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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER

February 15, 1982

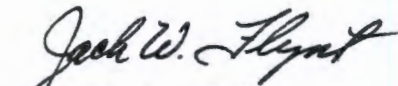
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The 64th Annual National Convention of The American Legion will be held in Chicago, Illinois August 20-26, 1982. I am pleased to extend this formal and most cordial invitation to you to address the delegates to our Convention during the opening session on Tuesday, August 24. In addition to our delegates and guests, the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary will be in attendance at our opening session.

Additional sessions of our Convention will be held on August 25 and 26. If either of these dates would be more compatible to your schedule the time and date of your appearance on our program could, of course, be arranged at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,


JACK W. FLYNT
National Commander

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1982

For Morton Blackwell

From Red Cavaney

*Should I notify
myself?*
~~Morton - people is
Do these people is
Realize Reagan is
to receive the 15
ANSWERS? & THIS
AN ELECTION
year?
Carolyn~~

MAY 18 1982

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1982

MEMORANDUM

TO: Red Cavaney ✓ Karna Small

FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Video-tape for the American Legion 64th
Annual Convention

DATE: August 24

LOCATION: Chicago, Illinois

BACKGROUND: We cannot attend their convention. They
will be presenting the awards for Distinguished
Service.

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept Regret Surrogate Message Other
Priority
Routine

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

Absolutely.
[Signature]

MAY 19 1982

[Handwritten mark]

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1982

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: To address the delegates to the AMERICAN LEGION 64th ANNUAL CONVENTION and to receive their highest award, the AMERICAN LEGION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

PURPOSE: Tradition requires recipient of this award to be present to receive it. It would give additional recognition to the largest veterans group and would express our thanks for their support of the President and his programs.

BACKGROUND: The American Legion, with 2.7 million members, is by far the best known and largest veterans group. They supported the President's 1981 programs. Their leadership has been cooperative in many ways. Their large membership is politically significant in every state. The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to honor the achievement of men who have contributed significantly to the welfare of the Nation; it was not awarded last year. Last President to receive it was Gerald Ford.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President is a life member of the American Legion. The appearance of President Reagan as a candidate in 1980 before the 62nd Annual National Convention gave a big boost to his candidacy. Last year the convention was in Honolulu. The President was unable to attend. He sent a Presidential message. The Secretaries of Defense and State traditionally alternate years. Secretary of Defense addressed the convention last year. The Secretary of State has disappointed them by declining this year.

DATE: August 20-26, 1982. Opening ceremonies August 24 and convention sessions August 25-26. American Legion has indicated August 24 would be most appropriate time for President but will schedule around his convenience.

LOCATION: Chicago, Illinois.

DURATION: 1 hour - speaking 20 minutes.

PARTICIPANTS: 3000 delegates, 3000 alternates, plus spouses, guests, plus Ladies Auxiliary delegates numbering 2000; altogether 21,000 -- largest annual convention in U. S.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The schedule of the convention will be built around the President's participation.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Speech -- national defense or foreign policy.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press.

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth Dole

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: DIANA LOZANO

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Attendance at American Legion Annual
Convention

Attached is a schedule proposal for the President's participation in the American Legion Annual Convention which should be put through as soon as possible.

You have received a special invitation to be a Distinguished Guest at this affair. I believe it is a very important convention, one you could very appropriately attend. If you are unable to attend, I believe that I should do so.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

4/04

Morton -

Would you please get all
the facts on this and
let EHA know what
she should do to
help.

Thanks

Diana

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11/12~~

~~Pres. Sessions~~

~~April 25th
26~~

~~Pres. Sessions
25th~~

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Sen. ARLINGTON

me
Shirley Hartley

8/20-26

Kathy Roccus

632 8854

8/20-8/26



MYLIO S. KRAJA

Executive Director
Washington Office

THE AMERICAN LEGION

1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

202-861-2711

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MAY
INTEREST
YOU!**

MAY 15 RECD MIB

The American Legion

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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER

May 7, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Since 1921, the National Organization of The American Legion has honored the achievements of men who have contributed significantly to the welfare of the Nation through the medium of presenting to them its highest award, The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack W. Flynt".

JACK W. FLYNT
National Commander



MYLIO S. KRAJA

Executive Director

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Sincerely yours,

JACK W. FLYNT
National Commander

*Washington -
I have scheduled
proposal -
waiting for
State's office
to confirm his
appearance
Give this book
to me
+ file
incorporate
it
OK
JM*

MEMORANDUM

*Sent
over
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1981

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: To address the delegates to the AMERICAN LEGION 63rd Annual National Convention.

PURPOSE: To give additional recognition to the largest Veteran group and to express thanks for the support that the American Legion has shown for the President's economic package.

BACKGROUND: The American Legion, with 2.7 million members, is by far the largest and best known Veterans group. They, immediately after the V.F.W. decision, actively supported the passage of the President's Bipartisan Budget Resolution in the House. Despite substantial concern among veterans with various aspects of administration policy, the leadership has been, after an initial period of uneasiness, very cooperative in many ways. An additional aspect to be considered is that the Naval Rebuilding Program which the Administration is undertaking can be highlighted by a trip to Pearl Harbor.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President is a life member of the American Legion. The appearance of President Reagan as a candidate in 1980 before the 62nd Annual National Convention gave a big boost to the President's candidacy. (The Legionnaires interrupted Reagan 20 times with applause, while only applauding President Carter's speech 3 times at the same convention.)

DATE: September 1, Tuesday, opening session or other sessions on September 2 and 3, 1981

LOCATION: Honolulu, Hawaii

DURATION: 1 hour - speaking 20 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: 3000 delegates, 3000 alternates, plus spouses, guests, plus Ladies' Auxiliary delegates numbering 2000; all together 21,000 people - largest convention in U.S.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: American Legion asked only for an address by President. They will arrange their session schedule to suit his schedule.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Speech - on foreign policy and/or national security

MEDIA COVERAGE: They know how to coordinate and work with White House press and know how to take care of press relations.

RECOMMENDED BY: *Morton Blackwell*

PROJECT OFFICER: *Morton Blackwell*

Sent to
Janice
Rm. 332

THE AMERICAN LEGION

1608 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

get
suitable
letter —

Memorandum to: Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

DATE May 20, 1981

SUBJECT: Invitation to the President of the United States

Sorry I can't be with you today along with Bob Kruse, but I have another commitment this afternoon to the West Springfield Little League.

On March 30, 1981 I sent you the attached copy concerning an invitation to the President of the United States to appear at our 63rd National Convention to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii September 1-3, 1981. Naturally if the President cannot attend we would welcome the Vice President or the Secretary of State and/or Secretary of Defense. I am aware that our National Commander has both verbally and by letter of invitation asked Caspar Weinberger to be with us.

Morton, of great importance is a rapidly approaching deadline for a copy of Greetings to the Convention by President Ronald Reagan. We have a deadline of June 1, 1981 and I have enclosed a copy of last year's greetings by President Carter. Could you process this for me and have it sent to my attention?

I would welcome the opportunity to have you and Mrs. Dole join me and my successor Mylio Kraja for lunch prior to my departure for Indianapolis June 11. If this does not fit into your schedules, perhaps a brief meeting could be arranged. Along with introducing the new Executive Director, I have a gift of appreciation for Mrs. Dole which I would like to present to her at that time.

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ROBERT W. SPANOGLE
Executive Director

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1981

TO: JUDY POND *Rm. 1.55*

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL *Rm. 134*

RE: SPEAKER FOR AMERICAN LEGION
CONVENTION Sept. 1-3

We have received this correspondence from the American Legion. From your letter of response, it looks as if the President cannot attend. This is an excellent group and we hope that you will be able to get a suitable substitute.
Thank you.

P.S. It shouldn't be too hard to find someone willing to attend a meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1981

TO: CHARLOTTE ELLIS

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL

RE: SCHEDULING A LUNCHEON WITH
MRS. DOLE AND THE AMERICAN
LEGION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Would you be able to schedule a date to accomodate this request?

Bob Spanogle # is 393-4811 and
861-2711

Thank you, and please let us know.

Schedule



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1980

I send you my very best wishes as you gather for the Sixty-Second Annual National Convention of the American Legion.

