Force jet to an Air Force base hospital near San Antonio, Texas. The movement of the Shah was carried out under White House supervision. He has now been in this country 42 days and I do hope that something takes place which is favorable so that the hostages in Iran will be released.

Ted Kennedy is making his race now for President and was quoted on the radio early this morning as saying that the Shah had stolen hundreds of millions of dollars from the Iranian people. This bears out the contention that Khomeini is now making and of course such a statement does not help President Carter or the situation at this time.

A bitter personal feud that seriously disrupts the Supreme Court's work apparently has raged for years between Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justice William J.

Brennan. A new book which will be released in January written by Robert Woodward and Scott Armstrong, who by the way, were two of those who made fortunes from writing books on Watergate, states that Brennan has on more than one occasion, referred to Burger as a dummy and an SOB. He has called him a usurper and just plain stupid. The title of the new book is "The Brethren." The book is both a study and a major news development in its self. Page after page reveals secret matters which have taken place before the nine Justices behind closed doors and clearly states that some of the clerks who are no longer with the Justices along with retired personnel, have really acted as "Deep Throats." Never in the history of the Court have so much of the proceedings been divulged and the fighting which has taken place apparently behind the scenes. Even before the book is released lawyers and professors and judges throughout this country say that they fear that this book will hurt the Court deeply and impair its standing with the public. The material for this book has been gathered over a two year period and Woodward and Armstrong are members of the Washington Post news staff. The book tells secrets about how the Burger Court is operated and about the maneuvering with the Justices to get around the Chief Justice. The story contained in this book says that Marshall, the black member really doesn't know what is going on in the Court and it is clearly understood that most of his opinions have been written by his clerks. According to the book, the able members of the Court are very much against Burger and a great many major decisions which have been handed down were politicked around in the Court to force

Burger over on the right side. It seems that Brennan keeps a diary and some how or other those two reporters have a portion of the diary. The book goes on to state that the low esteem that Brennan had of Burger's work was shared by nearly every other Justice. The book goes on to state that Burger is not a leader and that Justice Stewart said that Burger reminded him of an ocean liner. He went on to say that ocean liners used to have two captains. One is for show to take the women to dinner. The other to pilot the ship safely. He went on to say that the Chief Justice is the show captain and all the Court needs now is a real captain. The rebel on the Court, Rehnquist, has been severely criticized by his colleagues according to the book, for bending past rulings to fit the results he desired in new cases. The junior member of the Court, John Paul Stevens, after joining the Court, almost decided to quit the Court because of the internal bickering and what he discovered was the shallow quality of the work of the Court. According to this book, Stevens is the "Wild Card," or the one-eyed Jack because his vote is so unpredictable. Brennan, Powell and White, three of the able members of the Court, have tried to bring about order, but have completely failed according to the story about to be released. William O. Douglas, who finally retired after setting the all-time record, continued to go back to the Supreme Court building and tried to participate in oral decisions and the writing of opinions. Finally according to the story, two or three of his closest friends in the Court, wrote him a letter and sent it to his office by a clerk, saying in substance, "Bill you are retired and you are through." The Warren Court was not a good

one and time after time a number of people in this country wanted Warren impeached. The story that's to be released in January will not help the Supreme Court of the United States.

December 4, 1979

Unidentified gunmen ambushed a busload of United States Navy personnel yesterday morning in Puerto Rico and two servicemen were killed and 10 others seriously wounded. The wounded included three women. So far, no one has claimed immediate responsibility for the attack. This is the first assault on military personnel in Puerto Rico in almost a decade. It seems that we are having trouble now all around the world.

Senator Kennedy continues to maintain that the Shah has stolen billions of dollars in money from his nation and was a cruel leader. He continues to say that the interests of the United States are with the Iranian people. He is being seriously criticized today about his statements. The polls now show that he is slipping and as I have said before, some of those advising him probably have said that he must now start taking chances.

The book to be released soon entitled "The Brethren" is causing quite a sensation in this country. We have heard of no plans from the Court to deal with the massive leaks which apparently have brought about most of the information in the book. So far, the Court has made no move to take action to punish anyone for the leaks that provided the unprecedented details in the book.

Once in a while, I agree with editorials that appear in the Washington Post. In today's Washington Post there is an editorial entitled "The Senator and the Shah". This editorial is as follows:

"SEN. KENNEDY has an interesting sense of history--both the long sweep and the only yesterday kind. You don't have to have been a friend of the deposed shah of Iran or an apologist for the depredations of his secret police to know that Mr. Kennedy's characterization of the shah's regime as 'one of the most violent. . . in the history of mankind' doesn't leave any language available at all for the truly special monster regimes of ancient and modern history, those that in fact would qualify as the most violent. If the shah had been the total beast Mr. Kennedy now depicts, right up there in the--let us say--Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin class, what on earth was President John F. Kennedy doing receiving him in Washington? What was Sen. Edward Kennedy doing paying him a visit in 1975?

Yes; we know--Sen. Kennedy has said he did criticize the shah while the shah was in office, and he did also take the occasion of his visit to Iran to question the wisdom of the Iranian arms buildup. But the man he described in his Sunday night attack on the shah was not someone you merely criticize, meanwhile paying a call on. Do you think while howdy-and-shaking, as in the accompanying photograph, Mr. Kennedy was saying: You, sir, run one of the most violent regimes in the history of mankind and (the rest of the allegation) are stealing umpteen billion dollars and care only for yourself? Doesn't look like it.

If there was a time to say that, surely it was then and not now. The shah's cruel successor has sought to camouflage his own depredations by demanding that the shah be called to account--and Sen. Kennedy asserts as simple truth the ayatollah's claims. Yesterday, as the predictable and justifiable uproar was heard, Mr. Kennedy backed off some. Yet the damage in this tense situation was done. It wasn't right, it wasn't responsible, and it wasn't smart."

December 5, 1979

President Carter officially announced his candidacy for President last night and following his announcement, a Democratic fundraiser for President Carter was held at the Hilton Hotel. I was invited and within a matter of a couple of hours, one of the Kentucky newspapers called to inquire if I was going to attend the dinner. This newspaper is right anxious to place all of the Democratic Members in the House from Kentucky either on the Carter or the Kennedy side. Of course, we do not intend for this newspaper to be successful with this endeavor.

We received word again yesterday that the 49 Americans being held will be tried without any question regardless of what move is made in regard to the Shah of Iran. President Carter has called a meeting for Friday at the White House with the families of the hostages. I understand that he will advise these people that it may be sometime yet before the hostages are released or a final move is made.

The polls show Senator Kennedy going back just a little. Carter is now 48% and Kennedy is 46%. Up to this time, Kennedy has been way out in the lead in all of the polls.

Kennedy, by the way, says that he is not backing off of his statement that the Shah of Iran conducted the most violent regime in the history of mankind and that he stole umpteen billions of dollars from Iran. This is a right unusual statement coming at this time and of course, continues to show that Kennedy's judgment is simply not good.

December 6, 1979

I had dinner at the White House last night. There were about 100 Members of the House present and the food was delicious. From time to time when I return from a luncheon or a dinner, the ladies in my office always want to know what we had to eat. Last night, we had prime ribs of beef, peas, cauliflower, mushrooms, carrots, wild rice, a nice tossed salad and a beautiful ice cream pie for dessert. The dinner was held in the State Dining Room and there were 9 of us at each of the small, round tables. When I go down for lunch or dinner, I always move around considerably in the little gold colored wooden chairs because I have been there when one or more of the chairs suddenly gave way and the President would always say to the Member that he or she could take it with him. This would be quite a collector's item-- a small break which can easily be repaired and then a chair from the White House. The one I sat in last night was a little too sturdy for that, but I will still keep trying.

After the dinner, we then went into the East Room where there was a loudspeaker and a speaker's platform with 100 chairs set up for the briefing. The briefing lasted for two hours and after the President spoke for nearly an hour, we had questions and answers. The one thing that impressed me the most was the fact that the President has, in this

instance, acquired a positive stance and he, last night, impressed all of us with the fact that he is making every move diplomatically, to release the hostages in Iran and that he knows what is going on around the world with a number of our friends who should be helping us at this time. For instance, he said that the morning the Shah was to leave the hospital in New York City and was just about packed and ready to go to the airport to board the plane that would take him to Mexico, the President of Mexico contacted, by telephone, one of the Shah's assistants in the hospital advising him that the Shah would not be welcome any longer in Mexico under his visitor's visa. This did not take place the day before or 5 hours before, but within an hour of the time the Shah was to take off for Mexico. The President went on to say to us, in a positive, right stern sort of manner, that the President of Mexico, in a snide remark, said after issuing his order concerning the Shah that "we did not have anything that they wanted and that with the oil they had, they would never be at the mercy of Iran or anybody else." The President seemed very much concerned about the attitude of the President of Mexico and he gave every impression to us that this is an event that will not soon be forgotten. He went on further to say that he had been on the telephone to the leaders of Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, England, France, Canada, West Germany and several other countries, urging that they do everything within their power to assist us diplomatically in obtaining the release of the hostages. He said that in addition to this, Cy Vance, our Secretary of State, was working almost around the clock with all of the Foreign Ministers and Ambassadors urging that every assistance be given. The President said to us quite frankly that in filing the suit

before the World Court in making his plea to the United Nations Organization and moving in every way possible diplomatically, he was attempting to avert military action. He said that he did not rule out military action and that now in the Indian Ocean, we had two of our largest aircraft carriers, together with some ten other ships and we had the strike force necessary in this Ocean at this time to retaliate fully against Iran. I know that all kinds of weapons are aboard these ships and in addition to the planes which carry these weapons, there are landing forces which I have my doubts would be used. The President is a right cool sort of a fellow when he is mad and has changed considerably in the last two years since he has been in the White House. He now creates an impression and I have noticed this on several occasions this year, of being more in command than at any time since he has been in the White House. Along with Iran, he discussed with us the urgency of passing the energy bills that are now before the Congress and the windfall profits tax legislation. He said that conservation was working because we were consuming 12% less gasoline this year than last year but that the situation was still serious.

In one of his statements concerning our relationship with the Shah down through the years, he said that he did not give a damn why Eisenhower, Kennedy, Nixon and the other Presidents had such a close relationship with the Shah and he did not attempt to justify our reasons for maintaining down through the years that the actions of the Shah were proper in every respect in the way he operated his country. He did say at this point that he hoped that none of us present last night or anyone else connected with the government would make rash statements which could hurt us at this time. This, of course,

drops Ted Kennedy in the proper slot and everyone present knew what he meant. He requested that none of us quote him to the press and this is the reason why the press was not present at this briefing. He wanted to go more into detail and tell us what he is doing and what he intended to do in the future so he said he would appreciate it if we would keep the briefing off the record. By the way, on the front page of "The Washington Post" today there is an article entitled "U.S. Starts To Turn the Screws on Iran". The article, in part, said that President Carter told Congressmen at a White House dinner last night that every few days he will turn the screws a little tighter on Iran. This is not exactly the way the President expressed it, but the substance is correct so as usual, one or more of the House Members, to add a few brownie points, had to talk to the press.

During the question and answer session, the President was advised by some of the Members who asked questions that they hoped he would not make a mistake if one of our hostages lost his head and joined the Iranians with a signed statement and public statement by radio that our country was at fault and he should keep in mind the pressure these people are really under at this time. Further, this Member went on to say that if anyone of the hostages lost his head and attacked one of the Iranians and as a result was suddenly killed, such an overt action should not bring on military retaliation but the action of the Iranians would have to be considerably more severe with the hostages than just one incident which could occur if one of our people suddenly went berserk. The President stated that he had thought about this and said that before any moves would be made, every precaution would be taken to have all of the facts at hand. He emphasized time after time

that military action had not been ruled out and that we were prepared to take care of incidents all around the world. In addition, he went on to say that a lot of the people in this country did not realize that just about one year ago, we had 70,000 people in Iran from this country. Most of these worked in the oil fields and were connected with oil interests in this country. The Embassy staff was over five times larger last year than it is now and with the incidents that are taking place around the world in our Embassies, the size of the staffs were being reduced and these people were better protected. In addition, he said that Cy Vance had called all of the countries around the world where we have Embassies and Consulates that might not be fully protected and has received the assurance of the leaders of those countries that they will make sure that events do not take place such as the one that happened several days ago in Libya.

The President, in detail, described to us the cruel manner in which these hostages were being treated at this time and when he was making this statement to us, you could tell by the expression on his face that after this event is over, one way or the other, as far as Iran is concerned, there will be every retaliation possible made to make this country realize they cannot treat us the way they are doing at the present time.

This was one of the best briefings that I have ever attended at the White House since I have been a Member of Congress.

December 7, 1979

Internal problems have arisen in Iran. In an upheaval in the Northwestern City of

Tabriz supporters of Ayatollah Shariatmadari took over the city and there were shouts of "kill Khomeini." The two Ayatollahs apparently are not in agreement and civil war may continue on throughout Iran. In the city that was taken over, the police and the army joined in the clash to take over the city. We may be doing better in Tehran than we hear about in Washington.

The White House is hoping that the growing international pressures including the trouble in Iran, and the pressures from around the world, will lead to the release of the American hostages. On the radio this morning in coming to work, I heard an announcement that the Foreign Minister said that some of the hostages would be released and others would be held for trial. He went on to say that a further announcement would be made in 24 hours. The students who are holding the hostages say they do not take orders from the Foreign Minister and only from Khomeini. They said the hostages would not be released until the Shah of Iran is returned to Iran. This dissension may work to our advantage.

The bickering over the SALT II agreement has now forced the Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, to announce that there will be no SALT debate this year and that it will have to come up next year which is an election year. Some of the most ardent supporters of SALT in the Senate, still believe that the treaty has good prospects of passage but others do not agree. President Carter will need a great deal of luck and good political management to salvage the treaty. The Senate now, for

over five years, has been right good at either side stepping completely or putting off decisions such as SALT because of the political effect on their next campaign. You should hear the House Members blast the Senate when delaying tactics are used which force the House many times to act first. The Chrysler bail-out is a good example and this will come first in the House on Wednesday of next week.

The black Members in the House are really in an uproar. Yesterday they blamed the White House for the failure of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Bill and further said that white paternalism entered into the fight. The Bill which was presented to the House would have made January 15 the slain civil rights leader's birthday a legal holiday and while his wife Coretta King was sitting in the House Gallery, an amendment was adopted 207 to 191 to make Sunday the legal holiday thereby saving millions of dollars to the Federal Government. The Black Caucus immediately moved that the Committee rise and not go to final passage. They are now attempting to twist enough arms to change this vote so that it can be brought back in a few days for final passage. Jim Wright of Texas, the Majority Leader said there probably will not be time to get the bill back on the House schedule this year. The White House responded by saying that they were for the bill and had done some work on the bill but that the Black Caucus had felt they could win and had not asked for any special help.

