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April 11, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: Republican Governors and Key Staff

FROM: Robert Witt
Director of Public Relations

Enclosed, please find several informational pieces which should be inserted in your RGA Communications '75 notebook. This mailing includes the following:

- 1/ An updated list of the Republican Governors and their key staff.
- 2/ An updated list of Republican State Offices in Washington, D.C.
- 3/ A list of the 1976/ 1977 Gubernatorial elections.
- 4/ A New York Times reprint concerning the Radio Fairness Doctrine.

This material should prove a handy reference. For future use, each item should be inserted in the appropriate section of your RGA Communications '75 notebook.

If you have any questions concerning the material sent you, please give me a call at our Washington office, (202) 484-6620.



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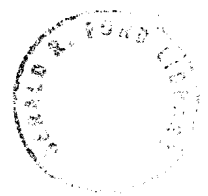
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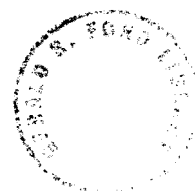
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September 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: Governors' Staff, News Media and Interested Parties

FROM: Robert W. Witt
Director of Public Relations

Enclosed, please find a number of informational pieces which should prove to be handy reference materials.

Included are the following:

- 1/ A list of those States which jointly elect Governors and Lieutenant Governors.
- 2/ An update on recent changes in Louisiana election laws.
- 3/ A transcript of a speech by Governor Milliken, Michigan, on the role of the States.

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* REMINDER: *The RGA Conference will be held November* *
* *20,21,22, 1975. The Conference will be hosted by* *
* *Governor Bennett in Wichita, Kansas. Housing forms* *
* *and further information will be mailed in October.* *
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Winter Conference

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NOVEMBER 20-22, 1975



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Governor ARCH A. MOORE, Jr., West Virginia
VICE-CHAIRMAN

Governor ROBERT F. BENNETT, Kansas
HOST GOVERNOR

ALASKA



JAY S. HAMMOND



*Inaugurated December, 1974
Term will expire December, 1978*

JAY S. HAMMOND, born in Troy, New York, July 21, 1922. B.S., University of Alaska, 1948. Married; two daughters. Businessman. Served as fighter pilot in U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. Public offices include: Member, State House of Representatives, 1959-65; Manager, Bristol Bay Borough, 1965-67; Member, State Senate, 1967-72; Mayor, Bristol Bay Borough, 1972-74; Governor of Alaska since December, 1974. Member of Alaska Humanities Forum; International North Pacific Fisheries Convention Advisory Committee; Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Advisory Committee; Alaska Airmen's Association, Inc.; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and National Rifle Association. Protestant. Republican.



BELLA HAMMOND

AMERICAN SAMOA



*Inaugurated February, 1975
Term indefinite*

EARL B. RUTH, born in Spencer, North Carolina, February 7, 1916. A.B., University of North Carolina, 1938; M.A., 1942; Ph.D., 1955. Married; one son, three daughters. Educator. Served as lieutenant in U.S. Navy, 1942-45. Public offices include: Member, Salisbury City Council; Mayor Pro Tem, 1967-68; Member, U.S. House of Representatives, 1969-75; Governor of American Samoa since February, 1975. Past board member, YMCA; Past President, National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Awards Program; Member, American Legion, Civitan, and Elks. Presbyterian. Republican.



EARL B. RUTH



JANE RUTH

INDIANA



OTIS R. BOWEN



*Inaugurated January, 1973
Term will expire January, 1977*

OTIS R. BOWEN, born near Rochester, Indiana, February 26, 1918. B.A. (1939) and M.D. (1942), Indiana University. Married; three sons, one daughter. Physician. Served as Captain in U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II. Public offices include: County Coroner, 1952-56; Member, State House of Representatives, 1957-58 and 1961-73; Speaker, 1967-73; Chairman, Legislative Council, 1970 and 1972; Governor of Indiana since January, 1973. Recipient in 1971 of Indiana Public Health Association Merit Award and Indiana University School of Medicine Alumnus of the Year Award. Member of Indiana and American Medical Associations; Indiana University Medical Alumni Council; Kiwanis Club; Chamber of Commerce; Alpha Omega Alpha; Phi Beta Pi; Delta Chi. Lutheran. Republican.



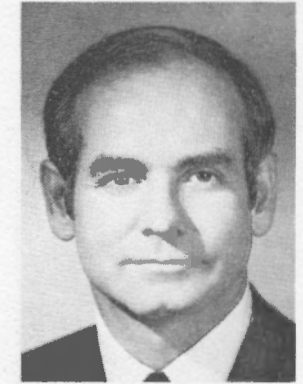
ELIZABETH BOWEN
"Beth"

IOWA



*Inaugurated January, 1969
Re-elected November, 1970, 1972, 1974
Term will expire January, 1979*

ROBERT D. RAY, born in Des Moines, Iowa, September 26, 1928. Graduate of Drake University Law School; recipient of numerous honorary degrees. Married; three daughters. Attorney. Served in 1st Cavalry of U.S. Army. Public offices include: Republican State Chairman, 1963-67; Governor of Iowa since January, 1969. President, Alpha Kappa Psi, Omicron Delta Kappa; Member, Alpha Zeta; Former Chairman, March of Dimes of Iowa; Member, Polk County and American Bar Associations; Member, American Trial Lawyers and Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers; Member, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Honorary Advisor, National Boy Scout Council. Recipient, National Distinguished Service Award, Future Farmers of America; Distinguished Alumnus Award, Drake University; Order of the Coif, Drake University Law School. Member, National Governors' Conference Executive Committee, 1970-71, 1974-75. Vice Chairman, Midwestern Governors' Conference, 1971-72; Chairman, 1972-73. Disciples of Christ. Republican.



ROBERT D. RAY



BILLIE LEE RAY
"Billie"

KANSAS



ROBERT F. BENNETT



*Inaugurated January, 1975
Term will expire January, 1979*

ROBERT F. BENNETT, born in Johnson County, Kansas, May 23, 1927. A.B., University of Kansas, 1950; LL.B., 1952. Married; one son, three daughters. Attorney. U.S. Marine Corps, World War II and Korean War. Public offices include: Prairie Village City Council, 1955-57; Mayor, City of Prairie Village, 1957-65; State Senator, 1965-74; President of Senate, 1973-74; Governor of Kansas since January, 1975. Past President, Kansas League of Municipalities; former Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Council of Kansas Bar Association. Member of Kansas, Missouri, and American Bar Associations; Old Mission Lodge, AF&AM. Presbyterian. Republican.



OLIVIA BENNETT

MICHIGAN



*Succeeded to office January, 1969
Elected November, 1970, 1974
Term will expire January, 1979*



WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN

WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN, born in Traverse City, Michigan, March 26, 1922. Graduate of Yale University; honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from University of Michigan, Central Michigan University, Detroit Institute of Technology and Eastern Michigan University. Married; one son, one daughter. President of J. W. Milliken, Inc., department stores. Combat flier with fifty missions in World War II; awarded Purple Heart, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, European Ribbon with three battle stars. Public offices include: Member, Michigan Senate, 1960-64; Majority Floor Leader, 1963-64; Lieutenant Governor, 1965-68; succeeded to office of Governor, January, 1969, to fill vacancy created by resignation of Governor George Romney. Member of Board of Counselors, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts; former member, Michigan Waterways Commission. Chairman, Republican Governors' Association, 1972. Member, National Governors' Conference Executive Committee, 1973-74; Chairman, Committee on Rural and Urban Development, 1975. Vice Chairman, Midwestern Governors' Conference, 1973-74; Chairman, 1974-75. Congregationalist. Republican.



HELEN MILLIKEN

MISSOURI



CHRISTOPHER S. BOND



*Inaugurated January, 1973
Term will expire January, 1977*

CHRISTOPHER S. BOND, born in St. Louis, Missouri, March 6, 1939. Graduate, Princeton University, 1960; University of Virginia Law School, 1963; honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Westminster College and William Jewell College. Married. Attorney. Public offices include: Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 1963-64; Assistant Attorney General of Missouri, 1969-70; State Auditor, 1971-73; Governor of Missouri since January, 1973. Recipient, Jaycees One of Ten Outstanding Young Men of America, 1974. Trustee, School of the Ozarks; past Director, Missouri Association for Social Welfare and Audrain County Cerebral Palsy School. Member of Jaycees, Optimists, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of the Coif. Chairman, Republican Governors Association, 1974-75. Member, National Governors' Conference Executive Committee, 1974-75. Presbyterian. Republican.



