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Walking Small

It is a measure of George Bush's torment that among his first White House assignments after returning from a week's fishing with Jim Baker was a journey into the heart of Bill Clinton's myth. The president had to say hi to the overachievers of Boys Nation, the very group that brought young Billy face to face with John F. Kennedy in 1963. In such circumstances, another man might have been gracious, might have acknowledged Clinton as one of the group's most distinguished alumni, might have said something sporting about the upcoming campaign. But George Bush, drifting into "campaign mode," shriveled pettishly. "We all know Boys Nation alumni often go on to do remarkable things," he said, then named two who had—his cabinet members Lamar Alexander and Dick Cheney. Not a word about Clinton . . . until later, when Bush accused him of plagiarizing the line "We've changed the world, now let's change America."

How sad; how small. Bush *had* used the line in his eminently forgettable State of the Union Message last January, but his speechwriters had filched it from a slew of Democrats who'd been trying to sell a similar rationale right after the gulf war. "A lot of people were saying it," said David Dreyer, press secretary to House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt. "The message was: why can't we have a domestic Desert Storm and address the problems of this country? Bush wasn't interested."



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Ambush: *Speaking to Boys Nation*

The president had an unparalleled opportunity after the war: he could have demanded anything from the Congress—a capital-gains tax cut, a real deficit-reduction plan, *anything*—and gotten his wish. But he asked only for a highway bill and a crime bill (and vetoed the latter, for negligible cause). The fact is, George Bush didn't talk about "changing America" until he got into political trouble last winter—and then only for political effect. His lack of conviction is manifest. Even Bush allies emerge from the Oval Office shaking their heads over his lack of purpose. "I asked about his plans for a second term," says one. "He said, 'I'll handle whatever comes up . . .' "

And, as the White House scrambled purposefully into crisis mode to deal with Saddam's latest intransigence last weekend, it's worth noting how rarely any of the nation's glacial domestic travails has inspired similar action. The Los Angeles riots gave birth to a tiny, peripheral urban-aid bill. For weeks, Sen. Bob Dole has privately been pressing the president to embrace a more profitable idea: a civilian conservation corps, run by the Defense Department, providing work, training, education and discipline for tens of thousands of poor kids from places like South-Central Los Angeles. Bush has balked, largely at the urging of budget director Richard Darman—who reportedly said it would cost too much and have little political benefit, since it couldn't really get going until next summer.

"This administration has two faces," says Congressman Rob Andrews, a New Jersey Democrat. "There's the campaign face—the new ideas like school choice and market-based incentives—and the real face that's only interested in negotiating around the edges. We propose $4 billion for this program; they counter with $3.7 billion."

Bush was out flogging school choice in Philadelphia last week. He makes a strong case: the GI Bill of Rights, which gave World War II veterans a voucher to attend the college of their choice, worked brilliantly, strengthening public and private institutions alike. Why not try the same principle on the elementary- and high-school levels—why not, at least, experiment with it in a few cities? The president, rightly, blames the sorry Democratic hacks in Congress carrying water for the teachers' unions for blocking the plan. But that's not the whole story: Sen. Bill Bradley, one of three Democrats who voted for the Bush-proposed school-choice experiment, says there was no evidence of presidential interest when it came up in the Senate last winter, no arm-twisting or even *awareness* that a vote was imminent. The proposal was trounced. "It either means the president is totally ineffective," Bradley says, "or that he's not committed to his own program."

And that is precisely the point: George Bush has never shown any sustained interest in the issues that will decide this election—economic growth, education, the federal deficit: the future. He *has* shown a willingness to mix it up, to "do anything" (by which he really means *say* anything) to get elected. Bush was straining at the leash last week, anxious to "go negative" on Clinton and Al Gore (whom Marlin Fitzwater—who *writes* his stuff?—called "Mr. Sell-out America"). It may work. It worked on Dukakis. It worked on Perot. Then again, one reason this year seems so weird—Bush's word—is that the usual sludge hasn't been quite as effective. The public may be looking for something different, a politician who can, credibly, "go positive." If so, Bush faces unfamiliar terrain—and the most daunting challenge imaginable, after all these years of walking small.

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America is now and always will be a rising nation. And we'll remain strong. We will succeed as long as young people like yourselves continue to support and advance the values upon which our success is based -- and really, upon which this wonderful program, Dom, is based.

So keep up the great work. Congratulations on what you have already achieved. But there's a great challenge lying out there ahead of each and every one of you. So good luck and may God bless you all, and may God bless our wonderful country. (Applause.)

Now, what I thought I do is take a few questions and then go -- how we're going to do this -- I never saw so many hands up.

Shoot.

Q Mr. President, was the primary reason that you vetoed the motor voter bill the fact that it would increase the number of poor and young voters, groups in which you have little strength? If not, can we have a brief explanation?

THE PRESIDENT: That had nothing to do with the veto of the bill. States have the right to set their own registration, everybody has a way to register. It has nothing to do with the poor and the young. Frankly, I think we're going to do very well with the young and, hopefully, with the poor. What it has to do, though, is with guarding against corruption of the voting process, and that's why I vetoed it.

Q Mr. President, my question to you is, throughout your term previous to the Rodney King verdict and the L.A. riots in particular, your support for Secretary Jack Kemp's programs in the areas of housing and urban development appeared to come very reluctantly. Yet you approved generous emergency expenditures to help provide relief in a desperate situation at hand. If elected to a second term, do you plan to increase government funding for the HUD programs?

THE PRESIDENT: The answer is, no, but the answer is I've been diligently for the program. The program is mine. I'm the President; I set the program. Kemp has been a superb advocate for homeownership, for enterprise zones, for the things that we believe really would have helped avoid some of the crisis in the cities. So I have been advocating it and supporting it and introducing it in the Congress all along.

Even after the riots we had the Mayor of Los Angeles here, Tom Bradley; the Governor of the state; Peter Uberroth, who is trying to bring jobs into the center city -- they all supported strongly the enterprise zones. And it took weeks to get that passed even in the face of the riots.

So, now, in terms of will I increase spending, I can't pledge that. I don't want to be in any false colors. I want these programs there to bring jobs in the private sectors into the city. I want our Weed and Seed program, which is weeding out the criminal elements and then seeding the areas with hope and opportunity, to pass. But there's another big problem facing this country and it is the deficit. And I know that this is the year when everybody promises, I'm going to do this for that, each little interest group, each big interest group being pledged and promised to, but I can't do that because I am determined to fight to get this deficit down.

So we've got good programs and I think they'd make an enormous difference in the cities and I hope you all can support them.

Q The economic plan that Bill Clinton unveiled at the Democratic National Convention last week is rapidly gaining support. What flaws do you see in his plan as you compare it to your own?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I don't think it's rapidly gaining too much support. What I see is a program that does not address itself to the deficit -- and I'll have a lot more to say about that later on. I think we've got to get the deficit down. I don't think you need to go raise taxes on people right now, I think that's a big mistake. I think it's counterproductive. And when you analyze the program, they have this expression around here, smoke and mirrors. You going to save it all by eliminating overhead, eliminating waste, and there's billions of dollars that is earmarked to do that, and I just don't think that's practical.

So when the campaign comes on there's going to be a very serious comparative analysis on our part. I don't think the program is gaining strength. He had one that was quite different a few months ago and now, just in time for the convention, out comes another one. But both of them result in taxing.

You see, I think the government is spending too much and that's why I had to answer this question here like that and I don't think people are taxed too little, I don't think that's the problem. And so we're going to have a big difference on the economic approach. And our economic incentives are out there, they're strong and they're good.

Q Regarding the United States and Mexico free trade agreement, don't you think that if it was passed that the standard of living in the Southwest United States will drop and it would also result in more unemployment? Also, what are the short and long-term goals you hope to achieve by having this free trade agreement?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm convinced that NAFTA is -- the North American Free Trade Agreement -- will increase the standard of living on both sides of the border. I am absolutely convinced that it will increase jobs for Americans. Look at what happened when we entered into the deal with Canada. Business is way up in both ways, trade going both ways. The same thing will happen in Mexico. And I am afraid that in the Mexican case there is some -- in some of the opposition there is some discrimination against our southern neighbor.

And I don't care whether it's good politics or bad politics, I'm going to work for free trade. I want to see the NAFTA agreement passed, and I am absolutely convinced that it will mean more jobs for Americans, and good jobs. The argument is, well, all the companies will flee to Mexico. That's not true, they could do that now. And there are many reasons that companies place investment where they do.

NAFTA is only going to increase Mexico's ability to import goods. It's going to increase their standard of living, which will bring relief to our borders out near San Diego where you have immigration going across the way. It will give them the wherewithal to have better environmental standards, and it will give more jobs to the United States because our exports, which have already gone up substantially, will go up more.

So I'm for free trade. I'm not for protection. I'm not for promising one thing out in Detroit and then trying to deny that it was said some other part of the country.

Q Mr. President, I would like to ask you with regard to education, do you think that a national standard achievement test at the lower grade levels would be a good way to gauge how well our education system is doing?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, and part of our program feels that a national system of volunteer testing would be good. That's part of our proposal. I emphasize the word volunteer because I still believe that your community should really control the curriculum and the hours and the teacher's pay and whatever it is.

Most people forget that about six percent, I believe it is, of funding on education is at the federal level, our level, and 90-some percent is where it belongs at the local and state level.

But this concept of testing is a good one. And I think kids need to know where they stand with others across the country; parents have the right to have that information. But I emphasize it should be on a voluntary basis.

Let's get in the back rows, back here. Oh, the man's bringing gifts -- yes, come right up. (Laughter.) (A gift is presented.)

Q I'd like to present this to you on behalf of Boys Nation. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thanks a lot. Now we're talking. This is great. Thank you very much, Steve.

Q Mr. President, I'm a student of the middle class, and there's an ever-increasing problem with the students that I represent that we simply do not have the funds to attend the colleges of our choices to take the leadership roles in government. What can you tell the students of the middle class to affirm the fact that you are taking a lead, that the buck does stop here and you're taking a leadership position in our plight to have affordable college education?

THE PRESIDENT: I can tell them that the best thing that we can do there is to get the whole economic system moving. I can tell them we've increased funding for that kind of student loan program. And we've just got to keep doing it to support those that need scholarships. A big problem is, when you're operating at these enormous deficits, you can't go out and promise to increase spending beyond which we've already increased it. I'm the guy that has the plan. The buck does stop here. We have increased programs for the funding for student loans, contrary to some of the political -- I can't wait for this campaign to start to go after some of the things I'm hearing out there. But we've just got to keep going on it. And we will do our very best.

Way in back here. Yes.

Q Mr. President, I'd just like to commend you on your fine foreign policy. But the question I pose to you is this: Do you feel that the only way we can have a strong foreign policy is pumping the billions of dollars that we do into other countries economy? Being a visitor to Washington, D.C., we took a bus ride and we drove through the Capitol City and I saw some of the most depressed and poverty-stricken areas I've ever seen. Why can't we bring some of that foreign policy money home to where it belongs in our nation? (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'll tell you, maybe you've missed the fact that we've cut the defense budget substantially. We can't cut the muscle of defense. We're not going to do that. What we -- I stood here with Boris Yeltsin and did something that affected the lives of everybody here -- everybody here. We worked out the most historic nuclear arms reduction package that's ever happened, thus reducing the fear of nuclear war that some of you guys may have grown up with when you were younger. The pressure has been bled off.

We have to keep a strong defense. We have cut the defense budget by billions of dollars, and we'll continue to look at it as the world changes. But we can't cut into the muscle of it.

Secondly, in terms of foreign aid, it's always been unpopular. There's always a guy that says, don't do that abroad, do it all at home. And that's a mood out there in this country. But it is in our interests -- humanitarian interest -- to help people abroad. It's the United States that always has taken the lead. And as long as I'm President, we'll continue to take the lead. But we are going to have to try to do these things that will forestall our need to use military action.

And that's the reason, rationale, for it. But listen, I understand the desire to have more at home, and yet, again, I'm not going to be in this -- please everybody by saying we're going to increase spending on one program or another. We've got a good budget. Spending has gone dramatically up. But we've got to hold the line on it now. We've got to get the deficit down.

Q Mr. President, I was wondering, isn't it disheartening that all of your actions are either maligned, belittled, or ignored by the national media?

THE PRESIDENT: Now we're talking here. (Applause.) Those back here are not smiling, those beyond those with the red and white shirts. Look, you've got to take it in life. Nobody ever said it would be a bed of roses. I found that over the years in politics or in business or whatever it is.

And I have a very quiet confidence when I take my case to the American people that things will work out. But to be very honest, it's not pleasant. It's not pleasant. The one I don't like the most is when they go after your family, try to make corruption out of a family that's been honorable and decent. I don't like it when they do that kind of thing.

But they've got their job to do; I've got mine to do. And I'm not going to be stampeded into anything by a lot of that kind of press. When we get into the campaign, I will try to draw the distinctions between myself and the opponents. I'll try to put out the positive aspects of our record: the war on crime; the fact that we've got a sound, revolutionary education program; what we're trying to do, in answer to your question, about bringing homeownership and hope into the cities; the fact that we've got the best health care reform of anybody up there, sitting right there, languishing, and the fact that we've got a program that if we could only get this Congress to work on it would do something for health care.

So we've got the programs. Now, the fact that that's not resonating and the press seems to be critical, that changes. I go back to '88 and I remember a great reporter for The New York Times -- I don't know what he's doing now, but I think he's gone onto great things -- saying, "dogged by Iran-Contra, the President landed in Iowa today." They've always got some kind of sensationalist thing.

But the facts are the programs are sound. I hope that I will pass the test of commitment to country. I am proud, as I told Dom earlier, of having served my country. I believe that what we've accomplished around the world is substantial, major, the ending of the Cold War. I think what we did with Yeltsin, getting rid of these ICBMs, I happen to think it's big, and you don't read a darn thing about it in the press.

I didn't listen -- I've got to confess to you guys, I did not listen to the Democratic National Convention. I was fishing. (Applause.) I suppose I could have turned on a radio, but I just didn't feel inclined to do it. But there was no mention, I am told retrospectively, of the major accomplishments that the American people and this administration has made in bringing peace to the world and standing up against aggression in the process, setting an example. So when I said in my remarks, people look to the United States for leadership, they do, but that has no resonance. I think it will. I think every family in America in their hearts know that we are in a less-threatened position.

And I loved it when I'm told that my opponent, one of them I guess, at the convention said, well we've changed the world now let's change America. Hey, a Democratic candidate dropped out of the race for plagiarism last year -- this is a comment that I've been saying. And now we're trying to get it done. We have changed the world, now let's change America. Use that same leadership.

And parenthetically, if you want to know what I think really needs to be changed it is the control of the House of Representatives. (Applause.) We have had the same control of Congress, same control in the House since 1956, maybe earlier. And they talk about institutions changing, presidents have changed,

different parties, the Senate has changed. And the one institution, those who know how to run the bank and the post office up there, haven't changed for 36 years. And we are going to take that case to the American people. (Applause.)

Q My question to you concerns us as young Americans. When we get out of college and university, how are we going to be assured as qualified Americans that there will be jobs for us to pursue our careers as citizens?

THE PRESIDENT: One, the economy is improving. Not near enough. It is growing. You wouldn't hear that -- I keep citing a statistic that 92 percent of the economic news has been negative as you analyze it. They've got this group that analyzes the new coverage. A tremendous percentage, 60 percent, think the economy's getting worse. A lot of people are hurting, but the overall national economy is growing -- not near enough.

What I want to do is stimulate it to grow more. And that was what was behind and still remains behind an incentive program that encourages buying homes; that encourages getting the deficit down; that encourages changing the -- this is technical -- but the IRA rules; that encourages an investment tax allowance to stimulate the investment in equipment that actually brings jobs. So jobs are being created, not fast enough.

And if our program -- if I can get the American people to give the strong support in Congress for the economic program, I believe that's the best guarantee of jobs for people. It is not going to be government-created jobs -- by the government getting into the private sector. I oppose that. And this idea of an industrial policy where the government should pick the winners and losers is wrong. What we ought to do is increase the R&D credits so you stimulate the research that has made this country a job-creating country.

So that's the program that I'll be taking to the American people.

Q Being that AIDS cases -- being so epidemic, do you have any national plans to inform the public and get the AIDS cases down so it doesn't keep rising?

THE PRESIDENT: The question is on AIDS cases being so epidemic. Absolutely. We're spending about $4.9 billion -- we asked for $4.9 billion. We've been spending at the rate of about $4.3 billion on AIDS. That's about 10 times as much as on, say, cancer, per case. We have got to educate the American people, and I'm trying to do that. We've got to demonstrate compassion. We have got to go against behavior that causes AIDS. Education. AIDS is one disease that can't be totally controlled by behavior but some of it can. Dirty needles, for example. So we've got to win that drug fight. And we have got the biggest and best research, by far, program of any country in the world.

And I had a couple of the top specialists in here the other day -- Dr. Fauci at NIH. And they are encouraged in what the research will bring. Some of you are -- well, none of you were alive when they discovered the Salk vaccine for Polio. But that's the line they're approaching it, our great research labs. And I am somewhat optimistic about achieving a major breakthrough in that.

But in the meantime, we've got to speak with compassion. We've got to demonstrate the concern that we all feel in our hearts about this. We've got to be sure that we do the utmost we can in research. And then we've got to all speak out in terms of the behaviors that cause AIDS, and -- in some cases. Not all, but in some cases. And I plan to continue to do that.

But it's a national problem. It's one where we really -- it's heartbreak hill. It's just everybody in one way or another has a friend that's touched with this. And we just simply have to win this fight. And I'm optimistic we will.

Listen, I gather they're telling me we're out of here. But we only got about four percent of the questions, I think. But thank you very, very much. And I wish we didn't have to go. (Applause.) Thank you all. And good luck to all of you. We're very, very proud of you. (Applause.)

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So keep up the great work. Congratulations on what you have already achieved. But there's a great challenge lying out there ahead of each and every one of you. So good luck and may God bless you all, and may God bless our wonderful country. (Applause.)

Now, what I thought I do is take a few questions and then go -- how we're going to do this -- I never saw so many hands up.

Shoot.

Q Mr. President, was the primary reason that you vetoed the motor voter bill the fact that it would increase the number of poor and young voters, groups in which you have little strength? If not, can we have a brief explanation?

THE PRESIDENT: That had nothing to do with the veto of the bill. States have the right to set their own registration, everybody has a way to register. It has nothing to do with the poor and the young. Frankly, I think we're going to do very well with the young and, hopefully, with the poor. What it has to do, though, is with guarding against corruption of the voting process, and that's why I vetoed it.

Q Mr. President, my question to you is, throughout your term previous to the Rodney King verdict and the L.A. riots in particular, your support for Secretary Jack Kemp's programs in the areas of housing and urban development appeared to come very reluctantly. Yet you approved generous emergency expenditures to help provide relief in a desperate situation at hand. If elected to a second term, do you plan to increase government funding for the HUD programs?

THE PRESIDENT: The answer is, no, but the answer is I've been diligently for the program. The program is mine. I'm the President; I set the program. Kemp has been a superb advocate for homeownership, for enterprise zones, for the things that we believe really would have helped avoid some of the crisis in the cities. So I have been advocating it and supporting it and introducing it in the Congress all along.

Even after the riots we had the Mayor of Los Angeles here, Tom Bradley; the Governor of the state; Peter Uberroth, who is trying to bring jobs into the center city -- they all supported strongly the enterprise zones. And it took weeks to get that passed even in the face of the riots.

So, now, in terms of will I increase spending, I can't pledge that. I don't want to be in any false colors. I want these programs there to bring jobs in the private sectors into the city. I want our Weed and Seed program, which is weeding out the criminal elements and then seeding the areas with hope and opportunity, to pass. But there's another big problem facing this country and it is the deficit. And I know that this is the year when everybody promises, I'm going to do this for that, each little interest group, each big interest group being pledged and promised to, but I can't do that because I am determined to fight to get this deficit down.

So we've got good programs and I think they'd make an enormous difference in the cities and I hope you all can support them.

Q The economic plan that Bill Clinton unveiled at the Democratic National Convention last week is rapidly gaining support. What flaws do you see in his plan as you compare it to your own?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I don't think it's rapidly gaining too much support. What I see is a program that does not address itself to the deficit -- and I'll have a lot more to say about that later on. I think we've got to get the deficit down. I don't think you need to go raise taxes on people right now, I think that's a big mistake. I think it's counterproductive. And when you analyze the program, they have this expression around here, smoke and mirrors. You going to save it all by eliminating overhead, eliminating waste, and there's billions of dollars that is earmarked to do that, and I just don't think that's practical.

So when the campaign comes on there's going to be a very serious comparative analysis on our part. I don't think the program is gaining strength. He had one that was quite different a few months ago and now, just in time for the convention, out comes another one. But both of them result in taxing.

You see, I think the government is spending too much and that's why I had to answer this question here like that and I don't think people are taxed too little, I don't think that's the problem. And so we're going to have a big difference on the economic approach. And our economic incentives are out there, they're strong and they're good.

Q Regarding the United States and Mexico free trade agreement, don't you think that if it was passed that the standard of living in the Southwest United States will drop and it would also result in more unemployment? Also, what are the short and long-term goals you hope to achieve by having this free trade agreement?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm convinced that NAFTA is -- the North American Free Trade Agreement -- will increase the standard of living on both sides of the border. I am absolutely convinced that it will increase jobs for Americans. Look at what happened when we entered into the deal with Canada. Business is way up in both ways, trade going both ways. The same thing will happen in Mexico. And I am afraid that in the Mexican case there is some -- in some of the opposition there is some discrimination against our southern neighbor.

And I don't care whether it's good politics or bad politics, I'm going to work for free trade. I want to see the NAFTA agreement passed, and I am absolutely convinced that it will mean more jobs for Americans, and good jobs. The argument is, well, all the companies will flee to Mexico. That's not true, they could do that now. And there are many reasons that companies place investment where they do.

NAFTA is only going to increase Mexico's ability to import goods. It's going to increase their standard of living, which will bring relief to our borders out near San Diego where you have immigration going across the way. It will give them the wherewithal to have better environmental standards, and it will give more jobs to the United States because our exports, which have already gone up substantially, will go up more.

So I'm for free trade. I'm not for protection. I'm not for promising one thing out in Detroit and then trying to deny that it was said some other part of the country.

Q Mr. President, I would like to ask you with regard to education, do you think that a national standard achievement test at the lower grade levels would be a good way to gauge how well our education system is doing?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, and part of our program feels that a national system of volunteer testing would be good. That's part of our proposal. I emphasize the word volunteer because I still believe that your community should really control the curriculum and the hours and the teacher's pay and whatever it is.

Most people forget that about six percent, I believe it is, of funding on education is at the federal level, our level, and 90-some percent is where it belongs at the local and state level.

But this concept of testing is a good one. And I think kids need to know where they stand with others across the country; parents have the right to have that information. But I emphasize it should be on a voluntary basis.

Let's get in the back rows, back here. Oh, the man's bringing gifts -- yes, come right up. (Laughter.) (A gift is presented.)

Q I'd like to present this to you on behalf of Boys Nation. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thanks a lot. Now we're talking. This is great. Thank you very much, Steve.

Q Mr. President, I'm a student of the middle class, and there's an ever-increasing problem with the students that I represent that we simply do not have the funds to attend the colleges of our choices to take the leadership roles in government. What can you tell the students of the middle class to affirm the fact that you are taking a lead, that the buck does stop here and you're taking a leadership position in our plight to have affordable college education?

THE PRESIDENT: I can tell them that the best thing that we can do there is to get the whole economic system moving. I can tell them we've increased funding for that kind of student loan program. And we've just got to keep doing it to support those that need scholarships. A big problem is, when you're operating at these enormous deficits, you can't go out and promise to increase spending beyond which we've already increased it. I'm the guy that has the plan. The buck does stop here. We have increased programs for the funding for student loans, contrary to some of the political -- I can't wait for this campaign to start to go after some of the things I'm hearing out there. But we've just got to keep going on it. And we will do our very best.

Way in back here. Yes.

Q Mr. President, I'd just like to commend you on your fine foreign policy. But the question I pose to you is this: Do you feel that the only way we can have a strong foreign policy is pumping the billions of dollars that we do into other countries economy? Being a visitor to Washington, D.C., we took a bus ride and we drove through the Capitol City and I saw some of the most depressed and poverty-stricken areas I've ever seen. Why can't we bring some of that foreign policy money home to where it belongs in our nation? (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'll tell you, maybe you've missed the fact that we've cut the defense budget substantially. We can't cut the muscle of defense. We're not going to do that. What we -- I stood here with Boris Yeltsin and did something that affected the lives of everybody here -- everybody here. We worked out the most historic nuclear arms reduction package that's ever happened, thus reducing the fear of nuclear war that some of you guys may have grown up with when you were younger. The pressure has been bled off.

We have to keep a strong defense. We have cut the defense budget by billions of dollars, and we'll continue to look at it as the world changes. But we can't cut into the muscle of it.

Secondly, in terms of foreign aid, it's always been unpopular. There's always a guy that says, don't do that abroad, do it all at home. And that's a mood out there in this country. But it is in our interests -- humanitarian interest -- to help people abroad. It's the United States that always has taken the lead. And as long as I'm President, we'll continue to take the lead. But we are going to have to try to do these things that will forestall our need to use military action.

And that's the reason, rationale, for it. But listen, I understand the desire to have more at home, and yet, again, I'm not going to be in this -- please everybody by saying we're going to increase spending on one program or another. We've got a good budget. Spending has gone dramatically up. But we've got to hold the line on it now. We've got to get the deficit down.

Q Mr. President, I was wondering, isn't it disheartening that all of your actions are either maligned, belittled, or ignored by the national media?

THE PRESIDENT: Now we're talking here. (Applause.) Those back here are not smiling, those beyond those with the red and white shirts. Look, you've got to take it in life. Nobody ever said it would be a bed of roses. I found that over the years in politics or in business or whatever it is.

And I have a very quiet confidence when I take my case to the American people that things will work out. But to be very honest, it's not pleasant. It's not pleasant. The one I don't like the most is when they go after your family, try to make corruption out of a family that's been honorable and decent. I don't like it when they do that kind of thing.

But they've got their job to do; I've got mine to do. And I'm not going to be stampeded into anything by a lot of that kind of press. When we get into the campaign, I will try to draw the distinctions between myself and the opponents. I'll try to put out the positive aspects of our record: the war on crime; the fact that we've got a sound, revolutionary education program; what we're trying to do, in answer to your question, about bringing homeownership and hope into the cities; the fact that we've got the best health care reform of anybody up there, sitting right there, languishing, and the fact that we've got a program that if we could only get this Congress to work on it would do something for health care.

So we've got the programs. Now, the fact that that's not resonating and the press seems to be critical, that changes. I go back to '88 and I remember a great reporter for The New York Times -- I don't know what he's doing now, but I think he's gone onto great things -- saying, "dogged by Iran-Contra, the President landed in Iowa today." They've always got some kind of sensationalist thing.

But the facts are the programs are sound. I hope that I will pass the test of commitment to country. I am proud, as I told Dom earlier, of having served my country. I believe that what we've accomplished around the world is substantial, major, the ending of the Cold War. I think what we did with Yeltsin, getting rid of these ICBMs, I happen to think it's big, and you don't read a darn thing about it in the press.

I didn't listen -- I've got to confess to you guys, I did not listen to the Democratic National Convention. I was fishing. (Applause.) I suppose I could have turned on a radio, but I just didn't feel inclined to do it. But there was no mention, I am told retrospectively, of the major accomplishments that the American people and this administration has made in bringing peace to the world and standing up against aggression in the process, setting an example. So when I said in my remarks, people look to the United States for leadership, they do, but that has no resonance. I think it will. I think every family in America in their hearts know that we are in a less-threatened position.

And I loved it when I'm told that my opponent, one of them I guess, at the convention said, well we've changed the world now let's change America. Hey, a Democratic candidate dropped out of the race for plagiarism last year -- this is a comment that I've been saying. And now we're trying to get it done. We have changed the world, now let's change America. Use that same leadership.