I voted for the January 15 date. Of course, there is considerable question about Dr. King's actions during his lifetime and

we must recognize the fact that the birthday of another martyr Abraham Lincoln, is observed without such a move. At the very last, the 96th Congress should address the question head-on.

In the Washington Post today, Herblock has an excellent cartoon showing a tremendous plane designated as the Chrysler mess, full of taxpayers, going down in flames with three passengers jumping out with parachutes. One passenger is marked as Administration Politics another as Chrysler Management and the third as the United Automobile Workers of America.

For several years now, Representative James P. Johnson, Republican of Colorado has caused us considerable trouble over tobacco each year when the Agriculture Appropriations Bill is presented to Congress. I really had to take him on good one year when he appeared on national television maintaining that tobacco was killing the people and with the same program showing thousands of cattle dying in his Congressional District as a result of the drought and with Johnson being pictured in a tobacco field in North Carolina instead of the burnt and devastated fields in his Congressional District in Colorado. Johnson is a fine looking man and I believe that he is a good lawyer. Not only in tobacco, but in other matters, he has suffered severe defeats. I understand he has become right disillusioned. This week, the four term House Member sent out a newsletter to his constituents saying that he had never intended to make a permanent career in Washington and that he was going home to stay. He is a Republican and Colorado is rapidly becoming a solid Republican state.

One of the most controversial figures in HEW is Dr. Arthur C. Upton the Director of the National Cancer Institute for the past 2½ years. He resigned his post yesterday and beginning next year, will join the faculty of New York University.

Virginia Democrats are right disappointed in Chuck Robb. Robb married Lyndon Johnson's oldest daughter, Lynda Bird and succeeded in being elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia two years ago, with the man winning the Governor's race being a Republican by the name of Dalton. The Democrats had great hopes for Robb at the time, but now say that he is a potential disaster and that the people do not know what he stands for or if he stands for anything. Lynda Bird must be simply furious after hearing these remarks and seeing the front page stories this week because she has the same kind of temper that Lyndon Johnson had the whole time he was in politics.

December 8, 1979

The nephew of the Shah, Shahriar Mustapha Chafik, was assassinated while walking along a fashionable Paris, France street, by a masked gunman who fired two shots into his head at close range and simply walked away. He was 34 years old and one of the two sons of Princess Ashraf the Shah's twin sister and one of the imperial family members most criticized by the revolutionary force in Iran today. His mother now lives in New York City and this is the first assassination of a close relative of the Shah. Those in Iran said that this was just the start and that more of the

Shah's family would be killed.

The situation remains the same in Iran and with Khomeini having trouble controlling the country, we may have more problems within the next few days.

December 11, 1979

The Presidential race may have been decided yesterday. Khomeini, in a very angry statement said that Carter is a traitor and has called upon the American voters not to vote for him. Cartoons are now appearing in the papers with all of the other candidates on both sides, reading the newspaper with headlines stating, "Khomeini Says Vote Against Carter." Above the cartoon is the wording, "There Goes the Ball Game." This, of course, will not decide the election, but certainly will not hurt President Carter.

More pressure is being applied to Iran from our friends around the world and shipments of food and other supplies have almost been brought to a complete halt. We have another kickback case in the House and this time it involves Representative Charles H. Wilson, Democrat of California. The case is before the Ethics Committee in the House and the Justice Department and involves nearly \$200,000 in cash deposits found in Wilson's bank account between 1970 and 1977. Payroll padding is also charged and this may be another Charles Diggs case.

December 12, 1979

There were a lot of pretty dresses at the White House last night. This was the night of the Congressional Ball and we had one event take place which was right unusual. The President said a few words and then offered a prayer. Of course, the situation in Iran is no better and we are

passing through a right critical period. If the hostages are killed or there is any radical change in the situation, then a real decision will have to be made.

As I have said heretofore, we no longer have a receiving line, which to me, was right nice when the Congressional Ball was held each year. I always gave Mrs. Eisenhower credit for the receiving line and I think all of the Members in the House and the Senate enjoyed those days much better than they do now when they go down for the annual Christmas Ball.

December 13, 1979

This is the 40th day that our people have been held hostage in Iran. In driving in to the Capital this morning, I was just wondering what would be happening now if Harry S. Truman or Theodore Roosevelt were President.

Khomeini has agreed to permit a commission appointed by the United Nations to visit with the hostages and is further requesting that a commission be set up immediately to study the crimes committed against Iran by the United States Government.

It seems now that Dan Flood will be tried again and yesterday, the Ethics Committee rejected claims that he is mentally incompetent to face a disciplinary hearing on bribery charges. However, the hearing was postponed and since he has announced that he will resign on January 31, the odds are that this will cancel out the action of the Ethics Committee in the House.

Morgan Murphy of Chicago, Illinois, who by the way, is an awfully nice fellow announced

his retirement from Congress yesterday. Several months ago, while he was holding hearings in Chicago, he was recorded as voting on six bills and since we are now voting by electronic device, the rumor went around that one of the other Chicago Members had his card and voted for him in his absence. I understand that Murphy's health is not too good and one of the reasons is because after remaining on the famous liquid diet that a great many people are using today, it affected his heart.

We start the Chrysler bill today in the House and this is the bail out legislation. The House and Senate bills are somewhat different. The House provides for a guarantee of \$1.5 billion in loans for Chrysler but also provides that in case of bankruptcy, the federal government will be first in line for payment from assets owned by Chrysler. The large banks in this country that are now holding \$5 billion worth of debts against Chrysler properties, will not be too happy with this part of the bill, but it is either bail out or bankruptcy. Bankruptcy still may come and this really sets a precedent because in the Lockheed matter which took place several years ago, the action of our government was due to the fact that this company had under contract with the government, hundreds of millions of dollars worth of planes that were absolutely essential at that time.

John Rhodes, the Minority Leader from Arizona, has announced that he will run for re-election but will not be a candidate for Minority Leader. He said that seven years is enough as Minority Leader and the hopes of the Republican Party of gaining control of the House are not good so his chances of ever becoming Speaker are almost nil. I understood several weeks ago that there would be quite a fight over his position as Minority

Leader. Michel of Illinois and Vander Jagt of Michigan will probably be the two main candidates for Minority Leader in the 97th Congress and Myers of Indiana, Shuster of Pennsylvania, Lott of Mississippi, Hyde of Illinois and Bauman of Maryland will probably be the candidates for the Whip position which is now held by Michel of Illinois.

The Senate is now on one of its annual filibusters and this one is over the wind-fall profits legislation. Senator Byrd, the Majority Leader, announced yesterday that there would be round-the-clock proceedings in the Senate until this filibuster is defeated. The oil states have the filibuster underway and their leader is Russell Long of Louisiana.

In the first of a new series of steps designated to demonstrate our concern in the Iran crisis, the State Department yesterday ordered all but 35 of the 218 Iranian Diplomats in this country to leave within five days. As soon as the hostages are freed, the President will issue an order that their Embassy here in Washington and all of their consulates in this country are to be immediately closed and the balance are to get out of our country. The action yesterday reduces the Embassy here from 57 diplomatic employees to 15. The Iranians have consulates in New York, San Francisco, Chicago and Houston.

December 14, 1979

We have just received word that one of our soldiers and two American citizens were killed in Turkey today. In addition, Iraq has made some move against Iran down in the turnaround section of the countries where some 60% of the Iranian oil is located. This may be a move supported by the Soviet Union because up to this time, Iraq has been taking orders from this source. A leadership meeting

is now being held at the White House about the situation generally which seems to get a little worse each day.

December 17, 1979

The deposed Shah of Iran left the United States early Saturday morning and flew by American military plane to Panama where he will live with his family on a small island 35 miles off the Pacific coast. The Shah, together with his family and a doctor and five other people after landing in Panama, boarded a helicopter and were flown to the resort island.

Immediately after the announcement was made that the Shah had left this country, a spokesman for the students holding our people in the American Embassy in Iran said that spy trials for the 50 American hostages will definitely begin. The Foreign Minister in Iran still says today that some of the hostages will be released soon and some will have to go before a grand jury. President Carter is demanding immediate action.

December 18, 1979

On December 14, one of our soldiers was ambushed in Turkey. This boy was from Owensboro, Kentucky and he was Master Sgt. James E. Smith, Jr. Today the members of his family called me inquiring if I could help them have his body returned for burial. Some snafu had developed in the Army and the Army officials had notified the Smiths that the body could not be returned until after Christmas. This incident caused a great bit of consternation and certainly the Department

of the Army should have followed this case much more carefully than they did. I called the White House today and action started immediately to return Smith's body before Christmas. Incidents like this are absolutely inexcusable and I do hope that the Army now proceeds immediately to have Smith's body flown to this country.

December 19, 1979

The situation remains about the same in Iran. The President issued another warning to Iran yesterday suggesting that the United States will undertake a series of punitive measures that may include military movements if the American hostages are subjected to public exploitation before an international tribunal. We are seeking a peaceful solution through every available channel but so far have been unsuccessful.

The House approved yesterday a Bill which for the time being, will prevent bankruptcy for the Chrysler Corporation which is the tenth largest corporation in this country. On a roll call vote of 271 to 136, the House provided Chrysler with \$1.5 billion in federal loan guarantees to be matched by \$1.93 billion from private sources consisting of stockholders, suppliers and banks.

This legislation really establishes a precedent and Chrysler may still go under, with over 200,000 employees and some 400,000 more employees by suppliers of Chrysler. The situation is serious and so serious that bankruptcy of this country might bring a serious depression. Over a billion dollars

would go out for unemployment insurance payments and welfare benefits would run about the same amount. I voted for this legislation reluctantly.

Gasoline has increased about six cents a gallon and the price of oil from the OPEC countries has increased about \$6 a barrel. There are two sides to this question. There is just so much oil in the OPEC countries and they maintain that we are not conserving gasoline so the punishment to us is tremendous increases to us in the price of oil per barrel. When the oil runs out in the OPEC countries, they will be hard-put to operate their countries since this revenue is just about all they have at this time.

December 20, 1979

Good or bad, the Chrysler emergency legislation finally passed in the Senate last night and the House and Senate conferees will work out the differences in the two Bills today so that the President can sign this Bill. The total package involves about \$3.6 billion with \$1.5 billion in federal loan guarantees for Chrysler. Again we all know that this Bill really establishes a precedent and it may not be a good one.

The situation in Iran is about the same and the Iranian students carried the body of one of Khomeini's chief aids through the street yesterday in an open casket. This man was assassinated and of course, Khomeini and those wild people in Iran, accused the CIA and the United States. This death takes place at a right bad time because it appeared with a whole lot of luck, we would have secured the release of the 49 hostages soon.

This does not appear to be the case today and it may be sometime before final action is taken.

A military court martial yesterday sentenced to death, 7 of the 8 men charged with plotting to assassinate South Korean Park Chung Hee. The President was assassinated several weeks ago and one of those to receive the death sentence is Kim Kae Won, the former President's chief secretary who was present at the dinner and was accused of failing to come to the President's assistance. He denied knowledge of the plot but his action was just enough to bring about his death sentence.

The City of Detroit is jubilant today over the Chrysler action and a number of stores have dedicated 10 per cent of their profits to the purchase of Chrysler automobiles. The stores will give the cars away in raffels. The Michigan State Lottery also has the same idea and the operators of the lottery promise to give new Chrysler products to some winners in place of the usual cash.

In writing letters to my grandchildren, I at times have difficulty in knowing what to talk to them about. Today I dictated a letter which will be mailed during my absence over the Christmas holidays and in this letter I said to my grandchildren that we should have more whistling in this country. This seems to be a lost art and in fact very few people whistle anymore. The letter is as follows:

"I hope Santa Claus brought you everything you wanted and in fact, I hope his sled broke down right in front of your house

so that he had to unload. Further, I hope the New Year of 1980 brings you and the members of your family the best of everything.

I look forward to 1980 and in fact, I am not one of those people who always want to look back. I see nothing in the future, notwithstanding all of our serious problems today, that cannot be overcome with honor and distinction.

In speaking of the future, as well as the past, no one ever seems to whistle anymore. Whistling, to me, is a nice sound and in fact, when I am walking along the hall in our apartment building here in Washington, I whistle--not too loudly, but just loud enough for me to hear it and enjoy it. I pass some of the neighbors in our apartment building and they say "Mr. Natcher, you seem to be real happy." I immediately answer by saying we still live in the greatest country in the world and we should all look on the bright side.

Whistling, as you know, is not just meant to take place when you are walking through a cemetery at night or when you are traveling down a real dark road, wondering what's behind every tree. It is a comfort to walk along and whistle and it is a sign of happiness and sheer joy. Just to show you how much happiness goes with whistling, sometime try to whistle a tune when you are angry. You simply can't do it.

Those of us who are unable to "carry a tune in a bucket" when we are called upon to sing, could at least whistle. Sometimes when you are out in the woods or way out in the country where everything is real quiet, you can whistle and on many occasions mockingbirds and other species of the feathered flock will whistle with you. This is one way

to relax and to forget all of your worries.

I will continue whistling when I can and I hope that this is not a lost art and that more people will whistle when they are happy. Worrying and brooding over things that you really cannot control serves no good purpose. Worrying about things that you can control is proper and as you are attempting to solve these programs, just whistle a little."

December 21, 1979

At 11:30 last night Congress gave final approval to a \$3.5 billion aid package for Chrysler Corporation. We recessed until December 26 when we will start pro forma Sessions until we start again in the Second Session of the 96th Congress on January 22. The House will meet briefly on January 3 for the purpose of adjourning the 1st Session of the 96th Congress.

Last night I completed 26 years in the House and so far, have never missed a day or a vote. This is now the all-time record beginning with the 1st Session of the First Congress on March 4, 1789.

We completed action on a number of major Bills during this Session of Congress but, we still have not completed the Wind Fall Profits Tax, the Synthetic Fuels Bill and the Energy Mobilization Board. SALT II has not been approved in the Senate and so far, no action has been taken on a National Health Insurance plan. A number of other major Bills have not passed, but they are still alive and will be acted upon during

the Second Session of the 96th Congress.

I will go down home this weekend for the Christmas holidays and will return either on January 3 or January 19.

January 14, 1980

I have just returned to Washington from Kentucky. During the Christmas recess period, we had a whole lot of rain and very little snow. In fact, the weather in Kentucky, as well as in Washington, is much better than we expected several months ago. I do hope that we do not have to go through snow and ice before this one is over.

