

Washington Digest

New House Seats Promise Merry Christmas for GOP

Under Guidance of Republican Leader Joe Martin, Democrats Will Face Increasing House Opposition.



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The GOP elephant is looking forward to his merriest Christmas in a long time. His trunk will be filled with lots of pretty presents this year—those nice, new, comfortable seats in the house of representatives and the senate.

As the last session of the 77th congress moves to a close there is a contented smile on more than one Republican visage. Not the least genial is former Republican national chairman and continuing leader of the house, Joe Martin of Massachusetts—the "a" in Martin pronounced as the "a" in "yard" at Harvard. (That doesn't mean, however, that Joe talks Harvardese—he's a small town boy and makes the most of it.) Beginning January 4, 1943, when the new congress meets, Joe will be out in front ready and able to snap a long raw-hide over his political herd. He doesn't use that method, but he knows what everybody else has known since November 3—that his political power has risen like the mercury in August.

Silently Behind the Scenes

Like most of the effective workers in congress, inter or intra-party, Joe does his stuff quietly behind the scenes. And the impression I got when I talked with him recently in the gloomy, high ceilinged office of the minority leader in the Capitol was that he is more comfortable now that he has slipped out of the chairmanship robes. He can get his coat off, roll up his sleeves and start on his big under-cover campaign.

The slogan for the new venture is "12 to 13 or fight." That means, as most people in Washington know already, 12 Republicans for every 13 Democrats on the congressional committees. (Most committees have 25 members.) That will mean a bare majority of one for the Democrats and more than a corresponding increase in Republican influence in the drafting of legislation.

Reduce Expenditures

There are certain Democrats in both houses, such as Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia, upon whom house leader Martin can count to join in the chorus of one of the theme songs which is going to be heard raised with vehemence from the Republican side of the house—reduction of expenditures for non-war projects.

Taxes, the Republicans say, are going to make the middle class more class conscious than they have been for a long time. The white collar, salary man, realizes that he is carrying a financial load which is not being shared by the great army of workers whose incomes have skyrocketed. Many of the middle class are on fixed salaries that didn't go up. It is this class which has bought the most bonds. The Republicans are going to take advantage of this situation and do their utmost to become the champions of the middle class.

One Republican congressman said to me recently:

"We can't outbid the U. S. treasury for the support of the people who are getting various kinds of subsidies or benefits from the administration. We have got to appeal to the salary man, the man with a small business, the fireman, the bus-driver, the people who are paying for homes and buying insurance. That's why it will be a bad mistake if we get ourselves tied up with any of the wealthy eastern politicians. They can give us some money, but that's all. We won in the last elections with very little financial help."

As this is being written, the choice of a Republican national chairman has not been made, but if it goes to an easterner whose backers are associated in the public mind with great wealth, it will be a bitter disappointment to a group of practical minded Republicans in congress who are looking forward seriously and hopefully to the presidential campaign in 1944.

However, at this point it might be said that the national committee chairman in neither party has the power or the importance that he once held. There was a time when he could get on the long distance

phone and tell a state chairman just whom he wanted nominated for the presidency and if he was a fairly powerful popular figure, "the boys" could and would frequently deliver. Those days are over and press and radio gets much of the credit. Candidates have become real personalities to the voters and the voters don't let the bosses make up their minds for them any more.

Increase of Federal Agents

The Republicans realize this. They also realize that there are other powerful influences which exist now which did not exist the last time they won a presidential election—one is the increased influence of the party in power which has grown with the increased number of federal agents who are in contact with the people. The Republicans, therefore, will do all in their power in the next session of congress to cut down the organizations such as the Triple A and the OPA.

Another federal agency which undoubtedly will be greatly increased if the man-power problem is to be solved, is the United States Employment Service. However, if the employment service has to stand out in front in the enforcement of a compulsory labor law, it may become a political boomerang to whomever the public considers is responsible for it and the Republicans hope to manipulate that situation to their benefit.

