

The Next President: A Member of the Club?

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Will the next President of the United States be a Capitol Hill Club member? Very possibly, if the Republicans win in 1980. Included in the roster of announced and as-yet-unannounced candidates are these Club members: Rep. **John Anderson** (Ill.), Sen. **Howard Baker** (Tenn.), Rep. **Philip Crane** (Ill.), Sen. **Bob Dole** (Kan.), **Gerald R. Ford**, Rep. **Jack Kemp** (N.Y.), Sen. **Larry Pressler** (S.D.), **Ronald Reagan**, **Elliot L. Richardson** and **Harold Stassen** . . . Kissinger-watchers expect the former Secretary of State to lay open the Carter Administration's foreign policy when he makes an afternoon address to the Republican Governors Association's winter meeting in Austin, Texas, November 20. He will also headline an Indiana GOP fund-raiser that evening in Indianapolis . . . Overheard at a Capitol Hill Club reception last Fall honoring Kissinger: "Dr. Kissinger, I want to thank you for saving the world," said a Club member to the renowned statesman. "You're welcome," replied Kissinger straight-faced . . . Bumper sticker seen on Capitol Hill: "Conservatism is a step in the right direction."

GOP National Chairman **Bill Brock** says he doesn't know who will win the Democratic Presidential nomination—Carter or Kennedy. But he adds: "Just remember this—whatever they say about each other is true" . . . The GOP National Committee's "Countdown to Victory" dinners will be held in these five cities Tuesday, November 6: Washington, Chicago, Detroit, Houston and New York. Proceeds from the \$1,000-a-plate dinners will be used for the 1980 campaigns . . . Rep. **Barber Conable** of New York, ranking GOP member of the House Ways and Means Committee, says: "For the record, the Administration and the Democratic leaders of Congress still oppose a tax cut. But privately they are known to be considering it seriously and possibly even planning for it" . . . Rep. **Edwin B. Forsythe** (N.J.) is back on the job following surgery earlier this year to remove a

small air pocket from his lungs . . . Rep. **Bill Frenzel** (Minn.) has been bothered by an unusual "bone spur" on his neck. Treatment includes regular therapy and a neck brace. He's still doodling at House Administration meetings to keep his attention from wandering. Constituents and others collect his indecipherable artwork.

Looking ahead to winter, Rep. **Henson Moore** (La.) suggests adding a tax



REP. NORMAN LENT (N.Y.) and his bride, **Barbara Morris**, leave the Club in a shower of rice following their wedding reception there in August. Mrs. Lent is Administrative Assistant to Rep. **Jerry Solomon** (N.Y.)

credit for thermal underwear. That's one way to meet President Carter's request that all thermostats be lowered to conserve energy . . . Rep. **Phil Crane** introduced legislation to create a National Tax Liberation Day. That holiday would be celebrated each year on the day when the average taxpayer has earned enough to pay his Federal, State and local taxes. We would have celebrated June 6 this year. . . . In response to a questionnaire sent out to his constituents, Rep. **George O'Brien** (Ill.) received this reply from one, mixing an obvious air of desperation with good humor over our energy policy: "Do something—even if it's wrong:" . . . One way to solve the energy crisis," suggests Columnist **John Lofton**, "is for all Department of Energy employees whose last names begin with letters A through Z to stay home on odd-numbered days. These same employees should also stay home on even-numbered days."

Former First Son, **Jack Ford**, has joined forces with Nixon campaigner **Ken Reitz**, who was credited with **Evelle Younger** and Lt. Gov. **Mike Curb's** campaign victories in California. They have launched the Energy Foundation, an effort to raise money from energy-related corporations to organize a pro-nuclear power campaign on college campuses throughout the country. The goal: \$1 million . . . Photo-journalist **Susan Ford Vance** has completed her first fashion and beauty assignment—a Paris setting for Revlon. . . . In his soon-to-be-published book on the Ford White House, **Robert T. Hartmann**, Counsellor to President Ford, reports Jerry Ford liked his martinis 7-to-1. "When we traveled together in the old Congressional days, I used to make them while he was getting dressed for dinner," says

Hartmann. "And since he was the one who had to make the speech, I secretly added an equal amount of water" . . . Overheard in the Club Grill Room: "Primaries are just another way of telling who is the life of the party."

Although the date isn't firm, the Club plans to throw a pre-Christmas Egg Nog party for members and their guests as a way of saying "thanks" for their support over the past year, according to Entertainment Committee Chairman **Libby Powell**. Watch your mail for an announcement on this as well as other events scheduled after capitol hill goes to press . . . Sen. **S. I. Hayakawa** (Calif.) finds time to keep up his tap-dance lessons in Washington. The Senator, who took up tap dancing at age 65, says "tap is fun, exercise, reenergizing, relaxing and keeps my blood pressure down." Amen.