Labor Chief George Meany died last week. He was the President of the AFL-CIO and at the last annual meeting, retired from his position as the President after some 25 years service in this capacity. He was succeeded by Lane Kirkland. A great many editorials have been written about Mr. Meany and his body lies in state in the AFL-CIO building here in Washington. I presume that his greatest achievement for the labor movement was the merging in 1955 of the rival American Federal of Labor with the Congress of Industrial Organizations. His greatest fear at all times was that the federation he merged would fall apart but he had the force to keep this group together. I presume that George Meany was good for labor but I know as a Member of Congress that labor's clout now is not what it used to be. For 10 years, most labor fights made in the Congress by Labor have either been lost completely or watered down to the extent that nothing was really accomplished. In fact, labor, in my opinion, is weaker today than at any time during the past 20 years. The Chamber of Commerce and the National Manufacturers Association and many other groups are up

on the firing line with the labor unions today and labor is being contested at every point.

The Presidential primary in both parties has warmed up considerably in the past three weeks and the first Presidential Primary Caucuses will be held in Iowa on January 20. Reagan has been way out in the lead on the Republican side but Bush is rapidly overtaking him in Iowa and Carter's present popularity has placed him in a position where he is probably in the lead over Kennedy at this time in Iowa. The full support of the country behind the President in the many moves that he has made to free the hostages in Iran has placed him back right high in the polls and this has helped him in the last Iowa poll which shows Carter leading Kennedy now 57% to 25%. This is a sharp change from the last Iowa poll of early December which had Carter and Kennedy tied at 40% each, with 9% going to Governor Brown of California.

Kennedy continues to keep stumbling all over the United States and unless he pulls up in Iowa and in New Hampshire, which is the next Presidential Primary, he may be forced to drop out long before the August Democratic National Convention.

The Soviet Union continues with approximately 100,000 troops in Afghanistan and unless we do more than make utterances, not only Afghanistan will fall, but also Pakistan. Economically, I can see the year of 1980 being a much better year than 1979 but unless we finally establish a foreign policy that can be relied upon by our friends, we will be in serious trouble long before this year is over.

I believe that prime interest rates will come down in the year 1980 and also inflation

will drop out of the double digit category. I do believe that unemployment will increase and that our major problem all during this new year will be problems confronting us throughout the world and especially in trying to halt the Soviet Union in its move to really take over this world. So far, President Carter's proposals concerning the embargo are not working and will not work. Cutting off the sale of certain technological equipment and our refusal to sell more wheat and grain to the Soviet Union will not get the job done and this is known by our friends throughout the world. I sometimes wonder who President Carter is really listening to because the future will be bleak if we continue to fail to establish foreign policy programs that are firm and the kind that the people around the world can understand and the kind that if violated we will stand up and do more than talk about. I am more worried today over what is taking place around the world than at any time in the last 10 years. As far as SALT II is concerned and any agreement that the Soviet Union proposes, we must continue to be strong militarily and to make up our mind that we must cut back on unnecessary domestic programs so that we make sure that our military machine is the best in the world. What has happened in the last three weeks should be sufficient warning to President Carter and to all of us in the Congress.

The Iranians are now saying that if the American fleet blocks the mouth of the Persian Gulf, this will result in war. All kinds of threats are being made but the hostages are still being held and Russia continues to veto every Resolution before the Security Council of the United Nations Organization pertaining to embargoes and restrictions against the Soviet Union in its move in Afghanistan.

A move will be made this year for a substantial tax reduction and also proposals will be placed in the hopper to roll back next year's big increase in social security taxes. To me, both proposals are bad and neither should be accepted.

January 16, 1980

Gold is now up to \$712.50 an ounce. This is an increase of \$41.51 an ounce in the past 48 hours. Silver increased \$3.80 an ounce and the price now is \$46.30 per ounce, which is the all-time record for silver. In these uncertain times economically, the oil producing countries and the Middle East generally, are investing in gold. Wealthy people throughout this section of the world believe that the present currency being used around the world is so unstable that they want their money invested in a metal which can be disposed of without too much trouble. Gold is something that can be moved around and we may never see gold go back below \$200 an ounce. There is just so much gold in the world and with the small amounts now being mined in South Africa and the Soviet Union, there is simply nothing in the future that indicates that gold may become so plentiful that the price will go back down to the \$34.00 an ounce. This was the price of gold only a few years ago and now those who own gold coins and gold generally are really in the money.

George Meany was buried yesterday and among those who attended the funeral were President Carter, Mrs. Hubert Humphrey, Vice President Mondale and his wife and Secretary of State Cy Vance and his wife. President

Carter and George Meany got along right well together for the first two years of the Carter Administration and then during the year of 1979, there was considerable disagreement, between these two men.

The Washington Star is now running a series of stories on the front page concerning the Chappaquiddick study that this newspaper has made which directly contradicts Kennedy's statement as to a crucial element in the story told by the Senator about the night that Mary Jo Kopechne drowned in his car. The new evidence according to the Star, relates to the current which Kennedy said was running that night and in the early morning with the study made by Star in direct contradiction to the Senator's statement. Kennedy in telling and retelling his story of the night of July 18, 1969 and the early morning of July 19, maintained that he was swept out toward the sea and nearly drowned while swimming the narrow channel from Chappaquiddick Island to Edgartown after the accident. According to the Star, their study shows that the currents were running the other way into the mouth of Edgartown Harbor and not out of it, which makes the Senator's story untrue. The shock that he received from almost being swept out to sea placed him in a position he said, that he was completely exhausted and not physically able to concentrate on what he should do and instead of reporting the accident which he later said was a mistake, he simply went to the motel and went to sleep. It is a little unusual for the Star to go after him at this time about Chappaquiddick. The Star is controlled by Time Magazine and the Kennedy family have always operated in the same circle with the owners of the Time Magazine.

The overwhelming rebuke in the United Nations General Assembly to the Soviet Union for its invasion of Afghanistan, was clear when the vote on Monday of this week was 104 to 18. However, the Soviet Union exercised its veto on this same question before the Security Council and will move to continue to get other nations to join with us in rebuking the Soviet Union, really does not have too much effect.

A meeting was held at the White House about ten days ago with former Cabinet members in attendance. Former Secretary Schlesinger was present along with John J. McCloy, Donald Rumsfeld, Joseph J. Cisco and several others. The present world situation was discussed generally and Schlesinger's observation that as far as the world situation today is concerned, it boiled down to the major point that the leadership of our country was being tested and it was not a test as to whether the international community could muster the strength and fortitude to prevent such Soviet conduct.

January 17, 1980

One of the hostages now being held in Iran has issued an open appeal to the Carter Administration to take prompt action to free the hostages from the terrible situation that they are now in. In a letter to the Washington Post, which was received yesterday, a man by the name of Robert C. Ode, a retired career foreign service officer who had agreed to help out for 43 days in the United States Embassy and who unfortunately was there when the hostages were seized, described his confinement and requested action. In his letter

he said that the hostages are being kept in semi-darkened rooms with their hands tied day and night and that during the night time bright lights are kept burning all night. Due to the constant noise, the hostages are unable to sleep. For some reason or other, those in charge of the hostages in Iran have decided to let letters like this one out and apparently it was mailed with the approval of those in charge of the hostages who seized the United States Embassy on November 4. This man Ode, went on further in his letter to say that in 53 days, he had only been given three brief exercise periods in the fresh air, and only four tasteless and unripe oranges, two hard-boiled eggs, one small bottle of fresh milk and a few pressed dates to supplement an otherwise monotonous and too starchy diet. He further complained that the mail which the hostages received, was being held and that no United States Government representatives had been allowed to visit them. The letter further called upon the Washington Post to bring pressure on the responsible leaders in our government to take prompt action to free the hostages from the terrible situation that they were in.

This appeal will really be carried by the media throughout this country and we have just about reached the point when something more than embargos and threats to pull out of the Olympic Games, is necessary.

The Soviet Union now has well over 100,000 soldiers in Afghanistan and the President of Pakistan has issued a right positive statement that no Russian soldiers

will be permitted in Pakistan regardless of whether or not they are trying to dislodge Afghanistan rebel leaders and fighters.

With the Presidential primaries well underway, this matter of the hostages will become more controversial everyday.

January 21, 1980

On Meet the Press yesterday, President Carter said that he had requested the United States Olympic Committee to lead a world-wide effort to remove this summer's Olympic Games from Moscow unless the Soviet Union withdraws all of its troops from Afghanistan by February 20. He went on to say that if the site was not changed, then he would be in favor of a boycott against our participation in the Summer Olympics in Moscow.

It now appears likely that the United States Olympic Committee will support President Carter's position that Americans should not participate in the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow unless Soviet troops are out of Afghanistan within a month. The Committee says that it would be virtually impossible to persuade the International Olympic Committee to relocate, postpone or cancel the games as the President urged in his appearance on Meet the Press.

A number of questions were put to the President concerning his failure to bring about a halt to inflation, his failure to solve the energy crisis and his failure to reduce unemployment. When asked if the embargo would continue against Iran, he said that we would proceed with a unilateral

embargo and would continue the embargo until the hostages were finally released.

President Tito of Yugoslavia is in the hospital and due to a blood circulatory problem his left leg was removed. We are all watching now as to what will happen in case Tito, who is 87 years of age, does not last long as the leader of Yugoslavia.

We start the Second Session of the 96th Congress tomorrow and this will really be a year to remember.

William O. Douglas, probably one of the most liberal Justices ever to serve on the Supreme Court died Saturday at the age of 81. He was known as the Justice who invented Constitutional traditions of his own and a man who fashioned his manners to suit himself. He served as a Justice for nearly a fifth of the Nation's history. In fact he served for 36 years which is longer than any other Justice has served on our highest court. While serving on the court, he suffered a crippling stroke and finally he had to retire. He retired in the year 1975 and never got used to the idea that he was no longer an active member of the court. He was married four times and his last wife who survives him, was almost young enough to be his granddaughter. Since retiring from the court, Douglas had continued to go to an office in the Supreme Court Building from time to time, to work on his writing. He had always been a voluminous author and before his death, he spoke often of finishing his memoirs. In one of his opinions, he said -- "The curious man -- the dissenter -- the innovator -- the one who taunts and ceases or makes a caricature of our prejudices

is often our salvation." He was often a dissenter on the court and he used as his strategy the right to resist the past including the dictates of prior rulings. At one time he surprised a group of lawyers when he said that he would rather create a precedent than to find one. He was considered as a loner on the court and he on many occasions, made his colleagues uncomfortable not only by his independence, but by his brilliance. Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. who is now on the court, said that Douglas was the only true genius he had every known. Brennan was probably Douglas' best friend on the court. Louis Brandeis was Douglas' idol and he often borrowed from Justice Brandeis' statement the words that everyone had the right to be let alone. Finding this expression in the Constitution, of course, is right difficult but Douglas treated his theory as the source of individuals true liberation from official control. Douglas was one of Nixon's prime targets and the same applied to my friend Jerry Ford. After the Nixon Administration succeeded in getting a conservative majority on the court, Douglas was almost forced into complete isolation. He then proceeded to write scathing accusations against his colleagues in dissenting opinions and after threatening to publish all of his dissenting opinions. By his first wife, he had two children and his wife now is a Washington attorney, who went to law school after marrying the Justice.

The liberals in this country and a number of our government leaders eulogized Douglas as a persistent champion of individual freedom, whose 36 years on the Supreme Court had a profound impact on the society in this country.

January 22, 1980

The Iowa Caucuses were held last night and President Carter defeated Senator Edward Kennedy by about two to one. This is a serious defeat and unless Kennedy improves considerably in New Hampshire and one or two other states, he will be out of this race. George Bush, a virtual unknown in National politics a few months ago, was leading Ronald Reagan on the Republican side. Reagan was supposed to win overwhelmingly and up to this morning, the count showed Bush with 33% and Reagan with 29%. Senate Minority Leader Howard H. Baker of Tennessee was a distant third with 14% and former Texas Governor John B. Connally was fourth with 9%. This is an indicator and may establish the fact that Carter and Bush will be on the ticket in November, however, a lot of water has to go under the bridge first.

We had a pro-life breakfast this morning with about 150 from Kentucky. This is our annual fight each year now in the Bill that I am Chairman of and before some \$232 billion is resolved in the Bill, we will again reach an impasse as to whether not federal funds shall be expended for abortion.

I have never seen as many invitations for breakfast, lunch, dinners and receptions since I have been a Member of Congress. Every group is organizing and coming to Washington to meet with their Representatives and Senators and it has reached the point that if you accept half of the invitations that you receive, you go every night to either a dinner or a reception and you have at least three breakfast meetings each week. This makes it right difficult on every Member of Congress.

January 23, 1980

Support is building for a boycott of the olympic games. The Prime Ministers of Australia, Britain and New Zealand, yesterday, asked their national olympic committees not to take part in the games. In Japan, the ruling liberal democratic party issued a statement saying the government should support a boycott of the Moscow Olympics. This build-up of support for either a boycott or the changing of the site for the games probably will not affect the Soviet Union's action in Afghanistan. Now the Russians have about 200,000 men in Afghanistan and are reasonably close to the Pakistan and Iranian borders. The President of Pakistan is still insisting upon billions of our dollars instead of the \$500 million which has been offered by President Carter and in addition, is requesting a defense treaty with our country. The situation throughout the world is more serious today, I believe than at any time since World War II.

Here in this country we have now, for weeks, been reading front page newspaper stories on the increase in the price of gold. After going a little over \$900 an ounce, it dropped back to \$826 an ounce on Monday and at the end of trading in New York yesterday, the price had skidded down to \$683 an ounce. Maybe the price will go back down some, but with all of the money floating around in the Middle East and the continued buying of gold by the rich people in the oil producing Arabian countries, it may be sometime before we ever see the price of gold back down to \$200 an ounce. The price of silver has increased so much that those with sterling silver flatware are so afraid that thieves will steal it now, that they have just about decided to either sleep with it or sit on it.

The Presidential outcome in Iowa is still being guessed at and explained today, but the fact remains that President Carter received 59% of the Caucus vote and Kennedy received 31%. There was only 10% uncommitted. On the Republican side, Bush received 33% and Reagan received 27%. Reagan's failure to join his opponents in Des Moines for a debate several weeks ago just about fixed him in Iowa. Baker ran third finally, with 14% and Connally with 10%. Dole, who was Jerry Ford's candidate for Vice President received 3% and this should be a good indication to Dole that he is wasting his time.

The Teamsters Union in this country still refuses to load and unload Soviet planes and ships due to the action of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. Yesterday at Dulles Airport, over 4,000 pounds of cargo had to be unloaded from a Soviet plane by Soviet citizens and some who are stationed here in Washington. The Soviet Embassy here is pouting and says that our action in refusing to unload their planes and ships is like a kindergarten game and that we are violating international law, the same as the Iranians are in holding the Americans hostage. New developments take place every day around the world and from day to day, you never know what is going to happen at this time.