And parenthetically, if you want to know what I think really needs to be changed it is the control of the House of Representatives. (Applause.) We have had the same control of Congress, same control in the House since 1956, maybe earlier. And they talk about institutions changing, presidents have changed,

different parties, the Senate has changed. And the one institution, those who know how to run the bank and the post office up there, haven't changed for 36 years. And we are going to take that case to the American people. (Applause.)

Q My question to you concerns us as young Americans. When we get out of college and university, how are we going to be assured as qualified Americans that there will be jobs for us to pursue our careers as citizens?

THE PRESIDENT: One, the economy is improving. Not near enough. It is growing. You wouldn't hear that -- I keep citing a statistic that 92 percent of the economic news has been negative as you analyze it. They've got this group that analyzes the new coverage. A tremendous percentage, 60 percent, think the economy's getting worse. A lot of people are hurting, but the overall national economy is growing -- not near enough.

What I want to do is stimulate it to grow more. And that was what was behind and still remains behind an incentive program that encourages buying homes; that encourages getting the deficit down; that encourages changing the -- this is technical -- but the IRA rules; that encourages an investment tax allowance to stimulate the investment in equipment that actually brings jobs. So jobs are being created, not fast enough.

And if our program -- if I can get the American people to give the strong support in Congress for the economic program, I believe that's the best guarantee of jobs for people. It is not going to be government-created jobs -- by the government getting into the private sector. I oppose that. And this idea of an industrial policy where the government should pick the winners and losers is wrong. What we ought to do is increase the R&D credits so you stimulate the research that has made this country a job-creating country.

So that's the program that I'll be taking to the American people.

Q Being that AIDS cases -- being so epidemic, do you have any national plans to inform the public and get the AIDS cases down so it doesn't keep rising?

THE PRESIDENT: The question is on AIDS cases being so epidemic. Absolutely. We're spending about $4.9 billion -- we asked for $4.9 billion. We've been spending at the rate of about $4.3 billion on AIDS. That's about 10 times as much as on, say, cancer, per case. We have got to educate the American people, and I'm trying to do that. We've got to demonstrate compassion. We have got to go against behavior that causes AIDS. Education. AIDS is one disease that can't be totally controlled by behavior but some of it can. Dirty needles, for example. So we've got to win that drug fight. And we have got the biggest and best research, by far, program of any country in the world.

And I had a couple of the top specialists in here the other day -- Dr. Fauci at NIH. And they are encouraged in what the research will bring. Some of you are -- well, none of you were alive when they discovered the Salk vaccine for Polio. But that's the line they're approaching it, our great research labs. And I am somewhat optimistic about achieving a major breakthrough in that.

But in the meantime, we've got to speak with compassion. We've got to demonstrate the concern that we all feel in our hearts about this. We've got to be sure that we do the utmost we can in research. And then we've got to all speak out in terms of the behaviors that cause AIDS, and -- in some cases. Not all, but in some cases. And I plan to continue to do that.

But it's a national problem. It's one where we really -- it's heartbreak hill. It's just everybody in one way or another has a friend that's touched with this. And we just simply have to win this fight. And I'm optimistic we will.

Listen, I gather they're telling me we're out of here. But we only got about four percent of the questions, I think. But thank you very, very much. And I wish we didn't have to go. (Applause.) Thank you all. And good luck to all of you. We're very, very proud of you. (Applause.)

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Monday, July 20, 1992
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Of course, not everyone sees it that way. Every day in this country, I confront the pessimists -- maybe you saw a few of them up in Madison Square Garden last week as you were flipping channels to find the all-star game. These individuals say that our country is sinking, and they seem in some strange way to enjoy all the hand-wringing -- to look forward to a day when America would be nothing more than one nation among many.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Won Y. Lee, of Reno, Nev., will arrive here July 17 as one of 98 delegates taking part in The American Legion's 47th annual Boys Nation program.

Sponsored by Judge Edward C. Reed, Jr., Lee will be one of two representatives from Nevada. Lee, who will be a senior this year at Wooster High School, plans to be a dentist and attend the University of Nevada-Reno.

Each of the 98 delegates will view the United States government in action and participate in the democratic process. Chosen from 28,000 high school students, each delegate will participate in Senate sessions including caucusing, organizing into committees and conducting hearings on bills submitted for consideration.

Speakers scheduled to address Boys Nation are: American Legion National Commander Dominic D. DiFrancesco; Louis Koerber, president, National Flag Day Foundation; and Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney, a graduate of Boys State in 1958.

"The American Legion is dedicated to strengthening America," DiFrancesco said. "We believe there is no better way to this end than to work with our nation's youth to prepare them for the tasks they will face in the years to come.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Nhon Trong Nguyen, of Glendale, Ariz., will arrive here July 17 as one of 98 delegates taking part in The American Legion's 47th annual Boys Nation program.

Sponsored by American Legion Post #29, Glendale, Nguyen will be one of two representatives from Arizona. Nguyen, who will be a senior this year at Deer Valley High School, plans to become a surgeon and attend the University of Arizona.

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▲ HOW IS ALEXANDER FOOS GETTING HERE?

— all be together on bus —

Saigon

Vietnam fled 75 when comm.

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Malaysia to US

Sister 80 born U.S.

Parents boat people

no. translator



→ became a citizen in 1985

b. in 74 – – 9 yrs. old

Won Y Lee born in Sgm left 77

1983 b/c citizen

Juan Y Lee

→ Communist oppressed S.E Asia

Tang Vang Thai refugee camp - not yet a citizen

Missoula Mt.

Both parents from Korea

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03. Application	Registration / Biography Form for American Legion's Boys Nation program, re: Chad T. Harrington; contains personal information. (2 pp.)	07/06/92	P-6, (b)(6)	

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Chad T. Harrington, of Blackfoot, Idaho, will arrive here July 17 as one of 98 delegates taking part in The American Legion's 47th annual Boys Nation program.

Sponsored by American Legion Post #23, Blackfoot, Harrington, will be one of two representatives from Idaho. Harrington, who will be a senior this year at Blackfoot High School, plans to become an engineer and attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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04. Application	Registration / Biography Form for American Legion's Boys Nation program, re: Judson H. Turner; contains personal information. (1 pp.)	06/23/92	P-6, (b)(6)	

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Office: Speechwriting, White House Office of
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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Judson H. Turner, of Albany, GA.,will arrive here July 17 as one of 98 delegates taking part in The American Legion's 47th annual Boys Nation program.

Sponsored by American Legion Post #30, Albany, Turner will be one of two representatives from Georgia. Turner, who will be a senior this year at Deerfield-Winsor School, plans to be a lawyer and attend Auburn University.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Steven D. Ahrens, of Davenport, Iowa, will arrive here July 17 as one of 98 delegates taking part in The American Legion's 47th annual Boys Nation program.

Sponsored by American Legion Post #26, Davenport, Ahrens will be one of two representatives from Iowa. Ahrens, who will be a senior this year at Davenport West High School, plans to become a politician and attend St. Ambrose University.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Erik F. Smith, of Mattapan, Mass., will arrive here July 17 as one of 98 delegates taking part in The American Legion's 47th annual Boys Nation program.

Sponsored by American Legion Post #16, Mattapan, Smith will be one of two representatives from Massachusetts. Smith, who will be a senior this year at Weston High School, plans to become a pilot and attend Embry-Riddle University.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Shaun W. Peterson, of Lake St. Louis, Misso., will arrive here July 17 as one of 98 delegates taking part in The American Legion's 47th annual Boys Nation program.

Sponsored by American Legion Post #323, Wentzville, Peterson will be one of two representatives from Missouri. Peterson, who will be a senior this year at Wentzville High School, plans to enter the media and attend Chapman University.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Kevin H. Braswell, of Jonesboro, Ark., will arrive here July 17 as one of 98 delegates taking part in The American Legion's 47th annual Boys Nation program.

Sponsored by the Valley View Ruritan, Braswell will be one of two representatives from Arkansas. Braswell, who will be a senior this year at Valley View High School, plans to become a pastor and is undecided as to what college he will attend

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Thomas Jefferson once challenged us to "raise the standard to which the wise and honest may repair." And one of the many reasons that I'm so pleased to have you here in the Rose Garden is that you have been doing exactly this. Our younger generation is our future -- no doubt you've heard that before. And when, as you have done, you set an example for your peers, you fulfill Jefferson's challenge to all of us. You give us hope that our nation's future is one that will be filled with great promise.

You know, it's no secret that Boys ~~Nation~~ State has produced some of our nation's greatest leaders -- two of them, Secretary of Defense Cheney and Secretary of Education Alexander have found a home in this administration. They're two of our country's finest public servants -- and I know that they both value the experience they gained during their time in Boys Nation your organization. Now they are applying those leadership skills to two of our country's most demanding tasks: defending our nation and improving our country's educational system.

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And someday not too distant, the leadership of our nation will be passed completely on to your generation. And I have great confidence in you and your abilities, and I wish all of you continued success. You are the bedrock of our future. We will remain strong, we will succeed, as long as young people like yourselves continue to support and advance the values upon which our success is based.

Keep up the great work. Thank you, and God bless all of you.

Jeannie -
Your thoughts?
Is everything factual?
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I think many of you know that I have held Boys Nation in high regard for quite some time. It's no secret that two of America's great emerging political leaders got their start in your organization, and I'm not talking about ~~those~~ the two guys who went astray and wound up ~~last week~~ on the Democratic ticket -- I'm talking about two really great leaders, our Secretary of Defense, Dick Cheney, and our Secretary of Education, Lamar Alexander. They're two of our country's finest public servants -- and I know that they both value the experience they gained during their time in your organization. Now they are applying

What Boys Nation alums can achieve — do John here?

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Hæ tibi erunt artes, pacisque imponere morem
Parcere subjectis et debellare superbos.
This shall be thy work: to impose conditions of peace, to spare the lowly, and to overthrow the proud.
VERGIL—*Æneid.* VI. 852.

2
Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God.
WASHINGTON—*Speech to the Constitutional Convention.* (1787)

3
A National debt is a National blessing.
Attributed to DANIEL WEBSTER. Repudiated by him. See *Speech.* Jan. 26, 1830.

4
The people's government made for the people, made by the people, and answerable to the people.
DANIEL WEBSTER—*Second Speech on Foot's Resolution.* Jan. 26, 1830.
(See also LINCOLN)

5
When my eyes shall be turned to behold, for the last time, the sun in heaven, may I not see him shining on the broken and dishonored fragments of a once glorious Union; on States dissevered, discordant, belligerent; on a land rent with civil feuds, or drenched, it may be, in fraternal blood!
DANIEL WEBSTER—*Second Speech on Foot's Resolution.* Jan. 26, 1830.

6
He touched the dead corpse of Public Credit, and it sprung upon its feet.
DANIEL WEBSTER—*Speech on Hamilton.* March 10, 1831.

7
We have been taught to regard a representative of the people as a sentinel on the watch-tower of liberty.
DANIEL WEBSTER. *To the Senate.* May 7, 1834.

8
[He would do his duty as he saw it] without regard to scraps of paper called constitutions.
KING WILLIAM to the Prussian Diet disregarding the refusal of the Representatives to grant appropriations. *Harper's Weekly,* March 26, 1887. *Article* on EMPEROR WILLIAM I, of Germany.
(See also pages 847[15], 850[10])

9
No man ever saw the people of whom he forms a part. No man ever saw a government. I live in the midst of the Government of the United States, but I never saw the Government of the United States. Its personnel extends through all the nations, and across the seas, and into every corner of the world in the persons of the representatives of the United States in foreign capitals and in foreign centres of commerce.
WOODROW WILSON—*Speech at Pittsburgh.* Jan. 29, 1916.

10
Wherever magistrates were appointed from among those who complied with the injunctions of the laws, he (Socrates) considered the government to be an aristocracy.
XENOPHON—*Memorabilia of Socrates.* Bk. IV. Ch. VI.

GRACE

11
There, but for the grace of God, goes John Bradford.
JOHN BRADFORD (seeing a criminal pass by), in his *Writings.* Vol. II. Pub. by PARKER SOCIETY, Cambridge, 1853. Biog. notice. P. 13. *Credited to him also by* DEAN FARRAR —*Eternal Hope. Fourth Sermon.* S. O. VII. 269. 351. Credited also to BAXTER, BUNYAN, JOHN WESLEY.

12
An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.
Book of Common Prayer. Catechism.

13
Whatever he did, was done with so much ease,
In him alone 'twas natural to please.
DRYDEN—*Absalom and Achitophel.* Pt. I. L. 27.

14
Ye are fallen from grace.
Galatians. V. 4.

15
Stately and tall he moves in the hall,
The chief of a thousand for grace.
KATE FRANKLIN—*Life at Olympus. Godey's Lady's Book.* Vol. XXIII. P. 33.

16
And grace that won who saw to wish her stay.
MILTON—*Paradise Lost.* Bk. VIII. L. 43.

17
From vulgar bounds with brave disorder part,
And snatch a grace beyond the reach of art.
POPE—*Essay on Criticism.* L. 152.

18
God give him grace to groan!
Love's Labour's Lost. Act. IV. Sc. 3. L. 21.

19
O, then, what graces in my love do dwell,
That he hath turn'd a heaven unto a hell!
Midsummer Night's Dream. Act I. Sc. 1. L. 206.

20
Hail to thee, lady! and the grace of heaven,
Before, behind thee and on every hand,
Enwheel thee round!
Othello. Act II. Sc. 1. L. 85.

21
For several virtues
Have I lik'd several women; never any
With so full soul, but some defect in her
Did quarrel with the noblest grace she ow'd,
And put it to the foil.
Tempest. Act III. Sc. 1. L. 42.

22
He does it with a better grace, but I do it more natural.
Twelfth Night. Act II. Sc. 3. L. 88.

23
The three black graces, Law, Physic, and Divinity.
HORACE and JAMES SMITH—*Punch's Holiday*

24
Narcissus is the glory of his race:
For who does nothing with a better grace?
YOUNG—*Love of Fame.* Satire IV. L. 85.

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You know, it's no secret that Boys Nation has produced some of our nation's greatest leaders--two of them, Secretary of Defense Cheney and Secretary of Education Alexander have found a home in this administration. They're two of our country's finest public servants--and I know that they both value the experience they gained during their time in Boys Nation. Now they are applying those leadership skills to two of our country's most demanding tasks: defending our nation and improving our country's educational system.

And I do not doubt at all that this morning we have assembled here many future leaders of this caliber. Let me urge you: Maintain your commitment to our country, continue to spread the word about the benefits of our great system of democratic capitalism, and keep your eye on the greatest prize of all: ensuring that our country remains on the global cutting edge, that we continue to be the example the world holds in awe. Whether or not we achieve this objective <u>really</u> depends not as much on Washington and what we do here, but on you and your generation.

And I have to be honest: One of the downsides to being president is that I must constantly face the rhetoric of the doomslayers. These are the pessimists--maybe you saw a few of them up in Madison Square Garden last week. They say that our country is sinking, and they want us to believe that America soon will be nothing more than another nation among nations. They ignore all that is good about America, and they spend their days preaching the politics of gloom and doom.

But let me fill you in on a little secret: it isn't going to happen. America is now, and we will continue to be, the economic and political model that the world hopes to emulate. You have been fortunate enough to have been born in a country unlike any other: a country whose purpose and values, whose global mission and economic success continues to be the major story of our time.

And it's no secret why: throughout our history, people like you have made it so.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

And someday not too distant, the leadership of our nation will be passed completely on to your generation. And I have great confidence in you and your abilities, and I wish all of you continued success. You are the bedrock of our future. We will remain strong, we will succeed, as long as young people like yourselves continue to advance and promulgate the values upon which our success is based.

Keep up the great work. Thank you, and God bless all of you.

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Bill Clinton: More Liberal than Walter Mondale and Mike Dukakis -- *Combined*

Bill Clinton's revised "Putting People First" economic plan has been called a traditional Democratic Party tax-and-spend proposal. Yes and no. Yes, it's a tax-and-spend proposal. But, no, it's not traditional. It's *worse.*

Clinton wants to hit the American people with almost twice the new taxes that Walter Mondale and Mike Dukakis proposed -- *combined.*

Clinton also wants almost three times the new spending that Walter Mondale and Mike Dukakis proposed -- *combined.*

Walter Mondale's proposals: He's remembered for a 49-state defeat guaranteed by his promise that "taxes will go up." But he actually proposed "only" $85 billion in new taxes over four years, and "only" $30 billion in additional federal spending (*New York Times*, 11/4/84).

Mike Dukakis's proposals: Dukakis, too, is remembered for a crushing defeat brought on, in part, by his refusal to rule out new taxes. But he actually proposed no specific tax increases during his campaign. And his proposed additional federal spending amounted to "only" $46.16 billion over four years (*Washington Post*, 5/23/88; *USAToday*, 8/1/88; "Mike Dukakis on the Issues" campaign literature, 1988; and a Congressional Budget Office study, 5/13/88).

Bill Clinton's proposals: By his own, disingenuous account, Clinton proposes just over $154 billion in new taxes over four years, and just under $220 billion in additional federal spending.

	Taxes (billions)	Spending (billions)
Mondale/Dukakis combined	$85	$76.16
Bill Clinton	$154	$220
Clinton increases over combined Mondale/Dukakis:	81+ percent	188+ percent

NOTE: Above figures and calculations are in current, unadjusted dollars. When figures are adjusted for inflation using 1992 dollars, the Clinton tax increase is 40+ percent higher than Mondale/Dukakis, and the Clinton spending increase is 140+ percent higher than Mondale/Dukakis.

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July 14/92

TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN
2 Pages

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION (Steve Provost)

BEFORE I CAME UP HERE I WAS ASKED IF I'D COMMENT ON THE BIG EVENT HELD THIS WEEK WHICH CAPTURED THE ATTENTION OF MILLIONS OF TV VIEWERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. LOOK, I THOUGHT IT WAS A HECK OF AN ALL-STAR GAME.

I BET THE YANKEES AND THE METS WERE GLAD TO SEE THE DEMOCRATS HOLD THEIR CONVENTION IN THE BIG APPLE. THEY GOT TO SEE SOMEONE ELSE STRIKING OUT IN NEW YORK FOR A CHANGE.

I DIDN'T WATCH, BUT I HEARD THAT ON THE OPENING NIGHT OF THE CONVENTION THERE WAS A NUMBER PERFORMED FROM "THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES." IT'S FITTING THAT A SHOW ABOUT SOMEONE WHO NEVER MET A MAN HE DIDN'T LIKE, WOULD BE FEATURED BY THE PARTY THAT NEVER MET A TAX IT DIDN'T LIKE.

LET'S BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THE DEMOCRATS MEAN WHEN THEY SAY THEY WANT TO BRING CHANGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. BY THE TIME THEY GET THROUGH WITH YOUR PAYCHECK, CHANGE IS ABOUT ALL YOU'LL HAVE LEFT IN YOUR POCKET.

MORE...

TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN - DEMOCRATS (CONT'D)

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THIS ECONOMY FROM RECOVERY TO OVERDRIVE. THE DEMOCRATS WOULD TAKE IT FROM RECOVERY TO REVERSE.

THE DEMOCRATS SHOULD BE IN THE PROFESSIONAL MAKE-UP BUSINESS, BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENED IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK WAS ONE OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE COSMETIC JOBS IN U.S. HISTORY.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE FOOLED BY LIBERALS IN MODERATE CLOTHING.

SPEAKER AFTER SPEAKER CLIMBED UP TO THAT HIGH-RISE DEMOCRATIC PODIUM AND TURNED IT INTO A TOWER OF BABBLE.

THE DEMOCRATS HAVE SPENT THE LAST FEW DAYS TRYING TO CONVINCE AMERICANS THAT THE GRASS IS GREENER ON THEIR SIDE OF THE FENCE. BUT WHEN I LOOK ACROSS THAT FENCE AT THE OTHER PARTY, ALL I SEE IS A TICKET THAT'S GREEN -- GREEN ON NATIONAL SECURITY, GREEN ON FOREIGN POLICY AND GREEN ON THE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES THAT MAKE AMERICA GREAT.

AS THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION UNFOLDED, I COULDN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT THE UPCOMING OLYMPICS. IF PESSIMISM WERE AN OLYMPIC EVENT, THAT CROWD WOULD BE CERTAIN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS.

I HEARD ABOUT A GREAT NEW WAY TO STAY SLIM AND TRIM, CALLED "THE DEMOCRATIC DIET." YOU ONLY EAT DESSERT ON DAYS WHEN THE DEMOCRATS SAY SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT AMERICA.

- generalities

 → 8 yr. counselors comeback

- motto → "1"

Chant → America Chant

America let us tell you how we feel

→ "you have given us your spirit" ♥

We love you ♥♥

chant promote American Legion / policy

- No parents -

→ first trip to nations capitol - some traveled around the world / seasoned travelers -

- come by plane - in

fly in to National Airport

Marymount Univ.

Met w/ GB before? as Vice-President
not as POTUS
— several time w/ Reagan
(1981 GBush, 82) GBush
83 & Reagan

how selected?

bios?

Criteria recommendation from
counselors — interview committee
current events, value one stat to next

Gaithersburg, Md. Christopher Smith
metropolitan area to tiny towns —
Elkton
- Falls Church, Va. → Alexander Foos (Fooze)
- Centerville, Va.
- Boring, Oregon → small town —
Newbern, TN
Independence, Missouri
Oklahoma City
Bismarck ND
St. Louis
- Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. →
San Antonio
Los Vegas

- Anchorage, Alaska
(Kodiak Island)
↓ Robert Griggs
Adam AKE

ten yrs. since GBush
met w/ boys nation

Ron Engler 15th July

in Washington for Am.

@ Marymount - 703-522-1602
1603

Boys Nation

polo shirts - white / blue / red
staff red / (crest continued US.)
boys blue

Present POTUS w / shirt @ Conclusion

7-10-92

WORKING AGENDA

1992 AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

JULY 17-25, 1992

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1992

Noon: Ron, Bill and Jean Arrive at Marymount University

Afternoon: STAFF ARRIVALS
Pick up rental vehicles and supplies from Washington Office
Set up Boys Nation Office and Store
Secure Staff Provisions

5:00 p.m. DINNER -- Phelan Hall

6:30 p.m. WELCOME AND STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

8:00 p.m. Watch out D.C.! The staff is out on the town.

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1992

8:00 a.m. BREAKFAST -- Phelan Hall Dining Room

9:30 a.m. STAFF MEETING -- Jack to determine who and what's to be done.
One JC from each Section to assist George, Joe and Doug.

a.m. SET UP SHOP - Boys Nation Office in Old Gerard
- Banners up
- Room Inspections
- Name-tags on Doors
- Prepare for Delegates arrival
- Select two names for wreath laying
- Stock Boys Nation Store
- New guys get oriented
- Master keys for Section Counselors and Director of Activities
- Section Counselors review Delegate Bio Forms
- JC's to stuff packets

Meet with Liz RE:
- Pizza, etc.
- Master Keys
- Chapel on Sunday, A.M.
- Meeting Space
- Box breakfasts on departure

Meet with Eric Hols RE: Shuttle Service on Friday, July 17 and July 25

11:30 a.m LUNCH -- Phelan Hall

P. M. Continue Set-Up

1:30 p.m. Junior Counselors meet with Jack

2:00 p.m. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM STAFF MEETING (if necessary)

5:15 p.m. FULL STAFF MEETING -- Review agenda, update with last-minute schedule changes; discuss Staff Manual, Job Descriptions; items for Section Counselors to relay to Delegates; miscellaneous items.

7:15 p.m. Depart for Staff Dinner -- Seaport Inn Restaurant - Contact: Stephanie Millon (703-549-2341)

8:00 p.m. DINNER
Annual Conclave: The Marine Corps of the Confederate States - General George Blume presiding - Full Dress Uniform required

AIRPORT DUTY: Bill Pease to set schedule; times and number of people.

Dance Graduation w/ girls Nation

MEALS: A-J-M-W

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1992

7:00 a.m. WAKE-UP

7:30 a.m. BREAKFAST - Dining Room, Phelan Hall

8:00 a.m. BOYS NATION STORE OPEN - For Delegate purchase requests (Each Morning)

8:25 a.m. Flag Raising Ceremonies -- Entire Boys Nation

8:30 a.m. SECTION MUSTER -- Review day's activities

9:00 a.m. LEGISLATIVE ORIENTATION -- Butler Hall Auditorium
To include discussion on Parliamentary Procedure
George Blume, Joe McCraith, Doug Mory

10:30 a.m. National High School Oratorical Contest -- Ron Engel

10:45 a.m. SPEAKER: Louis Koerber, President
National Flag Day Foundation

11:30 a.m. LUNCH -- Dining Room, Phelan Hall

12 Noon BOYS NATION STORE OPEN

12:30 p.m. FIRST PARTY CONVENTIONS
Party Organization; Elections/Appointments of Officers

4:30 p.m. RECESS CONVENTIONS

5:00 p.m. DINNER -- Phelan Hall

5:55 p.m. Flag Lowering Ceremony

6:00 p.m. FIRST SENATE SESSION -- Butler Hall Auditorium
Oath of Affirmation - Administered by George Blume
Elect President Pro-tem and Secretary of Senate
Oath of Office by Joe McCraith and Doug Mory
Announce Appointments
Introduction of Bills and Resolutions

8:30 p.m. RECESS SENATE

9:00 p.m. ASSIGNMENT AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:30 p.m. Section Counselors meet with Jack; same time each night

10:00 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS -- Section Counselors relate procedure for visit to Naval Academy and dinner at Mayo American Legion Post.

11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

MEALS: J-M-W-A BUS: 1-J, 2-A, M(N); 3-W, M(F)

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1992

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP

7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST

7:00 a.m. CATHOLIC MASS - Chapel - Father Gary Gummersheimer

7:30 a.m. BOYS NATION STORE OPEN

7:55 a.m. Flag Raising

8:00 a.m. NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE -- Butler Hall Auditorium -- American Legion National Chaplain

8:45 a.m. SECOND SENATE SESSION - Butler Hall Auditorium

10:30 a.m. RECESS SENATE

11:00 a.m. LUNCH

12:00 p.m. BUSES DEPART for U.S. Naval Academy (Time critical)
Confirm: 1-800-638-9156 Contact: Lt. Richard Wharton

1:15 p.m. ARRIVE at U.S. Naval Academy -- Gate 1
Contact: Lt. Richard Wharton

1:30 p.m. WELCOME TO ACADEMY -- Three groups begin at 2:00 p.m. Headcount for tour -- 50 mins. each with 10 mins between.