CAROLYN BOND

NEW HAMPSHIRE



*Inaugurated January, 1973
Re-elected November, 1974
Term will expire January, 1977*

MELDRIM THOMSON, JR., born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1912. Attended Mercer University; LL.B., University of Georgia. Married; four sons, two daughters. Publisher. Public offices include: School Board Chairman; Member, Constitutional Convention; Governor of New Hampshire since January, 1973. Vice Chairman, New England Governors' Conference, 1974. Congregationalist. Republican.



MELDRIM THOMSON, JR.



GALE THOMSON

NORTH CAROLINA



JAMES E. HOLSHOUSER, JR.



*Inaugurated January, 1973
Term will expire January, 1977*

JAMES E. HOLSHOUSER, JR., born in Boone, North Carolina, October 8, 1934. Graduate of Davidson College and University of North Carolina Law School. Married; one daughter. Attorney. Public offices include: Member, State House of Representatives, 1962-66, 1968-73; Governor of North Carolina since January, 1973. Member of American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, 1969; North Carolina Bar Association. National and state winner, Jaycees Freedom Guard Award, 1971. Member, National Governors' Conference Executive Committee, 1973-75. Chairman, Southern Regional Education Board, 1974-75. Presbyterian. Republican.



PATRICIA HOLSHOUSER

OHIO



*Inaugurated January, 1963
Re-elected November, 1966
Term expired January, 1971
Inaugurated January, 1975
Term will expire January, 1979*



JAMES A. RHODES

JAMES ALLEN RHODES, born in Coalton, Ohio, September 13, 1909. Attended Ohio State University; honorary degrees from Heidelberg, Rio Grande, Steubenville and Otterbein Colleges, and Miami, Akron, Capital, Youngstown, Wilberforce, Toledo, Cincinnati, Ohio State and Ohio Universities. Married; three daughters. Businessman. Public offices include: Member, Columbus Board of Education, 1937-39; City Auditor, Columbus, 1940-44; Mayor of Columbus, 1944-53; State Auditor, 1953-63; Governor of Ohio, 1963-71 and since January, 1975. Member, United States Olympic Committee; organizer, Knot Hole Gang; founder, National Caddie Association, Columbus Boys' Club, All-American Newspaperboys Sports Scholarship; President, Amateur Athletic Union; represented the United States at the 1948 Olympic Games in London; founder of the Pan American Games. State Chairman, Cancer Crusade, 1959, and Easter Seal Campaign, 1962; Trustee Emeritus, Rio Grande College; Chairman, National Advisory Council for Vocational Education. Member, National Governors' Conference Executive Committee, 1963-64, 1966-67. Vice Chairman, Midwestern Governors' Conference, 1965-66; Chairman, 1966-67. Presbyterian. Republican.



HELEN RHODES

SOUTH CAROLINA



JAMES B. EDWARDS



*Inaugurated January, 1975
Term will expire January, 1979*

JAMES B. EDWARDS, born in Hawthorne, Florida, June 24, 1927. B.S., College of Charleston, 1950; D.M.D., University of Louisville, 1955. Married; one son, one daughter. Dentist. Officer in U.S. Maritime Service, 1944-47; U.S. Navy, 1955-57. Public offices include: Member, Federal Hospital Council, 1969-73; State Senate, 1973-75; Governor of South Carolina since January, 1975. Past Director, Coastal Carolina Boy Scouts; Past member, Board of Trustees, Charleston County Hospital and Greater Charleston YMCA; Past member, Sertoma International and Advisory Council to the Dean, College of Dental Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina. Member, Board of Trustees, College Preparatory School, and Baker Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina. Member of Executive Committee, Alumni Association, College of Charleston; Charleston Council of the Navy League of the U.S.; Delta Sigma Delta; Pi Kappa Phi; Omicron Delta Kappa; Phi Delta; Mason; Order of AHEPA, and numerous professional organizations. Methodist. Republican.



ANN EDWARDS

VIRGINIA



*Inaugurated January, 1966
Term expired January, 1970
Inaugurated January, 1974
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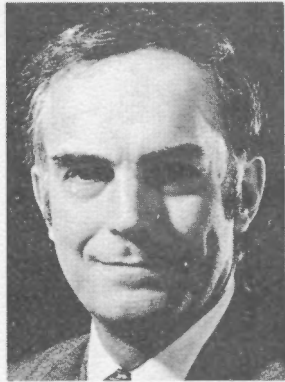
MILLS E. GODWIN, JR.

MILLS E. GODWIN, JR., born in Nansemond County, Virginia, November 19, 1914. LL.B., University of Virginia, 1938; LL.D. (hon.), Elon, Roanoke, and Elmira Colleges, College of William and Mary, and Washington and Lee University. Married. Attorney and farm operator; F.B.I. special agent, 1942-46. Public offices include: Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, 1938-42; member, State House of Delegates, 1948-52; Senate, 1952-60; Lieutenant Governor, 1962-66; Governor of Virginia, 1966-70, and since January, 1974. Board member, Elon and Virginia Wesleyan Colleges and Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation. Recipient of special awards from Suffolk and Nansemond County, Virginia Chamber of Commerce, National Guard and Education Association. Past President, Ruritan National; member of Phi Delta Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Raven Society and Masons. Member, National Governors' Conference Executive Committee, 1967-69. Vice Chairman, Southern Governors' Conference, 1968-69, 1974-75. Chairman, Southern Regional Education Board, 1968-69. Congregational Christian. Republican.



KATHERINE GODWIN

WASHINGTON



DANIEL J. EVANS



*Inaugurated January, 1965
Re-elected November, 1968, 1972
Term will expire January, 1977*

DANIEL JACKSON EVANS, born in Seattle, Washington, October 16, 1925. B.S. and M.S., University of Washington, 1948 and 1949. Married; three sons. Civil and Structural Engineer. Served as Naval officer in Pacific Theatre during World War II and in Korean War; Admiral's aide at peace negotiations at Panmunjom; discharged as Lieutenant, Senior Grade, in 1953. Public offices include: Member, Washington House of Representatives, 1956-64; House Minority Floor Leader, 1960-64; Governor of Washington since January, 1965. Member, Washington State Society of Professional Engineers and American Society of Civil Engineers. Member, National Governors' Conference Executive Committee, 1966-67, 1973-75; Chairman, Committee on Constitutional Revision and General Government Organization, 1966-68; Chairman, Committee on Executive Management and Fiscal Affairs, 1969; Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Commerce, and Technology, 1969-72. Vice Chairman, Western Governors' Conference, 1967-68; Chairman, 1968-69. Chairman, National Governors' Conference, 1973-74. Congregationalist. Republican.



NANCY EVANS

WEST VIRGINIA



*Inaugurated January, 1969
Re-elected November, 1972
Term will expire January, 1977*

ARCH A. MOORE, JR., born in Moundsville, West Virginia, April 16, 1923. B.A. in Political Science (1948) and LL.B. (1951), West Virginia University; also attended Lafayette College. Married; one son, two daughters. Attorney. World War II veteran; Recipient of Purple Heart; Combat Infantryman's Badge; European Campaign Ribbon with three Battle Stars. Public offices include: Member, West Virginia House of Delegates, 1953-56; Member, United States House of Representatives, 1957-68 (served as Ranking Republican Member of numerous House Committees); Governor of West Virginia since January, 1969. Member of American Bar Association, American Judicature Association and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity. Member of many fraternal, commercial, public service and veterans' organizations. Member, National Governors' Conference Executive Committee, 1969-70. Chairman, National Governors' Conference, 1971-72. Methodist. Republican.



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December 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Robert Witt
Director of Public Relations

RE: 1975 Republican Governors Association Conference

Enclosed, please find a transcript of the 1975 RGA Conference held in Wichita, Kansas November 20-22. Also included is a transcript of ABC News' Issues and Answers aired with five Republican Governors on November 23, 1975.