January 25, 1980

Yesterday the House approved President Carter's request for legislation providing that unless the troops are removed from Afghanistan within a month, the United States should not take part in the Summer Olympic

Games in Moscow. The vote was 386 to 12. I do not know whether this will move the Russians, but maybe enough steps in the right direction approved by other countries will finally force the removal of the troops.

This wild man who is running Iran at the present time, Khomeini, is in the Tehran Hospital with heart trouble. The presidential race is being held today in Iran and Khomeini was taken to the hospital on Wednesday from his home in the holy city of Qum for treatment. The 79 year old leader said yesterday that his illness is not important, but reports of his illness certainly has brought on additional tensions in the country of Iran.

We passed a bill in the House yesterday giving favorite nations treatment to China. So far, legislation along this line has never been approved for the Soviet Union.

With his campaign treasury close to being empty, and the polls showing him to be behind in New England, Senator Kennedy yesterday cancelled all scheduled campaign activities this weekend to reassess the future course of his challenge to President Carter. He called off a weekend campaign trip to Maine and New Hampshire and said that he will deliver a major policy address in Washington on Monday. In walking through his campaign headquarters here last night to cheer up his workers, he denied unequivocally that he would withdraw from the race. He continued to joke about Monday's Iowa Caucuses where Carter beat him 59% to 31% and he says that 31% of the people in Iowa can't be wrong. Kennedy certainly is

not as smart as either of his two brothers who were assassinated and has none of the shrewdness that his father possessed.

January 29, 1980

The President submitted his budget for Fiscal Year 1981 yesterday. The budget that the President submitted called for \$615,761,000,000. The budget for Fiscal Year 1980 which we have completed, called for \$563,583,000,000. Budget authority contained in the 1981 budget is for \$696,080,000,000.

We all hoped that the President would submit a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 1981. This was one of his promises during his campaign for election, but it became apparent last year that this would not take place.

The Bill that I am Chairman of calls for \$274,200,000,000. This is 39.4% of the total federal budget. For defense our budget for 1980 called for \$138,635,000,000. For Fiscal Year 1981, the President is requesting \$158,155,000,000.

For agriculture the President is requesting \$20,084,000,000.

We start hearings on the budget for Fiscal Year 1981 this week and many weeks will be consumed before we present thirteen appropriations bills to the House of Representatives.

Senator Kennedy was just about knocked

out of the box in Iowa last week and in order to put life back into his campaign, made a speech at Georgetown University yesterday which has received considerable publicity today. He was very critical of President Carter and called for gas rationing immediately and for wage and price controls. He is against the draft proposals of President Carter and belittled Carter's suggestion that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is the gravest threat to peace since World War II. Kennedy inquired as to whether it was more serious than the Berlin Blockade, the Korean War, the Soviet March into Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the Berlin Wall, the Cuban Missile Crisis or Vietnam.

We will now see as to whether Kennedy is able to get back on the track.

January 30, 1980

Just before the hostages were seized in the American Embassy in Iran, six Americans were given sanctuary in the Canadian Embassy and left Iran using Canadian passports. The Canadian Embassy was then closed. As usual, this information finally had to be divulged with much fanfare and the Iranians now say that Canada will be punished and that this will not help the 50 hostages being held in the American Embassy. It seems that we always have to talk too much.

For the past two days, Secretary of Defense, Harold Brown, has testified before the full Committee on Armed Services in the House and in addition to being right irritable, according to my information, has painted a right gloomy picture of the world at this time. Instability in the Middle East will continue, he believes, for years to come and according to Brown, the Soviet Union shows no sign of slowing either its nuclear

r conventional weapons build up and may even be planning to field enough forces to fight three wars at once. According to Brown, we have never acquired the mobility to fight one big war and one small war at the same time. We are not able at this time, he said, to send in enough reinforcements to give the necessary power to forces deployed far away. I understand that when questions were asked, he became very irritable and this is not the way he has handled himself before the Committees on the Hill since he has been Secretary of Defense. This man believes that the world situation is really serious.

Every so often, a well known man or woman passes on in this country and this week, Jimmy Durante, the graveled voice comedian who won America's heart with his song and dance routine for many years, died of a lung ailment. He was 86 years old.

We begin our hearings today on the budget request for the three Departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services.

January 31, 1980

The new Secretary of Health and Human Services is Patricia Harris, a very able black lawyer. Prior to her appointment as Secretary of this Department, she served as Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Since Congress established a new Department, which is the Department of Education, Mrs. Harris' jurisdiction does not include education. The new Secretary of the Education Department is Mrs. Hufstедler who was a very able federal judge on the West Coast.

While serving as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Mrs. Harris became a

right controversial Cabinet Member and this, I believe, will continue while she serves as Secretary of her new Department. In the hearings which we started yesterday, an inquiry was made by one of our Subcommittee Members as to why she had issued a memorandum to all of the Department heads in her Department that no longer could they talk to Members of Congress or to certain other individuals without first clearing it through her office. We have never seen such a Memorandum in the Congress and of course, this disturbed not only the Members of the Subcommittee that I am Chairman of, but all of the Members of the Committee on Appropriations. In answering the question, she said that it applied mainly to policy matters and since this was a complete avoidance of the question propounded to her and in fact, was not true, I decided, as Chairman, that it would be much better if I would just read to her the Memorandum which she issued. I did so and then inquired, after Mr. Obey of Wisconsin yielded to me for that purpose, if her answer to him then was correct. She emphatically stated that it was and then he became very angry and said that it was not and she knew it was not correct. This went on for a few minutes before Mr. Roybal of California started questioning her during his ten-minute period. He started out with the Memo and when there was complete disagreement, he frankly told her that she had not answered his question and her answer was not correct and while she persisted in saying that it was, he moved onto another subject.

Probably I should have advised the Committee before this good lady testified that she was smart and a good lawyer but just as mean as she could be and that she would fight back just like a bear when you asked her something that she did not agree with. We will have quite a bit of fun with the new Secretary, but before it is over,

we will mark up a good bill and knowing her as well as I do, she will live with it.

February 1, 1980

From time to time, I write letters to my grandchildren which show how some outstanding leaders and heroes are destroyed. Today I wrote a letter concerning General Douglas MacArthur and this letter is as follows:

"A Boston College historian has recently written a book about General Douglas MacArthur and in this book, the author says that MacArthur accepted a \$500,000 payment from the President of the Philippines during World War II. The author attempts to document this payment by citing the bank account that the payment was deposited in and this, of course, comes as a real surprise to the people in this country because General Douglas MacArthur has for years been one of the military heroes of this country.

I served for ten years on the Board of Visitors at West Point and one of the first stories you hear when you go to West Point is the Douglas MacArthur story. His father was a General and when he was at West Point, his mother rented a room at the old Thayer Hotel and remained in the hotel during the four years Douglas MacArthur was a cadet at West Point. Of course, he led his class at West Point and established an outstanding record as a military leader of this country. As you will remember, he was removed from command by President Truman due to the fact that he would not take orders from the President. He later appeared before a Joint

Session of Congress, which was long before my time, and his speech made in defense of his actions is a masterpiece.

While serving on the Board of Visitors at West Point, we established the MacArthur Museum which is a corner of one of the old barracks and MacArthur's name goes down in history, with old General Thayer and a great many others who were graduates of West Point. Before MacArthur died, he agreed to place all of his papers, memorabilia, uniforms, pistols and war mementos in the old library building at Norfolk, Virginia, which is now the MacArthur Museum. You should see this Museum because it is just full of MacArthur memorabilia.

Here now we have another leader and one who established an outstanding record, who has either been toppled from his perch or has had the perch teeter back and forth considerably. I do not know what the family of General MacArthur will say about this payment, which according to the author of this book was made after MacArthur said the President of the Philippines should remain in the Philippines instead of leaving during the hectic days of World War II. The President maintained that he wanted to leave rather than be captured by the Japanese. The President of the Philippines was a sick man and suddenly MacArthur changed his mind and permitted the President to leave, after the sum of \$500,000 was deposited in MacArthur's account in this country, according to the author of the book.

Even if this story is not true, this is a blemish that will always be remembered and

MacArthur now joins Eleanor Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Richard M. Nixon, Spiro Agnew, Nelson Rockefeller, Andrew Johnson, Chief Justice Warren Burger and a number of others.

Maybe the shortest thing in the world is the public's memory. I hope the MacArthur story is not true and it is clearly established to be a fabrication."

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands

announced yesterday that she will abdicate April 30 in favor of Crown Princess Beatrix. In a radio and television address to the Dutch Nation, the Queen who is 71 years of age, said she would step down in favor of her oldest daughter. This move means a substantial shift in personalities at the head of the Dutch Royal family. Queen Juliana has been widely loved as a grandmotherly, deeply religious figure. From time to time, comedians and others have expressed the Dutch peoples feelings in some of their statements such as the comedian who would be in favor of a Republic, but only if Juliana is its President. The Queen has endured several Royal scandals with the most dramatic one being in 1976 when her husband, German born Prince Bernhard, was forced to resign all of his military and business posts after a government commission found he had solicited money from Lockheed, an American aircraft firm. The Queen has reigned for 31 years when she succeeded her mother who abdicated on September 6, 1948. Her mother was Queen Wilhelmina and her daughter, Princess Beatrix is married to a former West German diplomat, Claus Van Amsberg. Prince Claus is a handsome quiet man and should make a good husband for the new Queen.

The story that is being written about General Douglas MacArthur's acceptance of \$500,000 from the former President of the Philippines, is receiving quite a bit of front page publicity. If this story is true, it really shatters one of our former idols.

Within the next few days, we will take up a Bill which provides for registration of men from 18 to 26 years of age and if women are also included, this will bring on a real fight. A number of women's organizations are now starting a campaign against the registration of young men.

The President of Pakistan is still insisting upon \$2 billion instead of \$500 million, notwithstanding the fact that the Soviet Union is breathing down his neck. Our Committee will never approve of the amount he is requesting.

Finally, Dan Flood changed his mind again and his resignation was accepted yesterday. He is no longer a Member of Congress. He is now an old, helpless man and is right pitiful. A little party was given in his honor in his office and I went to the party. Regardless of the money or anything else, Dan Flood is not physically or mentally qualified at this time to aid or assist his lawyer in his defense. I am not a psychiatrist, but I could tell yesterday that he is just simply helpless.

February 4, 1980

During the weekend, the media on the hour, and the newspapers carried details of the FBI undercover operation which apparently

has placed seven House Members and one Senator in right serious difficulty. When I heard that certain House Members and a Senator had been charged with accepting bribes or money illegally, in some cases, I am very much surprised. Those this weekend who were charged in the main, do not surprise me too much.

The Senator, who is Harrison A. Williams, Jr., Democrat of New Jersey was sworn in with me as a Member of the House, after winning in a special election. For years now, he has been an alcoholic and from time to time articles have been written about him and money matters. John M. Murphy, Democrat of New York City, is one of the House Members charged and for over four years now, his name has appeared in the papers from time to time about money that he has accepted from foreign governments and has paid no income tax. Frank Thompson, Democrat of New Jersey, was simply too smart to have been trapped and I feel real bad about reading about his case because I like him. John Murtha, a Democrat from Pennsylvania is a Member on our Committee on Appropriations and is probably the closest man in the House to President Carter. He has a bad habit of leaving the Committee Room when a hot vote is called up and then returning as soon as the vote is over. John W. Jenrette, Jr. Democrat of South Carolina has been in a running battle with his former wife and the FBI ever since he has been a Member of Congress.

The real pious one is the Republican Member from Florida, Richard Kelly, a former Judge who is serving his second term. I can still hear him in the House where he has, on a great many occasions, called upon the

the rest of us to stop spending so much money because we are bankrupting the country and what we are doing does not meet with the approval of the taxpayers. All of his speeches run along the same line and he has been known as the great conservative in the House. This is the same man who overspent his office allowance by \$11,500 in 1978 and had to refund the difference.

Representative Michael Myers Democrat of Pennsylvania, is one that was arrested in Virginia last year in one of the motels and was later sued by one of the maids in the motel who suffered an injury of some sort. He had a big election night celebration party and apparently most of them were drunk. The seventh House Member, Raymond F. Lederer, Democrat of Pennsylvania, is from a ward Democratic family in Philadelphia, where apparently everything goes. The article that was carried in the Washington Post yesterday is entitled, "FBI "Sting" Snares Several in Congress." This article is as follows:

"An FBI undercover "sting" operation set up to catch organized crime figures selling stolen securities and art objects, has snared several members of Congress on potential bribery charges, according to sources.

The sources said the FBI has videotapes of several transactions in which different members of Congress discuss their willingness to help FBI undercover agents with legislation or other favors. The FBI agents were posing as representatives of Arab businessmen.

The investigation is described as the largest ever involving members of Congress. More than \$400,000 in cash has been paid out to some congressmen and some state officials over the past year, sources said.

One of the videotaped transactions was as recent as mid-January sources said.

Sources said the subjects of the investigation include Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D-N.J.), chairman of the Senate Labor Committee; Reps. John M. Murphy (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee; Frank Thompson (D-N.J.) chairman of the House Administration Committee John Murtha (D-Pa.), a member of the House Ethics Committee; John W. Jenrette Jr. (D-S.C.) and Richard Kelly (R-Fla.).

The Long Island paper Newsday reported last night that Reps. Michael Myers and Raymond F. Lederer, both Pennsylvania Democrats, also are subjects of the inquiry.

Several state and local officials in New Jersey and Pennsylvania are also said to be involved. These include the mayor of Camden, N.J., and a New Jersey state gambling official according to sources.

The political fallout from the investigation could be immense because of the number of members of Congress involved, including three committee chairmen, and the apparent quality of the evidence.

It seems certain the case will provide new energy to the dormant debate about congressional ethics. The last major scandal involving Congress was the South Korean influence-buying scheme, which produced major

congressional hearings but few criminal charges and little disciplinary action against House members by their peers.

In one case, for example, a videotape shows Murphy discussing with the undercover agents how to help their "Arab" clients get permanent residency if they entered the United States, the sources said. A briefcase containing \$50,000 was handed to a Murphy associate after the discussion, they added.

Murphy said through an aide last night that he had "no idea of any (bribery) allegations."

The Camden mayor, Angelo J. Errichetti, was a key figure early in the investigation sources said.

He offered help in getting an Atlantic City casino license for the "Arab". A state gaming commission official was later paid \$100,000, the sources added.

An even more central figure was Howard Criden, a Philadelphia lawyer, who was the go-between in transactions involving Reps. Murphy, Thompson, Lederer and Myers, sources said.