1. Tour @$3.00
2. Briefing -
3. River Cruise -- (??)

5:00 p.m. DEPART United States Naval Academy (35 mins. USNA to Post 226) 830 Mayo Road (Rt 214) -- Route 2, South from USNA; left on 214 (east); approx. 3 miles past Muddy Creek Road; about 1 mile past Chevron Station on 214

6:00 p.m. DINNER - Cummings Behlke American Legion Post 226

7:30 p.m. BUSES DEPART - Return to Marymount University

8:45 p.m. ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS
SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10:00 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS -- Dress/procedure for Sec. Photos

10:15 p.m. FREE TIME

11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

MEALS: M-W-A-J BUS: 1-A, 2-W, J(N); 3-M, J(F)

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1992

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP

7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST - Phelan Hall - Madison & Washington Sections

7:45 a.m. BUSES DEPART for White House

9:30 a.m. ROSE GARDEN CEREMONY

10:00 a.m. BUSES DEPART FOR ARLINGTON CEMETERY

11:05 a.m. Presentation of Wreath -- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Briefing by Tomb Guard

12:00 a.m. BUSES DEPART - Return to Marymount

12:30 p.m. LUNCH - Phelan Hall

1:30 p.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Butler Hall
Speaker: Steve Robertson, Deputy Director
American Legion Legislative Division

2:15 p.m. SECOND PARTY CONVENTIONS -- Nomination of Candidates
Butler Hall and Alumnae Lounge

4:30 p.m. RECESS CONVENTIONS

5:00 p.m. DINNER - Phelan Hall

5:55 p.m. Flag Lowering

6:00 p.m. THIRD PARTY CONVENTIONS - Platform development and
election of candidates - Butler Hall/Alumnae Lounge

8:45 p.m. ADJOURN ASSEMBLY

9:00 p.m. ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:30 p.m. Section Counselors meet with Jack

10:00 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS

10:15 p.m. FREE TIME

11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

MEALS: W-A-J-M BUS: 1-W; 2-M, A(N); 3-J, A(F)

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1992

6:00 a.m. Two-Mile Run

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP

7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST - Phelan Hall

7:30 a.m. BOYS NATION STORE OPENS

7:55 a.m. Flag Raising

8:00 a.m. SECTION MUSTER

8:15 a.m. BUSES DEPART for FBI (Janet Tates 324-3000 FAX 324-6493)

9:45 a.m. BUSES DEPART for Vietnam Veterans and Lincoln Memorials

11:30 a.m. BUSES DEPART - Return to Marymount University

11:45 a.m. LUNCH - Phelan Hall

1:00 p.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Rausch Auditorium
Speaker:

2:00 p.m. SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3:00 p.m. CANDIDATES DEBATE - Butler Hall Auditorium

4:30 p.m. DEBATE CONCLUDES

5:00 p.m. DINNER - Phelan Hall

5:55 p.m. Flag Lowering

6:15 p.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Library Lecture Hall
Speaker: Dominic D. DiFrancesco, National Commander
The American Legion

7:00 p.m. THIRD SENATE SESSION - Butler Hall Auditorium

9:00 p.m. ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:30 p.m. Section Counselors meet with Jack

10:00 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS

10:15 p.m. FREE TIME

11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

MEALS: A-J-M-W BUS: 1-M; 2-J, W(N); 3-A, W(F)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1992

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP

7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST - Phelan Hall

7:30 a.m. BOYS NATION STORE OPENS

7:55 a.m. Flag Raising

8:00 a.m. FOURTH SENATE SESSION -- Library Lecture Hall
Election of President and Vice President

10:30 a.m. REMARKS The Honorable Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge
U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals

10:45 a.m. PRESIDENTIAL OATH - Administered by: Judge Nebeker

11:00 a.m. LUNCH - Phelan Hall

12:00 p.m. BUSES DEPART for the Pentagon

12:30 p.m. PENTAGON TOUR: South Parking Lot

1:30 pm PENTAGON BRIEFING

2:30 pm BUSES DEPART for the Department of State

2:45 p.m. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ARRIVAL

3:00 p.m. STATE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING

4:00 p.m. BUSES DEPART - Return to Marymount University

5:00 p.m. DINNER - Phelan Hall

5:55 p.m. Flag Lowering

6:15 p.m. BUSES DEPART for the Elipse (arrive by 6:30 p.m.)
Contact: Ellen Ross 202/475-0849

7:00 p.m. TWILIGHT TATTOO - On the Elipse

8:15 p.m. BUSES DEPART - Return to Marymount University

9:00 p.m. ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:30 p.m. Section Counselors meet with Jack

10:00 p.m. FREE TIME - Bank Open ($6 per person for Thurs lunch)

10:15 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS

11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

MEALS: J-M-W-A BUS: 1-J; 2-A, M(N); 3-W, M(F)

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1992

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP

7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST - Phelan Hall

7:30 a.m. BOYS NATION STORE OPEN - Bank Open

7:55 a.m. Flag Raising

8:00 a.m. FIFTH SENATE SESSION - Butler Hall Auditorium

9:45 a.m. Recess Senate

10:00 a.m. BUSES DEPART to Capitol Hill

10:30 a.m. CAPITOL HILL (See note at bottom of page)

NOTE: Boys Nation Senators are expected to remain in the immediate area of the U.S. Capitol or in the general mall area bounded by Constitution Avenue on the North, Independence Avenue on the South, the Library of Congress on the East and the Washington Monument on the West. Section Counselors and Junior Counselors will be on the mall through the day.

4:15 p.m. GROUP PHOTO at the Capitol - East Center Steps

4:30 p.m. BUSES DEPART - Return to Marymount University from the front ofthe Supreme Court Building (First Street)

5:15 p.m. DINNER - Marymount University

6:00 p.m. Flag Lowering

6:30 p.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Library Lecture Hall
Speaker: Herm Davis, Financial Aid

7:30 p.m. RECONVENE FIFTH SENATE SESSION - Butler Hall Auditorium

8:45 p.m. RECESS SENATE

9:00 p.m. ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:30 p.m. Section Counselors meet with Jack

10:00 p.m. FREE TIME

10:15 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS

11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

NOTE: SCHEDULE NO SENATE APPOINTMENTS BEFORE 11:00 A.M.

MEALS: M-W-A-J BUS: 1-A; 2-W, J(N); 3-M, J(F)

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1992

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP

7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST - Phelan Hall

8:30 a.m. BUSES DEPART
Tentative Destinations: Iwo Jima Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Kennedy Center, Ford's Theater or White House Tour

10:30 a.m. BUSES ARRIVE - OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
Photo and Briefing

10:45 a.m. OPM -- Photo and Briefing

11:45 a.m. LUNCH - Hott Shoppes - 2173 Crystal Plaza, Arlington
During session confirm at: 703/521-4423

12:15 p.m. BUSES DEPART - return to Marymount University

1:15 p.m. FINAL SENATE SESSION - Butler Hall

4:00 p.m. ADJOURN SENATE SINE DIE

5:55 p.m. Flag Lowering

6:00 p.m. BOYS NATION GRADUATION - Reinsch Hall

6:15 p.m. - Dinner: - Phelan Hall Dining Room
7:30 p.m. - Speaker: Charles T. Hagel
8:00 p.m. - Awards and Diplomas
Brief staff remarks

8:30 p.m. FREE TIME/SECTION MEETINGS

Pack for departure
Recreation - swim/gym

11:00 p.m LIGHTS OUT!

NOTE: All Senators in their rooms and quiet, no later than 12:30 a.m., but don't make this common knowledge. Junior Counselors will station themselves at appropriate points to ensure Senators remain in their rooms.

MEALS: W-A-J-M BUS: (DEPART BY AIRLINE SCHEDULE)

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1992

5:00 a.m. WAKE-UP - For early departures

5:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST For early departures - CHECK OUT

6:00 a.m. FIRST SHUTTLE BUS DEPARTS FOR THE AIRPORT

ALL MORNING DEPARTURES

12 Noon STAFF OUT

1:00 p.m. DIRECTOR GONE!

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MEDIA ADVISORY

July 15, 1992

WHO: **98 High School Students From Across America**

WHAT: **Take Part in 47th Annual American Legion Boys Nation**

WHERE: **Marymount University, 2807 Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA**

WHEN: **July 17-25, 1992**

BACKGROUND:

The American Legion Boys Nation experience provides future leaders an opportunity to meet with government leaders and to participate in the democratic elective process on the national level. It is an extensive week-long lesson in American government designed to help develop tomorrow's informed and responsible citizens.

Democratic Presidential Candidate Bill Clinton was a 1963 delegate to Boys Nation, and his Vice-Presidential nominee, Senator Al Gore was a 1965 graduate of Boys State. Clinton has attributed both his experience at Boys Nation and his meeting with President John F. Kennedy as being instrumental in choosing politics as his career.

The legislation agenda of Boys Nation is set by the delegates after their arrival. However, world events, politics and recent Supreme Court decisions will likely be a source of debate.

Delegates at Boys Nation will meet with President George Bush at a Rose Garden ceremony on Monday, July 20th at 9:30 a.m. Delegates are scheduled to tour the U.S. Naval Academy; Arlington National Cemetery, where they will lay a wreath; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Pentagon; the Department of State and Capitol Hill, where they will meet with their respective Senators and Representatives.

CONTACT: For a list of prominent graduates of Boys State & Boys Nation, or for an itinerary, please contact D. Mark Katz, Media Relations Manager, 202-861-2790

Local Student Named Delegate

To American Legion Boys Nation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **July 10, 1992**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Robert E. Hart, of Newark, Del., will arrive here July 17 as one of 98 delegates taking part in The American Legion's 47th annual Boys Nation program.

Sponsored by American Legion Dept. of Delaware, Hart will be one of two representatives from Delaware. Hart, who will be a senior this year at Newark High School, plans to become a marine biologist and attend the U.S. Naval Academy.

Each of the 98 delegates will view the United States government in action and participate in the democratic process. Chosen from 28,000 high school students, each delegate will participate in Senate sessions including caucusing, organizing into committees and conducting hearings on bills submitted for consideration.

Speakers scheduled to address Boys Nation are: American Legion National Commander Dominic D. DiFrancesco; Louis Koerber, president, National Flag Day Foundation; and Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney, a graduate of Boys State in 1958.

"The American Legion is dedicated to strengthening America," DiFrancesco said. "We believe there is no better way to this end than to work with our nation's youth to prepare them for the tasks they will face in the years to come.

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BYLINE: Betty Ommerman

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BODY:

Some of our future politicians may already be incubating in Long Island's high school systems. One possible candidate is Darryl Hillery of Amityville.

This 16-year-old student at Memorial High School already has been chosen as governor of Boys State and will be one of two statewide representatives attending the Boys Nation meeting Friday through July 29 in Washington, D.C. The organization, sponsored by the American Legion, and run in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps, attempts to teach boys of high-school age how government works.

Boys State is composed of two boys from each participating school in New York. The high school juniors are chosen for their academic and leadership abilities. Local elections are held for county executive, mayor and police chief.

Hillery, who had been elected "Mayor of Amityville," attended the statewide convention during the week of June 26 at the State University College at Cobbleskill. During his stay, he attended sessions on how to run the government that were led by school and American Legion officials. A marine was in charge of the physical program and formation of a parade band for each of the 39 cities represented.

"When it came time to run for governor, I campaigned and then we held elections using voting booths," Hillery said. "I ran against two others and won."

A committee then chose two students to represent the state at Boys Nation. "This will give me a chance to learn how the national government is run," he said. While there, the 98 students (Hawaii is not represented) will meet President George Bush and members of Congress from their areas, attend sessions of Congress and do some sightseeing.

Hillery was originally chosen as a Boys State candidate by his high school guidance counselor and teachers. He was then interviewed by an American Legion representative. In Hillery's favor were his 84 average, being president of the incoming senior class, helping produce a school play, being right guard for the varsity football team and winning the Suffolk County Human Rights Committee Award for a black history composition on the late singer Billie Holiday.

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"But what's really going to be the highlight of this year for me is meeting with President Bush," said Hillery, who hopes to be a lawyer. "It will be exciting because he's got such a high position."

BY THE WAY Fourth-grade students in Lynn Skordilis' class at the Albany Avenue Elementary School, Lindenhurst, designed and produced a narrative and pictorial review of the village to celebrate the recent Town of Babylon Day of History. The manuscript was then given by school principal and village trustee Roy N. Mathison to Evelyn M. Ellis, village historian and director of the Old Village Hall Museum, where it is being displayed.

ACHIEVERS

Two community service awards were presented by the Babylon American Legion Post 94. The recipients were former village trustee John V. Vidovich for his years of service and Babylon fireman William Conway for 35 years of service.

GRAPHIC: Newsday photo by Cliff De Bear-Darryl Hillery packs up

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Proprietary to the United Press International 1989

June 25, 1989, Sunday, BC cycle

SECTION: Regional News

DISTRIBUTION: Ohio

LENGTH: 199 words

HEADLINE: Oxley wants amendment to prevent flag burning

DATELINE: BOWLING GREEN, Ohio

KEYWORD: Boysstate

BODY:

Rep. Michael Oxley, picking up on the opposition that Buckeye Boys State participants expressed toward a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, said Sunday he would like to see Congress prohibiting the flag's desecration.

Boys State members were critical of Wednesday's Supreme Court ruling that upheld the right of demonstrators to burn the U.S. flag, and circulated petitions they planned to send to the justices.

Oxley, R-Lima, was the commencement speaker at the closing ceremony for 1,437 high school juniors who attended the week-long event at Bowling Green State University.

Oxley, a 1961 Boys State member, said Congress had an option to change the ruling by proposing a Constitutional amendment that would forbid desecration of the flag.

Thomas Chris Workman of Bexley and William J. Toler of Westlake were named delegates to Boys Nation in Arlington, Va., next month. The closing ceremony was attended by 4,000 people who filled Anderson Arena.

Workman served as governor and Toler as a legislative aid during the American Legion's annual event. Alternates will be Brett Lawrence of Warren and Jonathon Wright of Maumee.

Boys Nation will be held July 21-29 at Marymount University.

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July 28, 1982, Wednesday, PM cycle

SECTION: Washington News

LENGTH: 159 words

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

KEYWORD:
Boys

BODY:

Boys Nation delegates from 48 states and the District of Columbia elect a president and vice president today from two mock political parties -- the ''Federalists'' and ''Nationalists.''

Boys Nation is an annual training program sponsored by the American Legion for boys of next year's senior high school class, who participated in the legion's Boys State programs.

Forty-eight states and the District of Columbia each send two boys from their program as delegates.

The presidential candidates are:

-Federalist Steven E. Grubbs, 17, of Davenport Iowa. He was governor of Iowa Boys State, held at Camp Dodge in Des Moines June 4-10.

-Nationalist Joseph M. Wiegand, 17, of Palatine, Ill. He was elected governor of Illinois Boys State at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill., June 5-12.

The vice presidential candidates are:

-Federalist Theron A. Buck, 17, of Caldwell, Idaho.

-Nationalist Karl N. Beinkampen, 17, of Wilmington Del.

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June 4, 1991, Tuesday, BC cycle

SECTION: Regional News

DISTRIBUTION: Indiana

LENGTH: 366 words

HEADLINE: Boys State convenes Saturday

DATELINE: TERRE HAUTE, Ind.

KEYWORD: IN-BOYSSTATE

BODY:

Nearly 1,000 high school boys from more than 600 Hoosier cities and towns will gather on the campus of Indiana State University for the 54th annual American Legion Hoosier Boys State, June 8-15.

Delegates will learn, first-hand, the value of government and receive practical experience in leadership and politics. Each delegate is selected by high school counselors and American Legion posts within his hometown.

Participants will be assigned to represent either the Nationalist or Federalist party during the creation of a mythical 51st state of the union -- ''Hoosier Boys State.''

Political organizations, policies and leaders are selected early in the week so candidates for governor and other state and county offices can prepare and campaign for the primary and general elections.

The delegates attend special schools in journalism, law, law enforcement, legislative affairs, speech, and TV and radio media.

Featured speakers during the week will include Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh; American Legion Indiana Department Commander Jim Koutz; U.S. Secret Service Special Agent John C. Moore and Indiana Secretary of State Joseph Hogsett, a 1973 Hoosier Boys State alumnus.

Special guests during the week will include past state commanders of the American Legion; Judge David Johnson, Greene County Circuit Court; Sen. William Soards, R-Indianapolis; American Legion National Commander Robert S. Turner; Shirley Clements, director of Hoosier Girls State; and Peggy McKeeman and Sue Liford, president and secretary of the State Auxiliary, respectively.

Highlights of the week will be the primary election and political rallies on June 11, and the general election and inauguration of the 1991 HBS governor in Tilson Auditorium on June 12.

The new 1991 HBS governor will represent the state of Indiana July 19-27 at Boys Nation in Arlington, Va., where the focus is the federal government.

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William Jackson, director of Hoosier Boys State, coordinates the program with a 70-member volunteer staff.

Boys State concludes June 15. The following day, high school girls from across Indiana will arrive at ISU for the 50th anniversary of the Hoosier Girls State program.

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July 24, 1991, Wednesday

SECTION: Washington Dateline

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HEADLINE: THE AMERICAN LEGION ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF LEGION'S BOYS NATION

DATELINE: WASHINGTON, July 24

KEYWORD: bc-Am-Legion- Boys-Nation

BODY:

Andrew K. Flatgard, 17, of Jackson, Miss., was elected president of The American Legion's 45th annual Boys Nation. The election was held on July 23 at Marymount University, Arlington, Va. Willie F. Hicks, also 17, of Salem, Ala., was elected vice-president.

Flatguard, a senior at Jackson Academy and a Nationalist Party member, was sponsored by Henry Graves American Legion Post No. 1. Hicks, a member of the Federalist Party, was sponsored by the Fletcher McCollister American Legion Post No. 135.

In addition to their elective honors, each will receive a $1,500 college scholarship. Flatguard, accompanied by a chaperon, will attend The American Legion's 73rd annual convention in Phoenix, as well as attend the Boys State Conference at The American Legion's National Headquarters in Indianapolis on Oct. 13, 1991.

The American Legion's Boys Nation is designed to provide high school juniors practical insight into the operation of the federal government. Each year, 96 delegates representing 48 states convene in our nation's capital for a week long civics workshop. All delegates are divided into two political parties, the Nationalists and the Federalists. Each party regularly meets in sessions debating proposed legislation and caucus to nominate their individual candidates for office.

Earlier in the week, the participants at Boys Nation visited the United States Naval Academy, Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam and Lincoln Memorials, and the F.B.I. Last evening, The American Legion's National Commander, Robert S. Turner, spoke to Boys Nation and stated in his speech: "EXCELLENCE ... the quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor. EXCELLENCE can be achieved if you: c are more than others, think it wise, risk more than others, think it safe; dream more than others, think it prudent; expect more than others, think it possible." CONTACT: D. Mark Katz of The American Legion, 202-861-2790

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July 30, 1990, Monday

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BYLINE: By Leyla Sharabi, States News Service

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

KEYWORD: Boys

BODY:
All those in favor of Senate Bill 47 please signify by raising your hand. All opposed? The bill is passed!" declared Vice President Anjan Mukherjee, 16, from his podium to a roomful of boisterous young senators meeting here for the 45th Annual Session of Boys Nation.

Mukherjee of Lexington High School was one of 96 seniors from around the country participating in the mock Senate proceedings last week sponsored by the American Legion.

Graduates from the program include such well-known pols as Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, former presidential candidate Gary Hart, and Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore Jr., according to American Legion spokesman John Minnick.

Clad in navy blue and white sports shirts and matching blue slacks, these boys looked more like athletes at camp than the senators they were mimicking.

But Boys Nation is serious business. Meeting in a Marymount University auditorium in Arlington, Va. dressed up with flags and a Senate-like podium, this year's members eagerly debated bills, met in committee and followed almost verbatim the steps of the U.S. Senate lawmaking process.

"Almost all these boys are in student government or are class president -- they are the country's top achievers for the most part," said Minnick. Two boys from every state but Louisiana and Hawaii were elected to Boys Nation from mock Senates held in their states. Mukherjee and Patrick Faherty of Quincy represented Massachusetts this year.

Mukherjee, vice president of Lexington High School and co-captain of his debate team, said that in his role as vice president of the country he tried to run the Senate "smoothly enough so that other senators are benefited by quality sessions and quality debate."

But campaign managers take note: in his real life, Mukherjee won't be running for election. "A politician has to garner a lot of support and maintain that support, and whenever you have to appeal to a wide range of people, some insincerity has to be involved," he said.

"Essentially I want to help people and I'm interested in politics only to the extent that my views help others," Mukherjee explained. "You could almost say that I'm more interested in communication than I am in politics."

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During the one-week program, Boys Nation passed laws on issues that ranged from the budget deficit to the environment. But Mukherjee says the most pressing issue discussed was education.

"We have to get more of a cross-cultural education to deal with international problems," Mukherjee said. "More and more we're loosing the perception of America as the only country in the world, so education has to be more cross-cultural to compensate for this."

Besides a heavy lawmaking agenda, the young men of Boys Nation visited the FBI, the Pentagon, the State Department, and the Rose Garden, where they saw President Bush sign the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mukherjee and Faherty also met a real Massachussetts senator -- Sen. John Kerry -- who stepped out of a committee meeting to see them. Later, they talked to an aide to Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy.

The Legion Auxiliary, a women's organization affiliated with American Legion, sponsors a Girls State and a Girls Nation. Held at Marymount University a week before Boys Nation, Girls Nation is virtually identical with one notable exception. Girls must wear "dressy dresses" when they go to Washington and white gloves "to show respect" when they go to the Pentagon or the White House, according to Barbara Cohn of the Auxiliary.

Although he says he'd be happy to see Boys Nation turn co-ed, Mukherjee is already satisfied with the program.

" Boy's Nation has helped me to become a better citizen," he said. "It has increased my awareness of America and the way it works and the pride that holds our country together.

"It's really inspired me -- I want to go to town meetings and express my view of how certain issues will effect people and America as a whole," Mukherjee said.

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July 17, 1991, Wednesday

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HEADLINE: 45TH ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON

KEYWORD: bc-Amer-Legion-Boys-Nati

BODY:

SUBJECT: 45th Annual American Legion Boys Nation Schedule of Activities

WHEN: July 19-27

WHERE: Marymount University
2807 N. Glebe Road
Arlington, Va., 22207

BACKGROUND: For the 45th year, high school seniors from around the United States will come to Washington to participate in an intensive week-long lesson in American government.

American Legion Boys Nation gives these future leaders a chance to speak to government leaders and witness the democratic elective process.

Young men from 48 states will be sent to Washington by their local and state American Legion organizations. The boys were chosen from 28,000 high school seniors who attended American Legion Boys State programs this summer in 48 states. Eligibility for all Boys State delegates requires them to have finished their junior year in high school with at least one semester remaining before graduation. This allows them to experience their senior year in high school and promote the program among their peers.

Housed on the campus of Marymount University in Arlington, Va., the boys will participate in a nine day civics workshop. Divided into two parties, the Nationalist and the Federalist, the young "senators" will participate in Senate sessions -- caucusing, organizing into committees and conducting hearings on bills submitted for their consideration. While the legislation agenda of Boys Nation is set by the young "senators" after their arrival, recent Supreme Court decisions will likely be a source of much debate.

Activities

Sunday, July 21: United States Naval Academy tour

Monday, July 22: Arlington Cemetery -- lay wreath at Tomb of Unknown Soldier; visit Marine Corps Memorial and President John F. Kennedy grave.

Tuesday-Wednesday

July 23-24: Visit Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Pentagon, State Department, F.B.I. and several other federal agencies.

Thursday-Friday

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July 25-26: Boys Nation to call on various congressional representatives on Capitol Hill; visit White House.

SPEAKERS: National Commander Robert S. Turner; Dr. Herm Davis, president of National College Services, Ltd.; and Secretary of Defense, Richard Cheney

Boys Nation is organized by the National Americanism Commission and supported by the American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund. The legion, through its youth activities programs, plays a leading role in the development of tomorrow's informed and responsible citizens. Its intent is to foster appreciation of the American system of government among the leaders of tomorrow.

NOTE: Louisiana and Hawaii do not participate in the national program. The District of Columbia did not conduct a Boys State program this year.

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Mike Schlee

at American Legion

in Washington

Clinton in Boys Nation

Rod Martin in Arkansas

Mike -
Thought this might be of some help.
Jonathan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVID DEMAREST

FROM: KATHY SUPER

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

EVENT: Meeting with Boys Nation

DATE: Monday, July 20, 1992

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

DURATION: 15 minutes

LOCATION: Rose Garden

ATTIRE: Business Suit

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief Remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: Is Invited

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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96 Boys rep. 48 Am. Legion Boys State Programs

- States not rep. → Louisiana / Hawaii
  . after conference don't meet deadline

- completed jr. yr. have @ least 1 sem. left —

all so terrific →

- selected from a field of almost out of 30,000

- not are scoring 1400-1500s top of class strong leadership qualities

in general terms valedictorians and academics

- 2 mbrs, 1 Cab. · Lamar Alexander – TN
  · Dick Cheney – must r./buy Pentagon
  · Tom Brokaw – SD – NBC
  actors → Bill Clinton / Al Gore

  [former Boy States participants]

stops Sunday Annapolis
Dept. State
CJCS Pentagon
White House TB Arlington to lay a wreath at TUS

run like the senate - bring bills; introduce bills
run for VP, Pres → election week.

President pro-temp -

- traditionally current issues of the time:
  - environment
  - world conflict
  - abortion
  - issues of society

operate on 2 party system
Federalist / National +
party - assigned
- eg. platform committees
like the conventions

boys state - state govmt

elected governor
prepare a bill - ea. delegate asked to prepare a bill
@ least 96 bills

very serious - prepare copies of legislation passed are sent to White House -

Reg: all classes, all races; most are 17, some 16

* Graduation speaker Charles Hagel, former pres. USD

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

June 22, 1992

TO: KATHERINE L. SUPER

THROUGH: DAVID F. DEMAREST, JR.

FROM: CECE KREMER
LEIGH ANN METZGER

REQUEST: A group photo opportunity with the President and representatives of the American Legion's 46th annual Boys Nation.

PURPOSE: To recognize these young leaders from around the nation and enhance their U.S. government learning experience.

BACKGROUND: The American Legion, our nation's largest veterans service organization, will bring 98 6 high school seniors to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 46th annual session of Boys Nation. This group consists of two representatives from the Boys State programs in forty-eight states and the District of Columbia.

For the past 45 years, Boys Nation has been the American Legion's premier program in its nationwide effort to educate high school seniors in American government while imbuing them with a deep sense of patriotism, pride, and responsibility for their country. The program is dedicated to teaching two outstanding young leaders from every state about their federal government by letting them vote on their own legislation and elect their own president and vice-president.

DATE: July ~~25~~ 20, early morning, 9:15 a.m.

DURATION: 6 15 minutes

LOCATION: ~~OEOB, "Nixon Steps"~~ Rose Garden

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Ron Engel, Program Coordinator, American Legion Boys Nation
John Sommer, Executive Director, The American Legion
~~98~~ 96 Boys State National Senators

OUTLINE: -- The President greets the group on the OEOB steps.

-- Photo opportunity.

-- The President departs.

REMARKS: ~~None required.~~

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Photographer only.

PROJECT OFFICER: Bill Caldwell

DREW UNIVERSITY
Office of the President

From the desk of MICHAEL JOHNS
Special Assistant to the President

Date _____

To _____

Bill Caldwell,
Action Officer
OPL

15 mins.

→ 96 boys.
→ National Senators.
→ American Legion-
sponsored.