I hope these transcripts will prove to be a handy and ready reference source.

Accept my best wishes for a happy holiday season and a successful new year.



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January 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: Governors and Key Assistants
FROM: Robert Witt 
Director of Public Relations

This is RGA Communications '76--the eighth installment of our internal information service, distributed to Governors and their key staff assistants.

The notebook contains a number of informational inserts, filed in the appropriate section. In the coming months, additional inserts will be mailed to you.

All materials will be printed on pre-holed paper, making it convenient for filing upon receipt--and, thus filed, ready for future reference. The letterhead and RGA signature will remain the same, with the exception of a key word (printed in blue) reflecting the subject matter.

I hope you will take a few moments to become familiar with Communications '76. If the past is prologue, this informational service should prove itself a valuable and handy reference in the coming year.



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Governor of Kansas

March 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr.
Governor Robert F. Bennett

FROM: Ralph Griffith
Executive Director *Rh*

RE: Update on 1976 Gubernatorial Races

ARKANSAS--Arkansas Republicans are expected to put up a candidate, but our prospects there are not good. Democrat Governor David Pryor expected to run for reelection without serious primary opposition.

DELAWARE--U.S. Representative Pierre S. DuPont IV is odds-on favorite to get party backing and to be the Republican nominee. There may be some opposition, but DuPont can clearly win in November. Candidates are endorsed in conventions. The Primary is September 11. Democrat Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt is also expected to have opposition.

ILLINOIS--U.S. Attorney Jim Thompson won the Republican primary by more than 85 percent of the vote. His win was expected. Secretary of State Michael J. Howlett defeated Democrat Governor Dan Walker in that primary. The Democrat primary was perhaps the bitterest in Illinois history. Howlett, backed by Mayor Daley, has the Chicago machine going for him, but was not a good candidate in the primary, according to pros out there. Our information is that he ran a poor campaign, could not speak to the issues and is very inarticulate. Thompson has an excellent chance of winning this one and this race should be high on RGA's priority list. Thompson's major problem will be in raising sufficient campaign funds.

INDIANA-- Republican Governor Otis Bowen remains heavy favorite to win reelection. Will have Democrat opposition.

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MISSOURI--Republican Governor Christopher S. Bond remains heavy favorite to win reelection. Will have Democrat opposition.

MONTANA-- Attorney General Robert Woodahl is not expected to have any Republican opposition in the gubernatorial primary. While Democrat Governor Thomas L. Judge is expected to run for reelection, he has not closed the door to running for U.S. Senator Mike Mansfield's seat or for Congress. If he decides to run for Congress, Democrat Lt. Governor Bill Christiansen would probably be the nominee and would be tougher to beat than Judge. Christiansen is a former legislator and apparently has many Republican friends. Montana Republicans are hoping that Judge will run for reelection and in that case Woodahl is given a good chance of winning. Chances would be much less if Christiansen is the nominee. Apparently some pressure is being brought on Christiansen to oppose Judge in the primary. Many feel Christiansen would win. The filing deadline there is April 22, so we'll know whose running for what by then.

NEW HAMPSHIRE--Republican Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr., remains favorite to win reelection. Will have Republican and Democrat opposition.

NORTH CAROLINA--Republicans have three strong contenders for nomination, Reverend Coy Privette of Kannapolis, a Baptist minister who has been politically active, Jake Alexander of Salisbury, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and David Flaherty of Lenior, secretary of the State Department of Human Resources. Two others may announce, but are not considered serious candidates. Democrat Lt. Governor Jim Hunt appears to be strongest candidate on the other side. Former State Representative Ed O'Herron, Charlotte businessman and State Senator Ted Strickland are also expected to run. Former State Representative Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles has announced he will not run. As you know Governor James Holshouser is barred by his constitution for seeking reelection. There is a feeling that Hunt's moderate/liberal reputation would hurt him in a general election if he is the nominee.

NORTH DAKOTA--Republican House Speaker Robert Reimers has announced as a candidate and has sent one of his campaign workers to the RNC's campaign management college. Several other Republicans are expressing interest in running. Democrat Governor Arthur A. Link is expected to be the nominee for reelection for his party.

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RHODE ISLAND--Cranston Mayor James Taft has announced for the Republican nomination and is expected to be unopposed. The Democrat Lt. Governor Joseph Garrahy, described by Republicans as the most popular politician in the state at this time, is expected to be the Democrat nominee. Taft will be a good candidate in a tough, uphill fight. Democrat Governor Philip W. Noel is running for nomination for the seat now held by U.S. Senator John Pastore.

UTAH-- Looks better and better every day. While there may be a big Republican primary list, the two leaders are definitely Attorney General Vernon B. Romney and County Commissioner Stan Smoot. According to a poll just conducted there by the state party Romney is far out front, but leaders believe Smoot has put together a strong campaign organization and is moving. Both have announced as candidates. Former Mayor Oalf Zundel of Brigham City and State Senator Carl Snow, a professor of Government at Brigham Young University are considering the race. Zundel seems to have considerable support in the business community. Several Democrats are expected to run, John Creer, a Salt Lake City Attorney, Dale McCarty, executive secretary of the Utah Education Association, Don Holbrook, Salt Lake attorney and a former candidate for the U.S. Senate, Milt Weliman, Utah Director of Industrial Development, and Ernie Dean, of American Fort, president of the Senate. State Representative Doug Bischof, a Republican has announced he will not run for Governor. The GOP poll showed Romney leading Creer 41-11 and Smoot leading Creer 20-10. Both Romney and Smoot had unbelievable leads on all the Democrat possibilities in head-to-head polling. Democrat Governor Calvin Rampton also had a poll done, which was completed about the same time the GOP poll was finished. The day after the GOP poll was received, Rampton announced he would not run for reelection. The GOP poll showed 45 percent opposed a fourth term for Rampton and 23 percent were unsure. Republicans assume Rampton's poll showed same results. Party there is enthusiastic about chances and this should be a winner.

VERMONT-- State Representative Richard Snelling, majority leader of the House is the leading Republican candidate. William A. Craig, provost of Vermont State colleges is also considering running. Democrat Treasurer Stella B. Hackel is considered the party leader there and a strong candidate. Democrat Governor Thomas P. Salmon has announced as a candidate for nomination for the U.S. Senate.

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Washington--King County (Seattle) Executive John Spellman and King County Assessor Harley Hoppe are expected to seek the Republican nomination for Governor. Spellman is apparently the leader and would be the best nominee. Dixie Lee Ray is the strongest Democrat contender at this time and will run a strong race if she is nominated. Seattle Mayor Wes Ullam is also expected to seek the Democrat nomination. Governor Dan Evans announced March 25 that he would not run for a fourth term.

WEST VIRGINIA--Situation fluid. West Virginia Supreme Court has in its hands the legal question of whether Governor Arch A. Moore can run for reelection. If he is barred from seeking another term, it will be an uphill fight for Republicans to retain that seat. Democrats seem determined to have a donny-brook in their primary and Governor Moore believes another Republican can win in November.



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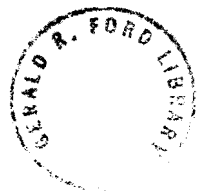
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April 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: Governors and Aides

**FROM: Robert W. Witt
Director of Public Relations**

Enclosed, please find a number of informational materials I have compiled. The sheets are pre-holed so you may insert them in your RGA Communications '76 notebook for handy future reference.

The materials included are:

- 1/ An updated list of Republican Governors and their key aides.
- 2/ The 1976 RGA Committee assignments.
- 3/ A thumbnail biographical sketch of our official Gubernatorial nominee in Illinois; James R. Thompson.
- 4/ A speech delivered by RGA Vice Chairman Robert F. Bennett at a recent GOP leadership conference.

I trust that the materials will be useful and informative. If you have any questions, call me at the RGA offices, (202) 484-6620.



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Honorable Robert T. Hartmann
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I have put together a list of all the major Republican and Democrat candidates seeking nomination in the 14 gubernatorial races this fall. I thought you might like to have a copy for reference.

In some of the states which have later qualifying deadlines there will be some additions, but I believe that this list includes all the major candidates who have announced or indicated they would announce.