You have a great deal to be proud of in the accomplishments of your distinguished organization. While it is tragic that Americans have been called to war four times in this century, it is commendable that veterans of those wars have dedicated themselves to a stronger nation and a better society. The American Legion boasts one of the finest and most consistent records in wartime service and peacetime devotion to our national well-being.

With this in mind, I wish you a successful convention and hope you will continue the leadership and service you have given so unstintingly for so long.

Jimmy Carter

National Headquarters
700 North Pennsylvania
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Info copy: Frank C. Homsen
William D. Jackson
Robert W. Spanogle
Fred Woodress
Rod Anderson
Bill Miller

March 19, 1981
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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The 63rd Annual National Convention of The American Legion will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, August 29-September 3, 1981. I am pleased to extend this formal and most cordial invitation to you to address the delegates to our convention during the opening session on Tuesday, September 1. In addition to our delegates and guests, the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary will be in attendance at our opening session.

Additional sessions of our convention will be held on September 2 and 3. If either of these dates would be more compatible to your schedule, the time and date of your appearance on our program could, of course, be arranged at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

MICHAEL J. KOGUTEK
National Commander

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1981

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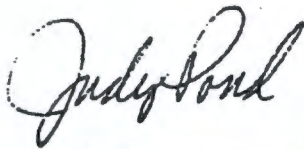
Dear Mr. Kogutec:

Your request for a speaker has been forwarded to me with the recommendation that a surrogate be secured to speak to the 63rd Annual National Convention of the American Legion.

Your request is being considered, and I will be in touch with you at a time closer to the event to apprise you of its status.

Thank you for your interest, and I welcome the opportunity to work with you on this fine program.

Sincerely,



Judith A. Pond
Deputy Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Michael J. Kogutec
National Commander
The American Legion
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Info copy: Frank C. Momsen
William D. Jackson
Robert W. Spanogle
Fred Woodress
Rod Anderson

THIS COPY FOR

Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

March 30, 1981

SUBJECT: Invitation to the President of the United States

Attached is a letter sent over the signature of National Commander Michael J. Kogutak of The American Legion inviting the President of the United States to address the opening session of our 63rd annual National Convention to be held at Honolulu, Hawaii on Tuesday, September 1. As you and I discussed, if the President cannot attend we would welcome the Vice President and/or Secretary of State and/or Secretary of Defense.

I have also attached a copy of greetings brought to the Convention by James Earl Carter, President of the United States, and would like to request similar greetings from President Ronald W. Reagan for this year's convention program.

ROBERT W. SPANOGLE
Executive Director

Attachments

bcc E. Dole

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR BILL HINKLE

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL 
SUBJECT: Ohio Veterans Event

I have spoken to Mylio Kraja, Executive Director of the American Legion's Washington office, and Cooper Holt, Executive Director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars national office, regarding the rescheduling of an American Legion V.F.W. sponsored event in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, October 4.

Both are optimistic that their national and Ohio organizations will agree to reschedule this event.

Kraja will get back to me this afternoon. Holt will call tomorrow morning.

There was a press inquiry to the Communications Office as to why just these organizations were invited by the White House to schedule this Presidential event. Our response was that the President had accepted speaking engagements this summer at both American Legion and V.F.W. national conventions, but the President's schedule had to be altered and he was not able to go to either national convention. Thus we felt it appropriate to offer the President to these groups.

Presuming that both groups agree to sponsor the October 4 event, their offices will leave it up to their respective state organizations to determine how other veterans organizations will be involved. So far as the White House is concerned, this will be jointly sponsored by the American Legion and V.F.W.

As soon as I hear back from Holt and Kraja, I will notify your office.

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RC Char
DL file

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

6/25/82

TO: ARAM BAKSHIAN/MARK GOODE
FROM: ^{JJR} FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

NOTE: AS PROJECT OFFICER FOR THIS ACTIVITY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE CONFIRMED LIST OF STAFF AND ATTENDEES, IDENTIFIED BY TITLE, TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE EVENT.

*MS do the AV
people know
they will get
a tape? If not,
tell Mylio.
Talked with
Mylio 7/2 &
requested any
remarks they
would like for the
Convention*

MEETING: Video-tape message for the American Legion's 64th Annual Convention

DATE: July 20, 1982
TIME: 4:30 pm
DURATION: 5 minutes
LOCATION: Library or Map Room
REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes
MEDIA COVERAGE: No
FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

REMARKS REQUIRED

cc: A. Bakshian E. Hickey WHCA Audio/Visual
M. Brandon M. McManus WHCA Operations
R. Darman E. Rollins R. Williamson
R. DeProspero C. Romero N. Wormser
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K. Small

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★ NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ★ P. O. BOX 1055 ★ INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46206 ★
(317) 635-8411 ★



OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER

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- video tape?*

May 7, 1982

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Scheduling

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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Sincerely yours,

Jack W. Flynt
JACK W. FLYNT
National Commander

The
American
Legion



For God and Country

1981



THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.
JULY 17-25, 1981

The American Legion's Boys Nation Program

THE AMERICAN LEGION stands for a strong America. There is no better way to bring this about than to work with the youth of our land in preparing them to meet the tasks they will face in the years to come. Over the years The American Legion, through its many youth activities, has played a leading role in the development of the future citizens of America.

Two of the finest of The American Legion's youth activities are its Boys State and Boys Nation programs. All boys States are fairly uniform as to program, but each department (state) of The American Legion conducts its own individual Boys State. Fifty departments (all states except Hawaii), plus the District of Columbia, conduct a Boys State program annually. More than 30,000 young men participated in these civic workshops. While at Boys State, the youthful citizens of tomorrow learn how city, county and state governments are run by actually doing the job themselves. Generally, juniors in high school are chosen to become the citizens of a Boys State. The valuable training gained during their week at Boys State stands them in good stead in their senior year in high school.

Two outstanding young men are then selected by the respective departments of The American Legion (from their Boys States)*to attend the Boys Nation program held annually in Washington, D.C., to learn how the various divisions of the federal government function.

Boys Nation helps instill in each enrollee a deeper loyalty to country and gives him a practical insight into the operation of the federal government. The week of government training in the nation's capital consists of visitation to federal departments and institutions, shrines and historical spots in and about Washington, lectures and forums. Actual participation in politics is a highlight of the week's activities and includes the organization of party conventions and the nomination and election of a Boys Nation President and Vice President.

The many benefits derived from the participation of the 100 young men in this type of program helps strengthen the nation and serves as a bulwark against the ideas foreign to the American concept of government.

The first American Legion Boys Nation (then called Boys Forum of National Government) was held on the campus of American University, Washington, D.C., August 4-9, 1946, under the sponsorship of the Legion's National Americanism Commission. It was officially adopted as a major youth activity by the 1946 National Convention of The American Legion in San Francisco, California. From 1946 through 1951, the program was conducted at American University and from 1952 through 1967, Boys Nation was held at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. The site of the 1968 program was Georgetown University, and starting in 1969, Boys Nation was back once again at its original home on the campus of American University.

Over the years the youthful delegates have been received by various (Legionnaire) Presidents of the United States. President Harry S. Truman met the boys in 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951. Former President Truman was a life member of American Legion Post 21, Independence, Missouri. A life member of the James R. Cutler Post 39, Abilene, Kansas, until his death, President Dwight D. Eisenhower greeted the Boys Nation delegates in 1956 and 1957, while President John F. Kennedy, who was a member of Crosscup-Pishon Post 281, Boston, Massachusetts, met with the young men in the White House's Rose Garden in 1962 and 1963.

Former President Lyndon B. Johnson spoke with the boys in 1967. Past President Johnson was a life member of Memorial Highway Post 352 Blanco, Texas. In 1970 and 1971, the Boys Nation senators were addressed by Former President Richard M. Nixon, who joined Whittier Post 51 Whittier, California, soon after his discharge from military duty in World War II. President Gerald R. Ford a Life Member of Furniture City Post 258 Grand Rapids, Michigan, addressed Boys Nation in 1975. President Jimmy Carter received Boys Nation in the Rose Garden in 1980.

