

What They're Saying About Lyndon B. Johnson



CONGRESS POLL

**Demos Like
Lyndon Best**

**LBJ MOVEMENT
IS BOOMING
ACROSS NATION**

**GOP Solon
Backs LBJ**

...in Headlines

**First Johnson Club
Formed In Kansas**

**Johnson hailed at
labor convention**

**LBJ Clubs
Growing
In Texas**

**Phoenix
Talk Wins
Adherents**

**Johnson Gains Support in Midwest,
Even Wins Some Republican Friends**

Campaigns With Vigor

**Seminar Wildly
Cheers Johnson**

**LBJ Bandwagon
Rolls In Oklahoma**

**NM Support
For Johnson
Predicted**

Lyndon Endorsed

**Johnson Called
'Most Responsible'**

**Boom for Johnson
Reported Growing**



Leadership . . .

"America must not stop, just as the rest of the world is beginning to move.
"In the next decade our capacity for leadership will be as vital as our capacity for arms.
"We cannot lead by wringing our hands and biting our nails and agonizing over the decline of America's character."

These are the straightforward words of Lyndon B. Johnson. They are, at once, words of warning . . . adjuration . . . wisdom . . . and encouragement.

Ironically they were spoken as Neil H. McElroy, first space age Secretary of Defense, announced that the administration would ask Congress next January for money to keep B-52 long-range bombers aloft on an increased alert.

Although there is at present apparently no other way to defend this and other free nations of the world except by constant threat of annihilation, it is inconceivable that such a tenuous, drawn-arms security can last forever.

Whereas only two mighty opponents now comprise the lethal tableau, more nations are donning atomic regalia to take their place in the grim, silent scene.

When atomic arms become available "by the dozen" to every puppet principality and every pipsqueak dictator, world survival can no longer depend on threats of destruction.

Then, indeed the wisdom of Mr. Johnson's words will be proven.
Then, "Leadership will be as vital as our capacity for arms."

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... in Editorials

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We Hope Senator Lyndon Johnson Will Visit Us Again

The Senator from Texas, the Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson, convinced nearly all, if not all, those present at the annual dinner of the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening that he stands head and shoulders above all the other prospective candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Senator Johnson is a forthright statesman and politician. He says what he thinks and he means what he says. Both Republicans and Democrats were impressed by his frankness. There was no carping criticism of the Eisenhower administration in what he had to say. In Council Bluffs as in Washington and Texas, he made it crystal clear that he puts the welfare of the country ahead of party.

His concern is for the future of the United States, which has, as he said, the best system of government in the world. He wants future generations of Americans to enjoy the benefits of this system as he has enjoyed them.

For this reason he puts education of today's young people high in his list of essentials for the preservation of our nation. He would make it possible for every boy and girl who graduates from high school to obtain a college education.

He firmly believes in education as the best

weapon against Communism, the best guarantee that the progress our nation has made throughout its history will continue.

Senator Johnson declared the United States cannot afford to ignore the Soviet Union's three-year lead in the exploration of space. "We are not putting on that extra spurt of energy that will bring us abreast of the Soviet Union, let alone pull us ahead," he said. "The Soviets believe that whoever controls space will control the earth," he noted. "We have great plans on our drawing boards. The Russians have great satellites in the heavens. Russia is not spending money on rockets that circle the moon, just because it wants to win scientific honors."

Regarding the farm problem, the Texas Senator noted that it is one of distribution rather than production. He said he would get the best available minds in the nation together, put them in the same room, lock the door and say to them, "Gentlemen we are going to get out of here only when we have found the answer."

Senator Johnson did not make a political speech to the Chamber of Commerce, but there was a lot of constructive politics in what he had to say.

We hope he will visit us again. He is the kind of a politician with whom we would like to get better acquainted.

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Will Philosophy Work?

Johnson Never Lists Party Before Country

BY CULLUM GREENE.
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Senate Majority Leader Johnson, Democrat of Texas, has a basic philosophy which may or may not get him the Democratic presidential nomination.

In Texas his philosophy is generally regarded as sound.

How it will be accepted in states where the bulk of the convention votes lie remains to be seen.

Johnson rarely passes up an opportunity to spell out his philosophy that runs like this:

"First, I am a free man.

"Second, I am an American.

"Third, I am a senator.

"Fourth, I am a Democrat."

He never varies the order.

At least one of his Senate colleagues, Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri and himself a potential presidential nominee, has referred to Johnson as a "compromiser" and this, too, fits in with the Texas senator's philosophy, which goes like this:

"In a divided government (Republican President and Democratic Congress you can do something or nothing."

He is quick to add, however, that as the majority leader he operates "in no bed of roses," pointing out that even on the Democratic side there are great differences of thinking, viz: Byrd of Virginia and Humphrey of Minnesota.