You will note that the Republican Party has candidates in all races and in almost every case there will be a strong nominee competing in November.

Of the 14 races, six statehouses are now held by Republicans. Our prospects are excellent for picking up some seats.

Sincerely,



Ralph Griffith
Executive Director

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ARKANSAS

Filing deadline April 6.
Primary May 25, primary
runoff June 8.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Leon Griffith, Pine Bluff
Joseph H. Weston, Cave City

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Gov. David H. Pryor
Frank Lady, Jonesboro
Jim Lindsey, Fayetteville
John H. T. Chambers, Higden

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

Winner's Pct. _____

DELAWARE

GOP Convention June 19
No filing deadline. Candidates
are selected in conventions.
Primary Sept. 11 if candidates
do not get 35 percent of vote

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

U. S. Rep. Pierre S. (Pete) du Pont
Lt. Gov. Eugene D. Bookhammer

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Gov. Sherman W. Tribbitt

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

Winner's Pct. _____

ILLINOIS

Primary held

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE

DEMOCRAT NOMINEE

Jim Thompson, Chicago

Sec. of State Michael J. Howlett

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

Winner's Pct. _____

INDIANA

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Gov. Otis R. Bowen

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DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Sec. of State Larry Conrad, Muncie
State Treas. Jack New, Greenfield
Sen. Min. Leader Robert Fair, Princeton

Larry Conrad

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

Winner's Pct. _____

Filing deadline past. Primary
August 3.

MISSOURI

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Gov. Christopher S. Bond
Harvey Euge, St. Louis

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Sen. William Cason, Clinton
Joe Teasdale, Kansas City
Byron Sparks, Ashland
George Weber, Eureka
Milton Morris, Kansas City
Douglas White, St. Louis
Charles Baker, Kansas City
Roy Smith, Cape Girardeau
Roy Dean, Fletcher

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

Winner's Pct. _____

Filing deadline past. Primary
June 1.

MONTANA

REPUBLICAN NOMDIDATES

NOMINEE

Atty. Gen. Robert Woodahl
Jack McDonald

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Gov. Thomas L. Judge

Gov. Thomas L. J.

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

Winner's Pct. _____

Filing deadline July 15.
Primary Sept. 14.

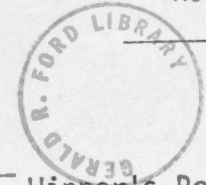
NEW HAMPSHIRE

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES
Gov. Mildrim Thomson Jr.
Gerard Zeiller, Lebanon

NOMINEE _____

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES
Jim Connor, Manchester
Hugh Gallen, Littleton
Harry Spanos, Newport

NOMINEE _____



Winner's Pct. _____

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

Filing deadline May 28.
Primary, Aug. 17
Primary runoff, Sept. 14.

NORTH CAROLINA

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES
Coy Privette, Kannapolis
Jake Alexander, Salisbury
David Flaherty, Lenoir

NOMINEE _____

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt
Ed O'Herron
Ted Strickland

NOMINEE _____

Winner's Pct. _____

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

Filing deadline July 23.
Primary Sept. 14

NORTH DAKOTA

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES
State Rep. Robert Reimer, Mellville
State Sen. Robert Melland, Jamestown
Richard Elkin, Bismarck
Robert Peterson, Bismarck

NOMINEE _____

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

Gov. Arthur A. Link

NOMINEE _____

Winner's Pct. _____

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

RHODE ISLAND

Filing deadline July 23.
Primary Sept. 14.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

James Taft, Cranston

Lt. Gov. Joseph Garrahy



Winner's Pct. _____

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

UTAH

Filing deadline May 10.
Primary Sept. 14.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Atty. Gen. Vernon Romney
Stan Smoot
Oalf Zundell, Brigham City
State Sen. Carl Snow

John Creer, Salt Lake City
Dale McCarty
Don Holbrook
Milt Weliman
Ernie Dean

Winner's Pct. _____

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

VERMONT

Filing deadline Aug. 4.
Primary Sept. 14.
NOMINEE

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Maj. Leader Richard Snelling
William A. Craig
Harry Montague, Westford

Lt. Gov. Brian D. Burns
State Treas. Stella Hackel
State Sen. Robert O'Brien, Trumbridge

Winner's Pct. _____

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

WASHINGTON

Filing deadline July 30.
Primary Sept. 21.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

John Spellman, Seattle
Harley Hoppe, Seattle

Mayor Wes Uhlman, Seattle
Dixy Lee Ray
Marin Durning, Seattle
Former Gov. Albert Rossellini
Martin Durkan
Clay Huntington

Winner's Pct.

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

WEST VIRGINIA

Filing deadline past.
Primary May 11.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

NOMINEE

Former Gov. Cecil Underwood
Ralph D. Albertazzie

John D. Rockefeller IV
James M. Sprouse
U. S. Rep. Ken Hechler

Winner's Pct.

WINNER: _____

LOSER: _____

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MEMORANDUM TO: Robert Hartmann

FROM: Ralph Griffith *Ralph Griffith*

I thought you might like to know what Republican Governors are now planning to attend the National Convention in Kansas City.

Governor Arch A. Moore Jr., West Virginia, chairman of the Republican Governors Association; scheduled to appear on the convention program on behalf of the GOP Governors; Chairman of the West Virginia delegation.

Governor Jay S. Hammond, Alaska, co-chairman with U.S. Senator Ted Stevens of the delegation.

Lt. Governor Frank Barnett of American Samoa will attend the convention. Governor Earl B. Ruth will not.

Governor Otis R. Bowen, Indiana, is an alternate delegate to the convention.

Governor Robert D. Ray, Iowa, temporary chairman of the platform committee; chairman of the Iowa delegation.

Governor Robert F. Bennett, Kansas, co-host of convention; chairman of the Kansas delegation.

Governor William G. Milliken, Michigan, is a delegate.

Governor Christopher S. Bond, Missouri, host of the convention; honorary chairman of the Missouri delegation.

Governor Meldrim Thomson Jr., New Hampshire, will attend the convention.

Governor James E. Holshouser Jr., North Carolina, will attend the convention.

Governor James A. Rhodes, Ohio, is a delegate to the convention.

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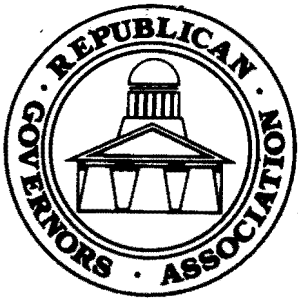


Governor James E. Edwards, South Carolina, is chairman of the South Carolina delegation.

Governor Mills E. Godwin Jr., Virginia is chairman of the Virginia delegation.

Governor Daniel J. Evans, Washington, has not decided about attending at this time.





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MISSOURI--The 1976 Republican National Convention in Kansas City saw active participation by the Republican Governors. The Governors of 13 states attended in various capacities as well as three gubernatorial candidates, Congressman Pete du Pont of Delaware, Leon Griffith of Arkansas and former Governor Cecil Underwood of West Virginia.

In a major Convention speech, RGA Chairman Arch A. Moore Jr., outlined the accomplishments of the Republican Governors and reviewed the 1976 gubernatorial races just prior to the selection of the President nominee. Governor Ray of Iowa won praise for his work as Chairman of the Resolutions (platform) Committee and Governor William Milliken gave the nominating speech for President Ford. Governors Milliken and Kit Bond of Missouri also urged greater consideration of the States before the Platform Committee's public hearings.

NEW HAMPSHIRE--The employment picture in New Hampshire is improving with the construction on the Seabrook nuclear plant. Governor Meldrim Thomson Jr., says that "in addition to the actual 3,000 jobs on the site, there will be substantial increases in activity at related supply concerns throughout the state." Unemployment is already down to 4.2 percent as construction begins and Thomson notes, "that now a good job is available to almost all New Hampshire construction workers."

ALASKA--Governor Jay Hammond expressed outrage at continuing violations by foreign fishing boats off the coast of the 49th state. During a two-week period of July there were six violations and seizures of foreign fishing trawlers. Praising the Coast Guard for its intensified efforts, Hammond said, "this is a significant increase over the six vessels of foreign registry seized during the 12 months of 1975."