In Boys Nation each delegate becomes a senator and participates in the Senate sessions. These youthful senators hold a caucus at the beginning of the meeting, organize into committees and conduct hearings on bills prepared for their consideration. Congressmen and United States Senators and organization and lay leaders of national repute participate in the hearings. The youthful senators are briefed on the proper method of handling bills and rules of procedure of the United States Senate. Then the boy senators introduce and debate their bills and act on them in a special session at the Capitol. During this visit, Boys Nation senators dine in the United States Senate dining room, where they meet and converse with the elected Representatives and Senators from their home states.

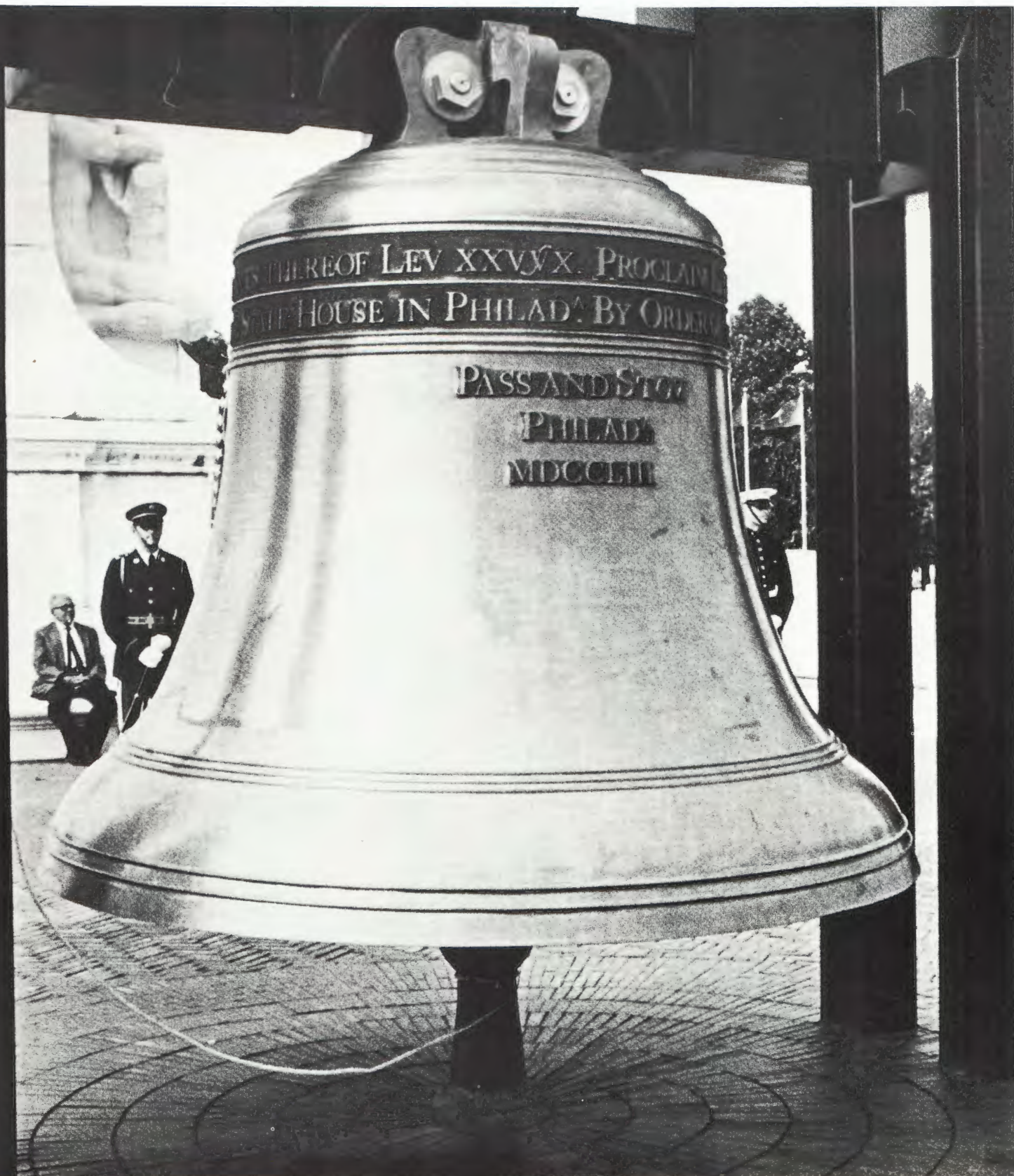
The 100 Boys Nation delegates tour the Capitol; hear ranking Representatives explain House procedure; visit the United States Naval Academy in nearby Annapolis and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. While at Arlington National Cemetery, the boys also visit the Marine Corps Memorial and the grave of President Kennedy.

Other visitations are made during the week-long session to the United States Supreme Court, the Department of Defense, the Department of State and the Civil Service Commission. High ranking officials are always on hand to explain the operation and various functions of their respective departments.

The final session of Boys Nation is conducted in the New Senate Office Building, and on the last evening, as the young men prepare to return to their homes, a banquet is held in their honor. Graduation ceremonies are held at the close of Boys Nation and each youthful senator is presented with a certificate of graduation and a Boys Nation pin. Beginning in 1972 each boy has received a yearbook with pictures of the week-long activities in Washington, D.C.

Freedom Bell

Boys Nation took an active part in the dedication ceremonies of the Freedom Bell. The beautiful gift was dedicated to the Spirit of the Bicentennial on behalf of the children of our nation and was given by The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary on July 22, 1981.



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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER

July, 1981

Dear Senators:

As you depart from Boys Nation, it is the wish of the nearly three million members of The American Legion that the short time you have spent in our Nation's Capital as a representative of your respective Boys State has been both productive and memorable. I am sure you take great pride in having been a part of the very select group of young men who were given this opportunity. I know that I am proud of you, as is every American Legionnaire, and your friends and schoolmates.

This is the 36th year in which The American Legion has provided the opportunity to continue the learning process of our democratic form of government after your experience at Boys State. It is the most fervent desire of The American Legion that you have taken full advantage to learn the operation of our government, for there is no doubt that you will be fulfilling the leadership roles in our Nation in just a few years.

Now that you have experienced this unique opportunity, it is also an ardent desire of The American Legion that you use this knowledge in a most responsible manner as you prepare to accept the responsibility of leadership. I offer to you my most sincere congratulations. It is my best wish for you, as it is of the entire membership of The American Legion, that you have much success in your future endeavors. May your experience at Boys State and Boys Nation serve you well. Good Luck!

MICHAEL J. KOGUTEK
National Commander



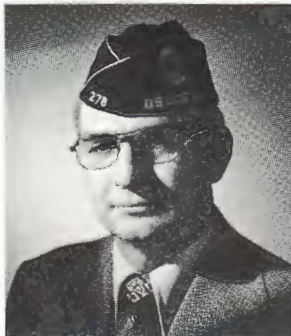
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Arrivals



(Left) Legislative Counselor George Blume (VA) doubles at airport duty greeting Brian Hall and Darick C. Day both from Maine. (Center) Tommie L. Little Jr. (NC) is greeted by Junior Counselor Kiernan C. Conway (CO). (Right) Legislative Counselor Rex Tilotson (VA) joins the new arrivals.



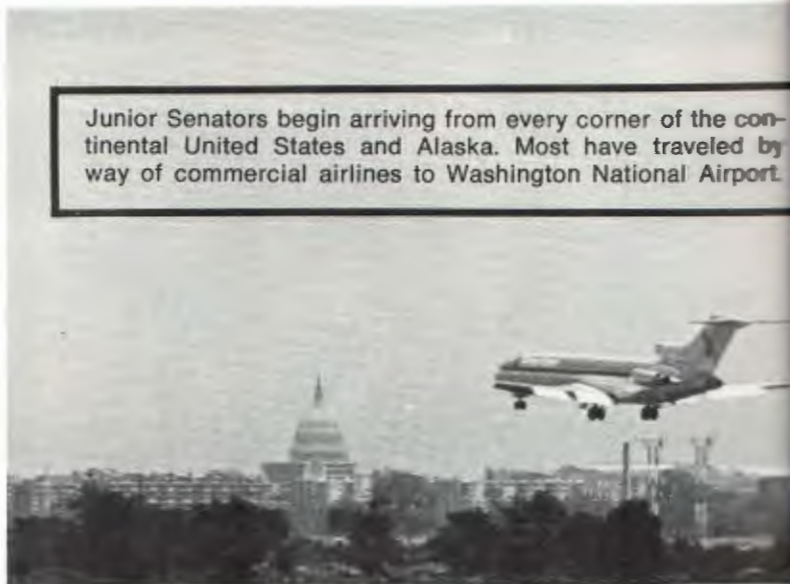
Frederick Brown (IN) says hello to Junior Counselor Charles Francis (NC) as Gregory Deason looks on.