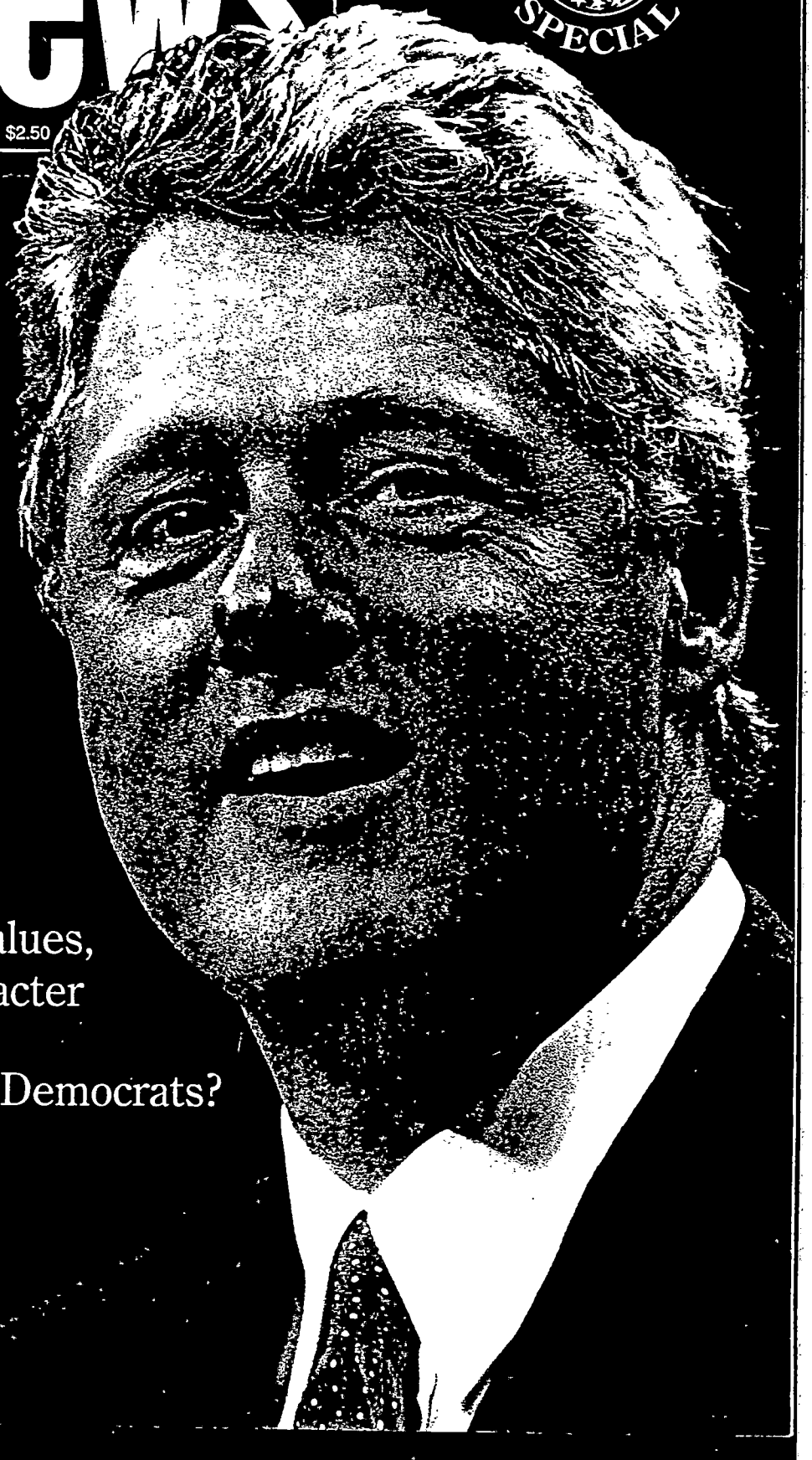
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Bill Clinton's hidden life

There is much more to the Democratic nominee than meets the eye

Americans think they know all about Bill Clinton. He's the presidential candidate who befriended Gennifer Flowers, avoided the draft and didn't inhale. "Maybe I underestimated the importance of biography in this campaign," Clinton told U.S. News *last week, acknowledging that he lost control during the Democratic primaries over how the public viewed him. "I was shocked. Most people thought I came from a wealthy family and occupied a position in a state in the middle of the country until I could run for president. It was crazy."*

U.S. News editors Donald Baer, Matthew Cooper and David Gergen engaged Clinton in a series of interviews about his life, his hopes and his struggles. A similar interview with Ross Perot has already appeared in U.S. News, *and the same invitation for an in-depth conversation has been issued to George Bush. What follows is an edited text of Clinton's own words.*

Youth. There are positive and negative things coming out of my childhood. If you had clothes on your back and a place to sleep and food to eat and you had people to love you and to discipline you, you were by definition not poor; you were rich, because you had the elements of a successful life. There was no sense of entitlement to anything more. In an alcoholic family [Clinton's stepfather was an alcoholic], I grew up with a much greater empathy for other people's problems than the average person has. It made me a lot more self-reliant and tougher than I might have been. And I learned some good skills about how to keep people together and try to work things out. On the negative side, if you grow up in an environment that causes you to want to avoid trouble, you tend to try to keep the peace at all costs. A leader can't do that. All my life, I've had to work to draw the line in the dirt, to make conflict my friend, not my enemy.

My natural father was killed in a car wreck about three months before I was born. I once went out to find the place where he died on Highway 61 in Missouri, where he just slipped off the wet road. He fell into a ditch full of water face down and drowned. It was just a fluke. I guess in ways I never permitted

In the beginning. *First in Hope, Ark., and later in Hot Springs, Ark., Clinton grew up in a seemingly all-American environment, all the while adapting to traumas that included his father's death and his stepfather's alcoholism.*

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myself to admit, I missed my father terribly. I think because my father had died and my mother was probably a little too protective, I always had a desire to avoid conflict, which has led my political enemies to underestimate me.

My commitment to civil rights was basically inbred through my grandparents, who ran a grocery store in a predominantly black neighborhood. They knew a lot of black people and thought they'd gotten a raw deal. I remember where I was when Martin Luther King gave that "I had a dream" speech in 1963. I was home in Hot Springs, Ark., in a white reclining chair all by myself. I just wept like a baby all the way through it.

When I was 16, I decided if I had a chance I would go into politics. I had been interested in being a musician, a physician or a politician. While I was very good at music, I would never be great. In politics, I thought I had unique abilities—I was genuinely interested in people and in solving problems. It was something I could be good at, something I could love.

Religious faith. I was very influenced as a child by the biblical stories of the Pharisees and the modern-day Pharisees I saw saying one thing and doing another. I came to see my church as a place not for saints but for sinners, for people who know they're weak, not who pretend to be strong. When I was a kid, I walked alone a mile or so to my church every Sunday. It wasn't something my parents did, but I somehow felt the need. I joined the Baptist church when I was 9. After I went off to college, I became an erratic churchgoer, even when I came back to Arkansas [after Georgetown University, a Rhodes Scholarship in England and Yale Law School]. But in 1978, when I got elected governor, it was important to me to have a dedicatory service. I selected a church whose minister, W. O. Vaught, I respected a lot, even though a lot of people thought I was this young firebrand and he was an old conservative minister. But I loved him a lot. After the service, my wife persuaded me to start going there and to join the choir—she said I obviously felt the need. Now, I pray virtually every day, usually at night, and I read the Bible every week.

I think serious people, the older they get, try to achieve a certain integrity in their lives. You try to put your mind, your body and your spirit in the same place at the same time. There's a great difference in that sense between integrity and honesty. Honesty is not lying in the moment, but integrity is much more difficult to achieve because you have to decide what you believe. The older you get, the more you want to actually confront the areas of doubt in your life, and you get to the point where you don't want to disappoint yourself any more. You realize that the time you have is limited, and you want to live like a laser beam instead of a shotgun.

I really believe in a lot of the old-fashioned things like the constancy of sin, the possibility of forgiveness, the reality of redemption. And I believe it in a Baptist way—that a lot of a person's spiritual journey should be intensely private and shared only with God. That's why I have real difficulty dealing with some of the apparent demands of modern politics—to discuss your personal life in excruciating detail. That's not a part of my religious faith where I come from. So I've been pretty open based on what I think people are entitled to know about my life. And in terms of what I've done that I shouldn't have done in my life, I believe God knows it all anyway, and I should confess it to God and deal with it that way. I'm not sure [without faith] that I would have endured what I went through in the primaries and had the inner strength to know that that wasn't me, that somehow I was being seriously misrepresented and that I couldn't just roll over and die in the face of it.

My faith has taught me to see this as a ministry. I think everybody has work to do, and you're supposed to do the best you can. Not a religious ministry. But every person has a calling in life, and you should try to make the most of your work. Each person can fulfill the intention of God for human life by giving dignity to whatever work they do.

MIKE STEWART—SYGMA



Family affairs. *Clinton with his mother and brother in 1979*

'My brother's addiction had as big an impact on me as anything. But I had to be governor, not brother, not son.'

On ambition. One reason I ran for president this year is I knew that I wasn't obsessed with winning it anymore. I didn't want to get into the race when the only thing in the world was winning. I think that's one of the things that's killing Bush. He says, "I'll do whatever it takes to win."

I've been a governor longer than most people serve. The longer I did this job, the more what turned me on was solving problems, not winning elections. If you look at how presidents have to live today, anybody that would turn down the life I've got for the life I'm going toward just to hold the job would be nuts. The only purpose of having the job is to change the country. When I got into this race, I realized, well, I'm going to do the very best I can. And if I get taken out, I'll find something else to do. You may only be fit to be president when you're not obsessed with it.

Political evolution. I supported George McGovern in 1972 based on his record and that he was against our involvement in Vietnam. That didn't mean that I had to be on the far left on every issue. I've always been for challenging the Democratic orthodoxy. I've always felt that unless we could become a party seen as pro-growth and pro-environment, pro-civil rights and tough on crime, pro-business as well as pro-labor, we were done as a national party.

When I was working for McGovern, I realized that a majority of Americans were just so alienated from what they thought of the Democratic Party. That had a big impact on me. It's why I was so hopeful about Jimmy Carter, who seemed to be a man committed to equal opportunity but who came out of a more mainstream political heritage. After Walter Mondale lost in

1984, I thought the only way we could win was not by bashing Reagan but by going beyond Reagan. I got involved in the Democratic Leadership Council not because I thought it was a collection of Southern white boys to pull the party to the right. I thought the party needed moderating, but I was driven more because I thought the DLC was a group of people who cared about ideas and were willing to think in new ways and not care whether they were politically correct. Too many debates in the party were about yesterday's issues in yesterday's language. What this country needs is dramatic change based on common-sense values, kind of a radical middle. I think this Perot boom, which I hope is a boomlet, reflects a desire for that.

The 1960s. I often joke with my friends that on balance I'm still glad I was a child of the '60s, but there sure was a price to pay, if nothing else in the way people look back at us, like the marijuana thing. The good was that people really caught up in the '60s cared about one another, cared about civil rights and poverty and making things better, and saw themselves as part of a larger whole, with responsibilities not only to themselves but to others. And even though there was a fair share of pain and disillusionment, there was a great sense of possibility, of hope—a sense that the system could be made to work. It's very different now, when the real problem is 70 percent of the people think there's no connection between what candidate Bill Clinton says and what President Clinton would do.

The bad side was that it was also a time when people maybe put too much emphasis on public things and too little on private things, when there was too much belief that it was OK to try anything—drugs or sex or whatever. I think for a lot of people in my generation, a lot of our adulthood has been about trying to keep what was great about the '60s alive and to grow out of what was wrong.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE



Taking a pledge. *Clinton being sworn in as governor in 1979*

'If I lose, I'll find something else to do. You may only be fit to be president when you're not obsessed with it.'

I've never become a cynic. In some ways, I'm just as idealistic today as I was when I was 22. I believe in the possibilities of this country and of this system. I hear people say it doesn't make any difference, and all that strikes me as crazy. The history of America is replete with examples that elections matter.

I still care profoundly about the things I cared about then. And yet I think I'm much firmer than 20 years ago on the role personal, family and community responsibility has to play in dealing with the problems of this country. There are some things the government can't solve. Nobody can substitute a program for personal character and conduct. My problem with this whole Bush-Quayle family-values strategy is not that I disagree with everything Quayle said but that I see it as a cop-out for their having no vision and assuming no responsibility.

His brother's drug addiction. It had, I guess, as big an impact on me as anything, maybe even more than the birth of my child. In 1984, state police caught him dealing cocaine and came to me and asked, "What do you want us to do? We can arrest him now, or we can treat him like we treat anybody else—do this five more times and make damn sure he's on his knees so he'll have to tell us who his supplier is. We think your brother is not a serious drug dealer. He's an addict. He's selling drugs to support his habit." So I said, "Do it." And I had to sit there on a secret for six weeks, while the undercover people kept setting him up over and over again. It was a nightmare. But I think it was the right thing to do, and I think it probably saved his life.

I never knew whether my brother or my mother would forgive me. But I had to be governor, not brother, not son. When it came out, he denied he was an addict. "You don't understand," I said. "If you're not an addict, I want you to go to prison for 10 years. You've been putting cocaine into the bodies of others for money. You're my brother, and I love you, but I want you to go away for a long, long time."

That's another thing that made me less obsessed, by the way. One of the things you learn with the counseling [which the Clinton family entered to help his brother] is that other people get so much into their own lives they shut out what's happening to family members in trouble. I should have probably known he was in deep trouble. In counseling, I learned that he and I were archetypes of children of alcoholics and that I basically was required to grow up before my time and had to be very careful, as I grew older, not to overuse the peacemaking skills that I developed as a child.

On Hillary and Chelsea. Hillary has just gotten better, like old wine. I mean, she always had great character, great passion for doing what was right. Her ability to deal with and to bring out the best in people as well as to pursue an incredible personal journey in her own mind and spirit is just extraordinary. I never cease to be amazed by her ability to grow. A lot of her growth has had to do with the time we've had to be parents, which made us different and better people. But when I see her now, she looks just like the person that I met over 20 years ago except better in every way. Her life turned out the way life ought to. She just got bigger and deeper and better. And I think she will for as long as she lives just because she has an incredible character and spirit and a great mind. It's amazing to me to watch.

I have a child who is much more tough-minded and savvy than I ever dreamed. I asked if she thought I ought to run and said, "It's going to be tough. They'll say terrible things about me." She said, "Dad, they always say terrible things about you. You ought to go to my school. You can't imagine the things they say. You just got to blow it off and go on."

Private versus public character. I didn't have any problem exciting the voters at first. I was running ahead of George Bush in New Hampshire. Nobody thought there was anything wrong with me until I started to have the misfortunes I had in the

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primaries. And then some of my opponents tried to reinforce it. I'm not complaining about it: it just happened.

What I hope will happen now is that people will have a fuller picture, that they'll know I'm not a perfect person, but they'll see what drives me, what motivates me, understand what I fought for at home and what I care about and then make a good judgment about what's best for them. I want the voters to vote on what's best for them. My job is to make sure if they vote against me they know exactly what they're doing. And I don't think today most voters have anything like a clear and complete picture of who I am, where I came from, what I fought for and what I want to do as president.

I've proved that I'm tough enough to take on tough problems and to stay there and fight them through. And I don't think people know that, and that's probably the fault of our advertising or maybe something in my style, a manner that's too reassuring. I've always hated artificial macho behavior by politicians. Ross Perot has always been open about saying that in Texas they borrowed some good ideas from our education-reform program in Arkansas. But I didn't run off from the fight: I got re-elected and eventually brought the teachers, who were angry about some reforms, into our camp. After they put the program through in Texas, Perot wasn't a part of the fight in the next election, and the incumbent governor got beat, in no small measure because the people who'd fought for the changes didn't fight them through in the election.

CLINTON'S LAST COMEBACK

How the lessons of his 1980 defeat shape this campaign

Bill Clinton regularly accuses the White House of using welfare "as a wedge to divide the American people." But 10 years ago, Clinton himself was denounced for doing the same. In 1982, he was out to recapture the Arkansas governorship. In a TV ad and speeches, he labeled his primary foe, Jim Guy Tucker, a "liberal" for not backing a workfare bill. In fact, Tucker, now lieutenant governor, favored such schemes.

That decade-old story of political hardball is a stain on Clinton's well-deserved image as a healer. But it has another meaning as well: It ought to assuage the fears of Democrats—and dash the hopes of Republicans—that Clinton is a pushover. He isn't. If his recovery from draft-and-womanizing charges this year isn't proof enough, his 1982 comeback confirms that he is no Michael Dukakis. Unlike Dukakis, who also once lost a re-election bid and bounced back, Clinton never forgot a key lesson: Fight back—and if you must, fight a little dirty. A year after his 1980 defeat, he told an audience: "If your opponent picks up a hammer, you need to pick up a meat-ax and cut off his arm." The years out of power "forever influenced the way he approached government," says Betsey Wright, Clinton's former chief of staff. Clinton told *U.S. News:* "I learned the hard way that you really have to have priorities and make them clear to people. You have to win people over. And to do that, you have to spend some time listening to them."

The lessons of exile sank in so deeply, perhaps, because Clinton's fall was so dramatic. If anything, he seemed to be riding high in early 1980. He was a *wunderkind* who had been touted as presidential timber. His wife, Hillary Rodham, had been promoted by Jimmy Carter to head the board of the Legal Services Corp., which distributes legal-aid funds—and had just given birth to their child, Chelsea. Clinton was upbeat. After being cited for speeding while Hillary was pregnant, Clinton joked that he'd name his daughter "Hot Rodham."

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1981. *After his adieu to the Arkansas legislature*

But trouble was brewing. In the Democratic primary, Clinton lost seven counties to a 77-year-old turkey farmer. Clinton downplayed the results, but the recession conspired with other events to fuel voter outrage. There was the smoldering issue of higher automobile-license fees. And that summer, a Titan II missile exploded at an Arkansas Air Force base, adding to voter dissatisfaction. Then, 8,000 Cuban refugees rioted at the Army's Fort Chaffee, on the Oklahoma border. Clinton had objected to so many refugees' being housed in his state, but he had not actively resisted it. Even Clinton allies thought he handled the crisis poorly.

The Cubans and car tags came atop other frustrations with the young governor. He was considered inaccessible and arrogant in this state of just 2.5 million people, where politicians and voters enjoy a special intimacy. Top aides—many from out of state, some sporting beards—seemed too liberal and too aloof.

No pushover. Clinton thought he had an easy opponent in the GOP's Frank White, an affable former Democrat. Clinton aides doubted that White, known for his bulging eyes and stomach, could triumph. Indeed, polls showed a big Clinton lead almost until the end. But throughout the fall—as White pounded on Cubans and car tags—Clinton seemed befuddled. On election night, White won handily and Clinton wept openly. A few days later, he had a plaintive air about his political paradise lost. "This is what I've wanted to do since I was a little boy growing up in Hot Springs," Clinton said.

Out of office, Clinton considered jobs as varied as chairing the Democratic National Committee and running a small college. He settled on a perch at a prestigious Little Rock law firm, where he handled commercial litigation and planned his political comeback. Almost as soon as he was out of office, Clinton started barnstorming the state. In meetings with small-town newspaper editors and at Rotary Club luncheons, he'd ask people what he'd done wrong. At times, he seemed almost possessed. Shalah Brummett was jogging one

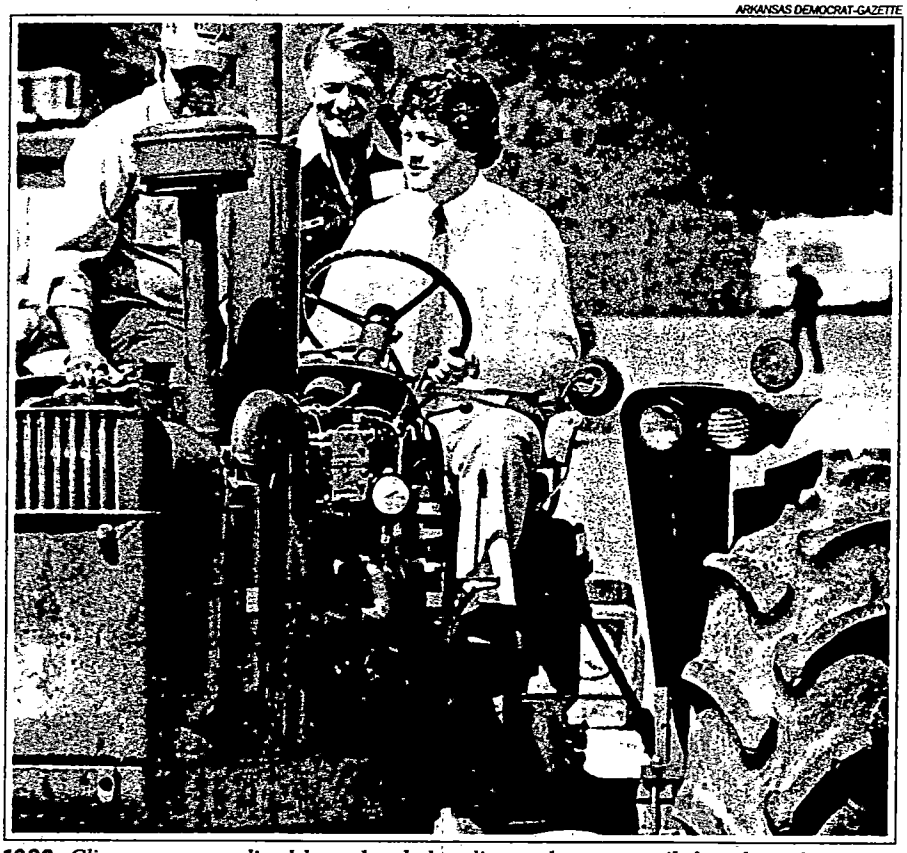
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Hillary and I said at the beginning of this campaign, which I thought was an example of good character and not bad character, that we'd worked hard on our marriage; we'd had difficulties, and we'd saved it. You know, I've been treated like I had a character problem because I acknowledged that. And maybe I shouldn't have. But I think that's not evidence of bad character. I think change is tough for anybody. And I think we ought to elect somebody president who can face facts and make change and make tough decisions. Other people may have better rhetoric about it, but I think I've got a better record of it. It could be that revealing so much makes me look weak, not tough. But if that's so, then it's not my maturity that's at issue. Then people want to be lied to, they want to be conned, they want to be manipulated. And I'm just not very good at that.

I think we made a number of errors in the campaign. We should have spent more time talking about my record as governor and the fights I fought. I still think that that's a better example of political maturity and the readiness to be president than any of this personal stuff. I got elected governor in a state that is very tough politically five times for 14 years total. Nobody else ever did that. And I did it fighting for things that were good, not bad, building up the best in people. I never won an election based on fear or darkness. I won them because I was the candidate of hope and change.

I think a lot of this personal stuff can be way overblown. I've been reclined on the national couch. In some ways this obsession with the personal, to a far greater extent than in any presidential campaign in history, is partly because people can't

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1980. *Clinton never realized how deeply he alienated voters until they threw him out.*

morning in Little Rock when the ex-governor started jogging alongside her and without prompting started talking about what he had done wrong in office. By all accounts, Clinton was a quick study. "A guy who supposedly has an IQ of a zillion did something stupid," he conceded about the car-license fees and other issues. Cartoonist George Fisher began to portray Clinton as a penitent monk.

In the 1982 campaign, Clinton learned lessons about political survival that inform him to this day. If he learned to hit hard—bashing Democrat Tucker on workfare, accusing Republican White of diverting Arkansas water to Texas—he also learned to communicate directly with voters. Early in this year's primary season, when his aides mocked Jerry Brown's 800 number, Clinton understood technology's ability to make voters feel empowered. He announced his 1982 comeback bid by buying television time for a direct apology. The move, like hitting TV talk shows this year, was locally unprecedented.

New pragmatism. The need to bring voters along—not to push too fast on too many fronts—became Clinton's hallmark. After his comeback, he often raised money privately—as he did for his 1983 education reforms—to solicit public support for his programs. And he chose issues carefully, avoiding thorny matters like environmental reform. "He was no longer the young person out to change the world tomorrow; he came back much more pragmatic," says Roby Robertson, director of the Arkansas Institute of Government. Such pragmatism extended to his family life. It's no coincidence that on the day Clinton announced his comeback bid, Hillary changed her surname to Clinton.

There's no doubt, too, that the years in exile made Clinton more cautious—some say too much so. "He decided he'd never offend another interest or voter again," says *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* columnist Paul Greenberg, who coined the moniker "Slick Willie" for Clinton. But if he was more flexible after his comeback, he was more effective, too. "He moved closer to the center," says former state Sen. Knox Nelson.

To be sure, Clinton did forget some of the best lessons of that period. After his comeback, the triumvirate of top aides blamed for much of the first term's isolation and inefficiency was replaced by one strong chief of staff. But Clinton's presidential campaign is reminiscent of the chaotic first term: Power is diffuse, in the hands of many top aides, and the campaign often seems rudderless. Still, if his years in exile are seen as a proving ground—a way to test resilience under personal and professional pressure—Clinton held up well. It's important to remember, too, that he is only 45. Should he lose this fall, he won't disappear. Like some other very different politicians who overcame defeats and tarnished images, Clinton could become a Richard Nixon or Winston Churchill of the late 20th century, capable of reinventing himself decade after decade.

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imagine what an effective presidency would be like anymore. They don't know how to believe government can make a difference in their lives, so let's just vote on all this personal stuff. If you do that, you may wind up voting for somebody who's either lucky or dishonest. What really ought to count is: What have you put yourself on the line for? I can answer that question. And I think my answer is better than my opponents' answers. I have put myself on the line for more than 10 years to give kids a better education, to open opportunities, to modernize an economy with no help from Washington.

Those questions of public character ought to be the keystones of this election. If you look back in history, our best presidents were not blameless but were subject to a totally different standard and demonstrated public character, a commitment to certain things that got done that made a difference. So I don't mind discussing all this. But there is certainly no reward for being candid. In spite of all the press commentary, I think I win the candor contest, and it looks to me like it's all downside.

JON LEVY—GAMMA/LIAISON



Jamming. *During this year's primary campaign in New York*

'I wish I could figure out a way to get America out of her deep funk. We need to quit bellyaching and do it.'

His governorship. I learned the hard way when I was defeated in 1980 that you have to really have priorities and make them clear to people. If you do a zillion things, even if you do them well, people may perceive that you haven't done anything. I need to relearn that in this race apparently. And I learned in politics, you'll be useless if you have no vision, nothing you're trying to do. But you can also be rendered useless if you ignore everybody else's vision. You have to spend time listening, bringing people along. You don't hire a dictator to tell people what to do. Since 1980, I know some people have said, "He became too cautious." But I think I accomplished more lasting change since I got beat.

The Republicans always say money doesn't matter until they start measuring somebody from a poor state. Then they want to rank him in money terms. I've kept our tax burden in the bottom five as a percentage of income—state and local taxes. We rank third in the nation in percentage of money we put into education, fifth in ratio of computers to kids in the schools. We're above the national average in college-going rate, though our income is only 47th. My answer to the Republicans is that in the last 12 years America has gone in the wrong direction and Arkansas in the right direction. It's pretty hard in a poor, rural state with no help from Washington to do that. My simple message is this: Politics is not about miracles; it's about direction. And the country's going in the wrong direction. Hire me.

Lessons from campaigning. I now know things that once I only imagined. For example, I know living in Arkansas is different from living in Florida or California or New York. I now know that our diversity is either the source of our great strength or the instrument of our undoing. I know that there are a lot of people who are real winners out there in this tough global economy, who are making good things happen, who prove that this still is the greatest country in the world and that what we have to do is to find a way for more of us to do that.

And I guess the thing that surprised me most of all—although I should have known this—is that underneath all the incredible diversity of America, there is a core of common caring and concern; we're a lot more alike than I think we think we are. That's the real tragedy of all these racial problems. The American people are so much more alike at a human level than they think they are, from how much they love their kids to how badly they want to be safe, how concerned they are about their jobs and their futures. I'd like to be remembered for making people really believe that we're all better off when we define our lives in terms of our common purposes, for really helping to re-establish a sense of community and bridging the troubled waters of race—particularly race—and all the other things dividing this country. I think life is lonelier than it ought to be in America because we are so isolated from one another.

My basic read on this is that inevitably about once a generation there's a crisis in any country and especially one that has our historic position, that's as big and diverse as we are. If you could look at it from any reasoned perspective, as tough as the deficit is and as tough as the underinvestment in America is—which I think is an even bigger problem and closely related to the deficit—the thing that's killing us now is our own skepticism and our vulnerability to being diverted from how we're going to rebuild America, how we're going to reunite America. What's killing us now is our vulnerability to being divided and diverted and cynical. But, objectively, the problems we face, as great as they are, are certainly no greater than those of previous generations. And to me, if we could say, OK, both parties have let the country down in many ways, the system in Washington is too paralyzed by organized interests and too dissipated by the lack of vision and driving leadership from a president, so we got to fix it. I just wish I could figure out a way to get America out of her deep funk. When you look at all the great things this country still has—the human resources, the material resources, the people out there winning against all the odds—this is not a time for pessimism. But it is a time for action.