VIRGINIA--Governor Mills Godwin has ordered a 5 percent reduction in expenditures by state agencies for the current fiscal year as a result of reduced tax revenues. The reduction is an extension of similar economy moves initiated early in 1975 by Godwin. The first reduction saved approximately 100 million dollars and enabled the state budget for the previous fiscal year to remain in balance.

SOUTH CAROLINA--Governor James Edwards, as chairman of the State Budget and Control Board, has initiated a first-time program requiring all agencies of state government in South Carolina to justify their proposed budget for the coming fiscal year prior to being submitted to the General Assembly in January. Governor Edwards said, "this new program will enable government in our state to set long range priorities in spending while working toward the elimination of duplication of services and wasteful spending. It basically means we are putting sound business practices into state government."

KANSAS--Mrs. Robert Bennett has been unanimously selected to serve as an honorary member of the board of directors of the Diabetes Association of Topeka, Kansas. The First Lady says she will direct her efforts "toward increasing public awareness of this disease which touches so many of our citizens."



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MISSOURI--Governor Christopher Bond has authorized funding for the expansion of an employment program for older workers. The program, Missouri Green Thumb Inc., is funded through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act and is administered by the State Office of Manpower Planning. "This expansion will add \$125,000 so that Green Thumb can provide summer jobs for 200 older Missourians," Governor Bond said.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Governor Otis R. Bowen of Indiana has been named Chairman of the National Governors' Conference Committee on Crime Reduction and Public Safety. Missouri Governor Bond was named Chairman of the NGC Committee on Rural and Urban Development.

MISSOURI--Governor Christopher Bond announced he has directed the Department of Public Safety to make the most of the state's new mandatory sentence law by publicizing it through a statewide education campaign. The law provides for a mandatory three-year prison sentence--with no chance for probation, parole or conditional release--for first offense "armed criminal action." Second offenses carry a five-year penalty and subsequent offenses, a 10 year sentence. "We will make every effort to inform all citizens about the existence of this tough new law so that it can have full impact in deterring violent crime," Governor Bond said.

MICHIGAN--Governor William Milliken has signed the first comprehensive legislation granting civil rights protection to more than one million physically and mentally handicapped persons in Michigan. Milliken said employers cannot refuse to hire, promote or classify qualified persons because of handicaps when the handicaps are related to the job or when adaptive devices or aids may be used. The Governor said, "Michigan's new law goes far beyond existing protection and guarantees provided by federal legislation which relates only to employment."

KANSAS--In preparing for next year's state budget, Governor Bennett has instructed all state agencies to begin from a zero-base in submitting their proposed requirements. In doing so Governor Bennett said, "the zero-based budgeting is not political eyewash. It is an essential tool which each agency is directed to apply in an effort to control the cost of government."

WEST VIRGINIA--Governor Arch A. Moore Jr., has announced that for the fifth year in row he is making available a special allotment to welfare families for the purchase of clothing for school children. The program is one of the most successful and popular in the Governor's welfare reform package. Teachers hail the psychological benefits of the program for allowing children from welfare families to dress as well as their peers. Many merchants are cooperating by giving additional discounts to needy families with schoolage children.

RHODE ISLAND--Cranston's Mayor James Taft Jr., Republican nominee for Governor, is calling for a new parole board in Rhode Island which is "more sensitive to the needs of the public and more inclined to obey state laws on parole procedures." Taft says the current board has disregarded state law "by permitting some 15 prisoners to go free without the required psychiatric examination. We need a new parole board made up of people who are ready to administer the parole law with concern for both the needs of the prisoners and the safety of the public."

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The remaining Republican gubernatorial nominees will be selected in six states in September. Already nominated and running strong races are Jim Taft in Rhode Island, Jim Thompson in Illinois, Pete du Pont in Delaware, Governor Otis Bowen in Indiana, Governor Christopher Bond in Missouri, Cecil Underwood in West Virginia, Bob Woodahl in Montana and Leon Griffith in Arkansas. To pick nominees in September are the states of New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

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Pierre S. [Pete] du Pont IV

Now serving third term as Delaware's lone member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Graduated Princeton University and Harvard Law School. Recipient, Watchdog of the Treasury Award. He and his wife, Elise, live in Rockland with their four children; Wendy, Pierre, Benjamin and Eleuthere.

Since coming to Congress in 1971, Pete du Pont has served on the International Relations Committee and Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Appointed by Speaker of the House to serve on the Select Ad Hoc Committee on the Outer Continental Shelf to deal with legislation safeguarding the coastal states during offshore drilling.

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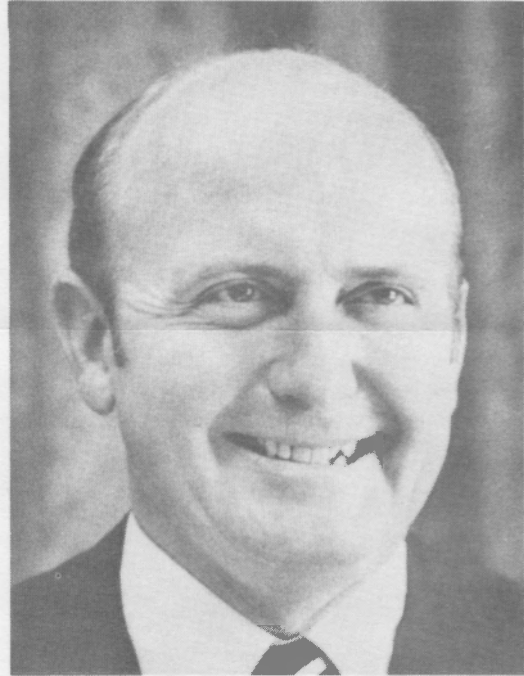
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Born October 21, 1930. Graduated LaSalle Academy, 1948; Bachelor of Science degree from Holy Cross College, 1952; Bachelor of Laws degree from Boston College Law School, 1955. Attorney. Married to Sally Anne Fitzpatrick, four daughters.

Serving second term as Mayor of Cranston, Rhode Island; first elected in 1970. Formerly served as Probate Judge in North Kingstown, Cranston City Councilman and member of Rhode Island Senate for eight years--the last two serving as Senate Minority Leader. Member, Advisory Council of the National League of Cities and former Director. Former Vice-Chairman of National Conference of Republican Mayors.

Mayor Taft has no opposition and will become the official GOP nominee for Governor after Rhode Island's September 14th primary.

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Families in Stress,

Children in Peril

By ROBERT F. BENNETT

Each year approximately 2,000 children in the United States die as a result of physical maltreatment at the hands of their parents, guardians or other caretakers. Many more suffer from less severe forms of abuse and from neglect. While the facts and figures are sparse, even conservative estimates show that the problem pervades American society.

Child abuse and neglect is not an isolated phenomenon. It often results from conditioned behavior passed from one generation to another. A considerable body of evidence indicates that people abused as children tend to grow up to be abusing parents.

Child abuse and neglect results from a complex pattern of parenting behavior, generally involving the childhood experience of the parent, parental misconceptions of the child and crisis in the life of the family. Child maltreatment appears to be a case of misunderstood and incomprehensible relationships, suspicions and conflicting approaches to family management.

In general, there are two ways of approaching the problem. The punitive

approach, which views maltreatment as a crime for which parents must be punished, is one. The other is the rehabilitative or therapeutic approach, based upon the view of a family problem requiring treatment. The therapeutic approach must include an understanding of the social factors that can affect a family. Courts and legislatures are beginning to realize that a punitive approach toward child abuse and neglect is not effective.

Since the 1960s all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands and Guam have enacted laws that define child abuse, and in some cases neglect, in order to protect children whose parents, guardians or caretakers fail to meet minimal standards of care. In 1974 Congress passed the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, P.L. 93-247, which recognized child abuse and neglect as a major social problem. The goal of such national and state child abuse and neglect legislation has been to offer assistance to families in stress and to children in peril.



Robert F. Bennett is governor of Kansas and chairman of the ECS Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Definitions of child abuse and neglect take many forms. The line dividing abuse and neglect is an uncertain one at best. In particular, there is considerable controversy and uncertainty surrounding the operational definitions of emotional abuse and neglect. State policy makers must take the initiative and seek appropriate information to make policies that will provide the best available services to families in peril. We cannot allow families to suffer and children to be abused and neglected while we battle the semantics of the problem.

