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INDIANA GRIDIRON DINNER

APRIL 4, 1964 Run for Governor again

(A Federal Judge is the only man who would dare speak so much truth without fear of contempt of court!)

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ⓐ Judge's have too much time for Research and writing!

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And to make matters worse, I found out we weren't even meeting in the Claypool Hotel.

I LEARNED THAT BILL BRAY HAD THE HONOR AND ~~THE HIGH~~ PRIVILEGE OF ADDRESSING THE PHI DELTA THETA CONVENTION. (THESE FINE UPSTANDING STUDENTS PICKED JUST THE RIGHT MAN FOR THEIR KEYNOTE SPEECH.)

seem to
THE REPUBLICANS HAVE ALL THE FUN. || →

I'M TOLD THE FRATERNITY BOYS GAVE HIM A ROUSING OVATION ~~BECAUSE~~ HE DIDN'T TAKE TOO MUCH OF THEIR VALUABLE TIME AND HE GAVE THEM A CHOICE BETWEEN PIETY AND PASSION AND THEY KNEW WHAT TO SELECT.

Bray

I'm beginning to wonder if Bobby Baker wasn't a republican plant!

Bill BRAY

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L WHEN BILL GIVES THEM THE "WORD" HE REALLY SENDS THEM.

IT WAS PROBABLY THE MOST ~~ENTHUSIASTICALLY~~ ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED
SPEECH BILL WILL EVER MAKE DURING HIS RACE FOR GOVERNOR.

and, I UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN BILL GOT BACK TO WASHINGTON HE CHECKED IN
FOR A LITTLE SPIRITUAL TREATMENT AT DOCTOR CHARLIE HALLECK'S CLINIC.

HALLECK
L IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW, DOCTOR HALLECK'S CLINIC IS THE "AMERICAN
~~FARM~~ FARM BUREAU'S "DO IT YOURSELF PROGRAM" FOR LIQUIDATING THE
CORN SURPLUS.

L I MUST SAY THE REPORTS WE GET IN WASHINGTON ABOUT THE CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES AT THE CLAYPOOL ARE MOST ENCOURAGING.

BOBBY BAKER
WE ALWAYS THINK THAT WASHINGTON IS SETTING THE TONE AND THE PACE
FOR THE REST OF THE NATION. BUT I CAN SEE NOW THAT EVEN BOBBY BAKER
COULD HAVE LEARNED A THING OR ~~TWO~~ TWO IN INDIANA.

I'M SO NAIVE I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT INDIANA'S BIGGEST CLAIM TO
FAME WAS ITS ROUGH-AND-TUMBLE BRAND OF POLITICS.

I EVEN THOUGHT THAT BASKETBALL WAS INDIANA'S FAVORITE INDOOR
SPORT.

NOW I KNOW WHY MAYOR JOHNNY BARTON IS TRYING TO GET MORE OF
THESE FINE CONVENTIONS TO COME TO INDIANAPOLIS AND AWAY FROM FRENCH LICK.

AUTHOR'S -- CAPEHART-LIEBOWITZ

I'VE HAD OTHER ENCOURAGING CULTURAL REPORTS FROM INDIANA.

SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT MY OLD AND DEAR FORMER COLLEAGUE, HOMER
CAPEHART, IS BUSY THESE DAYS WRITING A BOOK.....ITS TITLE, "MILITARY
INVASIONS DURING AN ELECTION YEAR" OR "HOW TO LOSE WITHOUT TRYING."

WE HAVE ANOTHER AUTHOR IN OUR MIDST - A REAL AUTHOR, IRVING
LEIBOWITZ. AND YOU KNOW IT TAKES A GUY FROM BROOKLYN TO WRITE A BOOK
ABOUT INDIANA.

I WANT TO GIVE A WORD OF WARNING TO VANCE HARTKE AND BIRCH BAYH.
YOU HAD BETTER LOOK OUT - "LEIBO" LOOKS ENOUGH LIKE PIERRE SALINGER
TO RUN FOR THE SENATE.