Criden, a former assistant district attorney, allegedly told the undercover agents he could introduce them to members of Congress who would help their "Arab" client for cash.

Sources said Criden was questioned by FBI agents yesterday and began to cooperate opening the door to confronting the four House members with whom he dealt.

In each case, Criden or the member is alleged to have accepted about \$50,000 in cash in return for promises to help the "Arab oil shiek" with any problems he might have entering the United States or settling here.

Jenrette of South Carolina also reportedly was recorded as talking about accepting \$50,000 for an immigration bill, and the money was later picked up by an associate sources said.

Sen. Williams was implicated when he agreed to help in obtaining military contracts for a titanium mine for which he received stock, the sources said.

Sources cautioned that indictments might not result from all the cases.

Thompson said last night that he was questioned by the FBI yesterday, and acknowledged months ago talking to two men in Washington who said they represented an investor with a large amount of money. Criden made the introductions, he said.

Thompson emphatically denied ever taking money for help with legislation. He said he did suggest the names of some New Jersey banks in his district as possible places to invest the money.

Williams, in a statement issued by his office, said, "Nobody from the Department of Justice has talked to me at all about this. In fact, not one soul has talked to me. Honestly, I can say I don't have any comment on this."

The other members of Congress under

investigation could not be reached for comment.

A focal point of the investigation was a large house in northwest Washington where the undercover agents entertained some of their congressional guests.

NBC-TV last night showed film it took of the house where the FBI filmed members. Reporter Brian Ross noted that the lights in the house were unusually bright to accommodate the secret FBI videotaping equipment.

More than 100 FBI agents were involved yesterday in trying to reach the members of Congress and others in the case because word of the investigation had begun to leak out to several news organizations.

A federal grand jury in Washington is expected to begin hearing evidence this week though any move for indictments is considered weeks or months away, sources said.

Sources gave this account of the case; the investigation began in the summer of 1978 when FBI agents set up a "sting" operation in the hope of luring organized crime members to sell stolen government securities and other valuables, starting on Long Island. That investigation, too, has been highly successful, though it has not been publicized yet.

The undercover agents solicited business by letting the underworld sources know they represented "Arab businessmen" with millions of dollars to "invest". The FBI calls the operation ABCAM-f or Arab scam.

By last fall, associates of some of the members of Congress made contact with the "sting" operation and allegedly began arranging meetings, in Washington and New York, between the undercover agents and the federal officials.

In one videotaped transaction, a member of Congress and his companion are shown fighting over a briefcase full of cash as they leave the room.

On another occasion, another member of Congress flatly refused to take part in the discussion when it turned to money-for-legislation and stalked out of the room.

One source who has viewed some of the tapes said he was "sickened" by the sight of members of Congress nodding in agreement and saying "no problem" when the undercover agents mentioned giving them money for legislative favors.

In a copyrighted story by its Washington bureau chief, Anthony Marro, Newsday reported that in one transaction caught on videotape, a member of Congress is seen stuffing greenbacks into his trouser and jacket pockets.

To establish their "covers" as representatives of "rich Arabs," the FBI undercover agents were provided with a large yacht, a condominium at an ocean resort, the house here, and private planes in addition to the hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash, Newsday said.

The investigation is being coordinated from New York by Thomas Puccio, head of the

Justice Department's organized crime strike force in Brooklyn, according to sources. Other prosecutors in New Jersey, Philadelphia, and Florida also are working on the case.

Sources said that middlemen, who claimed they could influence state and federal officials, were attracted to the "sting" when they heard of the millions in Arab money.

Thompson said the FBI agents who questioned him yesterday asked him about his association with the attorney, whom he described as "a constituent, as far as I know a reputable person."

He said he met with the lawyer and two men--who introduced themselves as Weinstein or Weintraub and DeVito--last October at the Foxhall Road area home. The two men, according to Thompson, said they had "some principal with considerable amount of money he wants to spread around in investments."

"I suggested names of some banks in New Jersey where he (the attorney) could ask his clients to put money in," Thompson said. "As far as I know, nothing ever happened." Thompson added that the FBI agents who interviewed him yesterday implied he was under suspicion and left him with the impression he might have been recorded at the meeting.

No one at the Justice Department would make any official comment on the investigation yesterday, but some officials said they were concerned that future defendants

in the case would complain about the publicity.

It also is clear, they said, that any defendants would try to say they were entrapped by the undercover agents.

Sources said they were startled by the increasing number of members of Congress who became involved in the investigation as it continued. When word of the "Arab" money circulated, "it was like drawing sharks to blood in the water," one source said.

Some powerful and prominent men in Congress are among those said to be involved in the investigation.

Sen. Williams, 60, a Democrat, of Bedminster, N.J., was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958 after spending five years in the House. With his 21 years of seniority, his strong labor backing, his reputation as a leading liberal, he has become a power baron.

He is chairman of the Labor and Human Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over labor law, education and the arts and many of the health and welfare programs that make up the greatest focus of attention for organized labor and liberal groups nationwide.

Since there is no separate subcommittee for labor law matters, Williams as full committee chairman is in effect chairman for labor law, which the full committee handles by itself.

Williams is second-ranking Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee and chairman of the housing industry, the cities and housing

and urban affairs subcommittee with enormous influence over the housing industry, the cities and housing the poor.

Williams' House colleague from New Jersey, Thompson, 61, a Democrat from Trenton, was first elected to Congress in 1954. As second-ranking Democrat on the House Education and Labor Committee and chairman of its labor-management relations subcommittee, he has had the same power over labor unions, the same pro-labor and liberal records on labor matters and most other domestic legislation as Williams has in the Senate. Together the two men are the dominant Democrats on each side of Capitol Hill on labor matters.

Thompson, however, is also chairman of the House Administration Committee, a minor-sounding but extremely influential unit which has some of the same housekeeping functions as Senate Rules. Thompson's committee helped write the campaign funding laws and restrictions in the past. Many of the little benefits of office--the staff privileges and rules of operation--are under this committee's jurisdiction. As chairman of Administration, Thompson succeeded former representative Wayne Hays (D-Ohio), who left Congress after a sex scandal.

Murphy has been chairman of the Merchant Marine Committee since 1976.

The 53-year-old representative from Staten Island is a West Point graduate who was a staunch supporter of former strongmen Park Chung Hee of South Korea, the shah of Iran and Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua.

Jenrette, 43, from North Myrtle Beach, was elected in 1974 to the House seat from the

6th District of South Carolina. He has won a reputation as a flamboyant personality. Two years ago, the press reported he held a fund-raiser at his home here, and for \$100 a person, gave his guests all the homemade grape wine, liquor and "chicken bog" they could down, raising \$20,000. Jenerette is a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Murtha, 47, was elected in 1974 in a special election to fill a seat left vacant by the death of an incumbent. He is a member of the Appropriations and Ethics committees. Murtha was one of those named to probe phantom House votes last year. Murtha comes from Johnstown, Pa., was a Marine in Vietnam, car wash owner and rated high in voting record compilations put together by organized labor.

Kelly, 55, of Zephyrhills, Fla., was first elected in 1974 and is a member of the Agriculture and Banking committees. Last year it was reported that while he had made a point in his career of attacking the big spenders in government, he himself had run \$11,500 over his office allowance for 1978.

In 1976 he spearheaded an effort to get strikers disqualified from the food stamp program unless they were on it before a strike started. Disney World is in his district. In 1978 his labor rating was zero, his Americans for Democratic Action rating 5 percent, his Americans for Constitutional Action 100 percent.

Lederer, 41, from Philadelphia's Third District, was elected in 1976. He comes from a family long active in city politics. His

older brother is a judge, and another brother was once chief of detectives. Lederer, a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee was once reported to have ambitions to become chairman of the Democratic committee of the city but his name disappeared from the contenders.

Michael (Ozzie) Myers, 36, was elected in 1976 as Democratic congressman from Philadelphia's First District. Myers, a former longshoreman, pleaded no-contest to one charge of disorderly conduct last April 10 after originally having been charged with assault and battery for allegedly participating in a brawl in a rooftop in an Arlington, Va., motel. Myers denied there was any punching and said "we were just doing a little partying.....I'm a gentle guy." Myers, who is on the Education and Labor and Merchant Marine Committees, reportedly was part of the Frank Rizzo organization when Rizzo was mayor of Philadelphia."

February 6, 1980

The most recent development in the FBI "sting" operation here in Washington is the move made Sunday by Representative Richard Kelly, Republican of Florida, who according to the news leak, was photographed stuffing \$25,000 in his jacket and pants pockets, in one meeting with the FBI representative decided to turn over approximately this amount of money to the Federal authorities on Sunday. When word leaked out that he had turned over the money, he refused to be interviewed, stating that it would be inappropriate for him to talk about the technical aspects of the case. This move

makes it right difficult on the other Members who are charged with accepting bribes.

Secretary of State, Cyrus R. Vance, is testifying this week before the House and the Senate Foreign Affairs Committees urging that \$8 billion be approved for the United States Foreign Aid Program for Fiscal Year 1981. He makes a right strong statement that we must compete effectively with the Russians in the third-world, in view of the challenge represented by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. He goes on to say that the overall aid request is austere in the light of the challenges we face around the world today.

One of the United States Senators appears to also be under investigation by the FBI for a scheme that he has been using that forced the Teamsters Union to make a large loan to people who are close to the Senator. According to word we receive on the Hill, Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Howard W. Cannon, Democrat of Nevada, has been under investigation now for months and as Chairman of his Committee, apparently has been holding de-regulation legislation which is of vital concern to the trucking industry until some move is made by the Teamsters. This case has no connection with the FBI's undercover "sting" operation with the seven House Members and Senator Williams of New Jersey. I can just imagine what the majority of the people in this country are saying about the Congress today.

Joe McCaffery is one of the local radio commentators here in Washington and

several days ago, he stopped me in the Speaker's Lobby inquiring as to just how I felt about the "sting" operation. I told him very frankly how I felt about it and night before last, this was the topic that he discussed on his regular radio program. He was very complimentary about me and went into detail about our discussion, which was alright with me.

I have just returned from the Members Private Dining Room where I had my lunch today. Sitting next to me at our table was John Murtha, one of those named in the "sting" operation. He is a man 6'3", weighs about 210 pounds and is a former Marine officer. He served in Vietnam for a number of years and upon returning and being discharged, operated car wash businesses in his Congressional District. He is a man, who, up to this time, has given no indication of being highly nervous and excitable, but he certainly is now.

He went on at great length to explain to us about how embarrassing it is to his family that his name was being used when he was the only who did not accept money. He went into detail about a meeting on January 7 when this attorney, who was working with the F.B.I., invited him to attend a meeting at the home rented by the F.B.I. out in the Northwest section of the city, to talk about unemployment and the need for new industries in his Congressional District. Those present at the home, he said, discussed with him generally the money these Arabs had that they wanted to invest in the United States and that they wanted him on their side so that they would have no trouble with immigration officials and with making investments in this country which would total millions of dollars.

He said that they very frankly wanted him on their side to the extent that the man sitting at a desk opened the desk drawer and it was full of money. Murtha said they wanted to give him some money to make sure that he would be obligated to them and would help them. According to Murtha, the drawer contained several hundred thousand dollars and after discussing the matter of industries in his Congressional District and unemployment, he said to us that he positively informed those in the room that he did not want any money and would not accept any money. He said that his rate of unemployment in his District in Pennsylvania was over 9% and unemployment is a serious matter with him and naturally he would discuss with these people or anybody else matters pertaining to employing his people. He said frankly that he did not accept any money and then left the house and had to go back and knock on the door of the room where he had just left the attorney so that he would come out and take him back to his home in Washington in the limousine. He said that he was afraid that this attorney might accept some money which would indicate that he was going to give it to Murtha, but the attorney did not accept money and he did not accept any money at all but that he was branded now just like all the rest of them. He said more than one time, that he was the only one of those accused who did not accept money.

As a lawyer, I wanted to say to him time after time before he finished his conversation in the presence of five of us sitting at the table with him, that first, he should keep his mouth shut, next, I wanted to say to him that he had no right to say that the others accepted money if he did not know for a fact that this was true and that the best thing for him to do was to use good judgment and if he was not

guilty, he would have no problems whatsoever proving his innocence.

Notwithstanding the fact that Lederer and Myers are also from Pennsylvania, Murtha continued making the statement positively that he was the only one who didn't accept any money.

February 7, 1980

With a straight face, Representative Richard Kelly, Republican of Florida said to David Brinkley on the NBC television program, that he did accept \$25,000 from some shady characters and he placed this money in the glove compartment of his automobile spending some \$174.00 for lunches. He went on to advise Brinkley that the FBI flew his case and this was strictly an investigation of his own with these shady characters. Just how stupid can you get? To think that this man is expecting the people in this country to believe such a story is beyond me.

A story appeared in the Washington Post today entitled "U. S. Expects to Have "Sting" Indictments Within 90-120 Days." This story is as follows:

"The Justice Department expects to secure indictments within 90 to 120 days in the political corruption case that has reportedly implicated eight members of Congress on potential bribery charges.

Urging Congress to forgo any investigations of its own until any trials take place, Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti

warned yesterday that parallel inquiries on Capitol Hill could jeopardize prosecutions of the guilty and taint the reputations of the innocent. He called postponement of the congressional investigations "the only sound and fair course."

Federal prosecutors have already started issuing grand jury subpoenas in Washington and other cities for a wide range of financial records. The subpoenas are evidently designed to trace the funds that were paid out during the FBI "sting" operation and find what the money was used for.

In addition, it was learned that prosecutors are encountering problems in putting together admissible segments of FBI videotapes concerning some of the targets, reportedly because of loose statements and leading questions by some of the undercover agents assigned to the investigation.

During the day, Rep. Richard Kelly (R-Fla.), who sources say was videotaped stuffing \$25,000 in cash into his jacket and pants pockets, became the first official to admit taking money from the undercover agents.

He said, in an interview with NBC's David Brinkley, that he took the money as part of his own investigation of a group of "shady characters" who were trying to buy special immigration bills for their Arab sponsors.

Kelly said he put all \$25,000 in the glove compartment of his car, ostensibly to protect his family, and then started spending on "kind of a rotating basis," buying lunches and the like. When he finally returned the money to the FBI Sunday, he said, "there was \$174.00 gone."

Kelly said he gave the money back because the FBI "blew my case. When they blew the cover on their case, they blew the cover on mine."

On Capitol Hill, there was a strong feeling among both House and Senate members that a cloud had been cast over Congress in the past week and that the government should not expect them to just sit around and wait for the courts to act as the elections draw closer.