Leading the Republican party next year will require political skill because the party of the opposition in wartime is in a difficult position. It must get its share of the credit for winning the war, but it must avoid the blame for the mistakes which are bound to be made and side-step the brickbats which any measure attracts which hits any particular group of voters.

The Republicans have plenty of problems ahead, but if House Leader Martin is typical, they have plenty of confidence and more energy and enthusiasm than they have been able to display for a decade.

Here are excerpts from three days of Secretary of Agriculture Wickard's diary (if he kept a diary, which he doesn't, but the words are the secretary's).

Monday: Went to Peoria, Ill., and addressed a meeting of the National Catholic Rural Life conference. This organization was founded over 20 years ago and has as its objective the betterment of rural living.

At noon attended a luncheon meeting given by the Chamber of Commerce. Many farmers were present. In the evening I addressed a meeting of the American Meat Institute in Chicago. The institute had a number of farm leaders as their guests. At all of those places the question I heard most often was: "How are we going to get enough farm labor to keep up the production which you say must be maintained?"

After the meeting Monday evening I went down to my farm in Indiana. The fall pigs had to be vaccinated and given shelter. There were the usual amount of repairs and odd jobs to be done and I began to see the need for more help. The labor shortage which I had heard about during the last few days was painfully evident on my own farm.

Tuesday: Sold the last of our spring pigs. I obtained use of a couple of trucks in addition to my own and we had them all in the stock yards by noon. My daughter, Ann, came up to the farm from Purdue university after morning classes and we drove the last truckload of hogs to market ourselves.

While at the bank, the editor of the local paper came in and greeted me and remarked it was too bad about Joe Todd. I asked him what had happened. He told me Joe's relatives had just received word that he had been killed in action in the Pacific. Joe and Ann had gone to the same country school. They had been in the same Sunday school class in our country church. He had enlisted early in the air corps and had advanced to the rank of a first lieutenant.

Wednesday: Back in Washington. I wish that it were possible for me to see and talk to farm people more often because of the inspiration I receive from them.

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The best is none too good for our men in the service. That's why it's worthwhile consulting them for their gift preferences this Christmas. According to surveys made in camps and barracks, cigarettes and smoking tobacco head the list as the gifts preferred by our boys in O. D. and blue. Camel is their favorite cigarette (based on sales records in Post Exchanges and Canteens). If he's a pipe-smoker, a big favorite is Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco, the largest-selling tobacco in the world. You have your choice of the Camel Christmas Carton, or the Camel "Holiday House" package containing four "flat fifties." Prince Albert is packaged in the pound canister. All are handsomely gift packaged with space for your Christmas message. Your dealer is featuring them now.—Adv.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Apples flavored with maple sirup, cider or grape juice, baked, can be served with roast ham. It's a pleasing food combination.

A fire extinguisher is essential in every home and it should be kept in working order.

Canned tomato juice can be used in place of water when making vegetable gelatin salad.

With an assortment of nuts, dried fruits, toothpicks, pipe cleaners, cloves, candies and a knife, and a little imagination, you can make many different party favors.

To vary muffins, mix one-third cup of coconut, nutmeats, raisins or candied fruits, into the dry ingredients.

ASK ME ANOTHER? A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. Of what country is the boomerang a native weapon?
2. What is a necropolis?
3. For how many years did George Washington live?
4. In what century was Joan of Arc burned at the stake?
5. How many miles does Lake Superior cover?
6. What is the number of possible steel alloys?
7. How long ago was the first telephone conversation between New York and Chicago held?
8. What is a marabout?
9. A person who conceals an act of treason without any assent or participation in the act is said to be guilty of what?
10. The first intercollegiate football game held in the United States was played between what teams?