BILL MILLER -- REPUBLICANS

I'M SORRY TO SEE THAT BILL MILLER IS QUITTING POLITICS. BUT I'V ALWAYS KNOWN THAT BILL IS A ~~SHREW~~ ^{SHREWD} NATIONAL CHAIRMAN. HE'S GETTING THE ELEPHANT OFF HIS BACK WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME. HE KNOWS A LOSER WHEN HE CARRIES ONE.

~~REDACTED~~

VIRGIN LOSER

I'VE HEARD IT RUMORED IN WASHINGTON THAT BILL MILLER IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TOLD A SAINTS AND SINNERS LUNCH THAT IF YOU WANT A VIRGIN LOSER --- TRY SCRANTON. BUT IF YOU WANT ONE WHO HAS "DONE IT AGAIN AND AGAIN." TRY NIXON.

now, THERE ARE A LOT OF REPUBLICANS WHO AREN'T AS SMART AS BILL. THEY'RE STILL PANTING FOR THE REPUBLICAN CONSOLATION PRIZE. Consolation Prize

I FIGURE THESE PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS CAN USE A LITTLE HELP SO I'M OFFERING THEM SOME CAMPAIGN SONGS. OF COURSE, THEY AREN'T AS CATCHY AS "BIRCH BAYH'S CAMPAIGN JINGLE BUT they'll do for losers BIRCH TELLS ME THEY SHOULD DO.

Stassen

HAROLD STASSEN'S SONG IS EASY -- "BORN TO LOSE." or ^{that English ballad} "Roll me over and Do it Again"

FOR GEORGE ROMNEY AND BILL SCRANTON -- "WERE POOR LITTLE SHEEP WHO HAVE LOST OUR WAY." or

HENRY CABOT LODGE -- "ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER."

BARRY GOLDWATER -- "I'VE GOT PLENTY OF NOTHING."

NELSON ROCKEFELLER -- "I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING BUT LOVE."

And for the G.O.P. Convention --
I humbly suggest that old
Republican favorite
"Bewitched, Bothered, and
Bewildered!"

~~Made by Barry Arrangements by~~

ⓧ news report today - ⓓ Press with Republican
Beas

"Discovery of Primitive man
1,800,000 years old" - The founder
of Rep. Party

"An entirely new species of Primitive man
has been found. He was wearing a
Goldwater button" As reported by
anthropologist. Dr. Louis Leakey.

SOME SMART ALEX SPORTS COLUMNIST SAID THAT BIRCH COULD DO

MORE FOR HIS COUNTRY BY LEAVING CAPITOL HILL AND JOINING THE

WASHINGTON SENATORS

But, I say he's needed in both places!

X) ^{Gubernatorial} Indiana Primary makes new Hampshire look like a lonely Political Island

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and accused-
lawyers
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like that
the one
not here

Speaking of Indiana Politics
A word about Frank McKinney
and the American Fletcher
National Bank —

~~The man who has brought~~

① The man who proved that the only way to get a Democrat even close to the Columbia Club is to build a Bank ~~Back to Back~~ and next door - and own it!

HALLECK

*Such a soft-spoken
non-Partisan*

miss
~~I~~

I SEE MY GOOD FRIEND CHARLIE HALLECK ~~IS~~ HERE. I HAVE TWO TELEGRAMS FOR HIM.

THE HONORABLE CHARLES A. HALLECK, MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

"YOUR APPEARANCES ON THE EV AND CHARLIE SHOW ARE DOING WONDERS FOR THE GRAND OLD PARTY. (STOP) SENATOR DIRKSEN HAS ALWAYS HAD A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART EVER SINCE THE CONVENTION OF 1952. (STOP) BUT HE CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO YOU. (PLEASE STOP).

SIGNED DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

THE SECOND TELEGRAM READS:

"YOUR EV AND CHARLIE TV SHOW APPEARS ON OUR LOCAL ^{TV} STATION. (STOP).

IS THIS A CONFLICT OF INTERESTS? *and Do you need a Stereo slightly used and much abused.*

SIGNED -- LBJ

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The Republicans have all the luck.

I learned that Bill Bray had the honor and the high privilege of addressing the Phi Delta Theta convention. These fine upstanding students picked just the right man for their keynote speech.

I'm told the fraternity boys gave him a rousing ovation because he didn't take too much of their valuable time.

It was probably the best-received speech Bill will ever make during his race for Governor.