New friendships begin to kindle.



Final destination is Anderson Hall alias Boys Nation.



Junior Senators begin arriving from every corner of the continental United States and Alaska. Most have traveled by way of commercial airlines to Washington National Airport.



Metro bus provides final leg of long journey.

Registration



Junior Senators from across the country are registered and quartered at the universities Anderson Hall dormitory, a place to call home during the week-long program which lies ahead of them.



Relations Meet (Girls—Boys)



During the only day the Boys Nation and Girls Nation program overlap, everyone joins in the girls graduation ceremony.



A Senate Social



After graduation it's always the dance and Boys Nation provides the escorts for Girls Nation.



Section Meetings



Section meetings are held early in order to discuss program procedure to get acquainted.



Staff Meeting

At right counselors give attention to Assistant Director Jack Mercier and Director Bob Kruse pictured at lower left.



National Headquarters Staff member Lee Hardy gives explanation. (Bottom Center) Jack Mercier passes out material. (Below)



Boys Nation staff receive timely instructions.

Orientation



Initial instructions pertaining to the program are the first order of the day after registering and settling in their new home. Proper respect and reverence of the American flag are included in the orientation.



Personal Service



A week away from home creates a necessity for almost everything. Counselor Dick Miller will locate almost anything for the junior senators. At right, secretary Joyce Kesterson (IN) draws a coke.



Party Conventions



A flurry of speeches, caucusing and voting leads up to the two parties' selection of convention officers and nominees for president and vice president.



Between votes and caucuses the politics get hot on the floor of the Senate.



After the politicking comes rooting for your candidates.



Cheers of victory are vibrant.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Colors are posted while Boys Nation Senators prepare for laying of the wreath.

Senators and National Commander Micheal J. Kogutek await the formal wreath.



Boys Nation tribute.



Senators assist with wreath laying.



National Commander Kogutek listens to lecturer's explanation of Tomb area.



National Commander Kogutek, Director Bob Kruse, John T. Curran (IA), and Mauricio Gonzales (CA) wait to enter Tomb area.

Campaigning



For a given period of time the candidates for the presidency and vice presidency from both parties were able to make rounds of the various sections and plead their case in order to gain votes.



In addition to making the rounds, party members help the campaign by making floor speeches on behalf of their candidates, making signs, button holing, and just plain cheering.



Freedom Bell

Boys Nation took an active part in the dedication ceremonies of the Freedom Bell. The beautiful gift was dedicated to the Spirit of the Bicentennial on behalf of the children of our nation and was given by The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary on July 22, 1981.



Boys Nation Senators bow in reverence to the National Chaplain Macres invocation.



Senator John Warner (VA), Boys Nation President Jackson (KS) and National Commander Kogutec (NY) ring the Freedom Bell.



National Commander poses with Boys Nation President Jackson and Vice President Temple.



Casey and Director Kruse discuss program with Navy Band Leader.

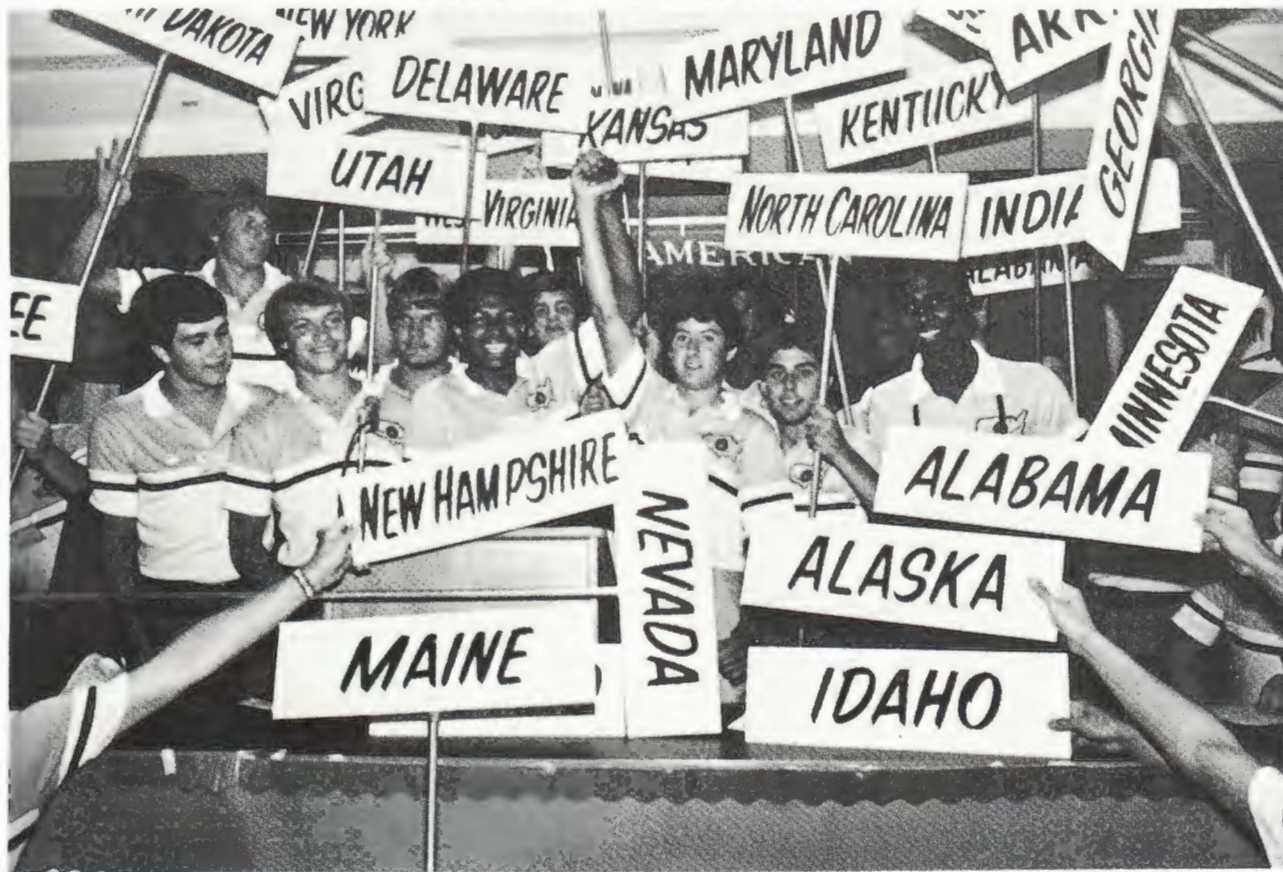


Boys Nation sings the National Anthem.



American Legion Auxiliary President Dora Seymour, The American Legion National Commander Michael Kogutec and U.S. Senator John Warner ring the Freedom Bell.

Presidential Elections



VICTORY

Boys Nation 1981 Officers

PRESIDENT



William H. Jackson (KS)

President Jackson (17) of Olathe, Kansas was elected by the Boys Nation Senate on July 21, 1981. He is the son of William and Bertha Jackson.

The pride of Olathe South High School gained a great deal of experience on and off the athletic scene. Besides quarterbacking the football team, William is a member of the basketball and track teams.

In addition to being physically active, the Boys Nation President is on the debate and forensics team and an active member of the student congress.

A list of special honors would have to include the National Honor Society, Outstanding Debate and Forensics Competitor, Second in National Forensics League (N.F.L.) National Qualifying Contest in Oratory, Second (N.F.L.) Student Congress Picked for Rotary Club Leadership Conference.

The Boys Nation President plans to attend Northwestern University and pursue a physician's career.

VICE PRESIDENT



E. Hood Temple (SC)

Vice President E. Hood Temple (17) of Florence, South Carolina is the son of William and Genie Temple.