It is especially important that we identify children in peril as quickly as possible because of the unknown future effects that abuse or neglect may have upon the child. Some preliminary data indicate that extreme abuse and sexual molestation may cause severe emotional and psychological disturbances and learning disabilities in children. These children usually find their way into special education classes under the auspices of public and private schools, thus incurring great cost not only to the state but to the individual and the family.

There has been much discussion in the last several years regarding multidisciplinary efforts and activities that should occur in child abuse and neglect management. Having been a state senator for a number of years, as well as a governor, I know that it is difficult to mandate or legislate the three C's—communication, coordination and cooperation. These are the largest obstacles to delivering services to families in stress and children in peril.

Different professions that must communicate, cooperate and coordinate in order to provide services to abused and

neglected children and their families often do not understand or trust one another. Many state laws, as well as federal legislation, have identified the disciplines of health, education, social work and law enforcement as primary in providing full services for the abused child and family.

Since the early 1960s, when the term "battered child" came to public attention, there has been a flurry of activity in various state legislatures to enact and amend statutes to protect children from abuse or neglect. While state reporting laws vary greatly in specifying the circumstances or conditions that require a person to report, legislation throughout the country is moving in two directions:

1. *Broadening the categories of those who are mandated to report.* The medical profession was the first target of reporting statutes. Most legislatures have added various other professionals who regularly come into contact with children. States cannot place the responsibility of reporting suspected cases of abuse and neglect only on the several professional disciplines, but must require any and all individuals who come

Further information on state efforts to combat child abuse and neglect can be obtained from the Project on Child Abuse and Neglect, ECS, 1860 Lincoln St., Denver, Colo. 80203. The project, formed in late 1975, is making recommendations to the states about the responsibilities of school systems and state political and educational leaders with regard to the identification, treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

into contact with a suspected case to report.

2. *Providing statutory penalties for failure to report.* While it is difficult to prove malfeasance or nonfeasance of reporting suspected cases of abuse and neglect, there must be statutory provision of penalties for failure to report suspected cases. Legislation without enforcement is mere advice.

A larger problem looms behind these issues. In my judgment, we as a society have done precious little in the area of primary prevention of social ills. In child abuse and neglect, as in other areas, primary prevention will require a change in societal attitudes and priorities. This must take place in institutions, communities and among the general public.

A major requisite is an effective delivery system for implementing prevention strategies. Preventive efforts by the states will require comprehensive community efforts and community coordination, which are still relatively unknown phenomena.

To begin with, each state should systematically campaign to increase citizen awareness of the benefits of primary preventive approaches. Citizens should be informed of what steps the state and communities are taking to prevent abuse and neglect and how individual citizens can become involved. As mandatory reporting requirements and steadily improving public awareness bring an ever-increasing number of child abuse and neglect cases to light, states should focus on the enormous need to develop preventive and therapeutic services.

States have the lion's share of the problems and legal responsibilities as well as the greatest potential service resources, but prevention of child abuse and neglect will come about only through cooperative efforts by all levels of government, along with public and private agencies and individual citizens. Federal financing, preferably through block grants with minimal regulation, will be helpful as the states go through these early years of grappling with an ancient human problem.

I am fully confident that states and local communities will carry the full burden willingly as soon as public consciousness of child abuse and neglect is thoroughly aroused and the most effective preventive and therapeutic services have been identified.

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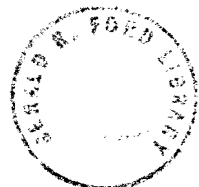
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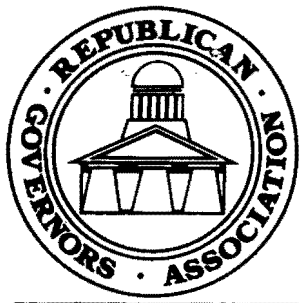


Enclosed, please find a current issue of RGA Headlines and other informational materials. Beside the newsletter, I am forwarding the following:

1. The biographical sketches and photos of the remaining Republican gubernatorial candidates. (other candidates' biographies were mailed earlier)
2. Reprinted news articles concerning some of our gubernatorial races around the nation.

As Election '76 nears, I hope the enclosed news and reference materials will prove useful. If you need further information, don't hesitate to give me a call.





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WASHINGTON, D.C.--Fourteen strong Republican nominees have now been selected for the gubernatorial races in November. The final GOP gubernatorial primary for 1976 was held in the State of Washington on September 21. County Executive John Spellman won the primary in a good, hard contest with County Assessor Harley Hoppe.

Former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Dixy Lee Ray, was leading for the Democrat nomination at the time this newsletter was written. Dr. Ray was known as "The Godmother" within the AEC shop when she was there. The Spellman campaign is expected to determine the significance of that.

Here is a list of the GOP gubernatorial and campaign addresses: Leon Griffith, Rt. 7, Box 160, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 71603; U.S. Representative Pierre (Pete) du Pont IV, P.O. Box 7600, Wilmington, Delaware, 19899; James Thompson, 110 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60603; Governor Otis R. Bowen, 1308 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; Governor Christopher S. Bond, 421 Monroe Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101; Robert Woodahl, P.O. Box 3032, Great Falls, Montana, 59403; Governor Meldrim Thomson, New Hampshire Highway Hotel, Room 210, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301; David Flaherty, P.O. Box GOV, Raleigh, North Carolina, 37609; Richard Elkin, 202 1/2 Third Street, Bismarck, North Dakota; James L. Taft, 142 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903; Attorney General Vermon Romney, 1558 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; Richard Snelling, Box 76, Montpelier, Vermont, 05602; John Spellman, P.O. box 1991, Seattle, Washington, 98111, and Cecil h. Underwood, 100 Union Building, Charleston, West Virginia, 25301.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--RGA Vice Chairman Robert Bennett, Governor of Kansas and South Carolina Governor James Edwards were among the panel of four of the nation's Governors on the October 3 edition of ABC television's "Issues And Answers." Bennett and Edwards pointed out that President Ford is taking the lead in improving and stabilizing the economy despite the free-spending efforts of the Democratic Congress. Hosted by moderator Bob Clark, the discussion covered problems faced by the states and the campaign issues, "Issues And Answers" is aired on approximately 180 television stations and 1,400 radio stations.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Plans are moving head for the annual Republican Governors Association Conference which is scheduled for November 28, 29 and 30 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington, D.C.. A strong program, coming as the first major political gathering after the 1976 elections, will make this one of the most exciting and productive conferences the RGA has held in recent years. Plan now to attend.

AMERICAN SAMOA--Governor Earl B. Ruth of American Samoa resigned, effective October 1 and will return to the mainland for work with the Department of the Interior. The former member of the United States House of Representatives from North Carolina was appointed to the civil service position in American Samoa by former Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton.

Lt. Governor Frank Barnett, appointed by the Secretary at the same time of the Ruth appointment, is acting Governor and will hold that title until civil service paperwork is completed. Both men received U.S. Senate confirmation. Barnett was executive assistant to former Governor Winfield Dunn of Tennessee.



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SOUTH CAROLINA--Governor James B. Edwards is leaving South Carolina November 3 with approximately 20 business and industrial leaders from the Palmetto State to make an industrial development tour of the Far East. Planned stops on the three week trip will include South Korea, Japan, Nationalist China, Hong Kong and Singapore. Later in the month, Governor Edwards will visit Israel as a guest of the Israeli government.

Governor Edwards announced recently the receipt of more than \$5.5 million in federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration funds. These funds are earmarked to improve all aspects of law enforcement and to upgrade criminal justice programs in South Carolina. One of the larger portions of the grant was \$600,000 to improve and build youth service centers in two South Carolina cities.

ILLINOIS--Jim Thompson is continuing his aggressive campaign for the Governorship in the Prairie State with meetings and appearances before citizen groups around the state. A recent poll in the Chicago Tribune shows Thompson holding a nearly two to one lead over the Democratic challenger.

