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The GOP Did More With Less in '80

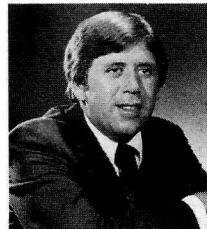
We don't know if President **Ronald Reagan's** victory on the budget was due to the support of his fellow Republicans in the House and the coalition of Southern Democrats—or if his good luck charm played a part. The small gold horseshoe charm which the President carries in his left pocket was given to him by **L. E. "Tommy" Thomas**, a Florida Republican, on the morning of the 1976 Florida primary. It is inscribed, "I believe in RR" . . . "The Republicans did more with less," says Sen. **Bob Packwood** of Oregon, Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee. GOP candidates spent \$116.8 million last year in their efforts to control the Senate and pick up seats in the House. In contrast, Democratic House and Senate candidates spent \$124.5 million, according to the Federal Election Commission . . . The Republican party is finally on the verge of majority party status. A public opinion poll of 1500 adult Americans conducted in May by **Richard Wirthlin's** company, Decision Making Information, reveals that 39 percent of the American voters consider themselves Republicans, 40 percent Democrats and 21 percent independents. In contrast, a year ago, 50 percent of the adult American population considered themselves Democrats and only 30 percent Republicans.

A Century of Service

Chalk one up for Sen. **Ted Stevens** of Alaska. Concerned that U.S. newspapers were ignoring Alaska in publishing weather reports from around the country, the Senator persuaded the *San Diego Union* to include from now on the 50th state in its weather news. Although Alaska gained statehood more than two decades ago, the newspaper had neglected to mention temperature reports from there in its roundup of weather from other parts of the nation . . . Rep. **Caldwell Butler** of Virginia has introduced a bill to close the loophole in which Members of Congress who retire or are defeated are allowed to convert their excess campaign funds to personal use . . . A century of active service by the American Red Cross will be commemorated in a Congressional salute under a resolution introduced by **Orrin Hatch** of Utah in the Senate and by **Jim Martin** of North Carolina in the House . . . The one-year-old Washington Speakers Bureau formed by **Harry Rhoads** and **Bernie Swain** represent on a non-exclusive basis more than 120 speakers. They have been successful in booking a number of Republican speakers, including U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, **John Gavin**, for the ASAE convention in Acapulco in October, and NBC "Today" Show weatherman **Willard Scott**, who will introduce President **Reagan** at the American Hospital Association's annual meeting in Philadelphia Sept. 3.

Life After Congress

The GOP alumni of the 96th Congress have found that there is indeed life after Congress. Former Sen. **Milton Young** of North Dakota is enjoying his retirement in Arizona while Sen. **Jacob Javits** of New York has been named senior adviser to Secretary of State **Alexander Haig**. Javits is also promoting his book . . . On the House side, some of the alumni of the last Congress found they couldn't go home again. Retiring **Bill Harsha** of Ohio, ranking Republican on Public Works and Transportation, opened a Washington consulting firm specializing in transportation interests . . . **Bob Wilson** of California started an aerospace consulting firm in Washington . . . **Sam Devine** of Ohio has remained in Washington to practice law with **John Richter** . . . **John Anderson** of Illinois is teaching at Stanford University and is a big draw on the talk circuit . . . **John Wydler** of New York is an international finance consultant in Mineola, New York . . . **Bill Royer** of California returned to San Francisco, where he is the Secretary's Representative for the Department of Transportation . . . Overheard at the Democratic Club on Capitol Hill: "Since Reagan was elected, there's a new meaning for Ph.D. It stands for Please Hire Democrats."



STOCKMEYER
Housing Head



BAKER
Famous Father



STEPONKUS
New Title

A Father-Daughter Team in Congress?

Rep. **Jack Kemp** of New York, the chief proponent of supply side economics in the House, is not only elated about the passage of the Reagan 25 percent tax cut package, but also about his son, **Jeff Kemp**, signing a two year contract with the L.A. Rams. "We're the first father-son combination in the history of pro football," says the Congressman, who quarterbacked for the San Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills before pursuing a career in politics. Son Jeff, a June Dartmouth graduate with a major in economics, had his own safety net, according to his father. "If he didn't sign as a quarterback, he could go down and work for Stockman at OMB," jokes Jack . . . The Kemps may be the only father-son team in the history of pro football, but **Cynthia "Cissy" Baker**, daughter of Senate GOP Leader **Howard Baker**, is considering creating the first father-daughter team in Congress. The 26-year-old assignment editor for Cable News Network is seriously considering making a run for a seat in the newly created 4th District of Tennessee. If Cissy runs successfully, she will be keeping up the family tradition. Both of her paternal grandparents served in Congress, and her maternal grandfather was the late Sen. **Everett McKinley Dirksen** of Illinois.

Who's Where?