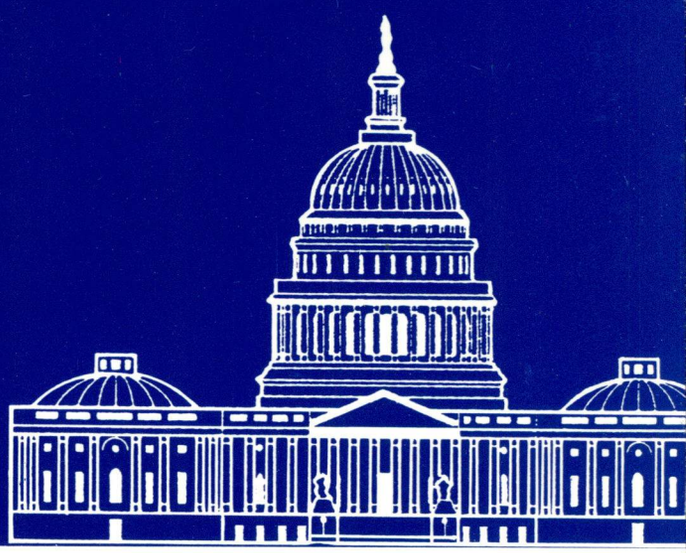
I'm very optimistic. I want this election to be where the people vote for themselves to win. I don't want them to be diverted or divided or distracted or just in a deep funk. This is an exciting time. It's the dawn of a new era in the world, and nobody ever promised us automatic prosperity, automatic opportunity, everything working. Life has always been difficult and challenging, and this is just our generation's moment. And we need to do it. We need to quit bellyaching and do it. ■

BOYS NATION

The American Legion

For God and Country





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The American Legion's Boys Nation Program

The American Legion is dedicated to strengthening America. We believe there is no better way to this end than to work with our nation's youth in order to prepare them for the tasks they will face in the years to come. The American Legion through its youth activities programs, plays a leading role in the development of tomorrow's informed, responsible citizens. The American Legion's programs of Boys State and Boys Nation are our finest examples of citizenship instruction for youth.

Boys States are quite uniform in program structure though each Department (state) of The American Legion is responsible for and conducts its own Boys State. Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia conduct a Boys State program annually and more than 28,000 young men participate in these civic workshops each year. Through the week-long program, the young citizens learn how city, county and state governments function by actually doing the job themselves. Eligibility for all Boys State citizens requires them to be juniors in high school, with one year remaining before their graduation. This allows the young man the opportunity to apply his "practical experience" in government to his senior year in high school, and at the same time endorse and promote the program among fellow students.

Every year American Legion Departments select two outstanding Boys State graduates to represent them at American Legion Boys Nation. Held in Washington, D.C., it is here that the delegates are introduced, firsthand to the structure and function of the federal government.

Boys Nation is designed to instill in each delegate a deep loyalty to America and provides practical insight to the operation of the federal government. The week of government training in the Nation's Capitol combines lectures and forums with visitations to federal agencies, institutions, shrines and historical spots in and about Washington. Actual participation in the political process is highlighted through the week's activities to include the organization of party conventions and the nomination and election of a Boys Nation President and Vice President.

The first American Legion Boys Nation (then called Boys Forum of National Government) was held on the campus of American University, Washington, D.C., August 4-9, 1946, under the sponsorship of the Legion's National Americanism Commission. It was officially adopted as a major youth acitivity by the 1946 National Convention of The American Legion in San Francisco, California, and subsequent action by The American Legion National Convention in 1949 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, changed the name to "Boys Nation."

From 1946 through 1951, and from 1969 to 1985 the Boys Nation program was conducted at American University; from 1952 through 1967, Boys Nation was held at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. The site of the 1968 program was Georgetown University. In 1986 the site for the program was Marymount University.

At Boys Nation each Delegate represents his Boys State as a Senator and participates in Senate sessions. The youthful Senators caucus at the beginning of the session, organize into committees and conduct hearings on bills submitted for their consideration. In addition to Federal legislators and representatives of Federal agencies, organization and lay leaders of national distinction participate in Boys Nation. Boys Nation Senators are instructed on the proper method of handling bills according to the rules of the United States Senate.

During a visit to Capitol Hill, Boys Nation Senators meet and converse with elected Representatives and Senators from their home states. Boys Nation delegates visit the United States Naval Academy in nearby Annapolis, Maryland and participate in a very solemn and dignified wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. While at Arlington, the boys also visit the Marine Corps Memorial and the grave of President John F. Kennedy. Some of the other visitations made during the week-long session are to the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the Smithsonian Institute, the United States Supreme Court, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and The White House.

Over the years, the delegates have been received by various Presidents of the United States. President Harry S Truman, a Life Member of American Legion Post #21, Independence, MO, met the boys in 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951. A Life Member of James R. Cutler Post #39, Abilene, KS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower greeted the Boys Nation Delegates in 1956 and 1957. President John F. Kennedy, a member of Crosscup-Pishon Post #281, Boston, MA, met with the young men in The While House's Rose Garden in 1962 and 1963. President Lyndon B. Johnson spoke with the boys in 1967. President Johnson was a Life Member of Memorial Highway Post #352, Blanco, TX. In 1970 and 1971, the Boys Nation Senators were addressed by President Richard M. Nixon, a member of Whittier Post #51, Whittier, CA. President Ford, a Life Mmeber of Furniture City Post #258, Grand Rapids, MI, addressed Boys Nation in 1975, and again during the special Bicentennial Boys/Girls Nation program in 1976. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter, a Life Member of Americus Post #2, Americus, GA, greeted the delegates in the Rose Garden. In 1984, 1986, 1987 and 1988 President Ronald Reagan, a Life Member of Pacific Palisades Post #283, Pacific Palisades, CA, met with the Boys Nation Senators at the White House. Boys Nation has been received by George Bush during his Vice Presidency and as President of the United States.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the Advisory List of National Contest and Activities for 1991-92.

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OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

July, 1991

Dear Senator:

You have had the occasion to experience a unique activity in our Nation's Capitol. Now, in the wake of Boys Nation, I ask that you inspect the 1991 yearbook and reflect on your week in Washington. As you review the events, I know that you will have fond memories and further value the chance you had to learn about government at the federal level.

Through forty-five years, American Legion Boys Nation has given opportunity to representatives of Boys States to increase their understanding and appreciation for our form of government and for their birthrights as American citizens.

There is no question that the operation of a republic is complex and sometimes cumbersome. We hope that we have helped you to realize that government will be what you make it; that the wheels may turn slowly, but they do turn.

A great future faces young Americans -- you and your peers -- as you prepare yourselves for positions of leadership in the adult world that will soon be yours, a world which you have the right and the obligation to strengthen and expand upon.

It is my wish, along with the entire membership of The American Legion, that you have the greatest success in your life's endeavors.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Turner

ROBERT S. TURNER, National Commander
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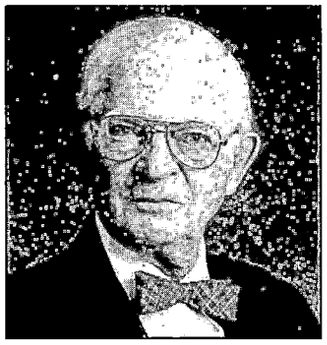
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The President of the United States ★★★★★★★



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1991

I am delighted to send greetings to each participant in the 1991 American Legion Boys Nation.

It is heartening to know that enthusiastic young Americans like you are striving to become better informed, more responsible citizens. By taking part in this unique "hands-on" educational program, you will not only learn more about our Nation's Founders and the history of our Constitution but also gain a better understanding of how the democratic process works today. That is good news for all Americans, because the future of the United States will depend on your civic and moral leadership.

This 200th year of our Bill of Rights is the perfect opportunity for all of us to reflect on the blessings of liberty and self-government and on the responsibility to help preserve them. Indeed, as we look at recent world events, we are reminded of just how precious those blessings are.

Mrs. Bush joins me in sending best wishes for your continuing success.

Arrivals ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★







Rural America or large city, or places in between, served as starting points of travel for those arriving for The American Legion Boys Nation forty-fifth anniversary session. Below center Junior Counselor Joe Boyd (TN) and Section Counselor Aldie Johnson (NE) confer at Washington National Airport as they prepare to greet the arriving Senators. Right, Junior Counselor Coy Flowers (WV) and Section Counselor Russ Martin (AZ) escort the Senators to Marymount shuttles for the final part of the journey to the University and Boys Nation.









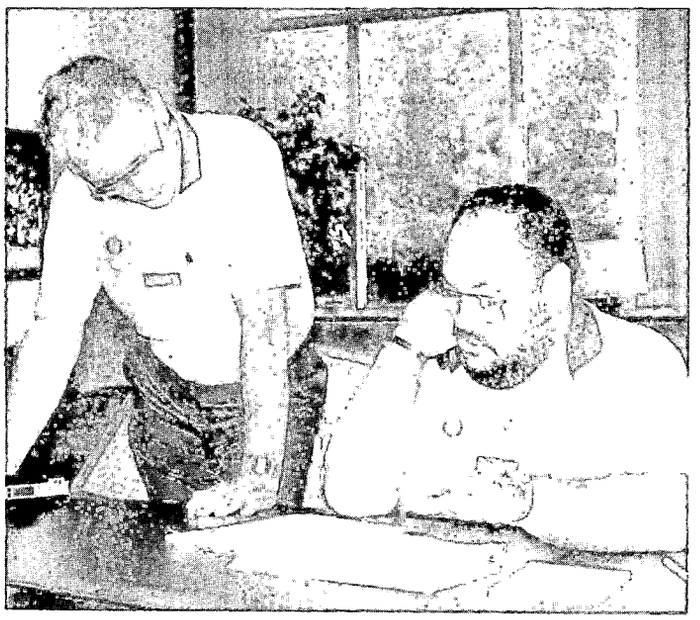




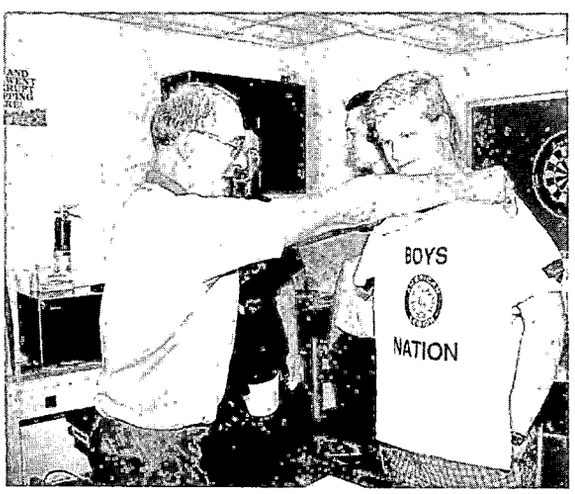


Registration ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★





Of primary importance upon arrival at Marymount University is registration. Above right, Assistant Office Manager Gary Gummersheimer (IL) confers with Marty Justis (MD) about room assignments. Bottom center and right, Office Manager Joe Cenoz (CA) helps the newly arrived Senators process the necessary forms.







The next stop for the new arrivals is the "Operation Desert Store." Here Senators are outfitted with their Boys Nation supplies by proprietor Marcus McDonald (ND). Then it's off to their rooms and the time to greet other new arrivals. If Boys Nation is to go smoothly it takes the work of many hands and a lot of cooperation.







Program Schedule ★★ ★★★★★★★★★★

1991 AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION PROGRAM — JULY 19-27, 1991

FRIDAY, JULY 19

5:00 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS
6:00 p.m. DINNER
7:30 p.m. ORIENTATION
9:00 p.m. BOYS/GIRLS NATION PIZZA PARTY & DANCE
10:45 p.m. BOYS NATION DELEGATES TO THEIR DORM
11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

SATURDAY, JULY 20

7:00 a.m. WAKE-UP
7:30 a.m. BREAKFAST
8:00 a.m. BOYS NATION STORE OPEN
8:30 a.m. SECTION MUSTER
9:00 a.m. LEGISLATIVE ORIENTATION
11:30 a.m. LUNCH
12:30 p.m. FIRST PARTY CONVENTIONS
4:30 p.m. RECESS CONVENTION
5:00 p.m. DINNER
6:00 p.m. FIRST SENATE SESSION
-Oath of Affirmation
-Elect President Pro-tem & Secretary of Senate
-Oath of Office
-Announce Appointments
-Introduction of Bills and Resolutions
9:00 p.m. ASSIGNMENT AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS
9:00 p.m. SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
10:00 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS
10:15 p.m. FREE TIME
11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

SUNDAY, JULY 21

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP
7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST
7:00 a.m. CATHOLIC MASS
8:00 a.m. NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE
American Legion National Chaplain, Michas M. Ohnstad (MN)
8:45 a.m. SECOND SENATE SESSION
11:00 a.m. LUNCH
12:00 p.m. BUSES to United States Naval Academy
1:30 p.m. WELCOME TO ACADEMY
Tour, Briefing
6:00 p.m. DINNER — Cummings Behlke American Legion Post #226
7:30 p.m. BUSES to Marymount
8:45 p.m. ASSIGNMENT AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS
8:45 p.m. SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
10:00 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS
10:15 p.m. FREE TIME
11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

MONDAY, JULY 23

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP
7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST
7:00-7:30 SECTION PHOTOS
8:30 a.m. BUSES to Arlington National Cemetery
10:05 a.m. Presentation of Wreath - Tomb of Unknown Soldier
11:30 a.m. BUSES to Marymount
12:00 p.m. LUNCH
1:00 p.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY — Speaker: Phil Riggin, Director National Legislative Division
1:45 p.m. SECOND PARTY CONVENTIONS - Nomination of Candidates
5:00 p.m. DINNER
6:00 p.m. THIRD PARTY CONVENTIONS - Platform development and election of Candidates
9:00 p.m. ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS
9:00 p.m. SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
10:00 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS
10:15 p.m. FREE TIME
11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

TUESDAY, JULY 23

6:00 a.m. Two-Mile Run
7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST
8:00 a.m. SECTION MUSTER
8:10 a.m. BUSES to FBI, Vietnam Vets Memorial & Lincoln Memorial
11:30 a.m. BUSES to Marymount
11:45 a.m. LUNCH
1:00 p.m. SENATE SESSION
3:00 p.m. CANDIDATES' DEBATE
5:00 p.m. DINNER
6:15 p.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY — Speaker: Robert S. Turner, National Commander, The American Legion
7:00 p.m. THIRD SENATE SESSION
9:00 p.m. ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS
9:00 p.m. SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
10:00 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS
10:15 p.m. FREE TIME
11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP
7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST
8:00 a.m. FOURTH SENATE SESSION — Butler Hall - Election of President and Vice-President
10:45 a.m. PRESIDENTIAL OATH - Administered by The Honorable Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals
11:00 a.m. LUNCH
12:30 p.m. PENTAGON TOUR
1:30 p.m. PENTAGON BRIEFING
2:00 p.m. ADDRESS by Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney
3:00 p.m. STATE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING
4:30 p.m. BUSES to Marymount
5:00 p.m. DINNER
7:00 p.m. TWILIGHT TATTOO - On the Elipse
8:15 p.m. BUSES to Marymount
9:00 p.m. ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS
9:00 p.m. SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
10:00 p.m. FREE TIME
10:15 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS
11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

THURSDAY, JULY 25

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP
7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST
8:00 a.m. FIFTH SENATE SESSION - Butler Hall Auditorium
10:30 a.m. BUSES DEPART to Capitol Hill
10:45 a.m. CAPITOL HILL — U.S. Supreme Court, National Archives, Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institute, Washington Monument, and Botanic Gardens
4:15 p.m. GROUP PHOTO at the Capitol
4:30 p.m. BUSES to Marymount
5:15 p.m. DINNER
6:30 p.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY — Speaker: Dr. Herm Davis, Financial Aid for Higher Education
7:30 p.m. RECONVENE FIFTH SENATE SESSION
9:00 p.m. ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS
9:00 p.m. SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
10:00 p.m. FREE TIME
10:15 p.m. SECTION MEETINGS
11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

FRIDAY, JULY 26

6:30 a.m. WAKE-UP
7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST
8:30 a.m. BUSES to Iwo Jima Memorial
9:45 a.m. WHITE HOUSE TOUR
11:00 a.m. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT - Briefing - Bill Phillips, - Deputy Director
11:30 a.m. LUNCH — Hott Shoppes
2:00 p.m. WAVE OFF — WHITE HOUSE
3:30 p.m. FINAL SENATE SESSION
4:00 p.m. ADJOURN SENATE SINE DIE
6:00 p.m. BOYS NATION GRADUATION
Speaker: Dr. Reed M. Stewart
8:00 p.m. Awards and Diplomas
8:30 p.m. FREE TIME/SECTION MEETINGS
Pack for departure
Recreation - swim-gym
11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

SATURDAY, JULY 27

5:00 a.m. WAKE-UP
5:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST — CHECK OUT
6:00 a.m. FIRST SHUTTLE TO THE AIRPORT

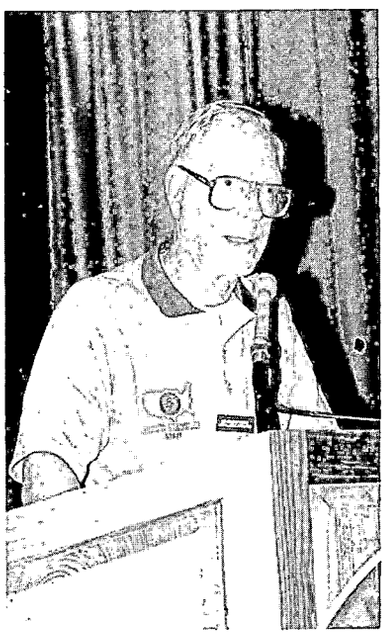
ALL MORNING DEPARTURES

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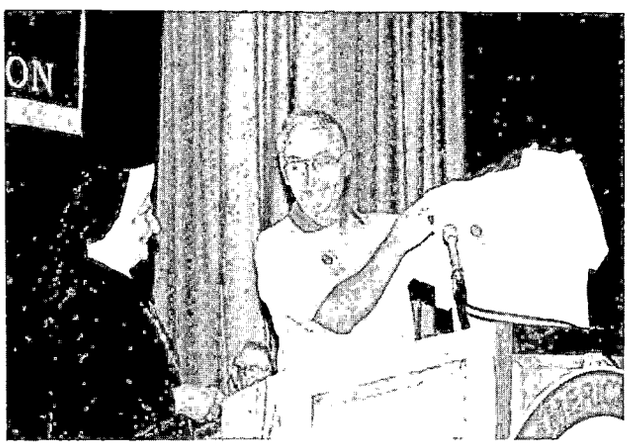
The forty-fifth Anniversary session of The American Legion Boys Nation was brought to order by Director of Activities Jack Mercier (WI), below right. After the invocation by Assistant Office Manager Gary Gummersheimer (IL) and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance," Director, Marty Justis (MD), above left, brought official greetings of The American Legion and welcomed the young Senators to the Washington, DC area. Director Justis then introduced the staff and our host, the President of Marymount University, Sr. M. Majella Berg, RSHM, below center, who brought greetings.

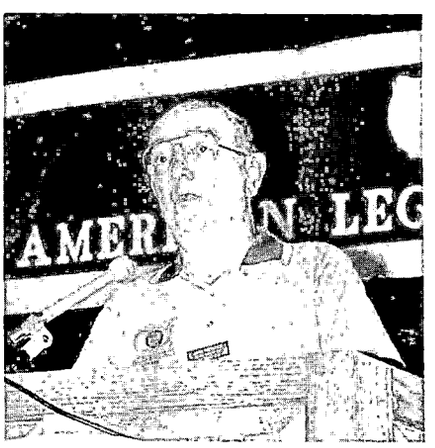


Legislative Director, Dr. George Blume (VA), left, shared with the Senators a patriotic presentation, "Flag Desecraters, Flag Wavers, Flag Protectors." In it he challenged us: "Past generations, my generation, and yes even many of your generation have carried out our responsibilities to preserve the values of this nation. But it is now up to your generation to be flag desecraters, flag wavers, or flag protectors."

Orientation at Boys Nation could only be complete by instilling the Boys Nation spirit. This could only be realized by the personification of that spirit in Assistant Director of Activities, Owen T. "Casey" Cason (FL), below left, as he teaches the new Senators the 'America Chant."











A Visit with Girls Nation ★★★★★★★★★★★





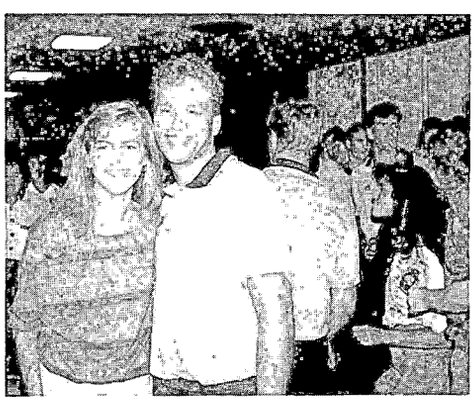












For the Boys Nation Senators the completion of their orientation was shared with the Senators of Girls Nation as they celebrated their graduation. Though it marked the end of Girls Nation, it served as a happy, fun-filled beginning for Boys Nation.







Section Meetings ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★



ADAMS SECTION — Russ Martin (AZ), Counselor



JEFFERSON SECTION — Aldie Johnson (NE), Counselor



MADISON SECTION — Sarge Loveland (UT), Counselor



WASHINGTON SECTION — Bob Caudell (IN), Counselor

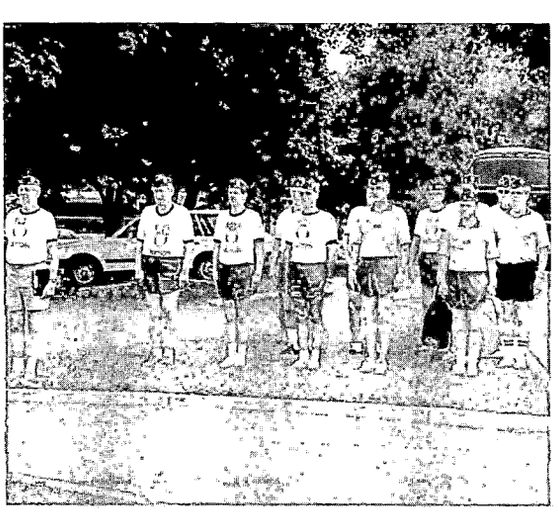
The key to complete involvement for Boys Nation Senators is frequent communication. At least once a day the Sections met to receive instructions for the coming day's activities and to review and reflect on the current day's events.

"Old Glory"



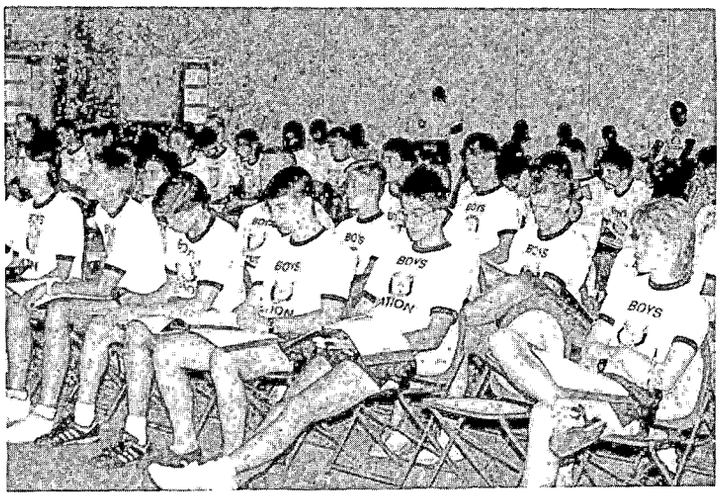


While the Nation has still not settled the debate concerning flag desecration, Boys Nation showed its respect for the symbol of our great land. Daily, we participated in a ceremony to hoist and lower "Old Glory."



Legislative Orientation ★★★★★★★★★★★★





Laying the foundation for the political structure, Legislative Program Director Dr. George Blume (VA), left, informs the Senators that prior to their arrival they were assigned to one of two parties. Below left, Federalist Party Counselor Doug Mory (MD) and below right, Nationalist Party Counselor Joe McCraith (IL), shared in the orientation. The work of the party conventions and the legislative process serve as the backbone of the Boys Nation program.



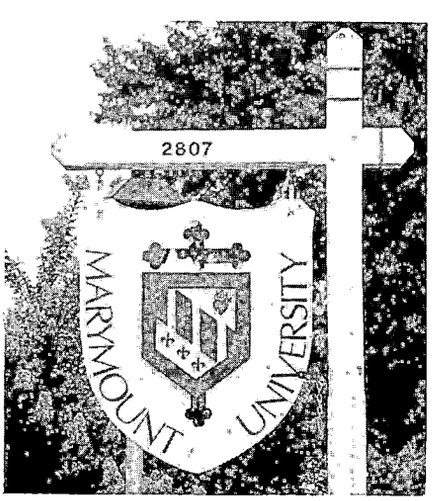




Greetings ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

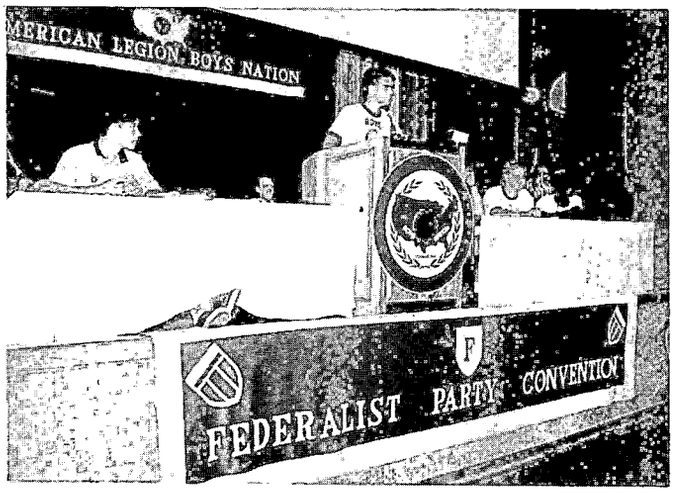


The American Legion, for one week in July, transforms with the help of Marymount University, a part of its campus into an experience of national government based on the concept of "learning by doing." Begun in the 1950's as a junior college for girls, Marymount University continues its mission as a co-ed institution. Educating the young has been a service of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary since it began in 1848 in Southern France. Ably carrying on their tradition is Sr. M. Majella Berg, RSHM, President of Marymount University. Here, the longest sitting college president brings greetings to Boys Nation.



Party Conventions ★★★★★★★★★★★★★















Senators Frank Pasquale (AZ) and John O'Quinn (NC) chaired the Nationalist and Federalist parties as they spent a good deal of the time early in the week in convention. As the pictures attest, it did not take the



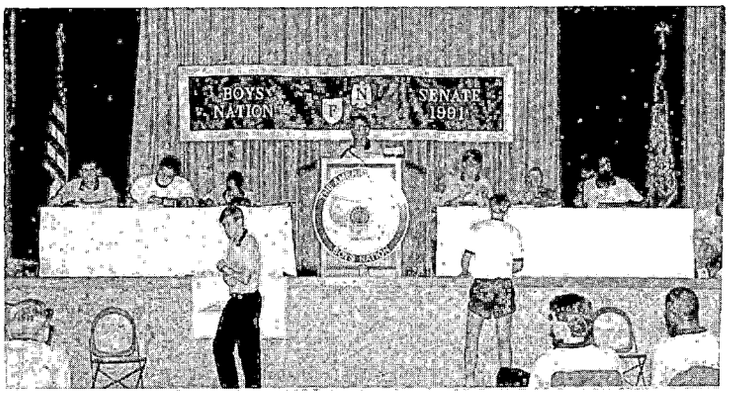
Senators long to become actively involved in the political process. This year being no different than others, several Senators of each party sought to be the nominee for President and Vice-President.







The Senate and The President Pro Tem★★★★★★





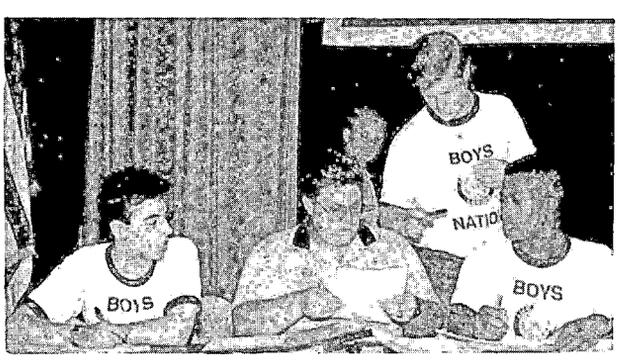


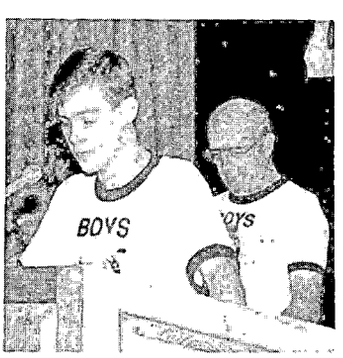
Within twenty-four hours of their arrival, Boys Nation Senators put the political structure and power of the Senate into action. After caucuses and a roll call vote, Kenyon Williams (TX), above, receives his gavel, the symbol of his office of President Pro-Tempore from Nationalist Party Counselor Joe McCraith (IL). Immediately, the Senators were challenged to select one of their own for the office of Secretary of the Senate. After another electoral procedure Joe Kenner (NJ) (below left, third from left) can be seen taking up the duties of his office.