Acting Senate Minority Leader Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) said he is especially concerned about the fact that some of the government's cases are apparently so weak that the Justice Department will not be able to prosecute them unless more evidence comes to light.

"I am alarmed by the extent to which people may be involved" publicly but "will never be involved in a grand jury investigation or indictment," Stevens told reporters.

Alluding to the massive news leaks since last weekend of the FBI's "sting" operation, Stevens said "reputations have been seriously damaged in a manner not consistent with the standards of American jurisprudence."

He said the news media would have to "answer at some point for the manner in which the precepts of the Constitution have been violated." Stevens predicted "some substantial libel cases" as a result of the publicity.

Stevens delivered his assessment as the

result of a meeting he and Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) held Tuesday night with Civiletti. Stevens said Civiletti told them the lawmakers who have been publicly named as having been implicated in the FBI's Operation ABSCAM (for Arab scam) fall into three categories.

"There are some they feel they are certain to recommend prosecution on. There are some they are not yet certain they have enough evidence on and there are some that under the current circumstances they are not sure they would recommend any further action on," Stevens said.

The Members of Congress who have become subjects of investigation are Sen. Harrison A. Williams (D-N.J.) and Reps. John M. Murphy (D-N.Y.), Frank Thompson, Jr. (D-N.J.) John W. Jenrette (D-S.C.), Michael Myers, Raymond F. Lederer and John W. Yurtha all Pennsylvania Democrats and Richard Kelly (R-Fla.).

FBI undercover agents posing as Arab "sheiks" or their representatives videotaped a number of the lawmakers discussing favors and other taking cash payments during the 18-month undercover operation.

The political fallout before trial was especially evident in Philadelphia yesterday where three top city officials--City Council President George X. Schwartz, Council Majority Leader Harry P. Jannotti and Councilman Louis C. Johnson--have also been implicated publicly in the Abscam net.

"Politically these five guys (the city officials plus Myers and Lederer) might as well have been in a plane crash," said one

of the city's ranking Democrats. "They might survive the charges, but politically they're dead."

The chairman of Philadelphia's Democratic City committee, David Glancey, had told reporters he would ask each of the five to step down if indicted, but on television last night he went a step further and pronounced both Myers and Lederer "un-electable." He said later that the Democratic committee is already looking around for new candidates.

In Congress, the House and Senate ethics committees took steps to initiate tentative inquiries, but there was little indication that they would get very far without access to the Justice Department's evidence.

Assistant Attorney General Philip B. Heymann, who appeared before both committees during the day, said the department would refuse to share its evidence against those indicted until their trials are completed. He indicated that information involving others would be turned over at the end of the grand jury stage so long as it does not endanger pending cases.

Heymann said he hoped the trials would be completed within four to six months after indictments are returned.

If the evidence were turned over now, he told the House ethics committee, "the FBI agents would in effect be working for you instead of us."

Heymann envisioned "one nightmare picture

for all of us...in which we get tangled in each other's feet." If parallel investigations are conducted by Congress. "Nobody gets due process," he warned, "and we all look incompetent."

He assured the committee that Operation Abscam did not begin as an investigation targeted against Congress, and called it a "relatively natural evolution" of a case that began with a search for stolen paintings and securities.

During the effort, Heymann said the FBI came into contact with people who said they could see not paintings, but influence.

"At that point, the federal government did not step back," he said. "Influence peddlers started making offers."

Under questioning by Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.), Heymann said the Justice Department would insist a subpoena of the FBI videotapes and might ask the courts to quash one.

The House ethics panel is preparing to hire a special counsel to work out procedures with the Justice Department for a limited investigation.

The Senate Ethics Committee voted 6 to 0 to conduct a preliminary inquiry into the allegations against Williams. The first step toward a full investigation is to consist primarily of secret interviews by Chairman Howell Heflin (D-Ala.), Vice Chairman Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyo.) and committee staff members. Wallop noted that they may hit

a dry hole in their efforts to compile independent evidence and wind up waiting for the Justice Department.

Heflin said the committee has no desire to interfere with any pending criminal investigations, or prosecutions, but he added that, "We should not, and must not, overlook the clouds on the integrity of the Senate."

Williams has come under investigation in connection with a titanium company stock deal developed during the investigation and in connection with his reportedly taped claims of influence with the New Jersey Casino Control Commission.

Heflin also said his committee staff will make a preliminary examination of published reports of an FBI investigation involving Sen. Howard W. Cannon (D-Nev.).

The FBI has reportedly started investigating a suspected bribery scheme involving Cannon and the Teamsters union.

Cannon has denied the allegations. He said he was assured by FBI Director William H. Webster yesterday that "there is no pending investigation against me." The FBI declined to comment.

February 8, 1980

All kinds of stories are being circulated now as the result of the "sting" operation. The Republicans, of course, are simply ill over the fact that their Member admits taking the money and has made up a story that no one believes, as to what took

place. Yesterday afternoon, a rumor started in the House that a Resolution would be introduced condemning the FBI for blowing Kelly's cover. This man has been on television several times this week saying that he took the money, but that he was trying to find just what those cats were up to and who was trying to bribe Members of Congress.

An article appeared in this morning's newspaper entitled "Kelly: Wanted to Expose 'Arabs'". This story is as follows:

"Rep. Richard Kelly (R-Fla.) claims to be the only member of the Congress whose sanity has been certified medically.

The claim was made in times of Kelly's palmier obscurity, before his catapult ride to media stardom this week as a lead player in the FBI's videotaped tragicomedy of legislators purportedly lusting after cash.

Kelly is the congressman who, according to nicely placed official leaks, stuffed his pockets with \$25,000 in bribe money and then asked, as the tape machines recorded it all, if any bulges were showing.

He now is also the only one of the FBI's targets who admits he took the money; he claims he accepted it as part of his own one-man investigation of corruption, which the FBI, in effect, blew for him.

It has been some time since this town has heard assertions as spectacular as these. In fact, however, Kelly has been doing his own thing for years.

He is, for example, a former Florida circuit judge who was nearly impeached in 1963 on the grounds of irascible conduct and mental instability. Kelly hectorred lawyers so mercilessly in his his courtroom that the Florida House voted to impeach him. The state Senate dismissed the case.

In the course of a subsequent judicial inquiry, Kelly voluntarily took a sanity test and apparently passed with flying colors. He has alluded to that certification as a badge that no other member of Congress can wear.

Kelly, tall and always Florida-tanned is from Zephyrhills. It is a small community in the state's Fifth District, a crazy quilt that spreads from the Gulf of Mexico to the outskirts of Orlando in central Florida.

After studying law at Vanderbilt and the University of Florida, Kelly became Zephyrhills' city attorney. Between 1956 and 1959 he was the assistant U.S. attorney for the southern district of Florida.

He was elected to his judgeship in 1963, running against a well entrenched machine candidate, and he quickly began making waves. He put an end to traditional courtroom informalities and often spoke out on south topics as lawyers' sloppiness and the inhumaneness of prisons.

Kelly, 55, also is an elder of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. His fourth marriage, to a young woman who was on his congressional staff, set tongues wagging during his last reelection campaign.

Since his election in 1974 Kelly has come to be known as one of the House's free-spirits--a reputation he has carefully cultivated, while at the same time building a record as a skinflint conservative and an enemy of budgetary fat.

Ironically, he has had financial problems of his own. Alimony and divorce expenses have eaten into his exchequer and last year he borrowed \$10,500 from a bank to repay overspending his congressional office account. House finance officials will not divulge figures or names, but say privately that such overspending is rare.

Often, as a member of the House Agriculture and Banking committees, Kelly is the odd man out the lone "no" vote on otherwise easily passed issues.

Last spring, opposing a bandwagon effort to attach a gasohol amendment to a sugar support bill, Kelly lectured the Agriculture Committee.

"I have no objection to standing trial," he said, "If reason and logic are an offense in Congress, then maybe someone should be tried. And I may be the guilty party. If I offend you, so be it."

That was vintage Kelly, not unlike the audacious Richard Kelly who has become a front-page figure these past few days as a target of the FBI "sting" that went by the code name of ABSCAM.

His story, basically is that he took the \$25,000 they laid before him because

he sensed he was onto "a criminal conspiracy" of ominous dimension.

As a legislator, as a former judge as a one-time prosecutor, Kelly knew he was being given "a unique opportunity" to do what any upstanding citizen would do--bust a gang and put evil to route. He laid out the story yesterday at a tumultuous press conference that carried all the flavor of theatre of the absurd.

Reporters who jammed the House Agriculture Committee chambers, where Kelly stood at a lectern and fielded questions for an hour, went for the throat.

Do you know, the definition of a bribe?

I think it was a bribe, Kelly said. "I didn't take the money with the intention of being engaged in a crime. I wanted to know what these cats were up to."

Do you expect the American people to believe that?

"Yes, I do...It is not inconsistent for an honest man to begin an investigation."

What in the world were you going to do with the money?

"The money was a sort of device," Kelly said. "These are felons, lawyers, accountants--thugs, mean people. They don't fall out of a Christmas tree. I wanted to understand the dimension of what I was dealing with."

Why did you keep on buying lunches?

"I wanted them to know I used the money. By simply having me followed, they could determine what I was spending."

Would you take a lie detector test?

"Absolutely not. I don't trust them."

Can you prove your story?

"If I thought I had to depend on guys like you, I'd go up in a puff of smoke. You guys haven't done me a favor since I've been in Washington. There's no way you can tell the whole truth."

Somebody wondered whether if Kelly faced trial as a result of the FBI "sting" he might plead insanity as a defense--an interesting question for a man who has a certification of sanity.

"I hadn't thought about it," Kelly said, "But I'm not sure it would not be a good defense."

February 9, 1980

I understand that the F.B.I. has either announced, or will announce in the next few days that certain high officials in the State of Louisiana are now under criminal investigation. One of these is our old friend, Governor Edwards who served with us in the House for about 6 years and was a right controversial figure, money-wise, every year that he served. During the Park investigation he admitted that Park had given his wife \$10,000 as a present. Edwards had just gone out as a House Member and was then the newly elected Governor of Louisiana. Louisiana politics remind me a whole lot of politics in New Jersey. At the time of the \$10,000 gift, no action was taken, but I believed at that time that the F.B.I. would continue on with

Edwards until they finally got him. They may now have him and if so, my guess is that he will be in serious trouble.

We are really having winter weather now throughout the United States but this is the time of year when we always have our bad weather. No snow here in Washington today, but several inches of snow in Bowling Green, Kentucky. For 5 years now, we have had more snow in my hometown than we have had in Washington.

February 13, 1980

In order to save time, we are throwing one tradition after the other out the window. Each year for many years, "Washington's Farewell Address" has been read by one of the junior Members on the day celebrating Washington's birthday and every year since I have been here while the 45-minute address was being read, there were only five or six Members present in the House Chamber. Almost no one shows up to listen and finally the Leadership this year decided that instead of having this Address read to an empty Chamber, some better tribute could be made to George Washington, such as having a short speech by one of the Leaders on some regular legislative day explaining what George Washington was talking about. Most people know only that he cautioned against entangling alliances which of course is an admonition that has been completely ignored in recent years. Another tradition that was tossed out the window was the Annual June 14 Flag Day Ceremony. On this date, we always had one of the military bands, along with two or three outstanding Americans make speeches. I will always remember seeing the marching band and the color guard walk down the center aisle with all of the color and ceremony that goes with flag day celebrations.

It looks like now that the hostages may be released soon. The new President of Iran is talking to Khomeini and the Council and as soon as the dissidents who are holding the hostages are convinced, they should be released. This is a long time to be held, but at least so far no war has started.

To carry out one of his statements, in his State of the Union message, President Carter, yesterday, dispatched a Marine Corps task force to the Arabian Sea in order to fulfill his pledge to defend the Persian Gulf area against any Soviet move to control the region. The 4-ship unit is carrying 1,800 Marines, plus troop carrying helicopters, tanks and anti-tank missiles.

The F.B.I. dragnet, which they called ABSCAM since the enticement was Arabian money, has caused trouble and now the State Department, yesterday, apologized to Arab countries and persons of Arabian descent for the F.B.I.'s use of the term ABSCAM. A number of Arabian countries and Arabs seem to be very much upset over this trickery sting operation which apparently had Arab money out front.

The world Olympic Council voted down, unanimously, President Carter's proposal for a change of site in the summer olympic games in Moscow or a boycott.

February 15, 1980

American hostages in Tehran could be freed in 8 hours if President Carter accepts the plan Iran has presented. The new President of Iran, Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr said yesterday in a interview with Italian state television. The unfreezing of \$6 billion in Iranian gold and dollar deposits in

American banks and branches is one of the conditions involved in the release of the U.S. hostages. While the Carter Administration has the power to lift the freeze quickly, such a step would not necessarily release the money to the Iranians. Banking sources said in New York this week, that it would still leave unsettled the growing mountain of court suits by U.S. banks and corporations that have been scrambling after the blocked funds to cover outstanding loans and lost assets in Iran.

United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has received general assurances from Iranian authorities that American hostages in Tehran would be released after an international commission began an inquiry into Iranian grievances against the deposed Shah. The first step would begin with the formation of a fact-finding commission.

February 16, 1980

The Federal Reserve Board alarmed by figures showing inflation increasing, announced that prime interest rates would go to 13%. This is an increase of 1% and clearly indicates the seriousness of the inflationary situation in this country.

Representative Kelly of Florida, the Republican Member who admitted taking \$25,000, has had his records subpoenaed by a Federal Grand Jury.

A six-member commission which is to serve as a fact-finding commission, is to meet next week to prepare for the Iran fact-finding mission that is the trigger for the

release of the American hostages. A Federal judge in New York City has delayed legal proceedings aimed at seizing more than \$1 billion of frozen Iranian assets in this country. American Telephone and Telegraph, Chase Manhattan Bank, Lockheed and several others are involved in the lawsuits. The judge in New York City has ordered all records and suits sealed from public view and held in his chambers to keep this from interfering with the release of the hostages.

February 19, 1980

So far no release date has been set for the hostages, but the new President of Iran approved yesterday the International Commission which is to go to Iran to begin an inquiry into the alleged crimes of the Shah. This move generally, is viewed as a step in the right direction toward eventual release of the hostages.

Pierre Trudeau who sometime ago announced that he was through with politics, has again made a political come back in Canada by winning a fourth term as Prime Minister. Yesterday he led his Liberal Party to an overwhelming victory over Prime Minister Joe Clark's Conservatives and took an overall majority of Parliament's 282 seats.