I understand that when Bill got back to Washington and checked in for a little treatment in Charlie Halleck's clinic he regaled the boys with the Phi Delt "Sweetheart Song."

I think the words go something like this:

"You may live in a marble palace dear,

On a throne that was built just for you.

You may dwell in a tent in the Far Orient

Or a vine-covered cottage for two.

You may spend all your life as a gypsy's wife

Or live in a French Chateau.

But the love that is true you'll find waiting for you
in in a Phi Delt bungalow.

Only I didn't know they were converting the Claypool into a bungalow.

I must say the reports we get in Washington about the cultural activities at the Claypool are most encouraging.

We always think that Washington is setting the tone and the pace for the rest of the nation. But I can see now that even Bobby Baker could have learned a thing or two in Indiana.

You know I'm so naive I always thought that Indiana's biggest claim to fame was its rough-and-tumble brand of politics.

I even thought that basketball was Indiana's favorite indoor sport.

Now I know why Mayor Johnny Bafton is trying to get more of these fine conventions to come to Indianapolis and away from French Lick.

I've had other encouraging cultural reports from Indiana.

Someone told me that my old and dear former colleague, Homer Capehart, is busy these days writing a book

Its title, "Military Invasions During an Election Year."

I've also been told that another former colleague, Bill Jenner, is blossoming forth as an author. His book is "Military Traitors Who Have Known Me."

We have another author in our midst - a real author, Irving Leibowitz. And you know it takes a guy from Brooklyn to write a book about Indiana.

I want to give a word of warning to Vance Hartke and Birch Bayh. You had better look out - "Leibo" looks enough like Pierre Salinger to run for the Senate.

I'm sorry to see that Bill Miller is quitting politics at the end of this term. But I've always known that Bill is one hell of a shrewd National Chairman. He can read the grass roots signs very well. He's getting off the elephant's back while there's still time.

But you know there are a lot of Republicans who aren't as smart as Bill. They're still panting for the Republican presidential nomination. Why, I'll never know.

I figure these hopefuls can use a little help so I'm offering them some campaign songs. Of course, they aren't as catchy as Birch Bayh's jingle, but they should do.

Dick Nixon's song is easy. "Born to Lose."

For George Romney and Bill Scranton it's "We're Poor Little Sheep Who Have Lost Our Way."

Henry Cabot Lodge can croon about "Those Faraway
Places With Their Strange Sounding Names."

Barry Goldwater can sing "I've Got Plenty of Nothing."

And Nelson Rockefeller can belt out "I Can't Give You
Anything But Love."

I can see that Indiana politics are off to a rousing
start already.

I note that Roger Brannigan is not the Roastmaster
this year and even the youngest child in Indiana knows
what that means - Roger is running for Governor. After
all these years as Roastmaster, you'd think the Press
Club would oblige Roger, especially during a year when he
could use the audience.

Gov. Welch is getting set for his first presidential primary. I can offer him a little advice - and this is one guy who ought to know. Don't enter any primaries outside your home state.

And another thing, Matt, George Wallace may not be so tough, but watch out for that guy from Chicago - Frank Midas McKinney's man, Lar Daly.

I'm sorry Vance Harlow isn't here because it's a treat to watch the fastest man with a handshake north of the Ohio River. He's almost as fast with the handshake as Matt Welch is with a veto.

Birch Bayh has made quite an impression on Washington. You know last summer he played in the annual Congressional baseball game and stole the show. He went five for five, including a home run and made a circus catch of a fly ball.

Well some smart aleck columnist was so unkind as to say Birch could do more for his country by leaving Capitol Hill and joining the baseball ~~senators~~.

I see my good friend Charlie Halleck is here so I'd like to read him a telegram that just came in.

It's addressed to the Honorable Charles A. Halleck, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives:

It starts, Dear Charlie.

"Your appearances on the Ev and Charlie Show are doing wonders for the Grand Old Party. As you know, Senator Dirksen has always been a particular favorite of mine.

But even with all his talents, he can't hold a candle to you. Keep up the good work. Who knows? You may still get tapped for Vice President."

Signed Thomas E. Dewey.

In closing I want you all to ponder this great truth and think what it means for America:

"Fifty per cent of the people in this nation are below average."

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