NORTH DAKOTA--Mary Louise Smith, Chairman of the Republican National Committee spent October 8 and 9 in North Dakota, campaigning for Richard Elkin, the GOP gubernatorial candidate. Mary Louise stressed the outstanding qualities of the candidate, saying, "Dick Elkin will be a decisive Governor. He is young and aggressive. He is ready to solve problems, and he has the experience to know how. Dick Elkin is a former school teacher and he understands education. He is a former legislator—he understands the legislative process. He is on the Public Service Commission—he understands state government. He is a farmer who understands the problems of farmers."

MONTANA--Kansas Governor Robert Bennett spoke in Montana last month, campaigning for gubernatorial nominee Bob Woodahl. Bennett praised Woodahl for espousing the causes of the Republican Party "that the government that governs best, governs least." Woodahl is Montana's popular Attorney General. He has been elected to that post twice, and is running for governor now, against the incumbent who is in trouble because of \$94,000 in unreported campaign funds from his last election.

VIRGINIA--U.S. Representative Pete du Pont, GOP gubernatorial nominee of Delaware, was the guest of honor at a reception given in early October by Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Elliot Richardson at their home in McLean, Virginia. Missouri Governor Christopher S. Bond served on the honorary committee for the event. du Pont is now serving his third term as Delaware's popular lone member in the House of Representatives.

MICHIGAN--Governor William Milliken has announced that Michigan will be awarded a \$150,733 Federal Energy Administration (FEA) grant to assist the state in planning a statewide energy conservation program. Under the plan, the Energy Administration of Michigan's Department of Commerce will have five months to develop a plan to reduce Michigan's projected 1980 energy consumption by 5 percent or more. Public hearings will be held on the proposed state conservation plan prior to the plan's submission to the FEA.

NEW HAMPSHIRE--Governor Meldrim Thomson Jr., announced that two prototype New England homes now under construction in New Hampshire are designed for use in the Middle East and may be exclusively exported from the Port of Portsmouth. Governor Thomson said, "This would not only bolster the use of our expanding Port Authority facilities but would maintain New England Homes employment during seasonally slack periods as well as to stimulate substantially the seacoast job market and the New England Homes payroll." Nearly 100 people are employed by New England Homes in their Portsmouth facility.

ALASKA--Governor Jay Hammond has been elected chairman of the Western Governors Conference. The WGC includes the governors of 13 western states, American Samoa and Guam.

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Elected to North Dakota Legislature in 1962; re-elected 1964. Elected to the Public Service Commission, 1966; re-elected 1972. Served as President of the eleven-state Midwest Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners.

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Attorney General of Utah since 1969; Assistant Attorney General, 1955-1960. Attorney for Federal Communications Commission, 1953-1955; 15 years private law practice in Salt Lake City. Member of Bars and has practiced before the United States Supreme Court and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Member, Utah State Bar, District of Columbia Bar and American Bar Association.

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John D. Spellman

Born in Seattle, December, 1926; lifelong resident of Washington. B.B.S. in Political Science and History, Seattle University. Graduated Georgetown University Law School, Washington, D.C. Married, six children. Navy veteran, World War II.

Currently serving second four-year term as King County (Washington) Executive. Thirteen years in private law practice prior to public office. King County Commissioner, 1967-1969. Member, Governor's Committee on Law and Justice; Delegate, White House Conference on Youth.

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Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr.

Born Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1912. Attended University of Miami, Florida; University of Miami Law School; Mercer University, Georgia. L.L.B. Degree, University of Georgia. Married to the former Gale Kelly in 1938; six children.

Serving second term as Governor of New Hampshire; first elected in 1972 (two year terms). Founder and past president of Equity Publishing Company, Orford, New Hampshire; co-founder of New Hampshire Public School Association; former School Board chairman; former instructor in political science, University of Georgia; member of New Hampshire Constitutional Convention (1964).

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Born February 18, 1927. A.B., Cum Laude, Harvard University, (Government and Economics) 1948. U.S. Army—Infantry, European Theatre, 1945-46. Married, four children.

Current Majority Leader, Vermont House of Representatives; has served six sessions in Vermont General Assembly; first elected, 1959. Elected Republican nominee for Governor of Vermont in 1966. Founder and chairman, Shelburne Industries, Inc., of Shelburne, Vermont (hardware and sporting goods). Has held many leadership positions in business, professional and public service organizations. Served on Governors Commission on the Environment.

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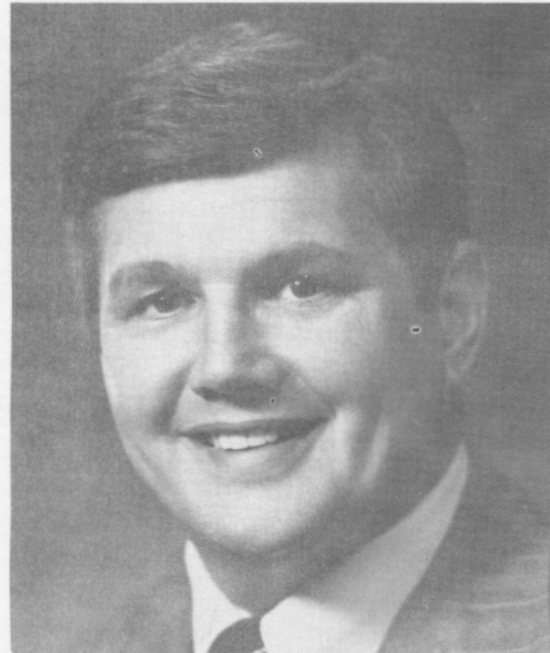
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David T. Flaherty

Born December 9, 1929. Holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Served three years in U.S. Army. Married to the former Nancy Hamill, five children. Protestant. The Flahertys reside in Raleigh.

Flaherty, 46, has served as Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources since January, 1973. Former President of Institute of Human Resource Development. Received Distinguished Services Award from N.C. Public Health Association. Twice elected to N.C. Senate, 1968 and 1970. Former executive with Broyhill Furniture Industries.



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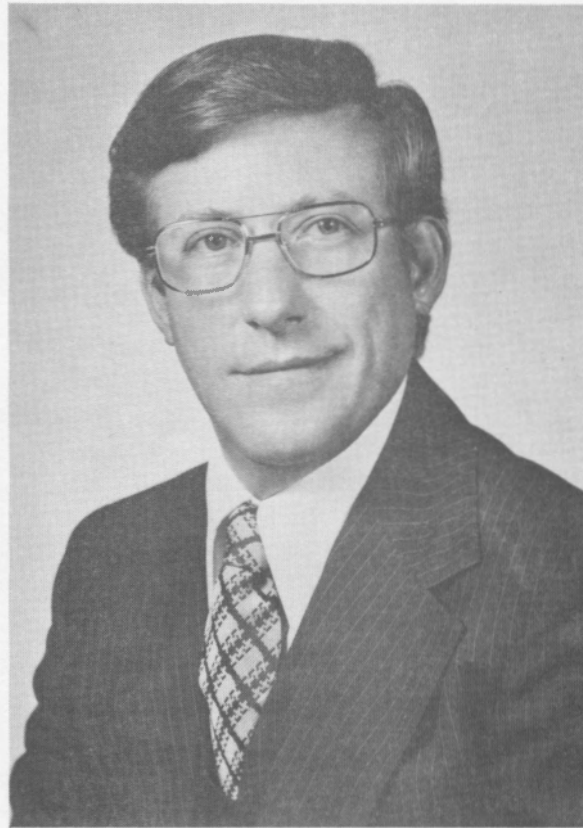
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Attended Arkansas State University. Griffith is self-employed in the construction industry.

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Republican Thompson Targets

Monday, October 11, 1976

The Washington Star

Democrat Howlett as 'Daley's Man'

Prosecutor Bucks Mayor in Governor Race

By Lyle Denniston

Washington Star Staff Writer

DES PLAINES, Ill. — It would seem to be difficult for "Big Jim"

"The mayor and I both will have to come to terms," Thompson says. "For his part, he's going to have to act reasonably."

Almost as if to reassure the mayor,

The lines that divide them, of course, are not that sharp. Both grew up in the politically aware West Side of Chicago. Thompson is at least as ambitious as Howlett, who tried to stay out of the race.