February 20, 1980

Two of the most senior Members of the House, Harley Staggers, Democrat of West Virginia and Tom Steed, Democrat of Oklahoma, announced yesterday that they will retire at the end of this year. They were first elected in 1948. Steed is 75 years old and

is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Treasury and Post Office of the Committee on Appropriations and Staggers, 72 years of age is Chairman of the Commerce Committee. Both of these men are my friends. We really are sorry that they will be leaving at the close of this Congress.

The Subcommittee that Steed handles is a right difficult one and it will be hard for anyone to step into his shoes. Staggers is a right easy going sort of a Chairman and the next man to him is John Dingell of Michigan, who is one of the most controversial Members in the House. This change bothers alot of people.

Today is the date set by President Carter for the Soviet Union to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan or we will pull our people out of the Summer Olympics in Moscow. The Soviet Union still has its troops in Afghanistan and the President said last night that there would be no change in his position today. We will now see what happens. The Supreme Court held yesterday that the District Judge was correct in ruling that abortion for poor women must be paid by Health and Human Services and within the next few weeks, the Court will then settle the issue of the Constitutionality of the Hyde Amendment. This has really thrown a monkey wrench into the abortion battle.

The Presidential Primary in New Hampshire is really warring up. One of the major issues that has been raised in New Hampshire is gun control legislation and the gun owners of New Hampshire, in one of the hotels yesterday, greeted John B.

Anderson, who is in favor of gun control with boo's and other unprintable words. It seems that Bush is ahead of Reagan now in New Hampshire and Carter leads Kennedy.

February 22, 1980

Iran is now playing a cat and mouse game with us. The President of Iran along with Khomeini now say that the United Nations panel which will meet in Iran and start holding its investigation concerning the Shah and what he did to Iran, does not mean that the hostages will be freed during the Commission hearing or following the hearing. The President was quoted yesterday as saying that he and Khomeini are still insisting that the Shah be returned to Iran for trial and that the U.S. is foolish if it expects the hostages to receive clemency before the fugitive deposed Shah is handed back to Iranian authorities. The next move is up to the President of the United States.

The Republican Party in the House held a Caucus yesterday and just before expelling Representative Richard Kelly of Florida who admitted taking \$25,000, Kelly resigned and now is not a Member of the Republican Caucus and cannot receive any campaign contributions in his race for reelection. Hyde of Illinois described the action as a lynching by the Party leaders in the Republican Party and maintained that Kelly was being denied due process. The Republican leadership in the House emphatically states that Kelly will be expelled so the Republicans can campaign against the Democrats this November, pleading that they cleaned their House, but that the Democrats refuse

to do so. The other seven involved, of course, are Democrats and so far no action has been taken in the Democratic Caucus against these Members. The Ethics Committee has started an investigation of all eight House Members and an attorney has been employed to conduct the investigation. The investigation could result in either censure or reprimand of all or part of the Members involved.

February 25, 1980

Virginia and I had an unusually nice weekend. We had as our guest Virginia Jane Murphy and she seemed to have a real good time. Virginia and Virginia Jane traveled all around the city during the weekend and ended up at the Doll House out near Lord and Taylor's. In this house, they have antique dolls and doll houses through the first floor and on the second floor they have dolls and items that are for purchase. A small admission fee is paid and all of the children really have a good time at the Doll House.

Little Virginia is a right unusual child. I do not know what her IQ is but it must be really high. Her teacher wants to advance her each year, but Louise has refused to let her go ahead of those in her age group. Our six little grandsons have a good example to follow with this little lady and I predict that she will have no difficulty ever with her education.

The announcement by Khomeini that the hostages will not be released until after the new Parliament is elected, has really

placed the President in an embarrassing position. He still insists that progress is being made in an effort to free the American hostages and at the same time cautioned against going from extreme optimism to extreme pessimism. The President now says that there is no way of telling when the release date is to take place and every effort is being made to reassure the American people that negotiations with Iran are still underway and that they are hopeful of a successful outcome.

Since the President has not started campaigning for reelection due to the hostage matter, this still means that he will make his campaign against Kennedy from the White House for the time being.

The election in New Hampshire is really warming up and Bush and Reagan are running neck and neck. President Carter seems to be way out ahead of Kennedy and the argument that took place this past weekend among the Republican candidates over the debate that was held there, has developed hard feelings and all of the other candidates are now hitting back at Bush. They blame Bush instead of Reagan after the debate was held with just Bush and Reagan participating.

Another development has taken place as a result of the world situation. The United States is again seeking military outposts in distant lands, but in a vastly different and more cautious fashion than in the past. The sharp contrast to the way we have operated since World War II with bases constructed from the Philippines to Western Europe. Moves are now underway

to quietly locate bases bordering on the Indian Ocean.

I failed to say that Virginia Murphy operated the little train while she was here. We went over to the Capitol Building and looked all around and then when riding the little train back to the Rayburn Building, the operator asked her to come up and take his seat and operate the train. There was just the three of us on the train and she jumped up in his seat and held the throttle down and away we went. This may have been the most exciting event to take place while she was in Washington.

February 27, 1980

Dan Flood surprised everyone yesterday and entered a plea of guilty to one of the charges contained in the indictment. He entered a plea to a misdemeanor charge and was sentenced to one year in jail with the sentence probated with no supervision required. Having resigned as a Member of the House and now entering a plea of guilty, this, of course completely finishes Dan Flood. He is an old, sick and helpless man and this is not a good way to go out of the Congress.

Yesterday in New Hampshire, Ronald Reagan really put it to Bush. The final results were Reagan, 72,734 or 50% and Bush, 33,304 or 23%. Baker received 18,760 or 13% and so on down the list.

The New Hampshire democrats sent Senator Edward M. Kennedy home to Massachusetts empty handed, giving a solid victory in their primary to President Carter, the candidate they had last seen ten months ago. Carter defeated Kennedy in the primary by 11 percentage points. Unless Kennedy wins next Tuesday in Massachusetts, it is all over for him and in fact,

everything indicates that it is all over now.

The conferees on the Windfall Profits Tax bill finally approved a \$227.7 billion oil tax yesterday. This conference has been going on for months. This tax would be levied over the next 11 years and the money spent on new energy production, mass transit, aid to the poor, and possibly a small tax cut. The bill also contains a new tax break for so-called small savers and \$9.2 billion worth of tax credits for home owners and businesses that buy equipment intended to save or produce more energy.

All through this Journal, I have attempted to stay away from personal matters concerning the Members in the House and the Senate but we have recently had an event in the House that is absolutely disgusting. One of our House Members from one of the large states in this country recently announced his retirement from Congress and at that time, we believed that since he had developed right serious drinking problems, this was the cause for his retirement. It now develops that after raising a family consisting of several children who are in their late 20's and 30's, he has completely gone off the deep end sexually. For months now, according to some of my friends, he has been dressing up in women's clothes and attending parties where sexual deviates go and this is the way he has been spending his time for many months. My information is that he has explained to his wife that he no longer has any control over himself sexually and that he will have to live the rest of his life in this manner.

Another Member from another large state stated that he had become an alcoholic and had turned himself into a hospital but

the truth of the matter, as it now develops, is that he is a homosexual and has been apprehended more than once here in the City of Washington since he has been a Member of Congress. The people in his state are just right ill after receiving this news.

February 28, 1980

Guerrillas seized the Dominican Republic Embassy in Bogota, Columbia yesterday taking the U.S. Ambassador and a large portion of Bogota's Diplomatic Corps hostage. It was first reported that our Ambassador had been wounded, but later on during the day reports indicated that he had been seized but not wounded. Here we go again and just what steps the President will take this time will be right important from the standpoint of his election in November.

Yesterday the Subcommittee on HUD and Veterans Affairs on Appropriations defeated President Carter's request for funds to draft men on a six to six tie vote. This was a great disappointment to the President and now this vote will have to go to our full Committee for a decision.

March 1, 1980

A real battle is on now in the Congress over the budget for Fiscal Year 1981. As presented to the Congress by the President, the budget calls for \$616 billion. The President and his staff at the Office of Management and Budget maintain that if no increases are made by the Congress, the budget for Fiscal Year 1981 will be out of balance only \$16 billion. This would be added to the national debt and would be considerably less than the \$40 billion

deficit that we accumulated for Fiscal Year 1979. The deficit for Fiscal Year 1980, which is the current year, will total about \$28 billion.

After submitting the budget for Fiscal Year 1981, the President then submitted supplemental budget requests for Fiscal Year 1980 totalling \$16 billion. If all of the supplemental requests are approved by the Congress, we would then have a deficit for Fiscal Year 1980 of a little over \$45 billion. When the supplemental requests were received by our Committee on Appropriations, we were really amazed. About \$4½ billion of the overall amount is in the bill that I am Chairman of.

Under our present budget reform law, the Budget Committee on May 15 brings out its preliminary budget deficit and expenditure resolution and the final resolution has to come by September 15. After the final resolution is adopted by the Congress, then the Appropriations Committee is supposed to stay within this amount. After the supplemental request for Fiscal Year 1980 was received, the Budget Committee then wanted our Committee on Appropriations to start moving out the supplemental budget bills without the necessity of the Budget Committee adopting and presenting a third budget resolution for Fiscal Year 1980. My Chairman of the full Committee on Appropriations refuses to move any supplemental bills until the Budget Committee acts. Here is where the action begins.

The Budget Committee then was called back into session and for the past three weeks, has been holding hearings on the supplemental budget requests and on the 1981 first May 15 budget resolution. The Budget Committee now has passed the word

that it will present budget resolutions for the budget for Fiscal Year 1981 that brings the budget of the President into balance. This means at least that the \$16 billion the President maintains will be out of balance, will have to be reduced and an additional amount just to make sure.

When President Carter made his race for President, he had as his major platform, a balanced budget during his term as President. All of us on our Committee on Appropriations expected him to present the 1981 Fiscal Year budget in balance since this is the budget for his last year in his first term. This one comes up out of balance and this campaign promise, of course, has not been carried out.

When the President found out that the Budget Committee was making every effort to bring the 1981 Budget Resolutions into balance, he then decided that the next move was up to him. Jim McIntyre, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and his assistants, are now running all around the Hill, contacting the Members, asking them to vote for the decreases in the 1981 budget which the President is forcing the Secretaries in his Cabinet to accept and to make suggestions to the Appropriations Committee as to where a 5% reduction in each Appropriation Bill can be approved without too much damage to existing programs. I presume the President has heard that the Budget Committee is using about a 5% figure and if the Budget Committee brings out its first resolution and the media carry stories throughout the 50 states that the Congress has decided to bring out a balanced budget, which is on the mind of really every citizen in this country, it will be right embarrassing to him. He is now in a race to get ahead of the Budget Committee with his

proposal and he will now say that in preparing the 1981 budget, too much money was included and we must tighten our belts and have a balanced budget. If three more states, through the legislatures, would adopt resolutions calling for a balanced budget, the necessary number that is required to call for a Constitutional Convention, would then bring about a Constitutional Convention forcing a balanced budget. The states accept all the money they can get from the Federal Government, but the Governors then climb on their large white horses with their large white hats and ride off into the wild blue yonder, proclaiming at the top of their voices that they voted for balanced budgets. This is good politics in each of the 50 states but it is just as deceitful and fraudulent as it can be.

I believe in a balanced budget and I had hoped that the President would call for a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 1981 and this would leave all of the pressure groups in a position of little influence. Now, since he has submitted a 1981 budget out of balance and wants to cut it back and place it in balance, this means that every pressure group in this country will start to work to keep the original amounts intact.

This is really a "battle of the budget" and political hay is in the process of being cut in the Congress and the President is out with his scythe, trying to cut as much of the tall grass as possible. This issue of a balanced budget and the promises made by the President in his last campaign will really be up front in the November election this year.

March 3, 1980

Some of the hostages are still being held in Columbia. The demand of those holding the hostages for millions of dollars in ransom money and the release of over 300 men and women who are serving in prison, has been denied, but the officials in Columbia have agreed to negotiate with the guerillas. The negotiations would provide that the guerillas would be flown out of Columbia and given safe passage to another country.

We received our heaviest snow here in Washington. We have about eight inches of snow on the ground and it is right cold.

Kennedy and Bush really have their campaigns on the line in Massachusetts. Unless Kennedy is able to carry Massachusetts, he certainly is out as a candidate. With Reagan running so far ahead in New Hampshire, this means that Bush must either carry Massachusetts or come close, to save his candidacy.

March 5, 1980

Yesterday was one of the worst days that I have had since I have been a Member of Congress. I was in my office at seven o'clock and then went down to the gym for a work-out. I had to see people off and on all morning after we had a breakfast with the Baptist leaders in this country. I had hearings all morning up to Noon when we had a luncheon with the School Administrators in this country. Then I had more people to see and hearings of two Subcommitties all

afternoon and then two receptions and then the Annual VFW Dinner which lasted until a little after eleven o'clock. This is the kind of day that you should not have too often.

The VFW, for some 15 years now, has conducted a Voice of Democracy Contest and according to my recollection no one of the five winners each year has come from Kentucky. Last night the third place winner was a beautiful little lady from Ashland, Kentucky. She received a scholarship of \$4,500 and the first place winner, a young gentleman from New York State, received the \$10,000 scholarship. Our winning third place was quite a surprise so the word passed that they wanted the two Senators and I to have our picture taken with our winner and this meant that we had to wait until all the speeches were made and the dinner was held to have the picture made. This was about eleven o'clock, but still I enjoyed meeting this little lady and having my picture made with her.

In the election yesterday, Edward Kennedy carried Massachusetts with 66% of the vote and President Carter received 29%. Representative John B. Anderson of Illinois the liberal Republican running, really surprised his opponents by receiving 30% of the vote in Massachusetts. Reagan received 31%, Bush 23% and Baker 13%. Anderson according to his own statement, even surprised himself when he ran as high as he did in Massachusetts, because he knows that he has no chance of being nominated as the Republican candidate.

Charles Wilson the Chairman of the

Subcommittee on District of Columbia Budget threw in his assignment yesterday after only one year as Chairman. He said one year was enough and I could not help but remember that I served for 16 years as Chairman of this Subcommittee. The new Chairman now of the District of Columbia Budget is one of our new Members on the Committee on Appropriations. He is a black man and his name is Julian C. Dixon. In today's Washington Post there is an article entitled, "California Heads Hill Unit on D.C. Funds." This article is as follows:

"The House District Appropriations Subcommittee got a new chairman yesterday, who immediately promised to be sympathetic when the beleaguered District government goes to Congress next week for help with its growing financial crisis.

Freshman Rep. Julian C. Dixon (D-Calif.) a member of the Congressional Black Caucus and a District native, replaced Rep. Charles Wilson (D-Tex.) who gave up the chairmanship for a seat on the more prestigious Defense Appropriations subcommittee.