The Vice President attends West Florence High School where he is active as an officer of his student body organization, serving as its Vice President.

He is a member of the Key Club, the Youth Advisory Council and President of the French Club. Hood is part of the school's basketball and soccer teams.

After graduation from high school where he has added scholastic and athletic honors to his credentials, he plans to work towards a career as an orthodontist and begin his higher education at Wofford College.

National Commander



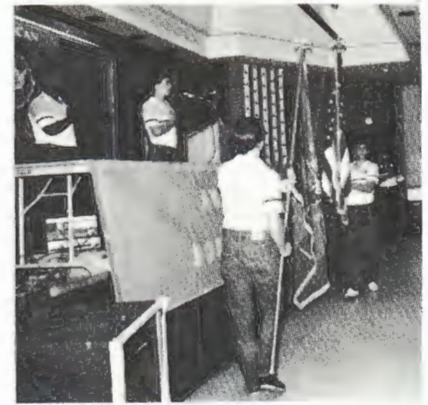
National Commander Micheal J. Kogutek speaks to the Boys Nation Senate and enthusiastically recommends the young men take up the "challenge".



New York State contingent Glenn T. Meakem, Commander Kogutek, Charles E. Davis and Counselor Dick Miller.



Attentive Sentors consider the "challenge".



Colors are posted.



Commander is escorted.



National Commander is joined by the National Chaplain.



President Pro Tempore Glenn Emory (MD) pins a momento on the Commanders lapel.

Runner-up Candidates - 1981

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE



Harold E. Urish (IL)

VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE



Bradley C. Henske (TX)

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Secretary of the Senate
Asst. Secretary of the Senate
Asst. Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the Senate
Asst. Clerk of the Senate
Sargeant-at-Arms
Senate Chaplain
Parliamentarian

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Daryl R. Evans (NV)
Kent A. Lucken (IA)

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Jefferson
Madison
Washington

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Andre B. Smith (MI)
Peter B. Bechtel (NH)
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Committee Number Two
Committee Number Three
Committee Number Four

— Dean Radford (OR)
— Scott Desmarais (CO)
— Glenn Meakem (NY)
— Patrick Bivens (ID)

Naval Academy



Bancroft Hall is the Naval Academy.



Midshipmen are always cordial.



Senators pause in the shade to view the Chapel.

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy is located at the mouth of the Severn River on Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis, historic capital of Maryland.



Senators are guided up Bancroft Hall steps.



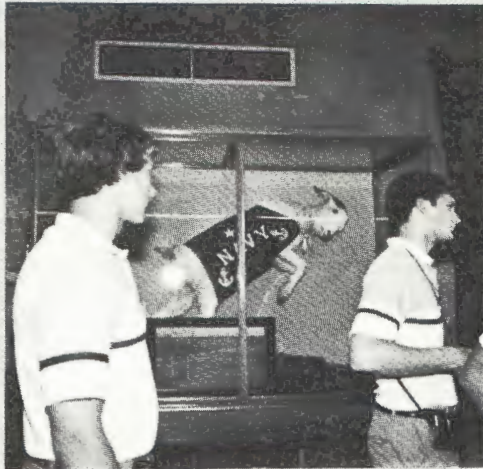
Midshipmen ready Senators for guided tours.



Midshipmen greet the visiting Senators.



An interested look at Navy relics.



Academy exhibits former Navy mascot.



A walk on the mall leading to the Chapel.



Senators await entry to Academy Field House.



Senators in front of the numerous Academy monuments.



Lecturer explains particulars of the Navy Chapel.

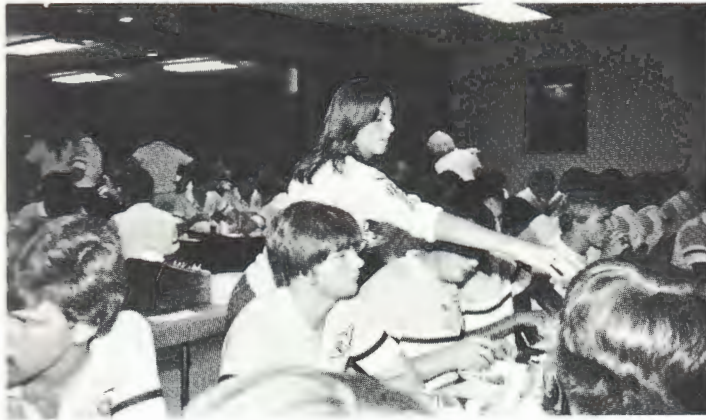


Legendar Tecumeh is revered by Midshipmen.

Post 226 - Mayo, MD



It was a local post coming to the rescue of hungry Senators. "It was the best meal of the week" - Boys Nation Director Bob Kruse (above right) presented mementos with heartfelt gratitude.

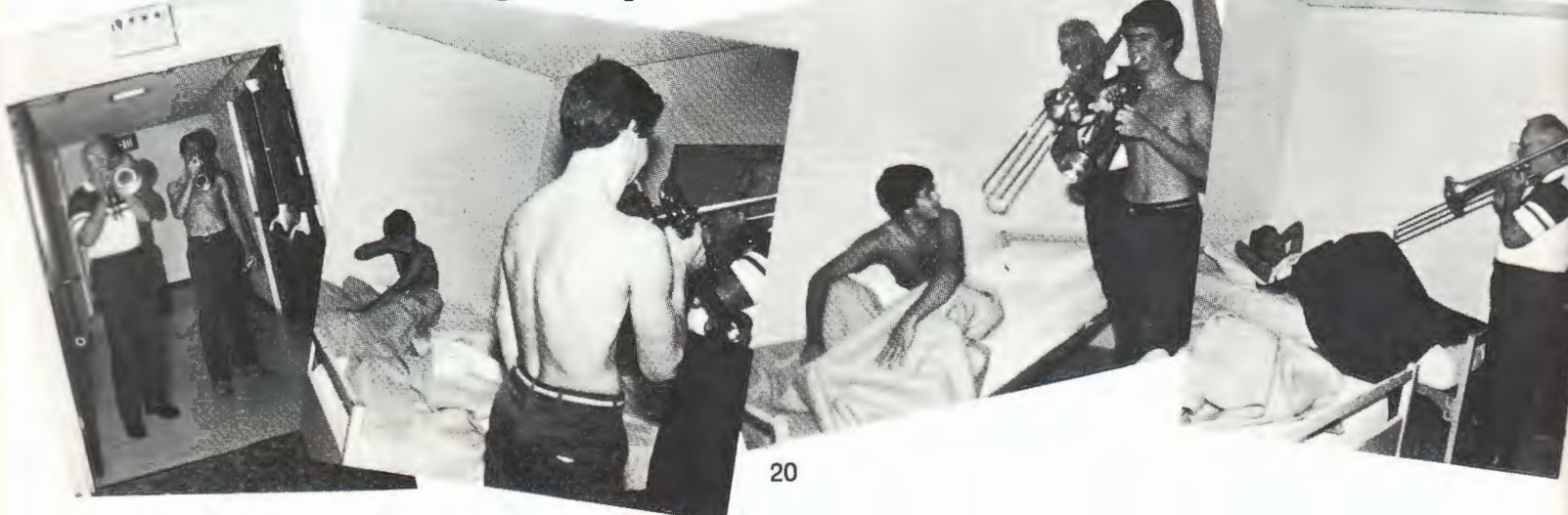


Special Assistant to Pres. Reagan



Special Assistant Morton C. Blackwell delivers the White House visit itinerary to an enthusiastic Senate. Administrative Counselor Lee Hardy and Director Bob Kruse visit with Mr. Blackwell.