But Johnson continues his philosophy explanation with the statement "it is better to disagree than to be disagreeable."

This is in direct opposition to the philosophy of the late Senator Robert Taft of Ohio who believed it was his job "to oppose" anything President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed.

"Just because a Republican President proposes something," Johnson says of the present situation, "is no reason to oppose it."

FDR became bigger and bigger because of Taft's continued opposition, Johnson believes.

This philosophy is in direct conflict with that of the Democratic national chairman, Paul Butler, who hurled criticism at Johnson and House Speaker Rayburn for their lack of leadership in not getting through legislation with a strict Democratic tinge.

Butler came out of the hiatus with less standing in several

states, especially the South.

Johnson will have an opportunity next month to see how his philosophy meets with Democrats in two states other than Texas when he fills speaking engagements in Kansas and Iowa.

Neither of these states has a "favorite son" so the Texas senator will have a fair opportunity to test his philosophy.

In other states, such as Michigan and Minnesota where the Democrats lean strongly to the left side of the party's thinking, Johnson may run into trouble.

This explanation of Johnson's basic philosophy is not intended to exclude other strong stands the Texas senator is taking.

One on which he is certain to gain strength is that of government loans to college students. His philosophy on this is that if the federal government can afford to guarantee billions of loans for building homes, why can't it do the same thing for students in order to assure more college graduates which in turn will provide more educated citizens in an age in which technology is the No. 1 need.

WORLD TODAY

The Questions Johnson Faces

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson seems to be doing what he has done in the Senate for years: Avoiding sticking his neck out until he counts the house.

There's nothing impulsive about this 51-year-old Texan, leader of the Senate Democrats, whose native state has started a boom to get him the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination.

LOOK AT IT

Johnson says he isn't seeking the nomination. All he wants is re-election to the Senate in 1960, he says, but if the Democratic convention were to pick him "I would look at it."

Some political observers, taking it for granted Johnson would like to be president, seem puzzled because he hasn't imitated other would-be Democratic candidates, particularly from the Senate.

They've been beating the bushes across the nation, looking for support. Not Johnson. Except for one speech in Philadelphia and some speeches this week in the Midwest, he has confined himself to Texas. But there he has made an astonishing number of speeches. He has stayed away from big Democratic centers like New York and Chicago. That's understandable, if he wants the nomination.

Denton Record-Chronicle

Phoenix Gazette

POLITICS

AND PEOPLE

Lyndon's Welcome Mat Big

By VIRG HILL

As thick a welcome mat as hospitable Arizona Democrats can lay out will be the platform for Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas when he speaks here tonight at a fund-raising dinner.

He has the apparent warm regard of most of the conservative Democrats of the state, no evident ill will from the liberals, and more than a little admiration from a great many Republicans. All this adds up to a



...and Columns

FROM BOOTBLACK TO PRESIDENT TODAY?

It Will Happen In '60 If Johnson Is Elected

From bootblack to President in this modern day and age? (They said it couldn't be done!)

However, if Lyndon Johnson is successful in becoming the democratic nominee and is elected, he can laugh and said, "but Lyndon

Johnson did it!"

Not only did he at one time shine shoes in a barber shop, he worked almost two years on a road-building gang—the pick and shovel crew—as one of its members. He has so has

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For President . . .

Clements Resigns Demo Party Post To Boost Johnson

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Sen. Earle C. Clements of Kentucky is quitting as Democratic senatorial campaign director to boost the presidential chances of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Texas).

Clements' decision to resign in support of Johnson is generally interpreted as a strong endorsement of the Texas senator.

McClellan Heaps Praise On Johnson

DALLAS (AP) — Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark.) said Monday night that labor and management should resolve their differences.

All Texas Democratic Congressmen Back LJ

Speaker of the House Rayburn said he is strongly urging his nomination for President.

SEN. DODD SAYS TEXAN COULD WIN IN NEW ENGLAND

Rayburn Indorsement of Johnson Widens Scope of Senator's Boom

TEXAS DEMOCRATS are entitled to the honor of presenting their fellow citizen, Lyndon B. Johnson, to the national convention as their choice for the White House.

Colorado Leader Lauds Lyndon as 'Most Capable'

Russell Long Plugs Johnson For President

Dopesters Select Nixon And Johnson

Political dopesters from both the Democratic and Republican sides of the aisles of Congress laid their forecasts on the line last night when they voted that Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, Senate Majority Leader, and Vice President Richard M. Nixon would be the presidential candidates of 1960.

Their prophecies were cast into a ballot box at the Wellesley dinner of the Press.

Gov. Daniel Throws Support To Johnson

AUSTIN —(UPI)— Gov. Price Daniel has thrown his support behind Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson for chairman of the Texas delegation to the Democratic National Convention.



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