

# Lame-Duck Senate Finishing Work in Sacramento

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"We'll be back in session before you read this. Enough time will have elapsed since the primary election for those of us who emerged wearing laurels to come down from Cloud Nine, and for those who didn't to have become philosophical about political reverses. Legislatively, there can be no doubt that the 1966 primary was the most crucial in California history.

Because of reapportionment, for the first time all 40 Senate seats were up in a single election. The effect of the changes is to shift seats from the north and middle sections of the state to the populous south. The area north of the Tehachapis, which previously had 32 seats, has been reduced to 18 districts. The other 14 seats have been assigned to counties in the south, thus giving them numerical control of the Senate.

The consolidation of northern districts into larger areas forced many veteran Senators either to retire, or to run against colleagues of their own parties in the primaries. The losers must continue to serve for the remainder of their terms, which expire the first of the year. Obviously, this situation is not particularly conducive to happiness. What effect it will have on the important legislation still facing us remains to be seen.

THE KEY to our legislative blockade is still constitutional revision and the conflict-of-interest bill. Not until these issues are settled will we be able to act on the 1966-67 budget bill or the tax accrual bill, both of which must be

## Dills Thanks Workers for Vote Victory

Judge Ralph C. Dills, successful Democratic nominee in the 32nd Senate District issued a statement of thanks to the voters and volunteer campaign workers who made his victory possible.

"My deep and sincere thanks go to the more than 11,000 voters who cast their ballots for me. The dozens of volunteer workers and friends who gave of their time and resources made this victory possible."

"I am very grateful for their untiring efforts and most sincerely thank all of them for making the Democratic primary victory a reality," Dills concluded.

A former State Assemblyman, Ralph C. Dills stressed the need to return an experienced legislator to Sacramento as Senator.

Airman Appren, Edward F. Mazula, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mazula of 1702 236th St., has returned from viet Nam waters to San Diego, aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga, ending seven months of combat operations as a unit of the Seventh Fleet in the South China Sea.

While on station off the coast of Viet Nam, attack aircraft from his ship flew over 10,000 combat missions in 115 days.

Staff Sergeant Wayne A. Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Stoddard of 226 E. 189th St., Gardena, has been awarded the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Dover AFB, Del.

Sergeant Reynolds received the medal for meritorious service as a personnel specialist in Kassel, Germany. He was cited for his outstanding professional skill, initiative and knowledge.

passed in some form before the end of the fiscal year. Whether the Assembly leadership, which has shelved both these measures will relent and let them be considered ahead of the constitutional question is a matter for speculation, but no one can safely make a prediction this soon.

If the budget and accrual bills are considered and acted

upon soon after we reconvene, two alternative situations could arise. The first would be final adjournment of the special session, with no action on the constitutional, conflict-of-interest, or any other pending measures. However, mutual consent of both houses is required to adjourn our session for more than three days under Section 14 or article V of the

Constitution. Since the Assembly is strongly committed to constitutional revision, it is questionable whether its leadership would agree to final adjournment without action on the matter. While the Governor has power to adjourn a session if the two houses disagree as to the time, it has never been used.

THE SECOND alternative

would be another recess for a longer period. Such a recess, perhaps until Fall, would enable further efforts to compromise the differences between the two houses on revision and conflict-of-interest measures.

Even if the special session is finally adjourned, efforts for constitutional revision would continue. The life of the Constitution Revision

Commission, originally scheduled to end in October, 1966, has been extended by concurrent resolution for an indefinite period. Therefore, the recommendations of the Commission could be reintroduced as measures in the 1967 general session, and additional ones added. Thus the work to remodel our cumbersome old Constitution could be continued.

Albert P. Reilly Jr., whose father lives at 24240 Ocean Ave., was promoted to specialist four, May 25, while serving with the 540th Engineer Group in Germany.

The 24-year-old soldier, mail clerk in the group's Headquarters Company, entered the Army in October, 1964, and completed basic combat training at Ft. Polk, La.

His mother, Mrs. Dorothy A. Reilly lives at 2900 Roman Rd., Palm Springs.

Pvt. Jack A. Chamberlain, whose wife, Tammy, lives at

25215 Oak St., Lomita, completed a general supply course under the Reserve Enlistment Program at Fort Ord, Calif., May 27.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Chamberlain, 24617 Fries St., Wilmington, he will return to his Army National Guard unit, Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion of the 251st Artillery in San Pedro, at the completion of his six-month tour of active duty.

The 20-year-old soldier was graduated from Narbonne High School in 1963 and attended Harbor College.

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