



The Assembly Democrat



BOB MORETTI
Assembly Speaker

JACK R. FENTON
Assembly Majority Leader

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Jackson Fundraiser

Assembly Democrats Kick Off Election Year

A turn-away crowd of nearly one thousand people packed the Hollywood Palladium at the Assembly Democratic Caucus dinner featuring Washington Senator Henry M. Jackson.

"The Democratic Caucus is also known as the Majority Caucus . . . and we want to keep it that way," said Majority Leader Jack R. Fenton. "That's why we're all here."

"Our goal for the Assembly is 80 Democrats, but we might settle for 54," Fenton said during brief remarks. "That's a working majority no matter who's in the Governor's office."

Jackson, a Democrat from Washington state, is the leading U.S. Senate expert on the fuel crisis. He accused the White House and the oil industry of combining to block efforts to ease the gasoline and fuel shortage in what he called the "biggest lobbying operation I have watched in many years."

The Senator, who was introduced by state women's chairperson Shirley Goldinger, heads a Senate investigating committee empowered to find out why the government and the oil companies have not worked out a more even distribution of gasoline supplies.

"It is perfectly obvious that people are mad, people are bitter about having to line up in long lines in order to get gas," Jackson said.

Among the other VIP's at the \$125 a plate dinner were Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti, Majority Whip Joe Montoya and Democratic Assemblyman Richard Alatorre, Howard Berman, Wadie Deddeh, Julian Dixon, March Fong, Raymond

Gonzales, Bill Greene, Frank Holoman, Walter Ingalls, Leon Ralph, Alan Sieroty, Henry Waxman and Bob Wilson.

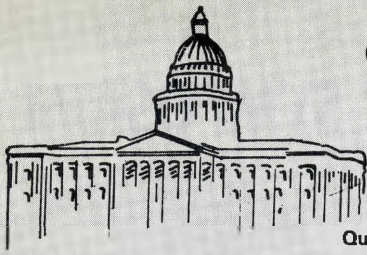


(L. to R.) U.S. Senator Henry Jackson, Majority Leader Jack Fenton, Speaker Bob Moretti.

ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS DINNER WITH SENATOR JACKSON



Among those attending the Assembly Democratic Caucus dinner were from left to right (Top) Assembly Chaplain, Father Leo McAllister; State Woman's Chairperson Shirley Goldinger; Majority Whip Joe Montoya; Mrs. Marilyn Moretti; Majority Leader Jack Fenton; U.S. Senator Henry Jackson; Speaker Bob Moretti; Mrs. Betty Fenton; Chairman, Los Angeles County Central Committee, Les River; Mrs. Pilar Montoya. (Middle) Assemblyman Leon Ralph (center); Actor Lorne Greene with Fenton and Mrs. Moretti; (Bottom) Montoya with Jackson and Moretti.



"Say it ain't so"

Quotes from around the Capitols

A Switch In Time

Ronald Reagan's more generous critics have been saying for years that he is a habitual self-contradictor.

But the detractors usually have to wait at least a few months to catch him doubling back on one of his statements.

It took several years, for instance, for the Governor to switch his position on state withholding tax from solidly opposed to desperately in favor.

The most recent turnabout took less than a week and a half, however. On February 15, the Governor issued a statement which said, in part, "OUR (GASOLINE) SITUATION HERE IN CALIFORNIA THROUGH THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY."

Ten days later he announced a plan by which any California county could require motorists to buy gas on the basis of odd-even licence plate numbers.

This time he said he was using his disaster powers to implement the proposal where requested adding, "WE WILL LIFT IT AT ANY TIME THE SUPERVISORS (FROM THE VARIOUS CALIFORNIA COUNTIES USING THE PLAN) SAY THE EMERGENCY HAS ENDED."

To Tell The Truth

"Exactly one day after you printed in your column (Personality Parade by Walter Scott) that Vice President Gerald Ford would not follow the partisan Spiro Agnew road and would not use White House speech writers to excoriate a segment of the American public who are shocked at Watergate, Ford did exactly that at a convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation. How come you were so wrong so quickly?

ANSWER: Simple. Vice President Ford's office lied to Personality Parade.

Parade newspaper magazine
February 17, 1974

What's My Line?

"This Administration has proved that it is utterly incapable of cleaning out the corruption which has completely eroded it and re-establishing the confidence and faith of the people in the morality and honesty of their government employees. The investigations which have been conducted to date . . . have only scratched the surface. For every case which is exposed, there are ten which are successfully covered up and even then this Administration will go down in history as the 'scandal-a-day Administration.'

"It is typical of the moral standards of the Administration that when they are caught red-handed with pay-off money in their bank accounts the best defense they can give is that they won the money in a poker game, a crap game, or by hitting the daily double.

"We have had corruption defended by those in high places. If they won't recognize or admit that corruption exists, how can we expect them to clean it up?"

November 13, 1951
Senator Richard M. Nixon on the Truman Administration at the Boston Hotel Statler

39 ASSEMBLYMEN TO RUN FOR REELECTION

The following is an alphabetical listing of Democratic Assemblymen who have filed for the Assembly, and the number of the newly reapportioned district in which they filed.