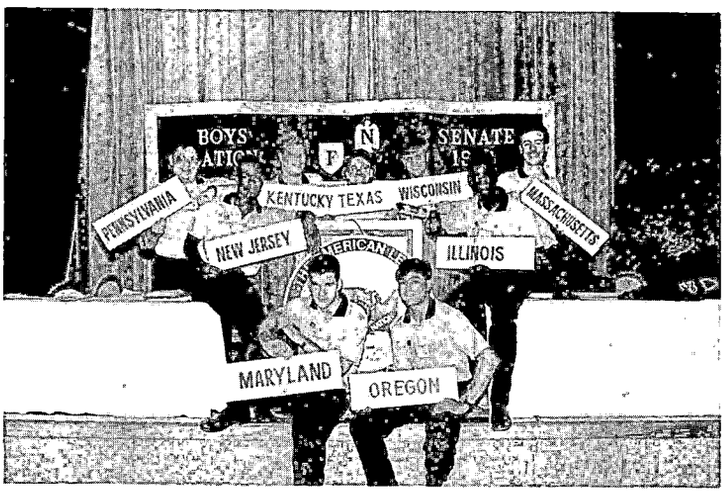








Senate Officers ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★



(Front row l-r) Todd Thayer, Chaplain; Larry Horton, Sergeant-at-Arms. (Back row l-r) Joe Spado, Assistant Secretary; Joe Kenner, Secretary of the Senate; Jason Brown, Chief Clerk; Kenyon Williams, President Pro-Tempore; Mark Muehl, Parliamentarian; Jon Sims, Assistant Clerk; Rick Subrizio, Assistant Secretary.

Assignment and Calendar Committee ★★★★★



(l-r) Tim Maher, John Anderson, Jason Brown, Sean Brennan, and Mukund Krishniswami.

Committee Meetings ★★★★★★★★★★★★







Final Senate consideration of legislation and resolutions, their acceptance or rejection, requires that they be discussed and hammered out "in committee" before they reach the Senate floor.

Religious Services★★★★★★★★★★★★★★





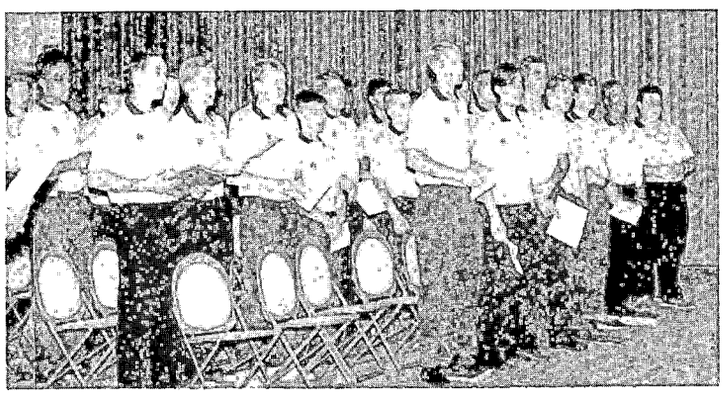
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN



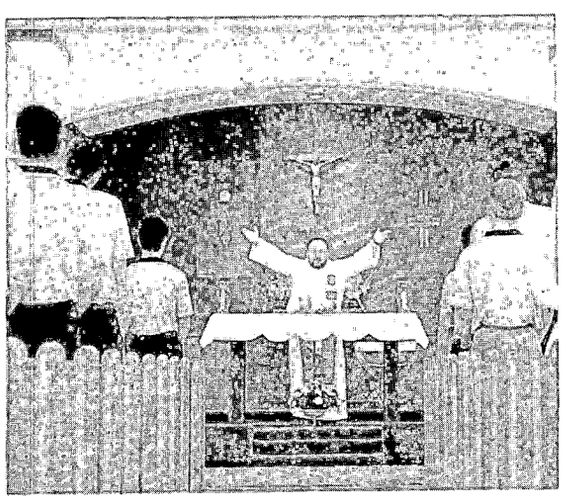


The American Legion National Chaplain, Rev. Michas M. Ohnstad (MN), pictured above center with his wife, Alma, spent several days with Boys Nation. Chaplain Ohnstad, shared with the Senators and staff three important commitments in life: to God, service to God and each other, and patriotism, during a Sunday morning non-denominational service.

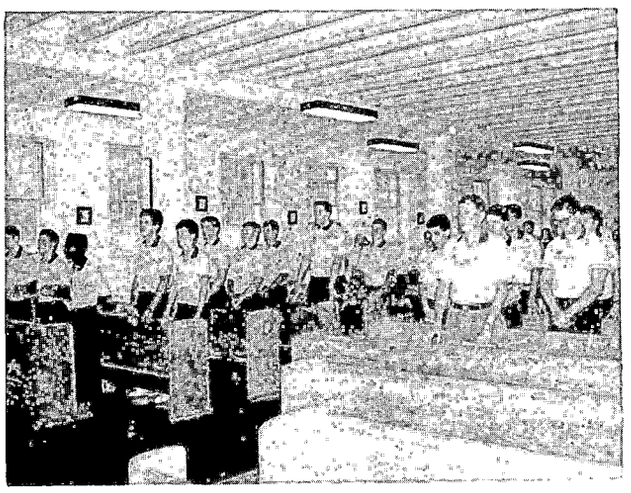
Earlier Sunday morning The American Legion motto, "For God and Country" was supplemented (at bottom) as Assistant Office Manager Gary Gummersheimer (IL), a Roman Catholic priest, celebrated Mass for the Boys Nation family.











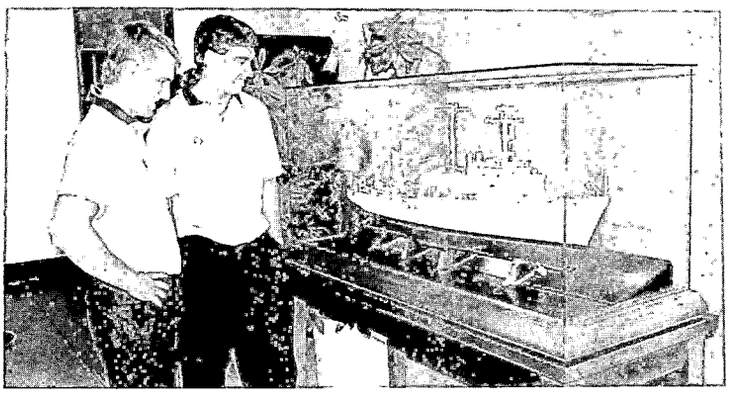
The United States Naval Academy ★★★★★★★



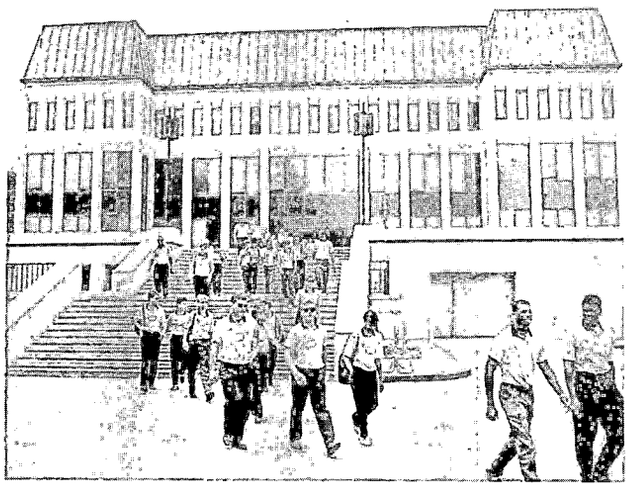




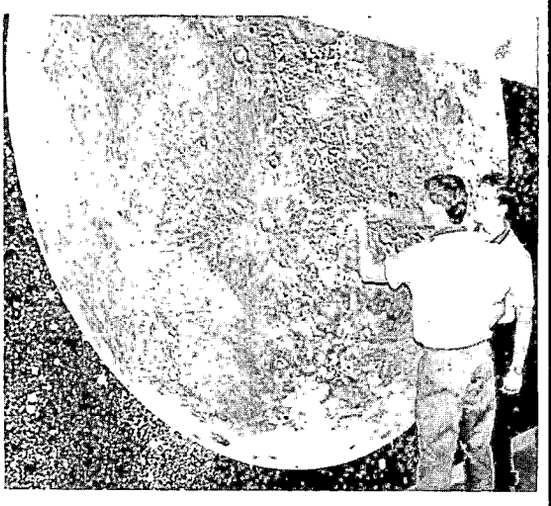
The United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, provided Senators an excellent chance to view one of the nation's most prestigious institutes of higher learning. The visit included a briefing by the Director of Admissions at the Academy who told us that 24% of the class of '95 are graduates of Boys/Girls State and the opportunity for a walking tour of the campus.

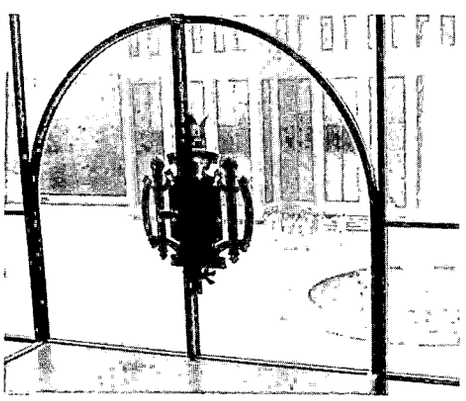


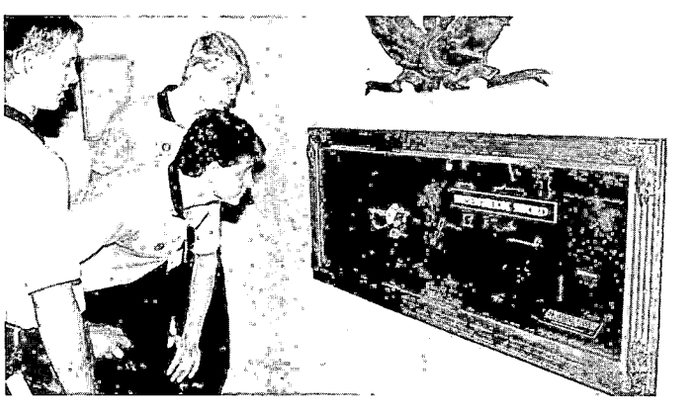


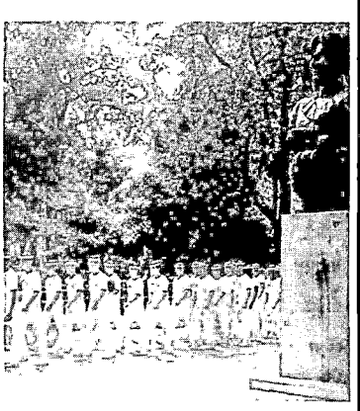






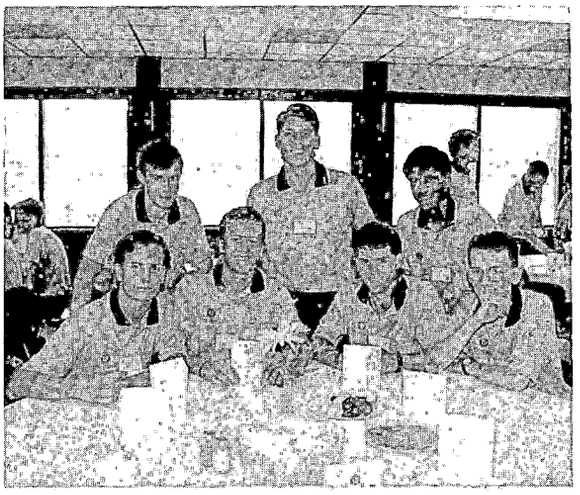






Cummings-Behlke Post #226 ★★★★★★★★★







The food at Marymount was good, but it could not compare to the "home-grown" fare and Bar-B-Que chicken served up by the members of Cummings-Behlke Post 226, Mayo, MD. Above and below left, Post Commander Buddy Cassidy welcomed Boys Nation to the home of the 1990 American Legion Baseball World Series Champions for our eleventh year of "Legion Hospitality." We enjoyed our time and the home cooking and left Post 226 with the spirit of Boys Nation and our appreciation.

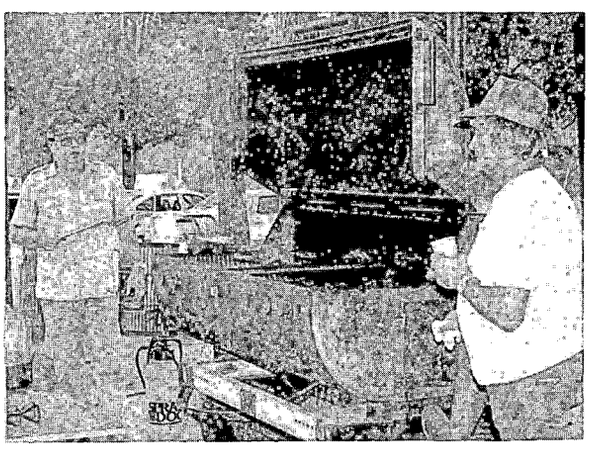


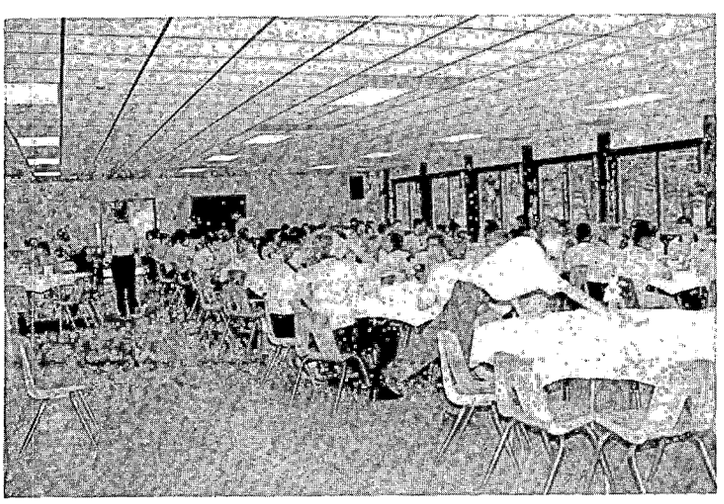










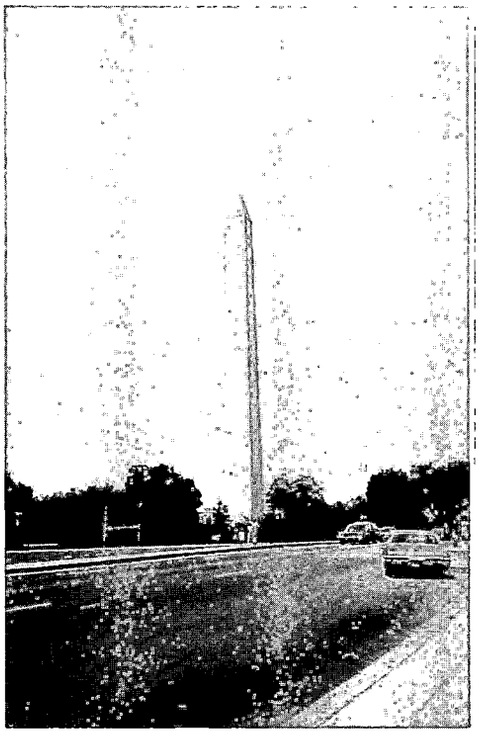


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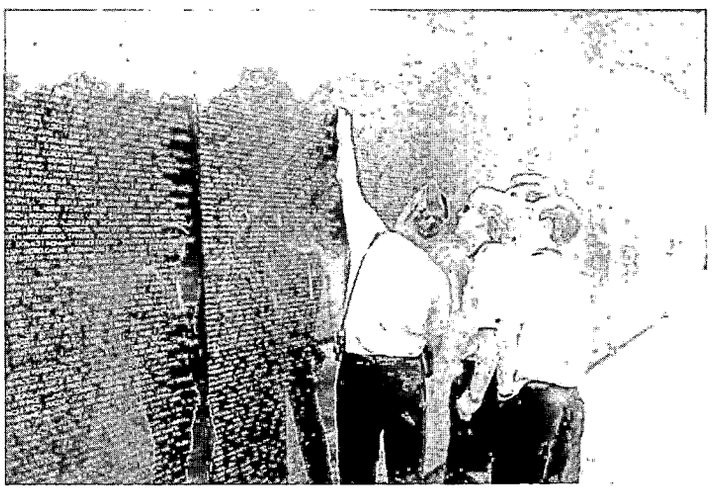


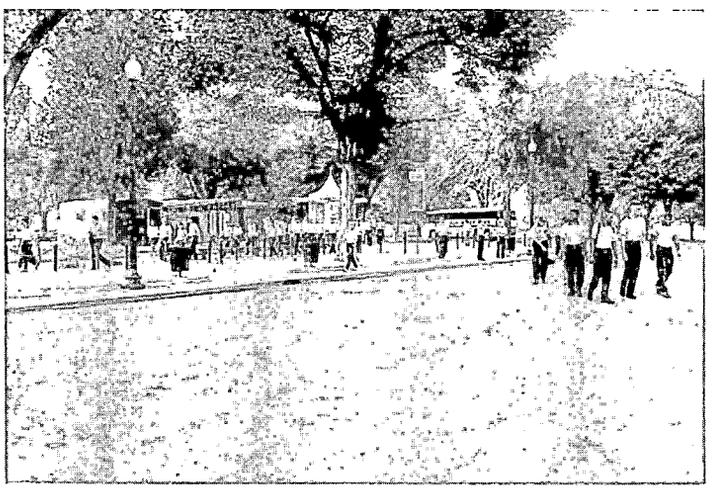
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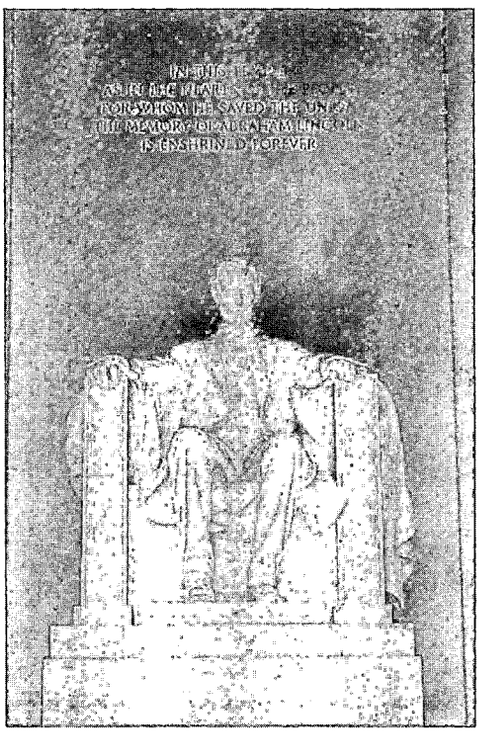


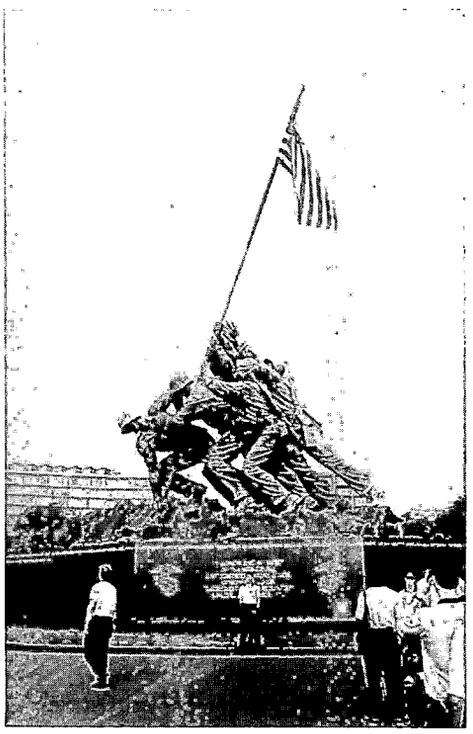
One of the most moving moments of Boys Nation was certainly the visit to some of the capitol's memorials. Senators were able to catch a glimpse of America's dark moments when the lives of Americans were being lost in armed conflict. Though they may pay tribute to one individual they all symbolize the great struggle for freedom in America. As viewed they show us that the struggle is an on-going process during each era of our nation's history.





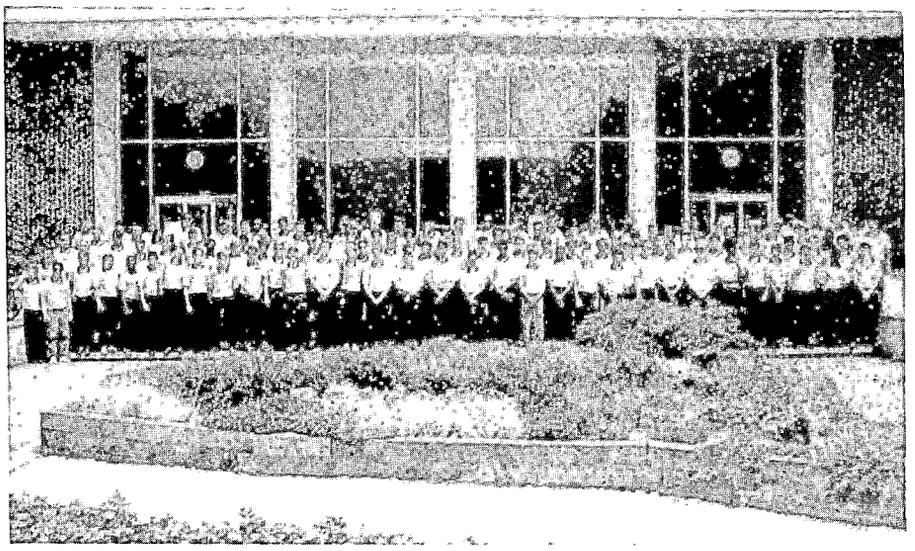




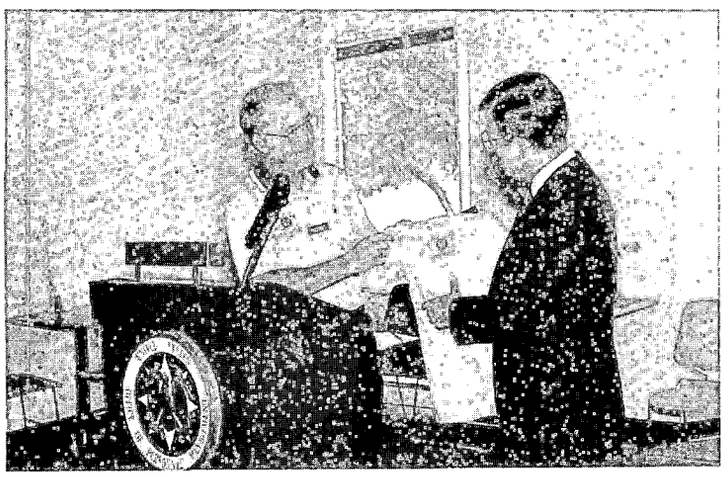


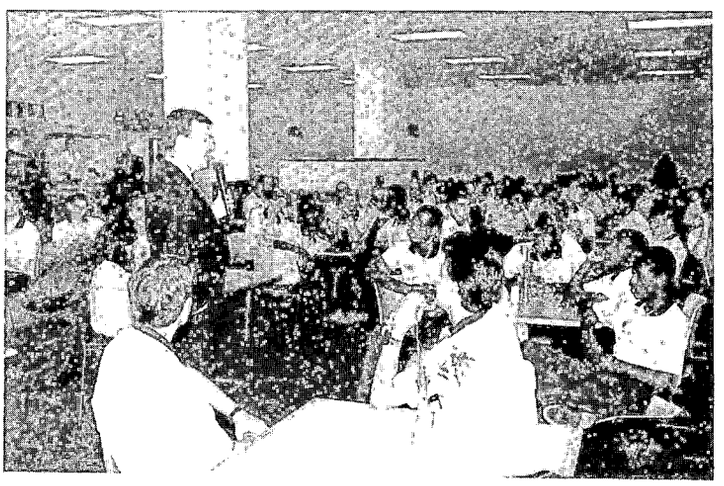
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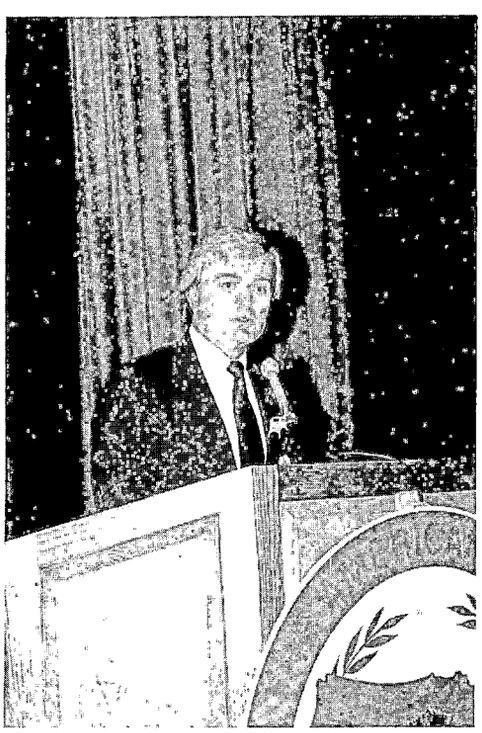


Boys Nation was privileged to hear from OPM Deputy Director Bill R. Phillips, host for the day's visit. As OPM's Deputy Director since 1989, Mr. Phillips spoke of the responsibility for recruiting, training, and developing a federal workforce comprised of 2.1 million employees.





Guest Speaker ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★



Lobbying, the skill of convincing legislators to side with a given point of view was explained to the Boys Nation Senators by E. Philip Riggin, Director of The American Legion National Legislative Division. The former Maryland Boys Stater then entered into a question and answer session. Some of the topics covered included pending Congressional legislation and The American Legion's interests and issues. Mr. Tim Gahimer of INB National Bank (below and right), discussed The American Legion's Option 4 Loan Program, a service of the Legion for those who need the extra financial help to go to college.







Two-Mile Run ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★







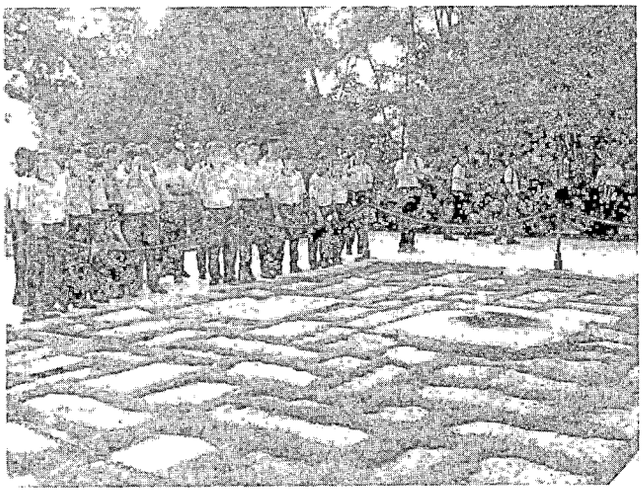
Not all waking hours are devoted to business. Under the guidance of Dr. George Blume, a time was set aside for jogging/running. The annual Fun Run challenged the participants with a 5:45 a.m. (yes, that's AM) wake-up time. They are having fun aren't they?



