

KAREN On Friday

Tip O'Neill joins the lecture circuit. He's signed with **Harry Walker** in New York to do 26 speeches this year, at \$20,000 a pop. His old pal **Jerry Ford** called him the other day and offered to help get him on corporate boards, just to make sure he has enough "walking around" money between talks. The former president also offered to use his influence to get his former House colleague invited to celebrity golf tournaments. That's what friends are for. Besides, it beats working.

Barbara Boxer, **Marty Russo** and other liberals on the House Armed Services Committee say publicly that they're angry about Chairman **Les Aspin's** Contra and MX votes. But privately they're stewing that he "sold out" on Democratic reforms in both defense bills, giving in to Republicans and conservatives on his committee. After the House passed a large number of procurement reforms on tough roll-call votes, Les lost most of them in conference.

That's the real reason why his chairmanship will be in jeopardy when the final vote is taken next week. Although his colleagues were disappointed with his votes on the MX and Contra aid, they say they realize those were "personal votes."

Jim Jones, the former chairman of the House budget committee, turned down several lobbying jobs that pay close to \$1 million to become a partner in the law firm Dickstein, Shapiro & Morin. Jim, who edited two major studies on managing trade relations between Japan and the United States, will do international policy and tax work for the firms' Japanese clients. You can't ever get 'em back to Tulsa.

Jim Glassman has been named president of **Levitt Communications**, which owns *Roll Call*, the Capitol Hill weekly. Jim, who has lots of media experience with the Atlantic, *U.S. News & World Report* and as publisher of *The New Republic*, is *Roll Call's* new publisher. Executive Editor **Robert Merry**, who was *The Wall Street Journal's* tip-top politics man before he left for the blandishments of **Arthur Levitt** last year, resigned. He apparently construed the blandish-



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ments as an assurance that he would be the publisher. **Sid Yudain**, *Roll Call's* founder, longtime editor and publisher, and resident wit, stays on as editor and resident wit. *Roll Call* is the first venture in what Mr. Levitt hopes will become a "significant" publishing company. He's actively looking at other publications to acquire.

Republican National Committee Chairman **Frank Fahrenkopf** held a staff meeting to discuss the publication of a story about former White House aides and consultants obtaining contracts with the RNC. His only damage control, insiders say, was simply to announce that there'll be no more poker parties at the RNC. Some ace.

The Democrats aren't likely to let that one slip by. A couple of liberal organizations, including one labor union, are talking about sending copies of that bonus and special consulting arrangements story to GOP donors. Their Political Action Committees won't even have to pay for reproduction and mailing costs, since they're permitted to use soft money to do that kind of thing. An effort such as that would likely put a substantial dent in GOP fund raising. One they can't afford. Response for the RNC heavy-hitter Eagle dinner-dance coming up isn't up to expectations.

We'll be hearing more from defeated Maryland Senate candidate **Linda Chavez**. She's got an op-ed piece coming up in *The Washington Times*, and she has signed on with *American Politics*, the slick monthly, as a contributing columnist.

— Karen Feld