

Reorganization to Assure Long Legislature Session

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A long, long session of the 1965 legislature is almost assured by several factors, not the least of which is the impending state government reorganization.

Old-year sessions are traditionally longer than those in election years, but the Democratic majority in the administration situation makes for an even more intensive fight over reorganization than was previously anticipated.

The 1963 Constitution gave the Legislature until 1966 to set down new government divisions, sharply lessening the number of independent agencies. If this is not done by the lawmakers, it then becomes an executive responsibility of the Governor.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS in the two houses would like nothing more than to draw their own plan for reorganization of state government.

To turn this job over to Republican Gov. George Romney could be disastrous to many of the Democratic appointees still holding top-level jobs in various departments in which they were named in the Williams and Swainson administrations.

Considerable time will be needed to accomplish reorganization, however, because the initial recommendations made to the legislature next year may not meet with Democratic approval.

JOINT HOUSE-SENATE committees have been working on implementation of the new Constitution in the past two years, including the interim period between sessions.

Because the Republicans controlled the 1963-64 legislative session, the top men on these committees were not Democrats and there were more GOP members on these working units.

Thus, the original recommendations to be made next session likely will be the result from these GOP-controlled committees which have been in consultation with Romney's office during their deliberations.

Some agencies with Democratic named chiefs likely would be made subdivisions of other units if Romney and GOP legislators had their way, but Democratic lawmakers will be out to preserve the high rank of those administrators who share their political persuasion.

ATTENTION MUST be given to an underlying problem if a major cause of traffic accidents is to be reduced, according to Sec. of State James M. Hare.

Hare notes that it has been estimated that the drinking driver causes up to 75 per cent of all fatalities and personal injury accidents. This includes both the alcoholic and the so-called social drinker.

"In many cases, the real problem of alcoholism and its underlying psychological causes are completely ignored," said Hare. "Perhaps what is necessary is a law which would provide for automatic referral of such a person to an alcoholic treatment center and a suspension of his license until he is given a clean bill of health."

TOUGHER LAWS dealing with drinking drivers are definitely needed in any event, said the Secretary of State.

Hare emphasizes punitive action

without treatment of the real problem would be valueless, however. Under present law, a person's license is taken if he is convicted of drunk driving twice in a year, but many get a lesser penalty if they prove a need for the license.

A considerable number of Michigan citizens are affected annually by the drunken driving law. In the first 9 months of this year, Hare's department revoked or suspended 4,635 licenses under this law, and 5,487 persons lost their licenses during all of 1963.

SCHOOL DROPOUTS and other related factors are not an invention of the 20th century, but communications and other factors have made it seem so.

State School Supt. Lynn M. Bartlett says citizens just hear more

about these youngsters now because today's world no longer provides a place for the person who fails to get an education.

Cooperative programs designed to teach reluctant learners desirable skills for available jobs are being planned to provide a bridge between the gap opened by changing times and technological advances.

NATIONAL STUDIES have shown that reluctant learners often make remarkable progress toward the normal level when placed, at an early age, in a favorable environment for mental, emotional and social development, said Bartlett.

Thus, encouraging a positive attitude toward education among socially culturally deprived youngsters, can help produce beneficial results as they progress through the grades.

City of Freedom Displays History Steeped Buildings

History on the half shell is the main course served up in Philadelphia's city of freedom and brotherly love.

History buffs and ordinary tourists tramp through the city's historic buildings rising on a grassy plot called Independence National Hall.

Gray and green uniformed rangers lead visitors on free tours of Independence Hall, Carpenter's Hall, Philosophical Hall, New Hall and other buildings steeped in American history.

History padding through Independence Hall pause where the United States was created in 1776 by the Continental Congress and later 11 years later the Federal Convention presented the Constitution.

BEYOND THE doors a plaque marks the spot where the late John F. Kennedy stood as he delivered his address on the independence of nations. And nearby another plaque points to where Abraham Lincoln stood as he raised the flag above Independence Hall.

The free ranger-guided tours are conducted every 15 minutes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Most often asked question is about the crack in the Liberty Bell. Rangers respond by repeating the true tale of the incident that sent it into retirement.

It's all blamed on inferior British workmanship. According to the tale, the bell, after being cast in England, cracked the very first time it tilled in America.

LATER A couple of Philadelphians melted and recast the bell only to have it crack a second time. Once again they recast the metal and after this they rang out liberty's message until cracking the final time tolling the death knell of Chief Justice John Marshall.

The bell now rests inside Independence Hall, the prime tourist attraction in the park.

Thirteen trees have been planted in the park to represent the original 13 states while lights burn

night and day for each signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The park was authorized by Congress in 1950, after which Pennsylvania launched a campaign to develop three blocks north of Independence Hall into a mall.

NEW VISITORS line up in the west wing of Independence Hall where girls in uniform give pre-tour briefings.

Across town Thomas Jefferson's place is the site of a hamburger stand and Ben Franklin's print shop has been replaced by a diner.

The souvenir shops of Philadelphia will sell you a key to Independence Hall for \$1.50 or a miniature Liberty Bell for the same price.

It was at Christ Church that

George Washington came to pray when the nation was yet new. Here strangers come to toss coins on the grave of Benjamin Franklin. They say it brings good luck.

IT'S A SOLEMN place, this little churchyard—where sun and rain and snow have wiped away most of the names of those buried here.

The tourists also pass through Betsy Ross' old home, and they stroll down Elfreth's Alley, a narrow, cobbled street, oldest thoroughfare in America.

Should you get lost in Philadelphia go stand by the big bronze eagle in Wanamaker's department store. That's where everybody looks for anyone they can't find.

It's the town's unofficial meeting place.