The Answers

1. The boomerang is a native weapon of Australia.
2. A cemetery.
3. George Washington lived sixty-seven years.
4. The fifteenth.
5. Lake Superior covers 31,810 square miles.
6. The American Steel and Iron Institute has estimated that the number of possible steel alloys is about 775,000,000 followed by 1,968 zeros.
7. Fifty years.
8. A stork.
9. Misprision.
10. Rutgers and Princeton at New Brunswick, N. J., on November 13, 1869. It was in the days when each team consisted of 25 men, and the first side to score six goals won the game. Rutgers won, six goals to four.

ANOTHER CHARGE

Young Thing—Do you charge batteries here?
Service Station Man—Sure, lady.
Young Thing—Then put in a new one and charge it to dad.

UNAFAID

"How about a little kiss, girlie?"
"No, I have scrapes."
"Well, that's all right; I've been vaccinated."

TEACHER TO PUPIL—I'VE TAUGHT YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW AND STILL YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

Judge (to plaintiff in compensation claim)—Now show the court the effects of the accident upon you.
The plaintiff got up and painfully hobbled across the floor.
Judge—And now, to show the court the awful result of that accident, show us how you used to move before the accident.
Plaintiff thereupon took a hop, skip, and jump across the courtroom.

PREPAREDNESS

by the AMERICAN RED CROSS

THE 3,725 Red Cross chapters, located in nearly every county in the United States, perform a very important service for members of the armed forces and their dependents. This is the work done by the Red Cross in case an emergency furlough for the service man becomes necessary.

While the county Red Cross chapter itself cannot request these furloughs, it can speed up action on them if the family will notify the county Red Cross chapter immediately after the emergency arises.

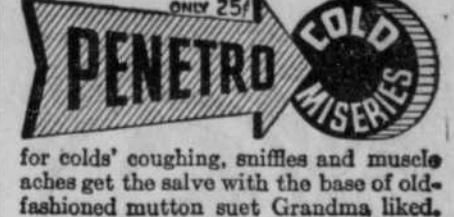
The actual request for the furlough must be made by the service man to his commanding officer, who refers it to the camp Red Cross field director. A telegram from the field director then asks the local Red Cross chapter to verify information furnished by the service man.

If the family notifies the county Red Cross chapter at the same time it does the service man, the Red Cross can get the necessary verification of facts to the camp about the same time the furlough is requested.

If investigations bear out the service man's story, he usually gets the furlough. But the county Red Cross chapter must report the facts if the situation is not really an emergency, or if there is anything else that may make the man's return less urgent.

County Red Cross chapters also make available actual financial aid to service men and their families in emergencies. If the man needs money for the trip home, or if the family needs money because of the service man's absence, the Red Cross may make it available through a loan or draft.

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for colds' coughing, sniffles and muscle aches get the salve with the base of old-fashioned mutton suet Grandma liked.

Collecting a Living

The men who start out with the idea that the world owes them a living generally find out that the world pays its debts in the penitentiary or poorhouse.—W. G. Sumner.

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The use of private automobiles in Chile is now forbidden. A 40 per cent cut in gasoline supplied by the United States is the cause of this restriction.

Helping the United States armed forces to become a singing army and navy has become a part of the standing USO program.

The house committee on wild life conservation is studying the possibility of exploiting wild life surpluses in national forest and park areas to supplement normal meat supplies and provide hides.

OH BOY, CINNAMON BUNS FOR BREAKFAST. BET I COULD EAT 'EM ALL!

COME IN AND SIT DOWN, TOMMY! YOU CAN HAVE ALL YOU WANT, THESE BUNS ARE GOOD FOR YOU. THEY HAVE EXTRA VITAMINS IN THEM.

WE LEARN ABOUT VITAMINS IN SCHOOL, MOTHER—BUT NOT EXTRA VITAMINS IN BUNS. IS IT THE WAY YOU BAKE 'EM?

IT'S NOT HOW I BAKE THEM—IT'S THE YEAST I USE—FLEISCHMANN'S.

ALWAYS THOUGHT YEASTS WERE PRETTY MUCH ALIKE!

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