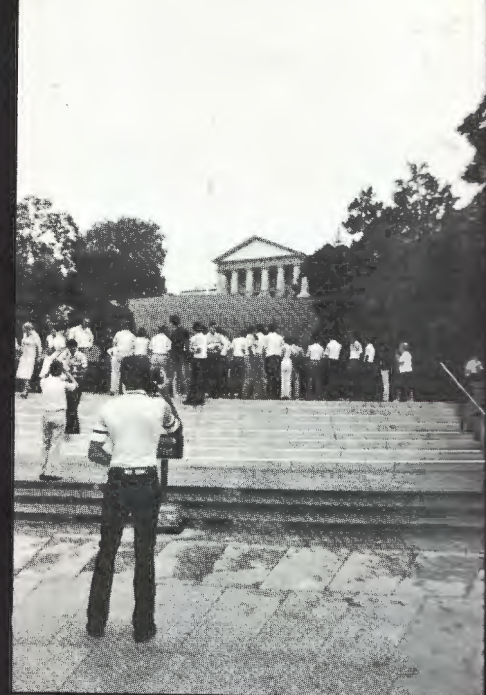
Caseys Morning Capers



Arlington National Cemetery



John F. Kennedy grave.



Custis Lee Mansion on the cemetery grounds.



A repose for a very young Kennedy.



Assistant Director Jack Mercier studies The American Legion plaque commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the death of Polish Patriot and renowned pianist Ignac Paderewski. The plaque was dedicated by National Commander Kogutek acknowledging the international friend of the American Legion. The area provides a resting place above ground for the remains of the former Premier until he can be buried in a Free Poland according to his wishes.



A monument to the Navy casualties.

State Dept



A visit to the State Department allows the Senators a view of Washington from the penthouse terrace. The elegance of entertaining heads of state is visible in the Department's furnishings.



Fun Run

At right Counselor George Blume (with stripe on shirt) jogs passed Casey. Below Counselor Blume acts as official starter.



At 6:00a.m. on a cool tuesday morning approximately 30 Senators from as many states participated in a two mile Boys Nation Run, co-sponsored by the National Jogging Association. Certificates of Acheivement were given to each Senators and Counselor who crossed the finish line at the friday night graduation ceremonies. Legislative Counselor George Blume organized this run on behalf of the National Jogging Association.

U.S. Congressman Rahall



Congressman Nick J. Rahall (WV) was the youngest member of Congress at the time of his election. During the 1978 session of Boys Nation the Junior Senators unanimously passed a bill to make the Congressman their spokesman on Capitol Hill. The Congressman is a former Boys Stater of the Mountaineer Boys State in West Virginia.



Congressman Rayhall receives congratulations from Director Kruse.



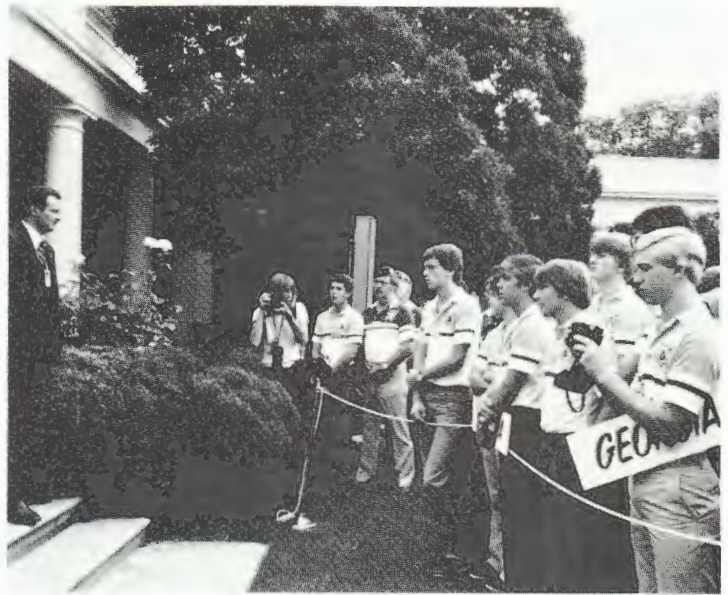
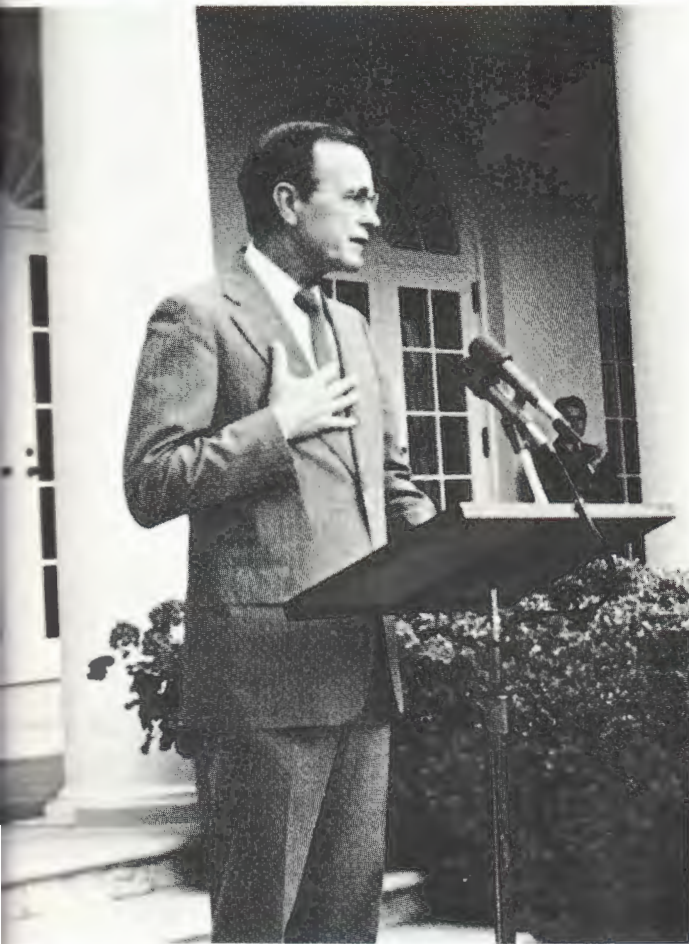
The Congressman accepts a memento



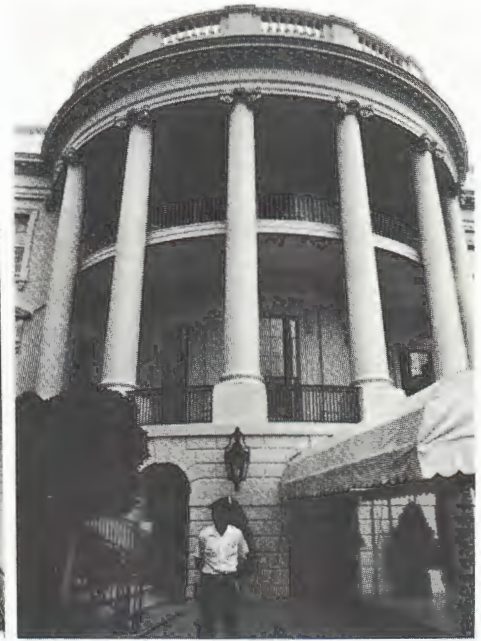
With constituents Timothy Stark(WV) and David Moyer(WV).



Casey arouses Senate singing.



Vice President Bush encourages the future leaders of America.



Boys Nation President, Jackson, conveys the feeling of gratitude on behalf of Boys Nation. (Below)



U.S. Senators

Junior Senators meet with real counterparts during Boys Nation Day on Capitol Hill.



Jon J. Beighle, Senator Frank Murkowski, Stephen J. Toutonghi.



Daryl R. Evans, Senator Paul Laxalt, Coert C. Scoggin.



Jon Fenno, Senator Quentin Burdick, Curt Copley.



Eric McDowell, Senator James Abnор, Tom Peckham,

A personal tour of parts of the Capitol or lunch in the Senate dining room are common activities during the visit.



Senator Jennings Randolph, David Moye, Timothy Stark.

Graduation

The American Legion



Boys Nation

Certificate of Graduation



Mylio S. Kraja Executive Director of the Washington office and guest speaker for the Graduation Banquet accepts a memento from Boys Nation President Jackson during Freedom Bell activities.



Director Bob Kruse presents the Certificates of Appreciation.

Torchlight Tattoo

Torchlight Tattoo features a combination of historical and modern military drill, highlighted by music and gala pageantry. The show evolved from the evening bugle summons, Tattoo--the traditional call-to-quarters--a custom which originated in the Netherlands during the 18th century.

Since 1961 the 3rd United States Infantry (The Old Guard) and The United States Army Band (Pershing's Own) have combined to present several unique productions annually, saluting America's glorious past, as well as its unique present.



