



Reagan Will Take Oath Facing West—Not East

By Karen Feld



If **Ronald Reagan** is elected president on November 4, he will be the first president in history whose inaugural will take place on the West Front of the Capitol, rather than on the East Front. The decision to move the inauguration to the West front which overlooks the Mall, rather than the Supreme Court, was made by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in an attempt to both save money and provide more space for spectators . . .

Sen. **Paul Laxalt** of Nevada has his way, the Internal Revenue Service will be called on to "shape up" in a Reagan Administration. "We are witnessing an agency totally out of control, running roughshod over taxpayers and making a joke out of our rule of law," he says . . .

Rep. **Bob Bauman** of Maryland, long a nemesis of House Democrats, was the subject of a lengthy article in the Washington Star June 8 titled "The 'new' Rep. Bauman is picking up clout." Sums up the article: "Some of Robert E. Bauman's House colleagues think he may have turned the corner in the long march from mischief to party leadership."

ket. But the former Buffalo Bills quarterback insists he can accomplish more by staying in the House . . . Overheard in the Club's Eisenhower Lounge: "The President said to me, 'I can't understand why people aren't buying stocks. If I weren't President, I'd be heavily into the market.' And I said to him, 'Sir, if you weren't President, I would too.'"

Erdahl's Extra Effort

Freshman Rep. and Mrs. **Arlen Erdahl** had a good reason for being late to meet Norwegian Crown Prince Harald earlier this year. While attending the Inter-parliamentary Union annual conference in Oslo, the Minnesota Congressman and his wife rented a car to drive into the



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mountains to visit the Beitostolen Helseportcenter, a sports complex for the blind and handicapped. While returning on the icy mountain road, they came onto an accident. Erdahl, a second generation Norwegian American, understood enough German to respond to a woman alongside the road who explained that her car was turned upside down in a snowdrift 100 yards down the mountainside. The Congressman crawled down to the wrecked car and carried the woman's 6-year-old son, teenage daughter, and husband, all seriously injured, up the side of the mountain, while his wife, Ellen, summoned medical help to save the trio . . . GK Technologies has elected former President **Gerald Ford** to the Board of Directors. "This is only the second directorship of a public corporation which Mr. Ford has accepted since announcing

that he would not seek the Republican presidential nomination this year," says **Robert Jensen**, Chairman of GK Technologies.

Hogan's Heroes

Capitol Hill Club Member **Larry Hogan** has Maryland Democrats in nearby Prince George's County in a tizzy. A former Congressman, Hogan, who is the present PG County Executive, has given taxpayers a 34-cent property tax cut per \$100 assessed valuation with a budget growth of only 2.5 percent despite an inflation rate of 18 percent. Hogan has also shown the Democrats they can live, and even thrive, under TRIM, a Proposition 13-style amendment passed by the citizens in 1978. The Democrats are meeting in smoke-filled rooms trying to decide what to do about Hogan's popularity since a poll taken by his adversaries shows he has a 64 percent approval rating . . . **Ron Rietdorf** has been named Executive Director of the Republican Governors Association succeeding **Ralph Griffith**. A former executive director of the Tennessee Republican Party, Rietdorf, 43, was name to the post by RGA's Chairman, Vermont Gov. **Richard A. Snelling**.

Books By Club Members

Want to end inflation once and for all? Club member **John C. Davidson**, retired president of the Tax Council and a former National Association of Manufacturers V.P., says he has found the way—and he spells it out in his soon-to-be-published book titled simply, *The Way to End Inflation*. Advance copies can be ordered for \$7.95 (which includes postage) from the publisher, Vantage Press, Inc. 516 West 34th Street, New York, NY 10001 . . . **Ronald C. Nairn's** latest book is called *Wealth of Nations in Crisis*. Published by Bayview, Houston, Texas (\$12.95), the book deals with the political, economic and social factors which inhibit prosperity around the world. A former RAF fighter pilot and now a U.S. citizen, Nairn's varied military, diplomatic and business experiences provide the background for the book . . . Former White House Counselor **Robert T. Hartmann** reminds us of the great events of history associated with July 14: (1) the fall of the Bastille in 1789; (2) the birthdate of **Gerald R. Ford** in 1913, and (3) the publication date this year of his new book, *Palace Politics* (McGraw-Hill, \$15.95).

A Woman 'Veep'?

Are we ready for a woman V.P.? New York Rep. **Jack Kemp**, co-author of the Kemp-Roth tax cut plan and a key adviser to **Ronald Reagan**, would like to see former U.K. Ambassador **Anne Armstrong** as the Governor's running mate . . . Another name mentioned around Washington political circles for the No. 2 spot on a Reagan ticket is former Illinois Congressman **Donald Rumsfeld**, who later headed up OEO and then filled the slot as Secretary of Defense. "Rummy" is now an executive with G. D. Seale in Chicago . . . And there is strong Congressional support also for Tennessee Sen. **Howard Baker** or former Congressman **George Bush** on the ticket.

There's also support from some of his Congressional colleagues for **Jack Kemp** for second place on the GOP tic-