THE GOLDEN YEARS

"I think I have cracked what is probably the greatest curse of retirement," says Walter J. Umstead, a 68-year-old retired man.

The curse lies not in what a man isn't, or what he hasn't got, Umstead believes, but in what he thinks. "And nearly everything he thinks is negative."

Umstead says he used his religious training "and some persistent spying" to get his mind straight after he retired. He thinks he learned a formula that can help others.

"I HAD OCCASION to go back to my company several times after I retired," he explains. "I was at first surprised, and then humiliated, to discover how unwanted I was. This was an awful thing—I had spent 30 years of my life here. Nobody wanted to talk to me. Nobody gave me better than a superficial welcome. Some of the people actually resented seeing me."

"This can wound you for life. Make your work your career was a farce. Give you an inferiority complex you can't shake."

Umstead's faith in mankind led

him to question whether this rejection was as meaningful as it seemed, and some spying among other retired employees showed him it wasn't.

"EVERY company treats every retired employee just about the same," he says. "It doesn't love you or hate you. It has just placed you outside its world—in retirement—and you don't matter any more. That's all. And all retired men get equal treatment."

"The retired man who lets his old company's attitude toward him darken his thinking about retirement is really conceited," Umstead proceeded from a man's thinking about his company to his thinking about the unresponsive community he lives in.

"Here again a retired man learns pretty soon he isn't wanted very much. From feeling unwanted he feels inadequate, and after that he can think dark thoughts for the rest of his life."

"BUT ONCE more he's not a special case. Every other retired man in the community has about the same experience. We live in work world. Work people find more magic in other work people than in non-work people. More friends, more respect. More profitable contacts. More fun. They, too, place retired people outside their world, and they don't treat any one retired man with any more disdain than they treat them all."

Umstead's belief that a retired man would greatly help his attitudes toward life if he regarded retirement much as he would regard entry into a foreign country. "Almost all the rules you have lived by change," he says. "You become a totally different person on the landscape. With different values. But it's you and everybody else who has retired. Not just you."

"Obviously the answer is for retired people to get over the inhibitions retirement has given them, to break down and get their timidity back built, and get with each other to pattern new lives for themselves."

The Man on Your List Likes Clothes

Offered is a Christmas suggestion for Christmas: (A) Buy the man something to wear. He'll be appreciative when he receives it, and he'll remember your thoughtfulness each time he wears it in the future—which gives your gift pretty good mileage, you'll admit!

(B) If you do buy him something that costs in size, make every effort to determine and then obtain the proper size. There's no let-down like getting something one wants, and then finding out it doesn't fit. And (C) Remember, you can always send a man's apparel gift certificate!

Outdoor Events Spark Michigan Winter Program

Residents and visitors to Michigan are going to have a ball this winter.

As a matter of fact, many communities throughout the state have scheduled a variety of balls, festivals and carnivals as a tribute to the Michigan winter season and the fun that goes with it.

Depending on the area and its interest, many communities center their activities around specific wintertime subjects, but the backdrop for the complete snowy show is Michigan's beautiful, white winter wonderland.

MICHIGAN IS the natural gathering place for vacationers

from all over the Midwest who seek their particular brand of winter recreation. Whether they come for ice fishing, skiing, skating or any of the many other snow sports, communities are gearing to show them real Michigan hospitality.

Wherever people are drawn together by a common interest, Michigan folk see to it that some special observance is planned.

Beginning in early December and continuing through March, King Winter is saluted with many events and festivities in both peninsulas.

The first listing in the Michigan Tourist Council's winter Calendar of Events was the Perchville Parade at Tawas City, Dec. 5. Here, ice fishing is the dominant interest and the community got off to an early start with a parade of fishing shanties which later will be used on Tawas Bay in Lake Huron by visiting fishermen.

One of the major tributes to this icy sport is held at Houghton Lake in mid-January with the staging of Tip-Up Town USA—an event which annually draws thousands of visitors from throughout Michigan and the Midwest.

UNIQUE FEATURES of the festival, which is held almost entirely on the ice, include the election of mayor and marshal of the city on ice and the selection of the winter queen. Not a beauty contest, the queen candidates are selected from the ladies who are actively ice fishing, and the final is chosen on the basis of personality and sportsmanship.

Prizes are awarded throughout the two-day event for fish catches and various other competitions.

A similar event is presented on Bow Beese Lake near Hillsdale later in January.

One of the longest events in Michigan's snowy country is the Petoskey Winter Carnival starting in late January and ending early February.

SPEED SKATING championships, sled dog races, queen coronation, parades, entertainment and other events are scheduled during the two weeks of fun and activity.

Other events throughout the state sharing similar importance include the Winter Carnival at Lewiston; Ice Carnival, Pinconing; Winter Sports Carnival,

Olympian Started 'Happy' Coat Vogue

When about 500 members of the U. S. Olympic group got back to the USA, many of them brought the cropped kimonos known as the "Happy" coat. And because these are already being made by U. S. manufacturers, it stands to reason that these abbreviated robes will be highly popular for home and beach wear.

Popular acceptance is being noted for the higher-styled formal clothes now being shown. As with their regular clothes, fashion-conscious men do not want to look exactly like their fellowmen.

Clare; Alpena Winter Carnival, Alpena; Winter Sports Carnival, Grayling; Perchtown Derby, Monroe, and sled dog races at Lake City, Grant and other communities.

Many of Michigan's 89 winter sports centers have scheduled special gala weeks and weekends of carnivals, festivals and winter fun facilities.

Complete listings of all of Michigan's winter events are included in the Council's December-March Calendar of Events. The publication is available free from the Michigan Tourist Council, Lansing.

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