Dixon pledged to cooperate with Mayor Marion Barry in "working to correct the financial deficit" the city faces. He also said he would work to achieve complete budget autonomy for the city.

Dixon's elevation means that the two House committees that deal with District affairs are now headed by blacks who are friendly to the mayor and his administration's goal of full self-government.

Dixon said one of the persons he consulted with yesterday before taking the

chairmanship was a fellow Californian Democratic Rep. Ronald V. Dellums of Berkeley who is chairman of the House District of Columbia Committee.

While choosing not to criticize Wilson, Dixon said that he will "probably bring a different approach" to the assignment than the lanky Texan did.

For openers, Dixon said he believes that the city's budget deficit--which could run as high as \$172.4 million--"obviously is not due to one particular thing. Correction will take close cooperation among Dellums' committee, my committee, the whole of Congress and the city administration. We all must work together."

Mayor Barry said late yesterday that he was "delighted" with the selection of Dixon, but the mayor stopped short of saying that he expected an immediate turnaround in the stance of the subcommittee because of its new chairman. "I don't want to prejudge it," Barry said.

"I would think that when a person comes from a city, if they don't agree with us, at least they would be sympathetic to what the problems are," Barry said. "Charles Wilson was too tough and too rough and not quite together on what our problems were."

Barry was asked if he felt Dixon would be more sympathetic to the District, which has a majority black population, because Dixon is also black. "I don't think it's a matter of race," Barry responded. "It's a matter of understanding."

Last week, with reports of the size of

the budget deficit growing daily, Wilson said, "I can't help but say, I told you so." Their idea of fiscal autonomy (at the District Building) is to do what they want to and then have Congress pick up the check for the difference. Well, that's not going to happen; that's not going to ever happen."

Wilson warned that "any supplemental appropriation is problematical. We appropriated what we thought was appropriate (last year). You never appropriate all that is authorized.... You will stay in a mess in the city until you face up the the fact that there are 44,000 people doing what 30,000 could."

During the year he chaired the subcommittee, Wilson repeatedly complained that the city pays 130 to 160 employees to do what 100 workers do in comparably sized cities.

D.C. Del. Walter E. Fauntroy praised Dixon's selection and predicted that "he will be thorough in his examination of budget proposals, and he will be fair to the country and to the city."

Fauntroy said Dixon's congressional district, which is in Los Angeles County, "has many of the same urban problems we experience in the District."

Before moving to Congress 14 months ago, Dixon served six years in the California General Assembly. In August 1978, Dixon helped lead the unsuccessful effort to make the California legislature the first to ratify the proposed constitutional amendment to give the District full voting rights

in Congress.

Dixon said he talked with the mayor yesterday morning, before he knew for sure that he would get the chairmanship, and told Barry, "If the opportunity presents itself, I will take it with enthusiasm."

First-term House members generally don't get the chance to chair subcommittees. But the House District Appropriations chairmanship, while important to the city, is a job that goes begging on Capitol Hill. Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) was next in line behind Wilson for the position, but didn't want it.

Stokes, however, agreed to stay on as a member of the D.C. subcommittee.

"I am particularly happy that Lou remained on the subcommittee," Dixon said. "With his experience, and the help of Mr. Natcher and Mr. Wilson, we will have a good subcommittee." (Wilson also agree to stay on as a member, as did longtime chairman Rep. William H. Natcher of Kentucky.)

Dixon said he learned last weekend that Wilson might give up the chairmanship to seek a vacancy on the defense subcommittee that was created by the resignation from Congress of Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.).

"I discussed it with my wife," Dixon said, "and concluded that because of my background in dealing with urban problems in the state legislature, and my fondness for the District by way of birth, I would take it if it became available."

Dixon was born 45 years ago at 749

Hobart Pl., N.W. He attended Monroe Elementary School until he was 11, when he and his mother moved to Los Angeles. Dixon's father, a longtime postal worker, lives in Silver Spring, and he has aunts and uncles in the District. Dixon is a graduate of Los Angeles State College and the law school of Southwestern University in Los Angeles.

He and his wife, Felicia Bragg, now live in a high-rise apartment in Southwest Washington."

March 6, 1980

Howard Baker, the Minority Leader in the Senate, yesterday announced that his campaign was going nowhere and for that reason he would drop out of the Presidential Primary. In the beginning he had great hopes of a land swell which would bring him up with Bush and Reagan, but it never developed.

There is no change in the hostage situation in Iran and Tito is still alive after days and days of being on the critical list.

Budget cutting seems to be uppermost now in the minds of the Congress and the President and we will see just how sincere both sides are with the budget for 1981.

March 10, 1980

The best road show in politics ended this past weekend when John Connally withdrew in his race for President. During his campaign, he did not accept any federal funds but raised about \$12 million from his friends throughout the State of Texas. He really fizzled out in South Carolina when Ronald Reagan carried every Congressional District.

Connally was making his pitch in South Carolina and when he failed so miserably, he decided to exit. Strom Thurmond, the old "war horse" in South Carolina was for Connally and campaigned all over the State with him, but this was just not enough to beat Reagan.

March 12, 1980

The Presidential Primary continues on with President Carter and Governor Reagan both obtaining landslide victories in Florida, Georgia and Alabama. Senator Kennedy campaigned considerably in Florida, but to no avail. None of these victories comes as any surprise because this has been expected now for some time.

The hostages are still being held in Iran and according to today's newspapers, the Shah of Iran will have to have another emergency operation in the local hospital in Panama City. The Shah has cancer and the pressure that he has been under now since he left Iran is, of course, anything but conducive to bringing about good health.

The fight is still on for a balanced budget and the President will probably address a Joint Session of Congress one night next week.

March 13, 1980

The President and the Budget Committees in the House and the Senate are continuing their efforts to see if the 1981 budget can be brought in balance notwithstanding the fact that our Committee on Appropriations has been holding hearings now for over five

weeks. If we have to go back in on our Committee and reconsider lower amounts, we will really be in trouble. All of the pressure groups in health, education and labor are demanding that the figures used in the budget which was presented in January, be accepted. These groups want a balanced budget ordinarily for everyone else except in their particular category. I still say that the President can submit a balanced budget and the one that we are working on can be brought in balance.

March 14, 1980

President Carter has decided against a Joint Session of Congress and will now speak on radio late this afternoon. In addition to his radio address, the President will hold a press conference tonight at nine o'clock. I was glad to hear that he is not using a Joint Session of Congress for this purpose because he would be accused of delivering a political address to help him in his campaign for President. He will make proposals, according to my information, that may bring about a \$15 billion reduction in the Budget for Fiscal Year 1981. I understand that he will impose an oil import fee of \$4 to \$4½ a barrel, suggest that States no longer receive revenue sharing money and may further propose raising \$3.3 billion in new revenue by requesting banks to collect withholding taxes on interest and dividends that they pay to depositors. I presume that he understands that a \$4 fee on imported oil will raise gasoline prices at the pump by nine or ten cents. He will make other suggestions for changes in the budget one of which pertains

to slashing \$1.6 billion from federal job creation and summer youth programs. This proposal of course, will be vigorously contested by a number of organizations.

Jerry Ford has been in Washington now for several days talking to the leaders in the House and to some of the people who were with him in the White House when he was President. After talking for days about his chances for winning the Republican nomination and being elected President, he said after talking to a number of his friends here in Washington, that like a lot of politicians, they hedge their bets. Apparently he was very dissappointed with the advice that his closest political advisors gave him and this may be the last we hear from my old friend, Jerry Ford concerning another run for the Office of President.

The Kennedy campaign has just about run out of money and is eroding from within. Several staff members are resigning because they are not being fully paid and his shortage of money at this time may place him in bad shape in the primaries in Illinois next Tuesday and in New York and Connecticut the following week. In all three of these states, campaigning media is very costly. Martin Katz, Kennedy's finance chairman has resigned due to personal financial reasons and over half of the advance and scheduling staff in the Kennedy organization have been taken off the payroll. Several months ago Frank Moore, one of President Carter's advisors in the White House, predicted almost to the word, what would be happening to Kennedy at this time concerning lack of money. Kennedy would like to stay on through to the

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convention, but what has taken place with him today, may also cause him to withdraw. This must be very disappointing because the Kennedy's have always been able to raise all kinds of money.

March 17, 1980

I was glad to hear this weekend that my old friend, Jerry Ford has decided not to run for President. He did not receive the response from the leadership in the Republican Party that he expected and on Saturday announced that he would not be a candidate. This is good because I do not believe that he could have been nominated and elected this late in the race.

It now appears that the Administration and the Congress may agree upon reductions that will bring about a balanced budget in 1981. This will help us more with inflation than anything that I know of at this time.

March 18, 1980

My old friend, John Slack of West Virginia died last night. He had a heart attack on Saturday and went to the hospital where he was located at the time of his death. He was one of the able Members of Congress and has been my friend all down through the years. He was one of the thirteen Chairmen of the Subcommittees on Appropriations. He had the Subcommittee on State, Justice and Commerce.

About two weeks ago, shortly before the Noon hour in the little private dining room, John and I were having a sandwich and

He told me that he was having trouble with his heart. He said it was a matter of an improper beat of his heart and then it just seemed to run away. One of the doctors out at the hospital advised him to have an electric treatment which would shock his heart back into proper rhythm. He asked me if I thought he should do this and I told him that he should talk to a good heart man because I certainly did not have the answer. This was two weeks ago and now my friend John Slack is dead.

I almost fell out of my seat this afternoon when the Chase Manhattan Bank responding to President Carter's moves to restrain credit, raised its prime lending rate from 18½% to a record 19%. The First National Bank of Illinois and Harris Trust and Savings Bank, both of Chicago, immediately followed with 19% prime interest rates.

Today's Presidential primary in Illinois will probably show President Carter and Ronald Reagan well along the way to winning their nominations. Eventhough the polls show Reagan running even with Representative John Anderson, Reagan probably will end up carrying the state. It appears that Kennedy will lose to Carter in Illinois about two to one and after Illinois, where Kennedy goes is anyone's guess.

The budget cutting process for Fiscal Year 1981 is well underway with the Budget Committees in the Congress making their proposals and President Carter making his proposals. The Speaker said today that the cuts would be made by the Members of Congress

and he had a list in his pocket at that time that showed a great many cuts that would be approved by Congress. There will have to be considerable giving on both sides before a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 1981 is approved.

March 24, 1980

The battle of the budget continues on with the President already making several moves to back up on some of the reductions that he has suggested which if accepted, would place the 1981 budget in balance. The Budget Committee in the House announced immediately that they would fight the President on these changes because this certainly would be the worst way in the world to place a budget in balance.

The deposed Shah of Iran ended three months of Panamanian asylum yesterday and left for Egypt. He will have to have another operation to remove his enlarged spleen and he will take up permanent residence in Egypt under the invitation of President Sadat. This man is really being shifted around the world and he has lost so much weight that he is a right pitiful sight.

The New York State and the Connecticut State vote in the Presidential primaries takes place this week and it looks like Carter and Reagan will continue on in the lead. Kennedy on, "Meet the Press" yesterday said that he would not drop out regardless of the outcome in any of the states and would go on to the August convention.

George H. Fallon, age 77, a Democrat

who represented Maryland's fourth district in Congress from 1941 to 1971, died Friday. He was defeated when he was serving as Chairman of the Public Works Committee in the House and he was one of the five Members that were shot by the Puerto Ricans on March 1, 1954. The only surviving Member that was shot by the Puerto Ricans is Kenneth Roberts of Alabama who dropped out of Congress about ten years ago.

March 26, 1980

We really had an upset yesterday in the Presidential primaries. Kennedy in a stunning reversal of political fortune, upset Carter in New York State with Kennedy receiving 59% of the vote and Carter 41% of the vote. To make the upset still more startling in Connecticut yesterday where the Presidential primary was also held, Kennedy again won with 47% of the vote to Carter's 41% of the vote. This simply means that Kennedy will stay in the Presidential race and Carter must come out of the Oval Office and start campaigning.

Bush beat Reagan in Connecticut and Reagan carried New York State.

We continue to have retirement announcements in the House and yesterday Gaetano of Connecticut, who is the Chairman of the Budget Committee and who has served now for 22 years in the House, announced his retirement. Gaetano has been right fortunate in some of his dealings since he has been a Member of Congress.

The Shah is now in an Egyptian hospital

waiting for another major operation and Sadat is holding firm that Iran can hold until Kingdom Come and it does not disturb him as far as the Shah is concerned.

March 28, 1980

In the Senate we have a man by the name of Proxmire from Wisconsin. He is a Democrat and is a jogger who says he jogs to work every morning. He has been married three or four times and has had one or two face lifts and one or more hair transplants. After his long service in the Senate, he finally became Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee. Since he has been Chairman of this Committee, he has, at regular intervals, awarded his Golden Fleece Award. This is an award that he announces and it is on nice embossed paper and after selecting the recipient, he mails the Golden Fleece to this person. Most of the time it is to individuals, companies or corporations that have contracts with the Government and are fleecing the Government. In a great many instances it is awarded to department heads and secretaries in the President's cabinet. Several months ago he awarded this Golden Fleece to a scottie who had a grant from the National Science Foundation. In making the award he said it was a racket and that this man had surely fleeced the Government. The grant in this particular case, was for a study of why monkeys clench their teeth. This man immediately filed suit maintaining that he had been libeled by Proxmire and Proxmire succeeded in having the Senate secure and pay attorney's fees to the tune of \$124,000 to defend him. Finally these lawyers advised Proxmire that

he had better settle the suit because he was going to lose. The papers say that Proxmire paid the court costs of over \$5,000 and made a settlement with this scientist of over \$10,000 cash.

You would think this would be enough to stop the Golden Fleece Award monkey business, but this past week, Proxmire comes forth again and awards his Golden Fleece to the National Institute of Mental Health on a project that calls for a study on why bowlers, hockey fans and pedestrians smile. The Institute awarded a grant of \$275,293 over a two-year period for research on this project and this is one where the people will say that the publicity created from the awarding of the Golden Fleece should help.

The price of silver has completely collapsed. Yesterday it plunged from \$16.25 an ounce to \$10.85, which is down 33% in 24 hours. The Hunt Brothers in Texas apparently have lost hundreds of millions of dollars since they had purchased over four billion dollars worth of silver. At the same time, the price of gold dipped to \$333.50 an ounce from \$463.00 an ounce. It was up over \$900 an ounce several months ago, but after all of the money was drained out of the rich oil countries where families had billions of dollars and were afraid of paper money purchased gold, this then caused the price of gold to go back down. Someone in the process must have gotten extremely rich out of draining this money out of the rich oil countries.

We finally adopted a Conference Report and sent it to the President calling for a \$227 billion Windfall Profits Tax over the next ten-year period.