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FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1981

- All Day Arrival & Registration of Delegates
- 1:00 p.m. to Lunch—American University
- 4:00 p.m. Section Meetings—American University
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner—American University
- 7:00 p.m. Orientation—Ward 1
- 8:00 p.m. Girls Nation Commencement—Dance
- 11:30 p.m. Lights Out



- 10:05 a.m. Wreath Laying Ceremony—Tomb of the Unknowns
- 10:15 a.m. Visit Curtis Lee Mansion & Gravesites
- 11:00 a.m. Board Buses
- 12 noon Lunch—American University
- 1:00 p.m. General Assembly—Ward 1—Speaker
- 1:30 p.m. Party Conventions (Second)—Nationalist (Ward 1)—Federalist (Ward 2)
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner—American University
- 6:30 p.m. General Assembly—Ward 1—Speaker—Morton C. Blackwell Special Assistant to the President
- 7:00 p.m. Party Conventions (Third)—Nationalist (Ward 1)—Federalist (Ward 2)
- 9:30 p.m. Senate Committee Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 10:30 p.m. Section Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

- 10:45 a.m. Board Buses
- 11:30 Lunch—Department of Defense Cafeteria
- 1:00 p.m. Department of Defense—Tour and Briefing
- 3:00 p.m. Board Buses
- 3:30 p.m. to Recreation
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner—American University
- 5:00 p.m. Senate Committee Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Board Buses
- 8:00 p.m. Jefferson Memorial—Torchlight Tattoo
- 10:00 p.m. Board Buses
- 10:30 p.m. Section Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1981

- 6:30 a.m. Wake Up
- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast—American University
- 8:00 a.m. Section Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Adams Section Picture
- 8:35 a.m. Jefferson Section Picture
- 8:40 a.m. Madison Section Picture
- 8:45 a.m. Washington Section Picture
- 8:50 a.m. Boys Nation Staff Picture
- 9:00 a.m. Legislative Orientation—Ward 1
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch—American University
- 1:00 p.m. Party Conventions (First)—Nationalist (Ward 1)—Federalist (Ward 2)
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner—American University
- 6:00 p.m. Boys Nation Senate Session (First)—Ward 1 Elect President Pro Tempore Elect Secretary of Senate Announce Appointments Introduction of Bills and Resolutions
- 9:00 p.m. Recess Senate
- 9:30 p.m. Senate Committee Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 10:45 p.m. Section Meetings
- 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1981

- 7:00 a.m. Wake Up
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast—American University
- 8:15 a.m. Section Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Board Buses
- 9:30 a.m. Department of State—Tour and Briefing
- 11:15 a.m. Board Buses
- 12 noon Lunch—American University
- 1:00 p.m. Senate Committee Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Meet Your Candidates
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner—American University
- 7:00 p.m. Address by American Legion National Commander Michael J. Kogutek—Ward 1
- 7:30 p.m. Boys Nation Senate Session (Third)—Ward 1—Election of Boys Nation President & Vice President
- 9:30 p.m. Senate Committee Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 10:45 p.m. Section Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1981

- 6:00 a.m. Wake Up
- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast—American University
- 8:00 a.m. Section Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Board Buses
- 9:30 a.m. to U.S. Capitol Visitation
- 4:30 p.m. Board Buses
- 4:30 p.m. Dinner—American University
- 5:30 p.m. Boys Nation Senate Session (Fourth)—Ward 1—Speaker—Nick J. Rahall (VV) United States Congress
- 9:30 p.m. Section Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 10:00 p.m. Lights Out

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1981

- 7:00 a.m. Wake Up
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast—American University
- 8:30 a.m. Non-Denominational Chapel Service—Kay Spiritual Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Boys Nation Senate Session (Second)—Ward 1
- 10:30 a.m. Adjourn Senate
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch—American University
- 1:00 p.m. Board Buses
- 2:30 p.m. United States Naval Academy Tour and Briefing
- 5:00 p.m. Board Buses
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner—American University
- 8:30 p.m. Senate Committee Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 10:30 p.m. Section Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1981

- 6:00 Wake Up
- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast—American University
- 7:00 a.m. Board Buses
- 7:45 a.m. White House
- 9:30 a.m. Board Buses
- 9:45 a.m. Ford's Theatre
- 10:45 a.m. Briefing—Office of Personnel Management
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch—OPM Cafeteria
- 12:30 p.m. Board Buses
- 1:30 p.m. Boys Nation Senate Session (Final)—Ward 1
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn Senate Sine Die
- 6:00 p.m. Section Meetings—Anderson Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Boys Nation Graduation Banquet—Mary Graydon Center, Faculty Dining Room

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1981

- 6:30 a.m. Wake Up
- 7:00 p.m. Breakfast—American University
- 8:00 a.m. Section Meetings
- 8:30 a.m. Board Buses
- 9:00 a.m. Arlington National Cemetery

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1981

- 6:00 a.m. Wake Up
- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast—American University
- 9:00 a.m. Board Buses
- 10:00 a.m. Freedom Bell Dedication—Union Station

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1981

- *7:00 a.m. Wake Up
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast—American University
- 8:30 a.m. Section Meetings—Anderson Hall—Pack—Check Out
- All Day Departure of Boys Nation Senators

*Schedule will be adjusted according to first departure of Boys Nation delegates.



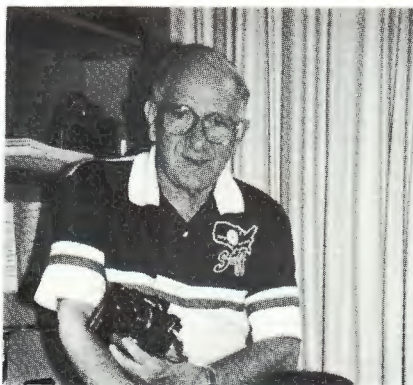
George and Dick

From All of Us:

George Cornelius III, Yearbook Coordinator for Cornelius Graphic Services, George H. Cornelius Jr., and Paul Corona.

*Sincerely,
Dick Sepkowski
Yearbook Editor*

At right official photographer extraordinary Paul Corona who provides the excellent photos for your enjoyment. *Thanks Paul*



The American Legion Boys Nation wishes to acknowledge the kind assistance of:

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Because of the magnitude of the program and the limited time allotted, all of the scheduled activities could not be covered on these few pages. Highlights of the week such as visiting the Pentagon or Office of Personnel Management (formerly Civil Service), quick stops by the buses while en route for formal appointments and impromptu invitations would require much more space.

In Memoriam

Through every era of the story of man there passes a quiet individual who leaves an indelible mark of love on the hearts of those who know him.

A man such as this has passed through this era, and we will know him no more.

Former Legislative Counselor Fred Smith (IA) was involved in a tragic automobile accident while attending the last Boys State Conference at Indianapolis Indiana on October 12, 1980. Fred's injuries proved to be fatal, and in a short time he passed away.

Everyone he touched will miss him.



THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL . . .

"It is natural enough to suppose that the center and heart of America is the Capitol," wrote Novelist Hawthorne on a visit to Washington, D.C., in 1862, "and certainly, in its outward aspect, the world has not many stater or more beautiful edifices..."