Howlett did not come up through

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Delaware GOP Strong

The prize as the strongest Republican state this fall may go to Dela-

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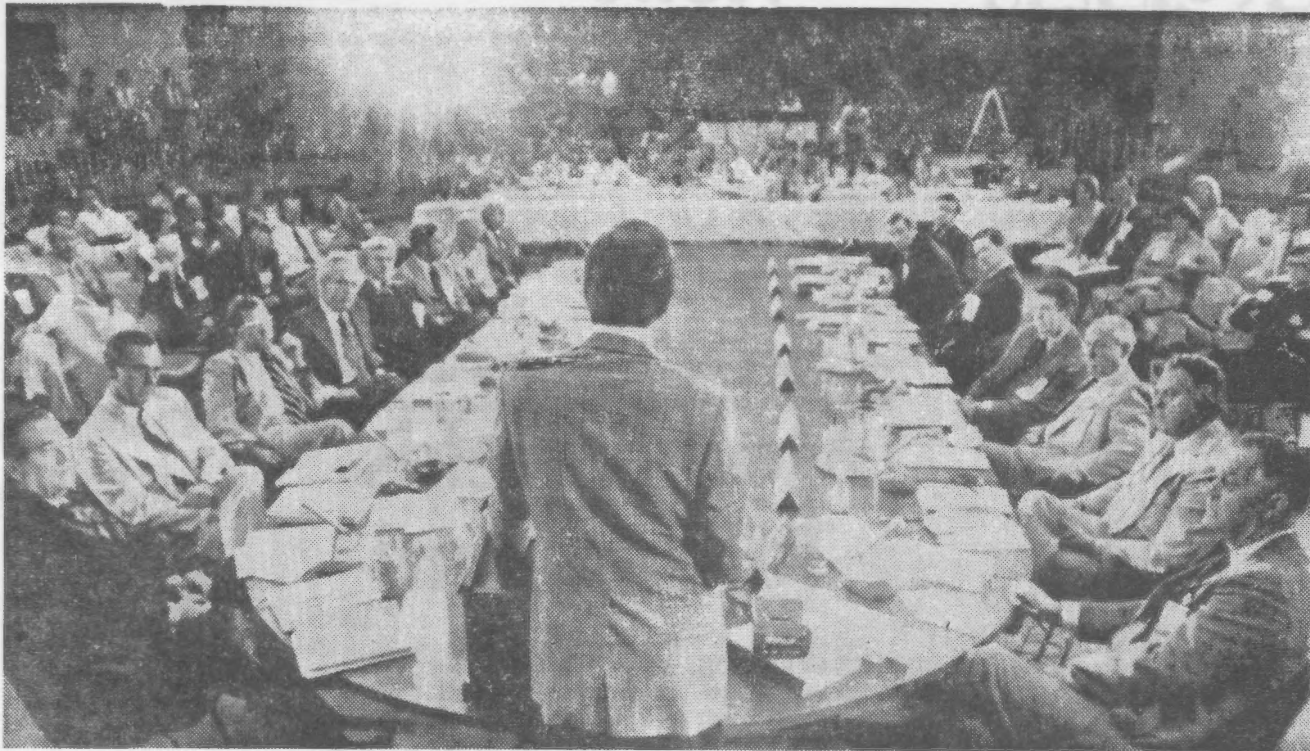
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A-8 **The Washington Star** Thursday, September 2, 1976

Moore Yields To Sen. Byrd

From News Services

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The office of Gov. Arch A. Moore, Jr. today announced that the



Associated Press

David Mathews, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, addresses the Southern Governors Conference yesterday.

THE WASHINGTON POST

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Wednesday, September 1, 1976

U.S. Spending Limit Weighed By Governors

By Hal Logan
Washington Post Staff Writer

The proposed amendment will come before the governors for a vote on Wednesday, the final day of the Southern Governors Conference. In preliminary discussions today, most of the 16 governors here appeared to favor the concept of limiting federal spending by constitutional amendment, but it was not clear whether the proposal will receive the two-thirds vote needed for approval.

"I'm in favor of the principle," said Virginia Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. "I'm not committed to the precise lan-

guage," said Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, a Democrat, is a strong supporter of the Edwards proposal.

"I think this is the most important issue facing the entire country," Boren said. "Little by little, day by day, we are changing our economic system from a free enterprise system to one increasingly dominated by the government."

Three or four governors here oppose the proposal, Edwards said. One of them is Florida Gov. Reubin Askew.

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Perhaps you are interested in the 14 gubernatorial races with less than two weeks to go. With the help and excellent cooperation of Chairman Mary Louise Smith, Eddie Mahe, the field men, Governor Arch Moore and Tom Craig, the Republican Governors Association has been able to make substantial contributions to the campaigns. All campaigns have received some financial assistance and most of the campaigns have received some research or/and technical assistance from the RGA. For example, abstracts of some 1500 newspaper articles about Dixy Lee Ray, the Democrat nominee in Washington, were obtained by the RGA and sent to the Spellman campaign. An RGA policy book and a speech kit were mailed to all our nominees. Almost daily communications with the campaigns have helped solve some problems. The RGA arranged for and paid for some film of visits by Jim Thompson, Illinois nominee, and Jim Taft, Rhode Island nominee, with the President in the White House. We have had a busy summer and fall and are now looking forward to some rewards for the concerns of all.

- ARKANSAS--No change. Democrat Governor Pryor will win.
- DELAWARE--No Change. U.S. Representative Pierre (Pete) du Pont is running far ahead of the Democrat incumbent, Sherman Tribbitt. This is all but a certain Republican pickup.
- ILLINOIS--The only change here is that Jim Thompson, the Republican nominee, is probably gaining. He has run an outstanding campaign; has helped the President, and it would take a catastrophe for him to lose. A Republican pickup.
- INDIANA--No change. Governor Otis Bowen showing no signs of weakening. Running far ahead of his opponent. Republicans will keep this one.
- MISSOURI--No change. Governor Christopher S. Bond running a good campaign and gaining strength. Republicans will keep this one.
- MONTANA--This campaign went from good, to bad to worse. The time was right, the issues were right and at one time our nominee was right. Fieldman Jack Orr went out there in an attempt to save the race, but at this point he is not too encouraged. For some reason I feel this will be a winner, but that is based on nothing but guts.



NEW HAMPSHIRE--This race has boiled down to taxes vs. no taxes, with Republican Governor Meldrim Thomson Jr., on the side of no taxes. Governor Thomson is heavily favored, at this point, to win re-election and keep that seat for Republicans.

NORTH CAROLINA--David Flaherty has done a good job under very difficult circumstances in this race. I am not encouraged at this point.

NORTH DAKOTA--Richard Elkin is running an excellent campaign. The campaign is running short of money, but is doing a good job. Campaign workers are confident that they are going to win. You get a good feeling talking to workers and observers there. Mary Louise did an excellent job here recently. She gave the campaign a real boost.

RHODE ISLAND--Everyone knew from the beginning that this would be a tough state for Republicans. While the U.S. Senate race looks good, our race there is not encouraging. Cranston Mayor Jim Taft is running a good campaign, moderately well financed. A recent poll commissioned by a Providence television station put Taft 16 point behind. This race does not look as good as it once did.

UTAH--No change here. Attorney General Vernon Romney is still leading by a substantial margin and should win going away. His Democrat opponent, Scott Metheson, has closed the gap somewhat, however, and the Romney campaign picked-up its pace. This should be a Republican pick up.

VERMONT--Richard Snelling is running a good campaign and his Democrat opponent, Stella Hackel, is having a very difficult time overcoming a severe split which developed in the party during the primary. This campaign is adequately financed. This should be a Republican pick up.

WASHINGTON--A newspaper poll there which has just been published put Republican John Spellman 1.6 point behind Dixy Lee Ray. She got about 37.7 percent. He got 36.1 percent. Six percent declined to answer the question and the rest were undecided. Spellman just recently received the endorsement of the Teamsters and apparently that is a plus in Washington. I think we'll keep this one.

WEST VIRGINIA--Despite hard work and the desire; plus help from the popular incumbent Governor, Arch Moore, this is not a good race for former Governor Cecil Underwood. Signs are not encouraging here.

