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READING TEXT

Los Angeles  
Ivy Baker Priest dinner  
November 9, 1965

The distinguished lady we salute tonight has handled more money than any woman in the history of the world.

And, for at least eight years, everyone with a dollar bill had her autograph.

She describes herself as an un-hyphenated Republican. I wish more Republicans would describe themselves the same way!

As any thinking man knows, it isn't wise to ask a woman about her age.

The lady we honor says she was "born in an appropriate time in history"..All that matters is that she is here in our era to serve her country.

Ivy Baker Priest Stevens..... I am very grateful for the opportunity to have a part in saluting you tonight. And, I predict Californians will set a precedent by electing a woman---a very talented, dedicated woman-- to a state constitutional office for the first time' in the state's history!

Coming here from Washington, I can tell you that life in the Great Society on the banks of the Potomac is far from simple. The other day I noticed a sign on a door of a government building.

It read: "General Services Administration, Region 3, Public Building Service, Building Management Division, Utility room, custodial."

Behind the door was a----broom closet!

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The news media reports that President Johnson is catching up on his sleep while he recuperates in Texas. It seems he had been staying up late writing speeches for Jack Valenti.

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In making my own speech tonight, I will follow the advice of ~~the~~ the ~~late~~ late Calvin Coolidge....A friend once told him that his secret for a good speech was to have a good opening and a good <sup>ending</sup> ~~ending~~ as close together as possible....Mr. Coolidge looked at the man a full minute and said, "Why be so windy?"

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# Dollars Do Double Duty in Campaign of Ex-U.S. Treasurer

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7. — (AP)—For eight years or more, everyone with a dollar bill in his pocket had Ivy Baker Priest's autograph.

In the neat hand learned in a mining town school at Bingham Canyon, Utah, she signed the nation's currency as treasurer of the United States during the entire Eisenhower administration.

Now she lives in California, and has the optimistic expectation that her well-known autograph will help elect her to another office — treasurer of the nation's most populous state.

"Many people said, put my experience as treasurer to work

of Ivy Baker Priest-signed dollar bills.

In her trips throughout the state, Mrs. Stevens has a kind word for everyone and a polished manner developed in years as Utah's national GOP committeewoman and assistant Republican national chairman.

Has her opponent done a bad job in his six-year administration? "I'd rather not get into that," she replies — adding it's too early in the campaign to criticize him.

## GOLDWATER SUPPORTER

Democrats claim she's an arch-conservative, noting she was a member of the Barry Goldwater delegation at last year's GOP National Conven-

IVY BAKER PRIEST

Nov. 9