Pete Roussel, who handled press for **George Bush** back in his early days in the House, and more recently was V.P. of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, is now a deputy press secretary in the White House . . . CHC member **John Schrote**, former Administrative Assistant to Rep. **James Sensenbrenner** of Wisconsin, has been named Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration at the Agriculture Department . . . Former Wisconsin Congressman and ex-Defense Secretary **Melvin Laird** has been elected a director of Gray & Co. That's Inaugural Chairman **Bob Gray's** new flackerie . . . Former Executive Director of the National Republican Congressional Committee, **Steven Stockmeyer**, is now Executive V.P. for the National Multi Housing Council . . . **William Steponkus** has been appointed Senior V.P. of Manning, Selvage & Lee Public Relations . . . Twenty-five-year-old **Steve Ford**, son of the former President, is one political offspring who chose show biz over politics. He currently stars as Andy in the CBS soap, "Young and the Restless" . . . Overheard in the Club Grill Room: "It's not that I disagree with the Democrats when they want to throw money at every problem. What bothers me is how many times they miss."

Taxpayer's Bill of Rights?

House GOP Leader **Bob Michel** of Illinois has joined with Democrat Rep. **Dick Bolling** of Missouri in sponsoring legislation to create a special commission to study restructuring the Federal government. Their bill, the first of its kind since the Hoover Commission, would create the Commission on More Effective Government. The bill calls for an 18-member panel which would report to Congress and "would complement the Reagan program for economic recovery by making sure that we get more for the tax dollars we spend," says Michel . . . Most taxpayers don't know that their tax forms can be used as evidence against them, notes Rep. **Jim Collins** of Texas, who has introduced the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. It calls for publication of taxpayers' rights during an audit, how a taxpayer appeals an adverse decision by the IRS, how taxpayers file a complaint, and what procedures the IRS can use to collect revenue. It also calls for a provision to bind the IRS to advise it gives taxpayers . . . Rep. **Ron Paul** of Texas is pushing legislation to mint ten million silver half dollars to commemorate the 250th birthday of **George Washington** next year. "The coins will remind us not only of a great man, but of hard money," says Paul, who feels that the abandonment of hard money has led to high inflation.

Hispanic Council Formed

Lilla Burt Cummings Tower, an attorney and wife of Texas Sen. **John Tower**, is celebrating her appointment as Director of the Institute of Museum Services at the same time her husband celebrates the 20th anniversary of his election to the U.S. Senate. Winning a special election in 1961, he was the first Republican elected statewide in

Texas since the turn of the century . . . With the election of Sen. **Mack Mattingly** of Georgia last November, the GOP finally elected a Republican statewide—either Governor or Senator—in every state in the South . . . Republican National Committee Chairman **Richard Richards** has appointed a Hispanic Advisory Council to encourage Hispanics to join the GOP. "We want their participation on all levels, whether it be as precinct chairmen, campaign workers or candidates," says Richards. **Tirso del Junco**, state GOP chairman in California, will chair the council . . . One of the fastest growing PACs is NSPE-PAC. The Political Action Committee of the National Society of Professional Engineers now has 2,300 members. In the 1979-80 election cycle, the PAC distributed \$108,925 to a total of 99 candidates.



REPUBLICANS ABROAD—The first annual dinner of Republicans Abroad, held earlier this year in the nation's capital, was well attended by Reagan Administration officials and GOP leaders. Above (from left), Mrs. **Richard Richards**, wife of the Republican National Chairman; **Richard Allen**, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; **Lois Shepard**, RA Chairman, and GOP Chairman **Richards**. Established in 1978, Republicans Abroad International is made up of Americans living in 35 countries. For more information, contact Mrs. Shepard at the Republican National Committee on (202) 484-6652.

Maryland GOP Pleased

The Maryland Republican Party during the first five months of the year has surpassed its fundraising total for the same period last year. Receipts so far for 1981 total \$138,000 compared to \$96,000 for 1980, according to State Party Chairman, Dr. **Allan Levey** . . . The Republican Party of Wisconsin elected officers last month: **Michael Borden** is State Chairman for his third term; **June Suhling**, secretary to Rep. **Tom Petri**, is First Vice Chairman; Professor **John Bibby** is Second Vice Chairman; Secretary is **Patricia Karcher** and Treasurer is **Robert Barrow** . . . **Jim Aiello**, Administrative Assistant for former Rep. **Bill Royer** of California, is now Director of Domestic Government Affairs at Combustion Engineering, Inc. . . **Lloyd Aubrey**, formerly Legislative Assistant to Congressman Royer, is now Special Assistant to Secretary of Labor **Ray Donovan** . . . **Charles McManus, Jr.** has been appointed Director of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Office of Congressional and Public Affairs. He served earlier as President of Americans for Constitutional Action . . . The 1981 Republican Governors Conference will be held at the New Orleans Hilton, Nov. 22-24.