Stop for "R & R" ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★



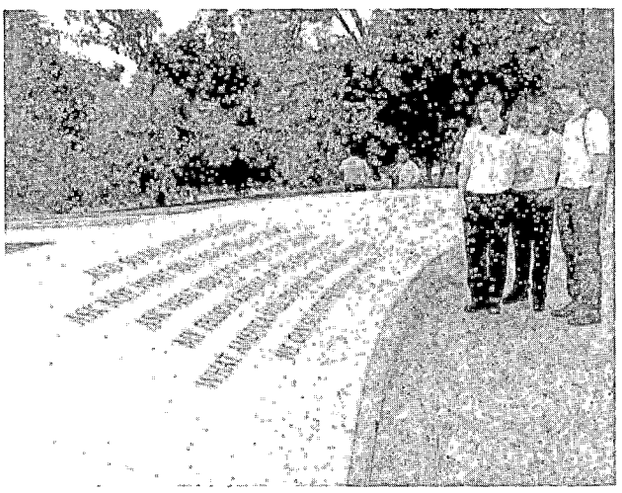
Arlington National Cemetery ★★★★★★★★★★

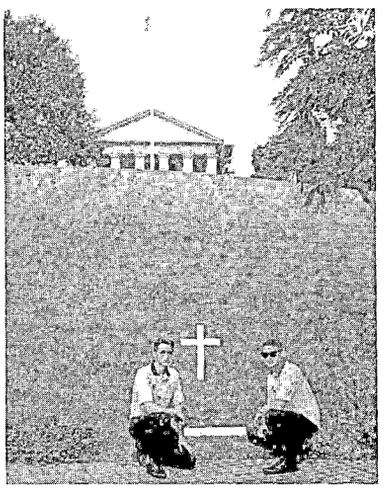






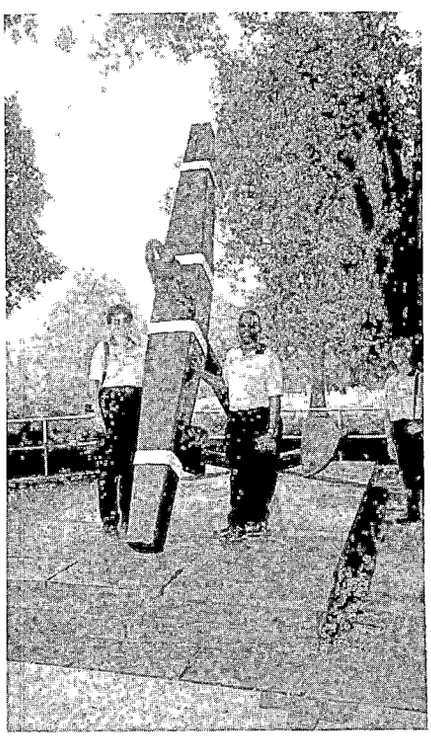






From a martyred President to the tragic heroes of space flight, Boys Nation participated in a tour of Arlington National Cemetery. Starting at the gravesites of President John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, the young Senators were given the chance to grasp the historical significance of lives great and simple as they impacted on the fabric of our Nation's life.

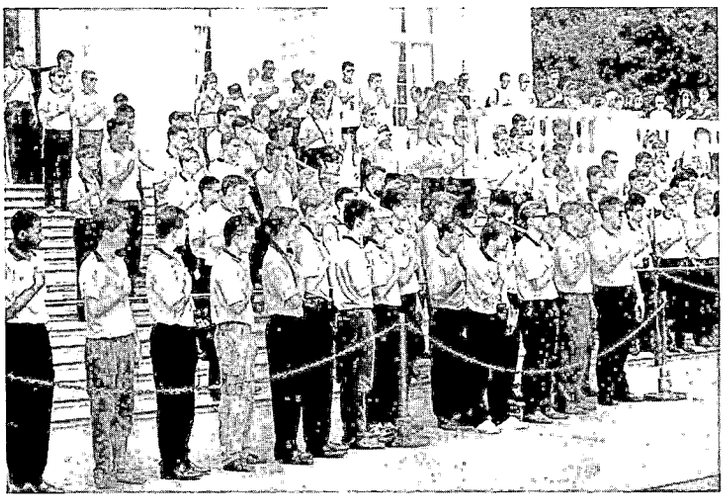




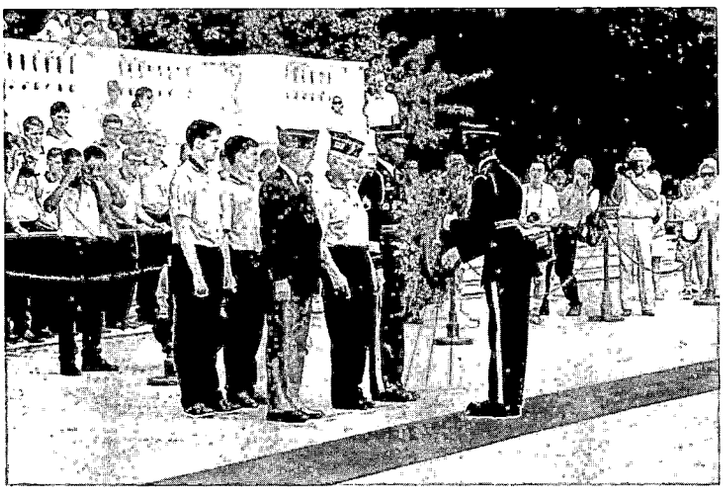


Overlooking the Kennedy gravesites stands Arlington House. Constructed to preserve the memory of President George Washington, it is now an official memorial to General Robert E. Lee. Steeped in history and conflict, it stands as a guardian to the many heroes whose bravery is celebrated in somber quietude.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier ★★★★★★★★★



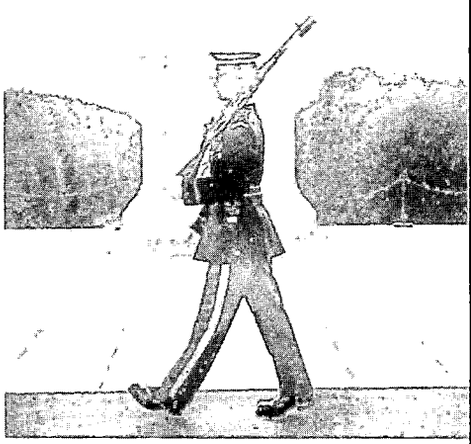




The quiet solemnity with which the "Old Guard" changes its sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was deepened by the opportunity to participate in an Army wreath laying ceremony. Left, Senators Benjamin Rodriguez (WV) and Charles Brown (MO) accompany The American Legion National Chaplain Rev. Michas Ohnstad (MN), and Boys Nation Assistant Director of Activities Owen T. Cason (FL), in placing the wreath on behalf of Boys Nation. Bottom center, the Senators also had an opportunity to question and learn of the demanding duty of a Tomb Guard.

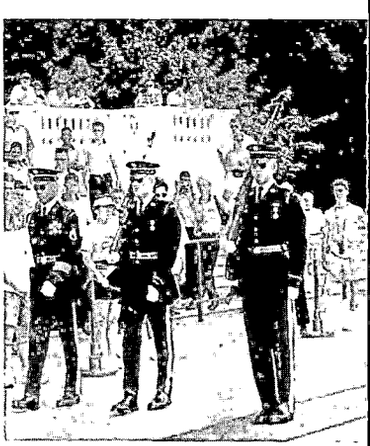












The National Commander ★★★★★★★★★★

















"Excellence can be achieved ..."

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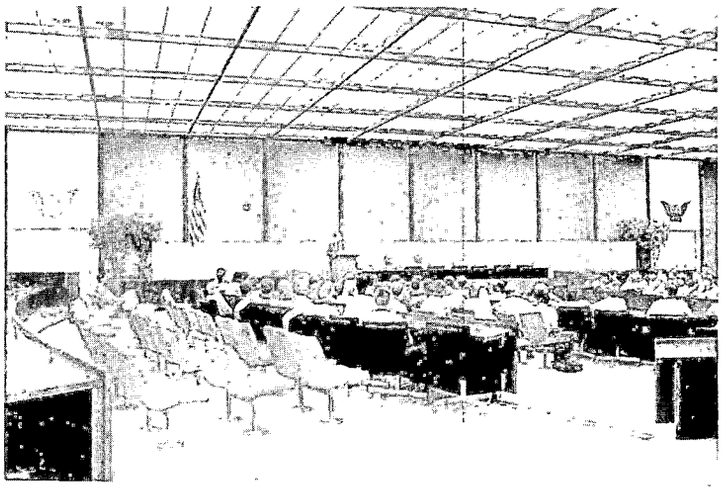




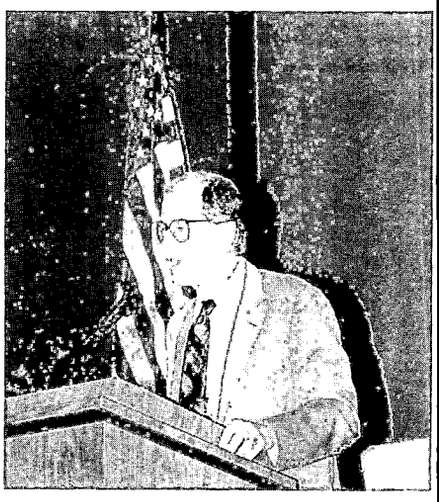


Considered by many as the most important youth activity program of The American Legion, Boys Nation received a visit from this year's number one Legionnaire, National Commander Robert Turner (GA). The third Vietnam era veteran to be elected to the top post, of the largest veterans organization, Commander Turner is no stranger to the Boys State/Boys Nation program. He himself a Boys Stater, Commander Turner has served twenty years on the staff of Georgia Boys State, and four years on the staff of Boys Nation. During his time with us Commander Turner spoke to us of the love The American Legion has for the veteran and the youth of our Country. He also challenged us to expect excellence in all that we do and gave us a format of implementation. "Excellence can be achieved if you: care more than others think it wise; risk more than others think is safe; dream more than others think it prudent; and expect more than others think it possible."

Department of State ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



On a visit to the Department of State, Boys Nation heard from Dr. John Stremlau, Deputy Director of Policy Planning. Dr. Stremlau shared the goal of the Office of Foreign Affairs: promoting democratic values, reassurance of U.S. support, combat terrorism and drugs, and meet the humaniterian needs of underprivileged countries. He then entered into a question and answer session.



"Operation Desert Store" ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★







It was not "Neman Mark-up" nor was it "Sack Flip Avenue" but the "Operation Desert Store" did its best to keep the necessary supplies available. The fine proprieter of this marvelous shop Marcus McDonald (ND) and his able assistant Austin Hanner (AR) are pictured above open for business. Whether it be the latest in avant fashion or the finest confections from the world over; if it could be had, it was found at the "Operation Desert Store."

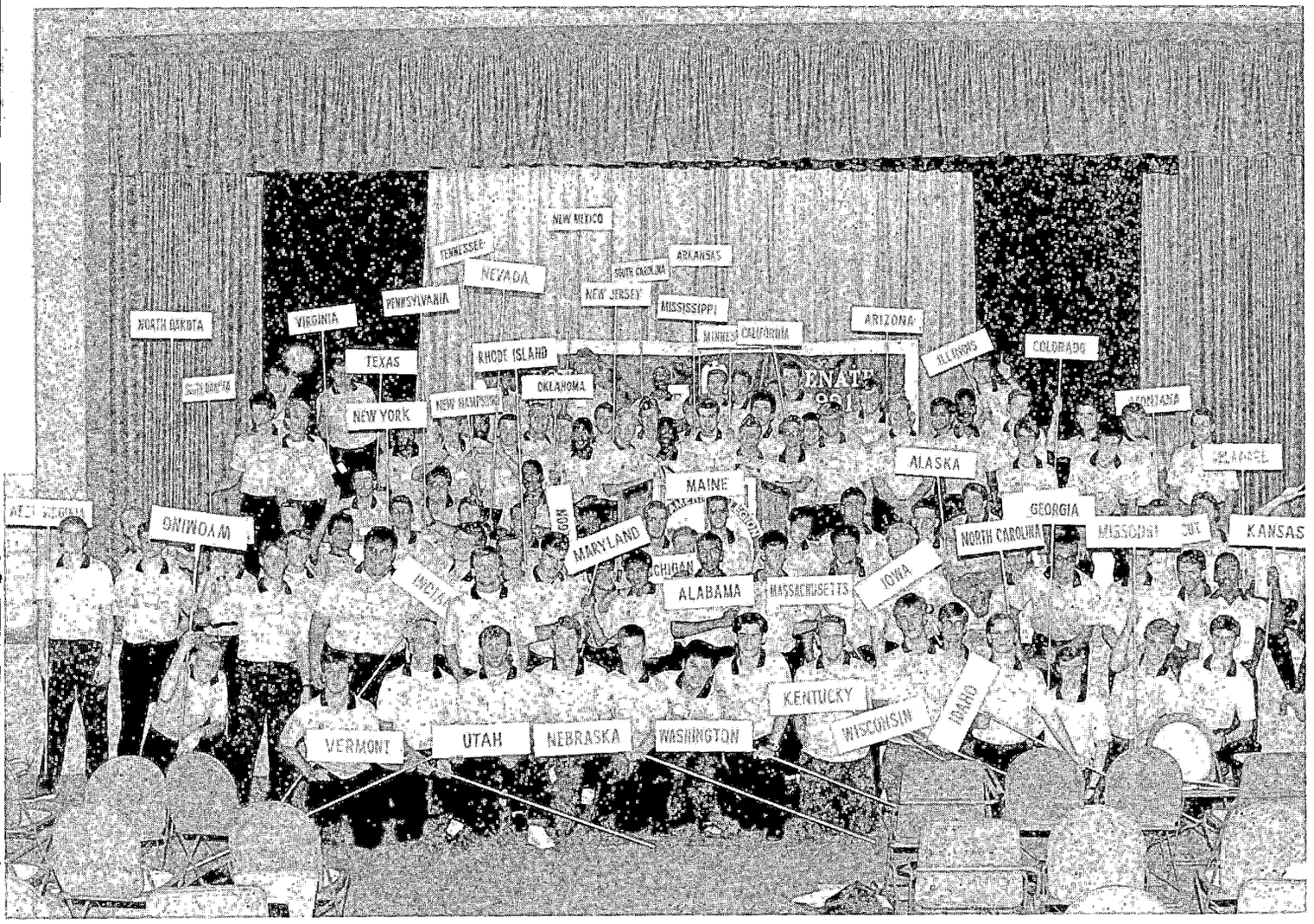








Elections ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★



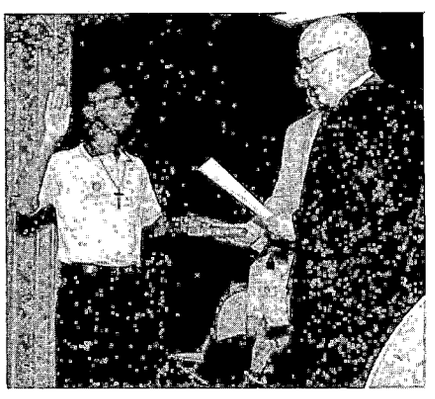






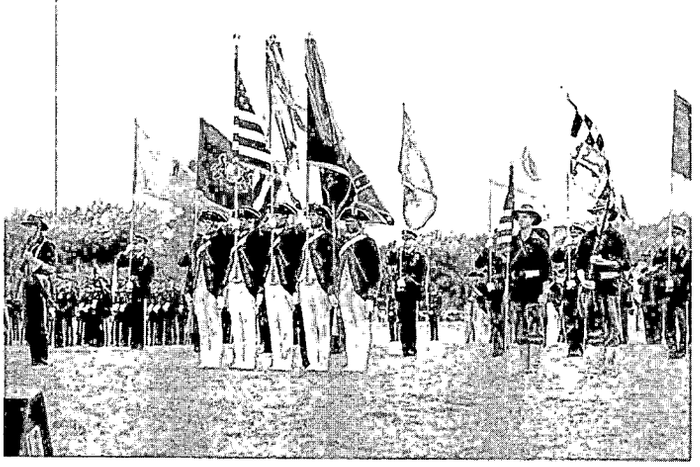


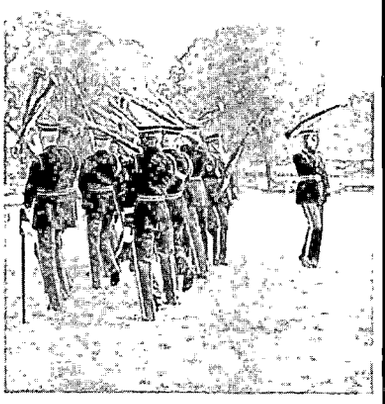
With the rigors of the campaign behind them, the oath of Office for President and Vice-President was administered by a Federal Judge. The Honorable Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals spoke briefly then performed his official duty.

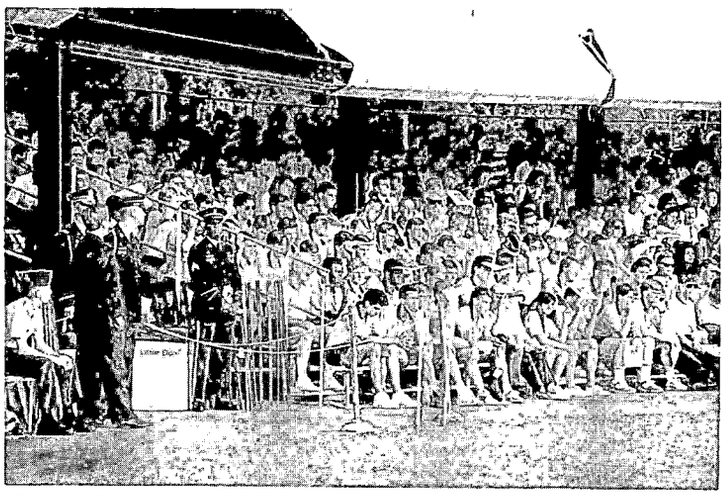


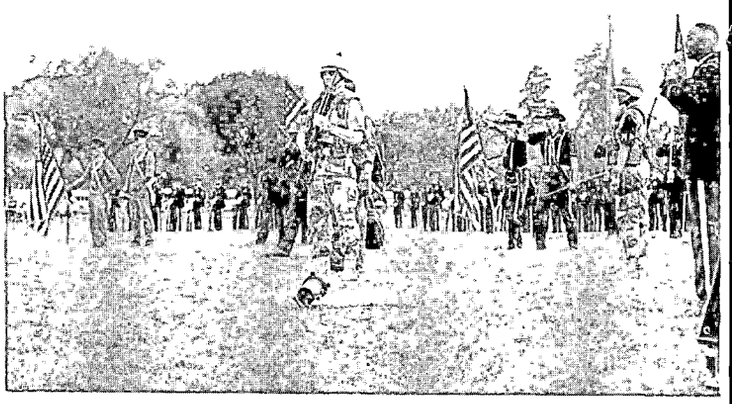
Twilight Tattoo ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★



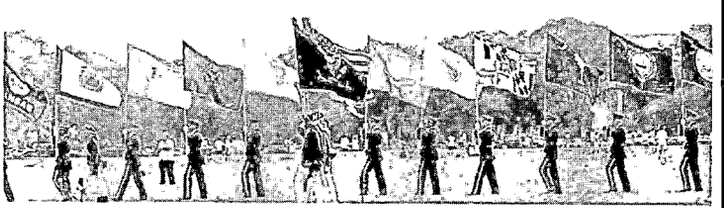


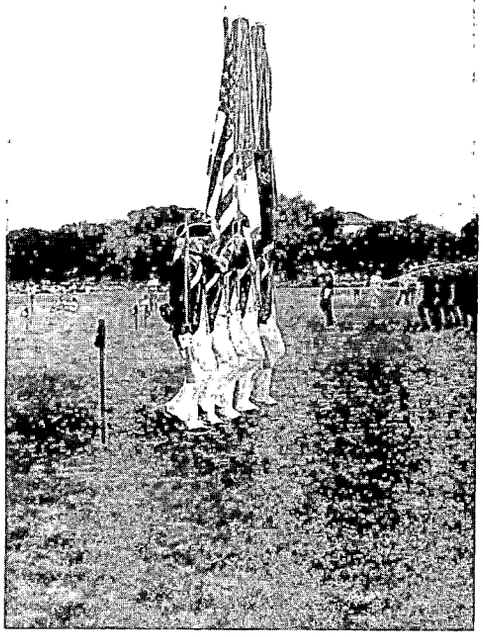






The U.S. Army's Third Infantry, the "Old Guard," delighted Boys Nation with a formation known as "Twilight Tattoo." Though its early hour made it difficult to think of settling in for the night, this program held on the Elipse, shared a bit of our Nation's history as it also showed us the precision and elegance of military formation and drill. The evening Boys Nation was present the Military District of Washington honored the Diplomatic Corps. The reviewing official for the ceremony was His Excellency Shaikh Saud Nasir Al-Sabh, Ambassador of Kuwait.

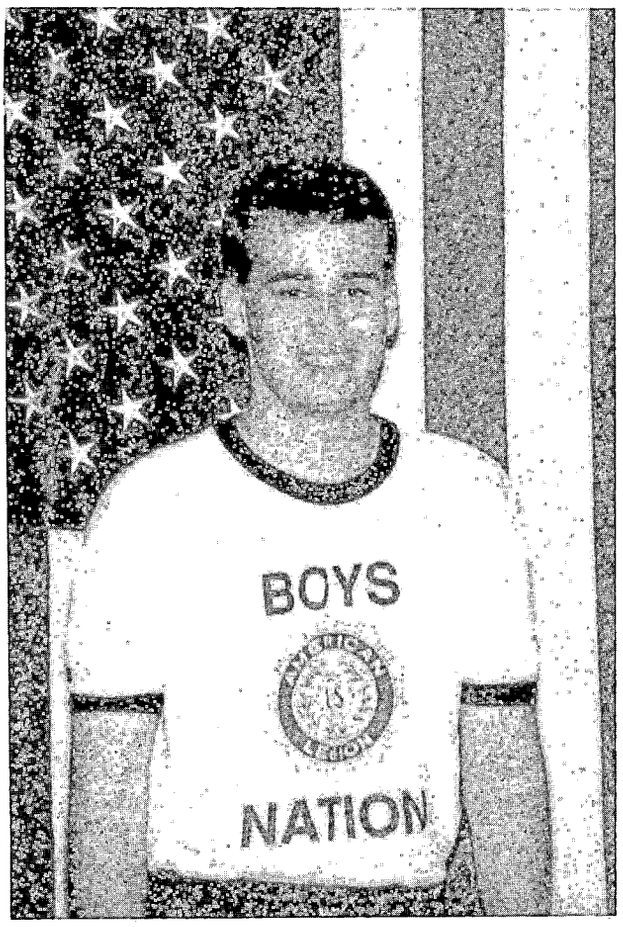








Boys Nation 1991 Officers ★★★★★★★★★★★



President
ANDREW K. FLATGARD

ANDREW K. FLATGARD, son of Duane K. and Charlene Flatgard of Jackson, Mississippi, became the forty-sixth young man to rise to the high office of Boys Nation President. Career ambition for the seventeen-year-old senior at Jackson Academy is to work in public service after attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee..

Elected Governor of Mississippi Boys State, President Flatgard will also serve this year as President of Mississippi Private School Association State Student Council. He also serves his school as Secretary-Treasurer, National Forensics League and as the public address announcer for varsity basketball games.

Other activities that keep President Flatgard's spare time filled were his participation in "How to balance Mississippi's Budget", National Leadership Training Camp, National Conservative Student Conference and Academic competition, Private School State Champion. As a result of his success in the "How to balance Mississippi's Budget", President Flatgard spent January of 1991 as a Mississippi Legislative Page.

Responding to the impact of the Boys State/Boys Nation program President Flatgard remarked that he now has a new sense of patriotism: "the symbol of the flag has a new and special meaning for me." "This incredible experience has opened to me an understanding of how my peers in other parts of the country view issues. I am humbled and blessed to have had the opportunity of this experience" stated the new President.

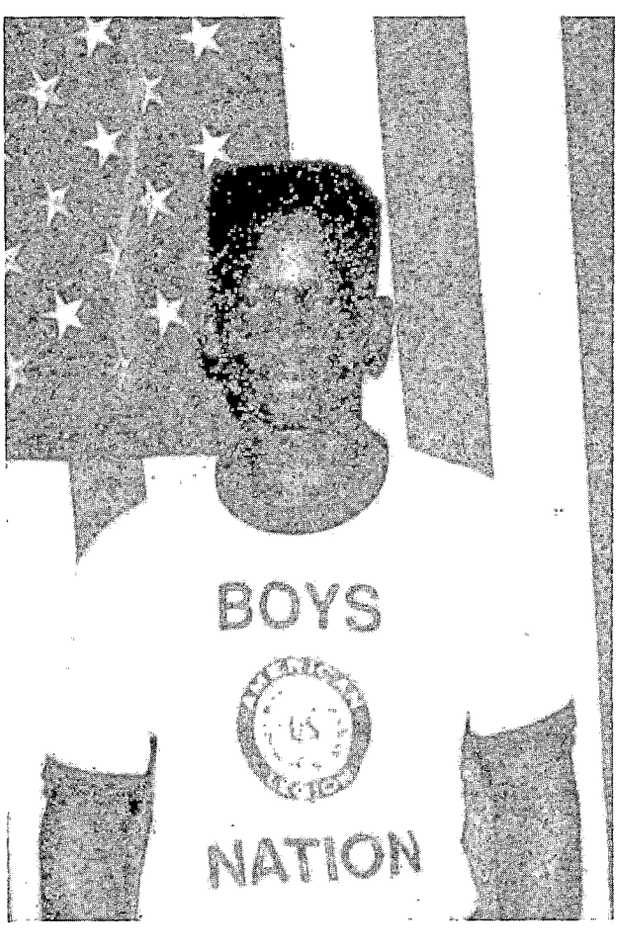
Vice President
WILLIE F. HICKS

A seventeen-year-old senior at Smith Station High School WILLIE F. HICKS, of Salem, Alabama, was elected Vice-President of The American Legion Boys Nation. The son of Willie F. and Annie R. Hicks has been a member of his high school Drama Club which he serves this year as president. At Alabama Boys State, he was elected to the office of Lt. Governor.

Vice President Hicks has been recognized as a HOBY International Ambassador, a second place winner in the Voice of Democracy contest, second place CVCC speech competition, state representative for Moose Drug Awareness, and church youth group president.

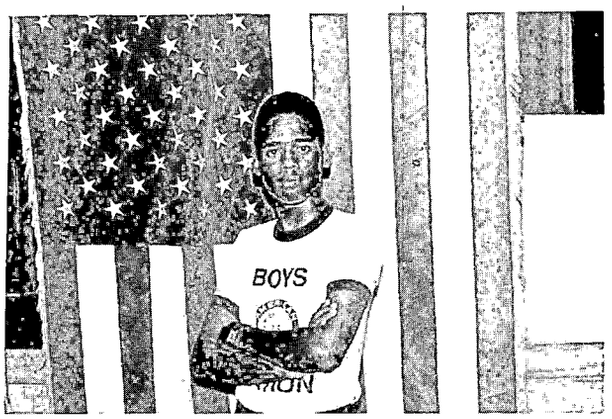
Future plans for Vice-President Hicks are being focused on law with the hopes of attending Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

Reflecting on the process, Vice-President Hicks had these observations. "Boys Nation is the best experience of all of the others that I have participated in. I have met such a unique caliber of people my age, I am impressed with their knowledge and grateful for their friendship. With their help I have sharpened my skills of leadership and the ability to deal with others."



