



HUDDLING CLOSE UP on the Vietnam Question with William B. Macomber, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State, (second from right) and other government experts on many issues, highlighted the First Annual 19th District Day in Washington.

Behind The Decisions Advisors Think National

If the door to your comprehension slams shut when money talk gets into figures higher than the \$30 weekly grocery bill, a government expert's briefing on national economics isn't for you.

Those guys talk in the billions (dollars, that is) and consider fluctuations of \$5 million as insignificant.

An expert from the labor department shows little worry about a nationwide auto strike. He can show that it isn't likely to affect the national interest.

Once a small plant in Connecticut prompted the President to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act and to invite its president and UAW top man Walter Reuther to Washington, however.

The little plant produced 80 per cent of the parts for helicopters used in Vietnam.

The statesmanship of the negotiators while in Washington—not the expertise of the labor department—effected a settlement before the 80-day cooling off injunction elapsed, said John Gentry, special assistant to the Undersecretary of Labor.

THIS SAME statesmanship is shown continually in the auto industry negotiations, he said, explaining in part the non-worry in D.C. about this prime segment of commerce.

Besides, Gentry pointed out, with some 150,000 collective bargaining agreements nationwide—75,000 of which are negotiated each year—a strike over one is small peanuts to the national outlook.

It's the national interest that must remain uppermost in weighing the decisions on Capitol Hill, each and every Cabinet Department speaker told "19th District Day in Washington" citizens Wednesday.

About 70 responded to Congressman Jack McDonald's invitation to join him in a round of briefings via their local chambers of commerce.

DR. ALBERT L. ALFORD, Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW); and Howard J. Wharton, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), emphasized the same point.

"Federal assistance (money) has to be channeled through state agencies, and for the most part is designed to assist state administered programs."

Federal assistance through various Congressional approved acts serve to bolster weaknesses in education, welfare, housing and urban facilities which are apparent on a nation-wide scale, they point out.

They detailed some of the highlights of currently active projects.

Joined by four other congressmen for dinner, the 19th District delegation heard House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford, Michigan, expound GOP views being pressed on the House floor that day.

These included holding down poverty program expenditures, re-directing these expenditures, discouraging a surtax on income taxes and clammering for credibility in the budget and Vietnam debate.

THE FINAL SPEAKER heard was William B. Macomber Jr., assistant secretary of state, bent down over an auditorium podium flanked by world and Vietnam maps.

In confidential tones he explained the world-wide aggressor—non-aggressor "game" that the United States hopes to win.

Vietnam, in this overall view, is but a playground for the "game", but a vital playground in that if it is relinquished to the bully aggressor, that aggressor will feel confident in attempting to fight on another playground, Macomber expounded.

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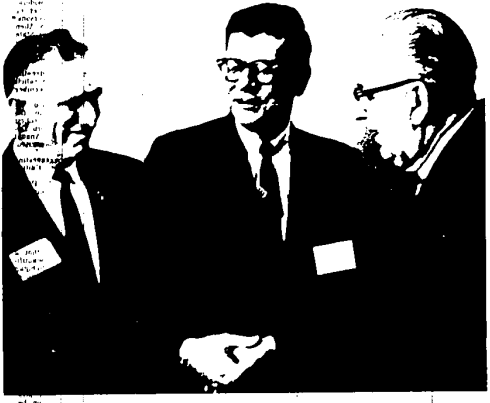
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"THE VIETNAM WAR IS GOING FORWARD MILITARILY, not losing," expounded William B. Macomber, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State.

Capital Scene: 19th District Leaders Visit



HOME TOWN GREETINGS were borne to Congressman McDonald by fellow Redfordites Dr. Hugh Wren (left), Redford Chamber President Robert Dowdy



'HELLO, I'M SENATOR ROBERT GRIFFIN, from Michigan!' Julius Stroppman is introduced to Senator Griffin, (second from right) by Congressman Jack McDonald while George Clark of Northville (right) looks on. McDonald received plaudits from Griffin and several Congressmen (all Republican "friends") before the 70-person audience he and the 19th District Chambers of Commerce assembled in Washington, D.C.



LIVONIA, AND PLYMOUTH, TOO, were represented by John Peard who here meets Congressman Jack McDonald.