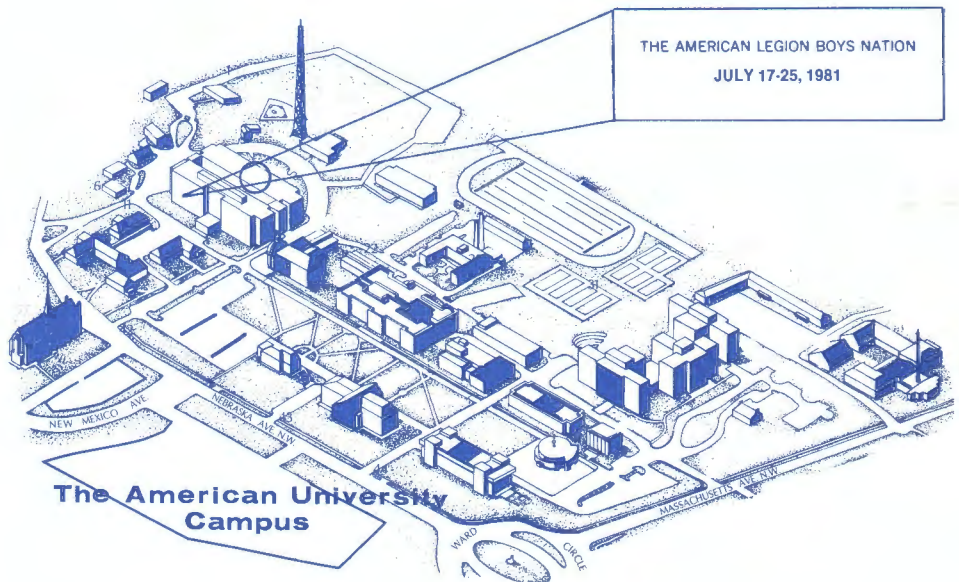
Doubtless everyone that gazed at the Dome (completed amid rigors of civil war) or entered the Rotunda where Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, Kennedy, Johnson and the Unknowns lay in state, thought of the august penumbra of history which enwrapped the structure.

On its steps nearly all the Presidents since Jackson have been inaugurated. This is where Lafayette was welcomed as symbol of one epochal alliance, and Winston Churchill as partner in another. The Major Symbol of our nation, the Capitol is History.

The United States Capitol dominates (as it should) the view from many parts of downtown Washington. Sweeping west from the Capitol is the wide, green expanse of the Mall, which the eye follows to the point of the Washington Monument.

To the west of the monument is the long reflecting pool that lies before the Lincoln Memorial; to the north, across a broad ellipse of green, is the White House; to the south, beyond the Tidal Basin ringed with cherry trees, is the round, colonnaded marble of the Jefferson Memorial. The cornerstone for the Capitol was laid in 1793 by President George Washington and seven years later Congress met in the Capitol for the first time.

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, site of The American Legion's 36th annual Boys Nation, was chartered by an Act of Congress of the United States on February 24, 1893. The 75-acre tract is on the site of old Fort Gaines, a historic Civil War military installation. The University was officially dedicated on May 27, 1914, at ceremonies in which President Woodrow Wilson and a distinguished group of statesmen, educators and churchmen participated.



WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL . . .

GEORGE WASHINGTON PERSONALLY SELECTED the site of the nation's Capitol. He made his choice in January, 1791, some six months after Congress had authorized him to choose a location "not exceeding 10 miles square" somewhere along the Potomac River. In addition to choosing a site, the first President was instructed to acquire the necessary land and to appoint a building commission to oversee the construction of the new Federal city.

In his role as the land agent for Congress, Washington, already familiar with the Potomac region, considered various locations for the Federal City, from Conococheague Creek, about 80 miles from the present Washington, to an area about 10 miles farther down the river. He chose a beautiful part of the Potomac Valley where the river becomes wide and tidal and is joined by a smaller stream, the Anacostia River.

As soon as he had selected a site, Washington appointed a three-man building commission and hired Andrew Ellicott to survey the land. He chose Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, a French engineer who had served with the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, proposed to create a Federal city "magnificent enough to grace a great nation." In less than a year he was dismissed as a failure, but his ideas for a magnificent city, as expressed in his plan for Washington, have shaped the development of the Capital. When L'Enfant died in poverty in 1825, only a small portion of his proposals for the Federal city had been adopted, mainly the location of the President's House, the Capitol, and the city's main streets. But his plan for Washington was preserved and many years later it was revived.

Washington is now undergoing another period of rejuvenation. New freeways and expressways are cutting through the city, old buildings of wood and masonry are coming down and new ones of steel and glass are going up. A serious attempt is under way to make the Capital more beautiful, not only in its parks, but everywhere. With these changes, as with all the others that have taken place over the years and those planned for the future, Washington is moving closer to the realization of L'Enfant's hope that it become a city magnificent enough to grace a great nation.



BOYS NATION SONG

This is Boys Nation, Praise be to Thee
This is Boys Nation, Sons of the free
For God and our great country we will always be
For this is Boys Nation, To keep our land free.

This is Boys Nation, from every state
This is Boys Nation, keeping our land great
With honor and devotion we pledge to lead
For this is Boys Nation, and this is our creed.

Sing to the tune of "This Is My Country"

(LH Tow)
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 4/19

Morton will
speak there

TO: *Morton*

FROM: *Diana*

For your info

Per our conversation _____

Other:

*Word is that the Pres. is
tightening up on meetings.
We expect more & more
fun downs.*

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

REGRET

Date 6/17/81 GJN

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

June 8, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: Meeting with Boys Nation Delegates from all over the country

PURPOSE: To honor the outstanding Boys Nation delegates who were selected at Boys State conferences

BACKGROUND: Boys Nation has been a project of the American Legion since 1936. The boys are chosen from the top 1/10 of 1% of their junior class, and usually 40% of these graduates go onto the military academies.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Presidents Ford and Nixon saw this group every year during their visits to Washington. President Carter only saw them in the election year of 1980.

DATE: July 22, Wednesday, 8:00 AM is best or anytime during the week July 20 to 24

LOCATION: Rose Garden DURATION: 10 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: American Legion Boys Nation Delegates - 100 boys

OUTLINE OF EVENT: The President will greet the boys in the Rose Garden and make a few remarks. He will be presented with a Boys Nation tee-shirt and an athletic bag. The boys will have a tour of the White House either immediately or at another time during the week.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Press Corps opportunity

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

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REMARKS REQUIRED

JUN 17 REC'D

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO: Jennifer Fitzgerald

FROM: Maiselle Shortley

I have cleared the use of the Rose Garden for the meeting with the Vice President on Friday morning, July 24 at 7:30 A.M. through Chris Hathaway in Peter McCoy's office. She has also asked that the State Dining Room be set aside in case of rain. I have also informed Pat Byrne in the Visitor's Office that the Vice President will be meeting with the American Legion Boy's Nation Delegates.

The American Legion is bringing a camera crew of three, who are preparing a Documentary on this group's week in Washington. This has been okayed by Lou Gerig and I talked with Alixe in Pete Teeley's office and got their okay.

Attached is the original schedule proposal and a letter which should give you some background on the Boys Nation Delegates. I have also submitted the attached list of attendees for clearance.

Thanks for all your help and counsel with this event. I assume that an advance man from the Vice President's office will be in touch with me about any further arrangements. If there is anything I have forgotten please let me know and I will take care of it.

Just a reminder, these delegates must leave the Rose Garden by 7:40 to get to their White House tour at 7:45

The American Legion

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OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 5, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

The American Legion Boys Nation will meet in Washington, D.C. from July 17 through July 24, 1981. We are requesting that President Ronald Reagan greet our Boys Nation delegates at the White House at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 1981. Of course we realize that the President's schedule is extremely busy and would willingly accept any convenient time between July 20 and 24.

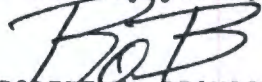
Boys Nation consists of approximately 100 high school juniors selected on the basis of two per state. These 100 high school juniors are selected very carefully from the top high school juniors throughout the country. Boys Nation is an exercise in government whereby these young men form the three branches of government on their own during their stay at American University.

They are selected from their individual Boys State programs that are held in each state. Most of the young men who attend Boys Nation are the future leaders of our country in the fields of industry, government and politics, the professions, and the military.

Every President of the United States has taken the time to meet these young men, usually in the Rose Garden of the White House, to bring greetings to them and to accept a small token of their appreciation. Having attended Boys Nation and the visit to the President last year, I know it was one of the highlights of their visit to Washington. Knowing of the President's interest in the youth of our country, I feel this would be an opportunity not only for him to impact on the future leadership of our nation, but also to provide these young men with a memory that will last a lifetime.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT W. SPANOGLE
Executive Director

enclosure: tentative Boys Nation agenda

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

To: Officer-in-charge
Appointments Center
Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on July 24, 19 81

for VPOTUS/ Morton Blackwell of Office of Public Liaison:
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

Please clear the attached list of names for a meeting with the
Vice President.

MEETING LOCATION

Building White House

Requested by Morton C. Blackwell

Room No. Rose Garden

Room No. 193 Telephone 2657

Time of Meeting 7:30 A.M.

Date of request July 22, 1981

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742

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