Alatorre, Richard, 55th	Knox, John T., 11th
Bee, Carlos, 15th	Lockyer, Bill, 14th
Berman, Howard, 43rd	MacDonald, Ken, 36th
Boatwright, Daniel E., 10th	McAlister, Alister, 25th
Brown, Willie L. Jr., 17th	McCarthy, Leo T., 18th
Chacon, Peter R., 79th	Meade, Ken, 12th
Cullen, Mike, 57th	Miller, John J., 13th
Davis, Pauline L., 1st	Montoya, Joseph B., 60th
Deddeh, Wadie P., 80th	Papan, Louis J., 19th
Dixon, Julian, 49th	Powers, Walter W., 5th
Fenton, Jack R., 59th	Quimby, John P., 66th
Foran, John Francis, 16th	Ralph, Leon, 48th
Gonsalves, Joe A., 63rd	Sieroty, Alan, 44th
Gonzales, Raymond, 33rd	Thomas, Vincent, 52nd
Greene, Bill, 47th	Thurman, John E. Jr., 27th
Greene, Leroy F., 6th	Vasconcellos, John, 23rd
Ingalls, Walter M., 68th	Warren, Charles, 46th
Kapiloff, Lawrence, 78th	Wilson, Bob, 77th
Keene, Barry, 2nd	Z'berg, Edwin L., 4th
Keysor, Jim, 39th	

NINE ASSEMBLYMEN WILL SEEK OTHER OFFICES

Nine incumbent Democratic Assemblymen have indicated they will not return to the Assembly next year.

Three members, Alex P. Garcia, of the 40th Assembly District in Los Angeles; John F. Dunlap, of the 5th Assembly District in Napa and Solano Counties; and Frank Holoman, of the 65th Assembly District in Los Angeles, will run for State Senate.

John Burton, of the 20th Assembly District in San Francisco, and Henry Waxman, of the 61st Assembly District in Los Angeles, have announced their intention to run for Congress.

Kenneth Cory, now representing the 69th Assembly District in Orange County, will be a candidate for State Controller, while March K. Fong, of the 15th Assembly District in Oakland, and Walter Karabian, from Los Angeles' 45th Assembly District, both announced for Secretary of State.

Bob Moretti, 42nd Assembly District in Los Angeles, has announced for Governor. Harvey Johnson, of the 58th Assembly District in Los Angeles County, will retire.

JOHNSON BOWS OUT AFTER 12 YEARS IN ASSEMBLY

Harvey Johnson, the El Monte Democrat who has represented the San Gabriel Valley's 58th Assembly District since 1962, will retire from the Legislature at the end of this session.

Assemblyman Johnson was born in Kansas and came to California in 1926. He graduated from Los Angeles College of Law in 1936. He is a past president of the Pomona Bar Association and is still an active member of the Bar.

Prior to his first election to the Legislature in 1962, Mr. Johnson was a veteran political campaigner. He served as a member of the 1958 Brown-for-Governor campaign committee; was active in the 1960 Kennedy-for-President campaign; and was a member of the Finance Committees for Clair Engle for U.S. Senate and Richard Richards for State Senate. He is a member of the El Monte Democratic Club and was a delegate to the Congressional Conventions in both 1958 and 1960.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS HEADLINE ENERGY SYMPOSIUM

The energy crisis remains the toughest problem facing the State Assembly, and legislators find it the single most worrisome problem talked about by constituents.

As long ago as 1972, the Assembly participated in getting the Rand Corporation to make a study of the energy crisis and come up with some solutions.

This study was the basis of legislation now coming out of the Assembly Subcommittee on State Electrical Energy Policy. More legislation based on this important study will be forthcoming.

In order to get additional factual, scientific information on which to develop legislation, Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti brought together the most prestigious symposium on energy yet held in California.

It met March 5, 1974, in the Assembly Chambers in Sacramento. The keynote speaker was Nobel Prize winner Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, former Chancellor of the University of California and former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Also speaking was another Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Melvin Calvin, whose pioneering work in research in photosynthesis was the basis for his talk on the uses

of solar energy.

One of the causes of the present "energy crisis" was the failure to look ahead for alternative sources of energy. The symposium brought to the legislators and staff a dramatic description of the many avenues open to us in implementing energy policies.

The Assembly is presently considering a series of bills designed to put more flexibility and competition into the retail gasoline station business, by eliminating some of the restrictive franchise clauses required by the major oil companies before a dealer can purchase gasoline from them.

A number of bills have also been proposed to facilitate the financing and development of new and existing mass transit systems.

"We are no longer limited to the traditional uses and sources of energy," said Speaker Moretti. "The Assembly now has factual information which we can use to develop a wide range of responses to the energy crisis. The bills which we develop this year can lead the way to a much better use of our energy resources in the future."

New Committee To Study Plight Of Gas Stations

Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti has created an Assembly Select Committee which could prevent the extinction of small, independent gasoline dealers in California.

The panel's full title is Select Committee on Service Station Franchising and Petroleum Product Practices. Its first responsibility will be to investigate the relationship between major oil companies and independent gasoline station dealers.

"It is important for the public to realize that the real culprit in the ever increasing price of gasoline is not the man at the pump," Moretti says. "Up until now, with the exception of a single cent, all increases in the cost of gasoline have gone to the oil companies."

According to figures gathered by the Speaker's office, when regular gasoline cost the consumer 38.9 cents per gallon, the independent dealers got 7.6 cents and the oil companies got 18.4 cents. Now that gas costs 49.2 cents per gallon, the oil companies get 27.6 cents but the independent dealer's increase is only one penny, to 8.6 cents.

The committee, which will be chaired by Assembly Majority Leader Jack R. Fenton, will investigate the extent and nature of these unfair practices. Other committee members include Assemblyman Leroy Greene (D-Sacramento), Joe A. Gonsalves (D-Norwalk) and Joseph B. Montoya (D-La Puente).

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