Ode To Capital Early Birds

By DENNIS L. PAJOT

Wide awake. It's 4:48 a.m. My wife owes me \$10. She was being against the odds. Usually a heavy sleeper and a veritable bear in the morning, I always beat the alarm clock to the punch at times like this.

Five minutes later, Buzzzzzz! Got to shove that cotton-picking alarm. It'll wake everybody up.

Coffee and rolls gulped. Car muffled, humming. Face shaved. Eyes pinched. (Still foggy).

Clothes on. Camera, eight rolls of film, pen and sheath of note-paper stashed in pockets.

Off to the airport. Elmer's bright-eyed and cheerful passing out ID tags at the ticket gate. Guess I must be, too. He doesn't disclaim knowing me.

About four-score more early risers arrive. The sun stabs across the airport, glancing off our Imperial Fanjet's wing. When was the last time I saw the rising sun?

THE STEWARDESS (cute) isn't up to much more than a forced smile as we board. We're settled in. Three of them rush to serve hot, fresh breakfast. They rush again to clear away the debris. Time to land, we're told.

Shucks! There hadn't been time to learn one of their names! There's Washington, D.C. See the Potomac. See Virginia. See Maryland. See the Capitol building. See Virginia. See Maryland.

Just like the Air Force. Forty-five minutes to get there, thirty to hover for a landing.

It's windy over the grounds of national decisions. Sure hope I can keep those sausages down. Here we go. We're settling toward earth. Careful! Watch that slide ship!

AH! Perfect three-point, no bounce landing. Sure am glad they don't take those World War I hotshots for airline pilots.

AIRPORT'S WINDY, TOO. Bus is waiting. Whoops! Now we're whisking across D.C.

So this is the Rayburn Office building. Pretty nifty. Downstairs? Okay. Good morning, striking blonde. Yes, you may hang up my coat. Coffee's inside? Banzai!

Good Morning, Congressman McDonald. Sure, I'll get in the picture with our group. Now, you pose. No, don't pose. Just talk. Act natural. I'm from the candid, available light school of photography.

What? Your natural actions are a pose? I don't believe that. Oh, I see. You've been on Capitol Hill so long you think it's a Hollywood set.

Well, what goes on behind the scenes? How do you know your lines so well when you're on in front of Congress? How can you be so sure about foreign aid, the Vietnam War, the war on poverty?

WE'LL BE MEETING some of the career government advisors that clue you in? Oh, yes, now I remember why I got up at 5 a.m.

Say that again. Again. Yes, I guess I understood you: You get up that early every day! No wonder LBJ is worried about his light bill.



Rep. Gerald Ford Spoke

Observer Areas Well Represented

Six Chambers of Commerce mustered 70 persons for the 19th District Day in Washington, D.C. trip last Wednesday to meet with Congressman Jack McDonald and Federal Department advisors.

Over half were from Observer circulation area, with Redford Township and Farmington sending large delegations.

Redford's 22 and Farmington's 16 were second only to the Pontiac Area Chamber with 24.

Livonia had a single delegate, Northville with four, and Walled Lake with three completed the entourage.

From Redford were E. Hazelton, R. Dowdy, H. Wren, F. Harris, T. Dracken, F. Kowal, A. Eichner, G. Heika, H. Torggen, H. Lovell, C. Hendricks, A. Pollack, A. Stropp, D. Pajot, J. Puhly, R. Anderson, E. McCarthy, M. McCarthy, H. Englar, J. Lynch, B. Hoskolly, and R. Harris.

Farmington delegates were Mrs. C. Mole, Mrs. S. Catlett, A. Koles, J. Fox, T. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rosenboom, Mrs. M. Checketts, Mrs. B. Benya, F. Scott, T. Nolan, H. Gilbert, P. Kolpp, E. Oppert, hauser, L. Allen, and H. Price.

Livonia's sole representative was John Peard.



WAITING IN THE SUNRISE provided a pleasant prelude to a fast paced day in the nation's capital for delegates from several 19th District communities.



FARMINGTON TRIPPERS pose with Chamber of Commerce leaders Barbara Benya (left) of Farmington and Elmer Hazelton of Redford. Others are (l-r) Township Trustees Thomas Nolan and Fred Scott and Historical Society Publicist Mary Checketts.