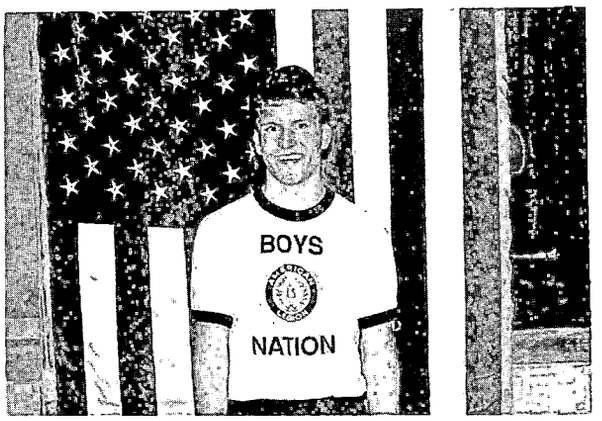
Runners Up ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Candidate for President
TERRY C. BRUNER



Terry C. Bruner is the son of Terry C. and Debbie S. Bruner of Wewoka, Oklahoma. The sixteen-year-old senior at Wewoka High School was elected to the office of Governor at Oklahoma Boys State.

Candidate for Vice President
CHRISTOPHER F. LIBBY

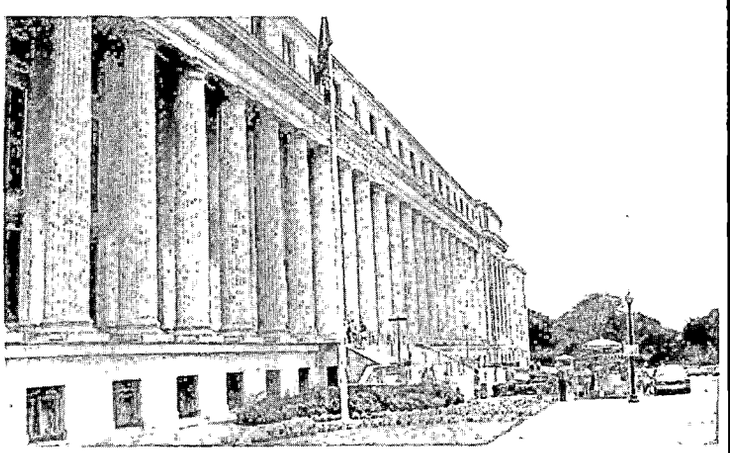


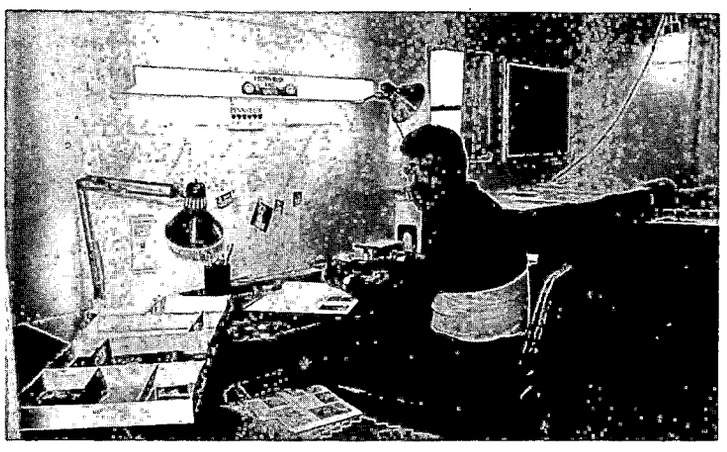
Christopher F. Libby is the son of Eugene G. and Florence B. Libby of Westbrook, Maine. The seventeen-year-old senior at Westbrook High School was elected to the office of U.S. Senator at Dirigo Boys State.

U.S. Government Agencies ★★★★★★★★★



Included in the various government agencies visited by the Senators are the FBI (left) and the Bureau of Engraving (right).

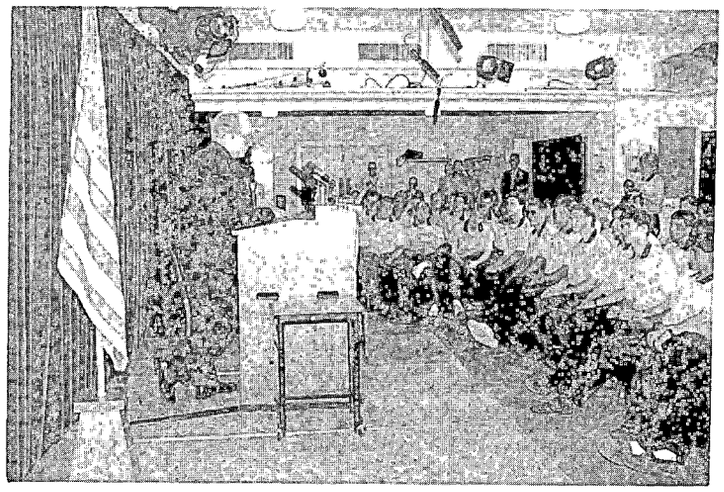


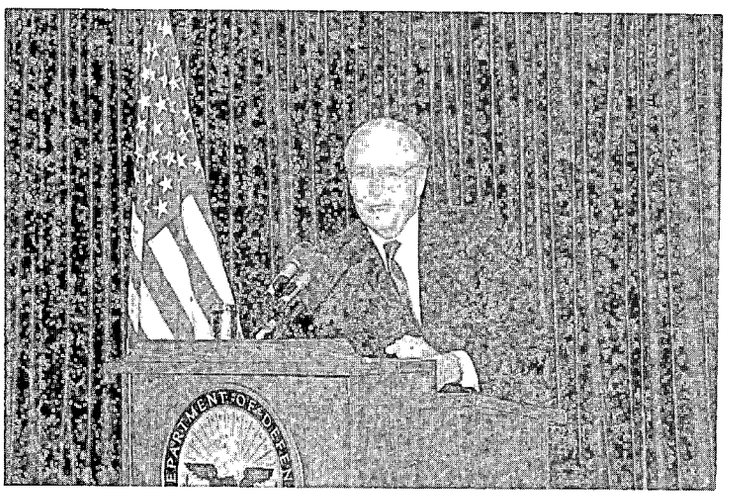


Behind the scenes Yearbook Editor Dick Sepkowski (WV) (left) coordinates activities and results of photographer David Merkle (IL) (right).



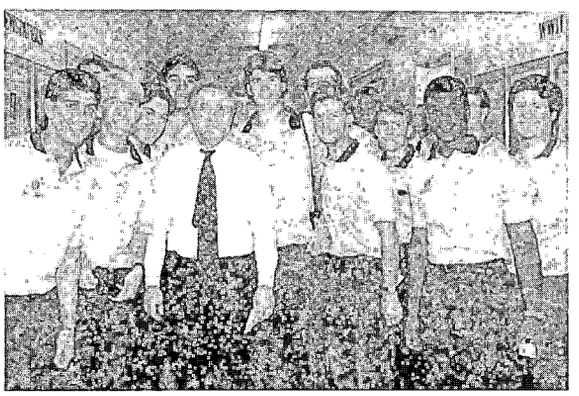
The Pentagon ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★









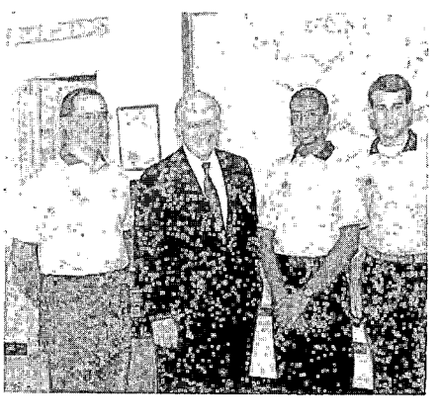


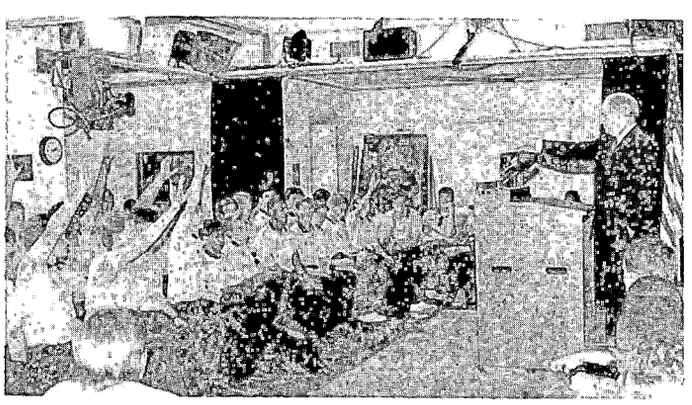
When Boys Nation visited the city within itself, The Pentagon, we were hosted to a briefing by several members of the Armed Forces and the Secretary of Defense Richard B. (Dick) Cheney. A graduate of Wyoming Boys State, Secretary Cheney answered questions from the Boys Nation Senators that covered a wide range of topics from cuts in the defense budget to the challenge of military security versus freedom of the press.

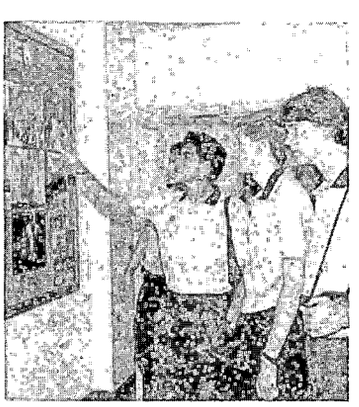










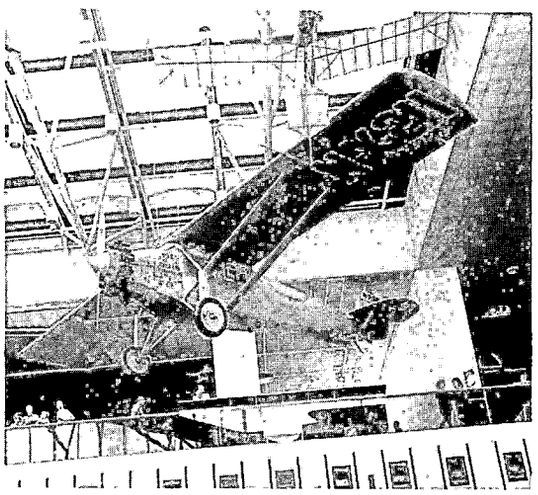


On Capitol Hill









A visit to Capitol Hill always includes the mall of the Smithsonian Institution (upper left). Some Junior Senators met with their real counterparts and were treated to some actual daily business activities. Below left and center are Alaskans.

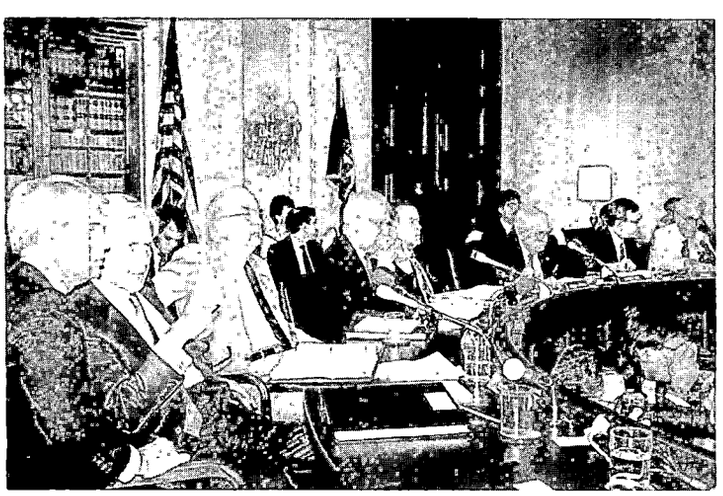
Senators J. Rockefeller (WV) is with Anthony Cipriani, Benjamin Rodriquez and Coy Flowers of West Virginia.

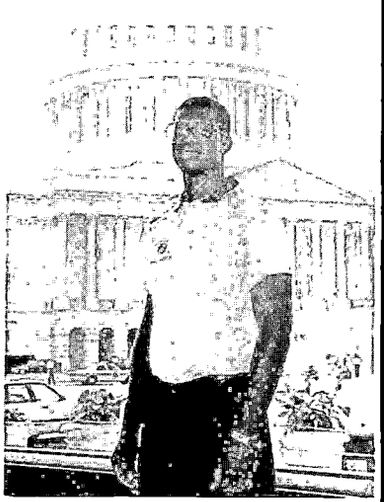




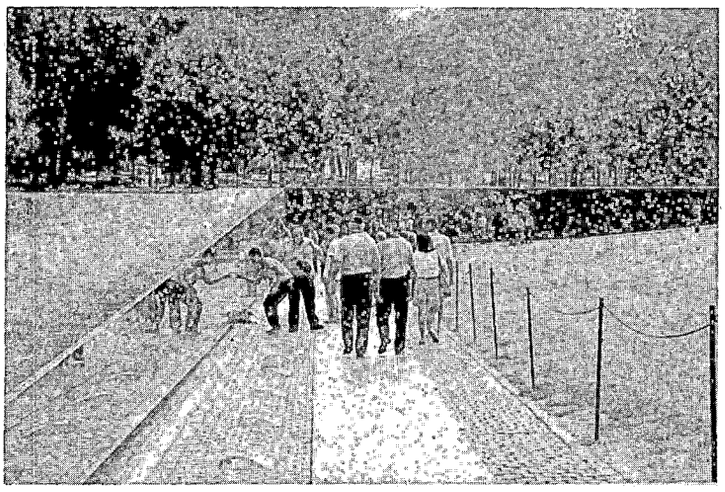


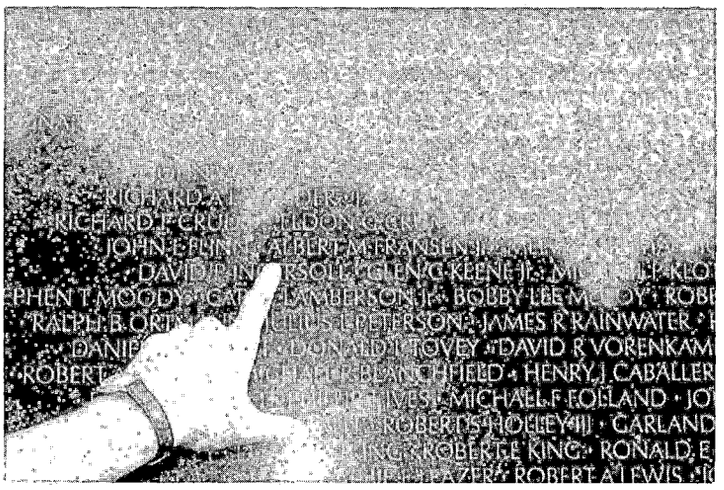




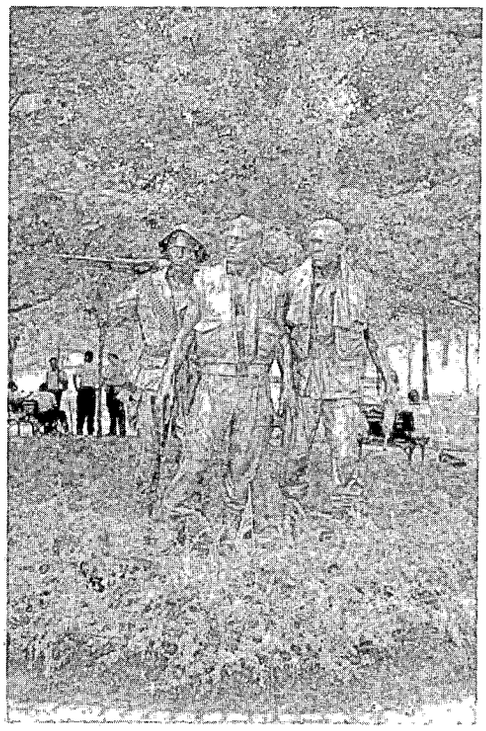


Vietnam Veterans Memorial ★★★★★★★★★★



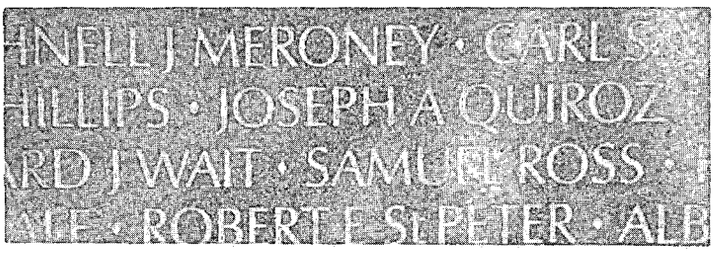






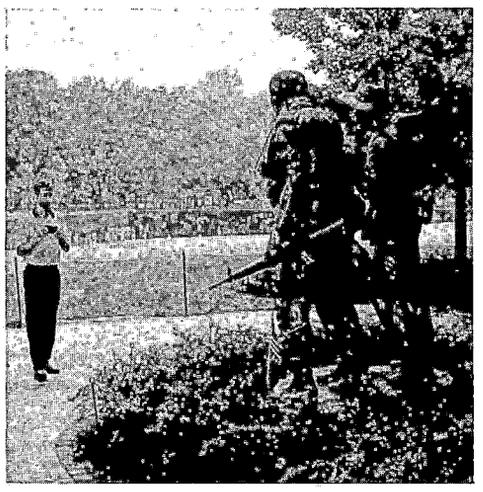








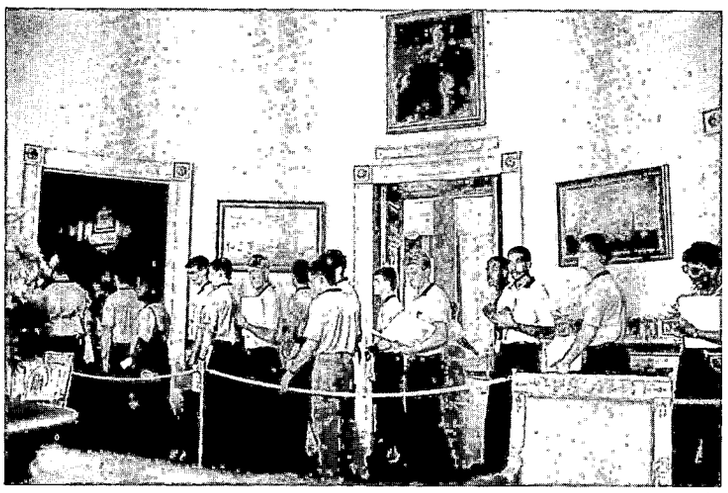




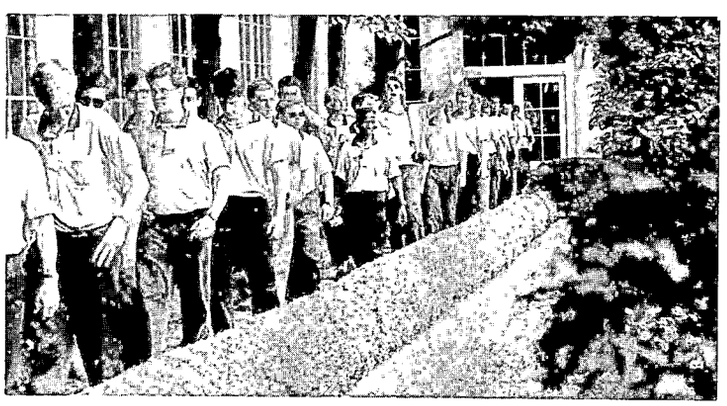
The White House ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★













Boys Nation President Thomas Workman (OH) (top left) now employed at the White House met with this year's group as the Senators began the annual tour. Boys Nation later bid bon voyage to the President as he left for the weekend.

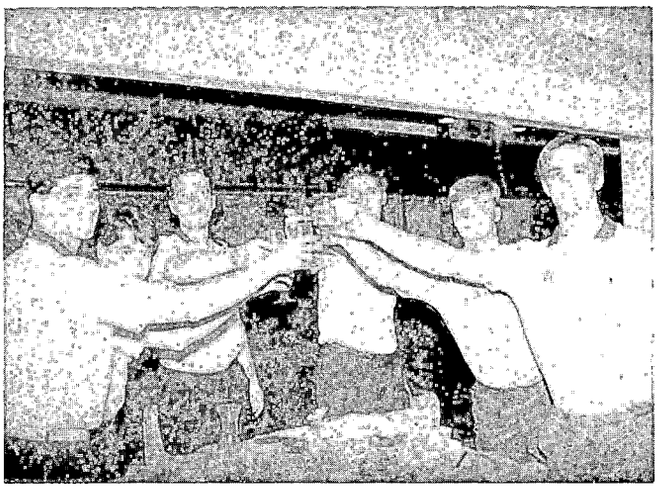






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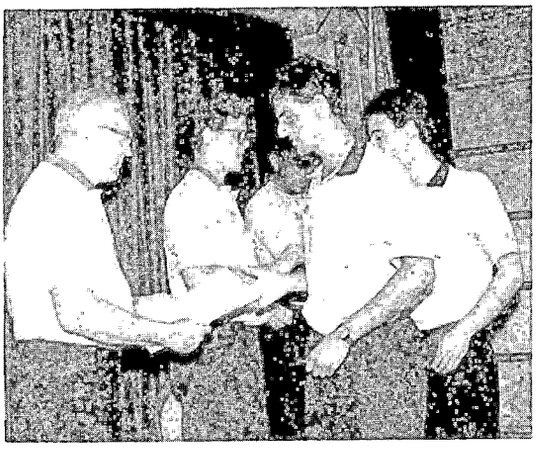








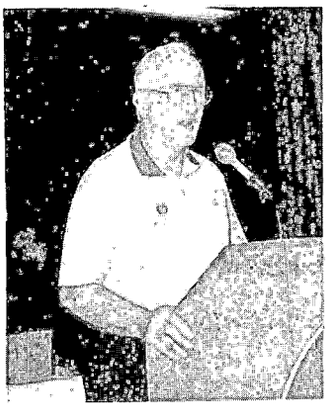








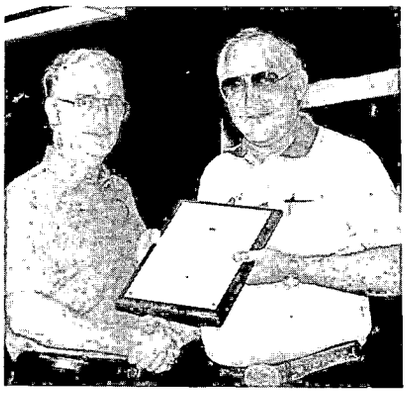
1957 Governor of Indiana Hoosier Boys State and 1958 American Legion National High School Oratorical winner, Dr. Reed Stewart, the fourteenth and youngest president of Wesley College, Dover, Delaware, delivered a rousing and inspirational commencement address to the forty-fifth anniversary session of Boys Nation. Following the traditional banquet, graduation exercises moved to the auditorium where the Senators and the staff received awards.







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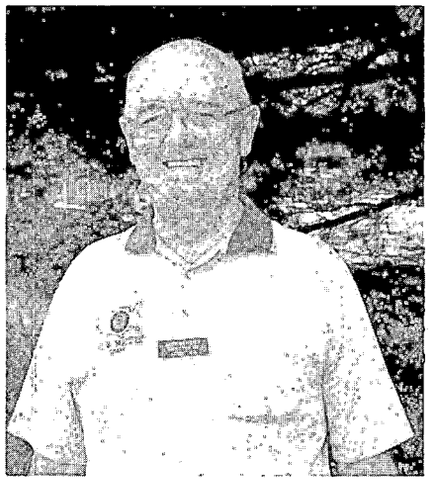





Service Awards were presented to Senior Staff members Russ Martin (AZ) five years; Dr. George Blume (VA) twenty years; Dick Sepkowski (WV) twenty years. Director of Activities Jack Mercier presents Cathy Ellis (KS) with a well earned Boys Nation Pin.



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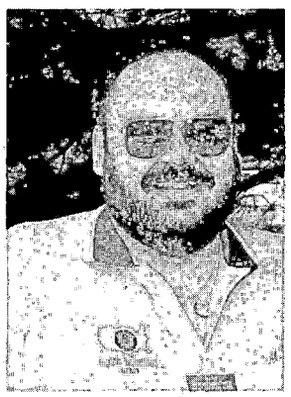
Volunteering is something of a hobby for millions of Americans, but it's a way of life for most Legionnaires. Nowhere is this more evident than with the staff of American Legion Boys Nation. Collectively, the 1991 staff has logged over 189 years of service to the program, each year bringing more enthusiasm and greater expertise to their jobs.

Their days are long, their responsibilities many, and their dedication to the program always evident. Their only rewards are satisfaction in a job well done and the good feeling developed in knowing that they have served young America.

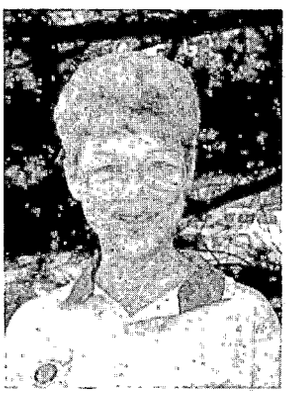
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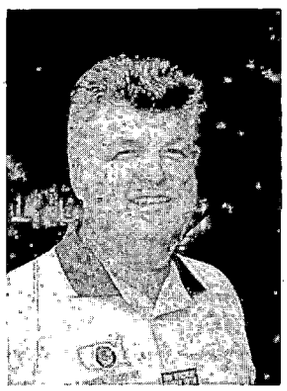
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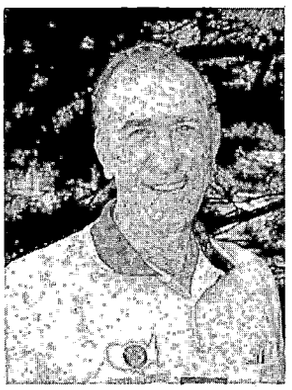
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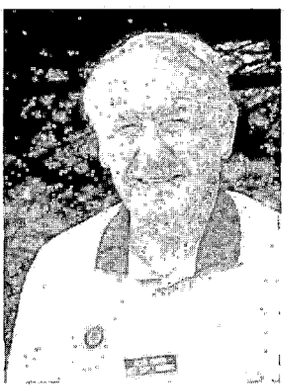
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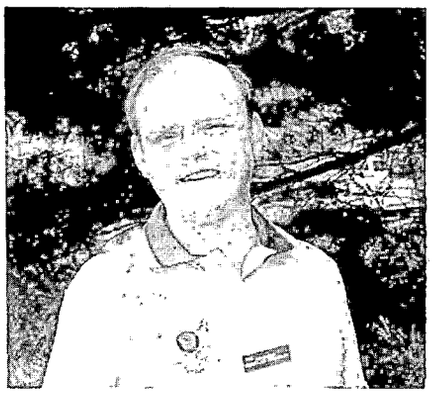


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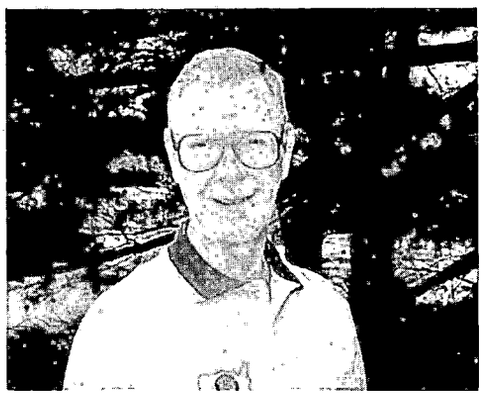


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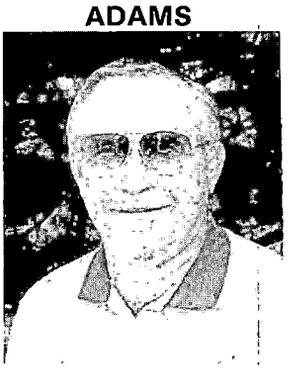
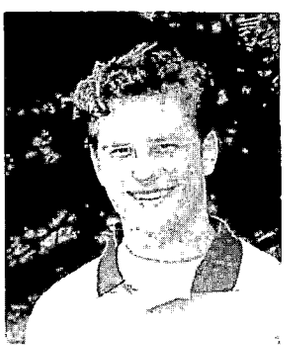
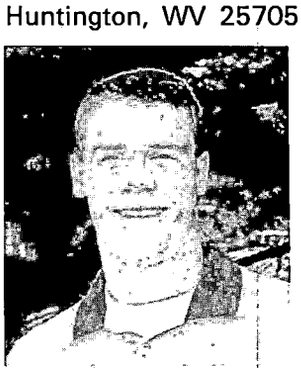


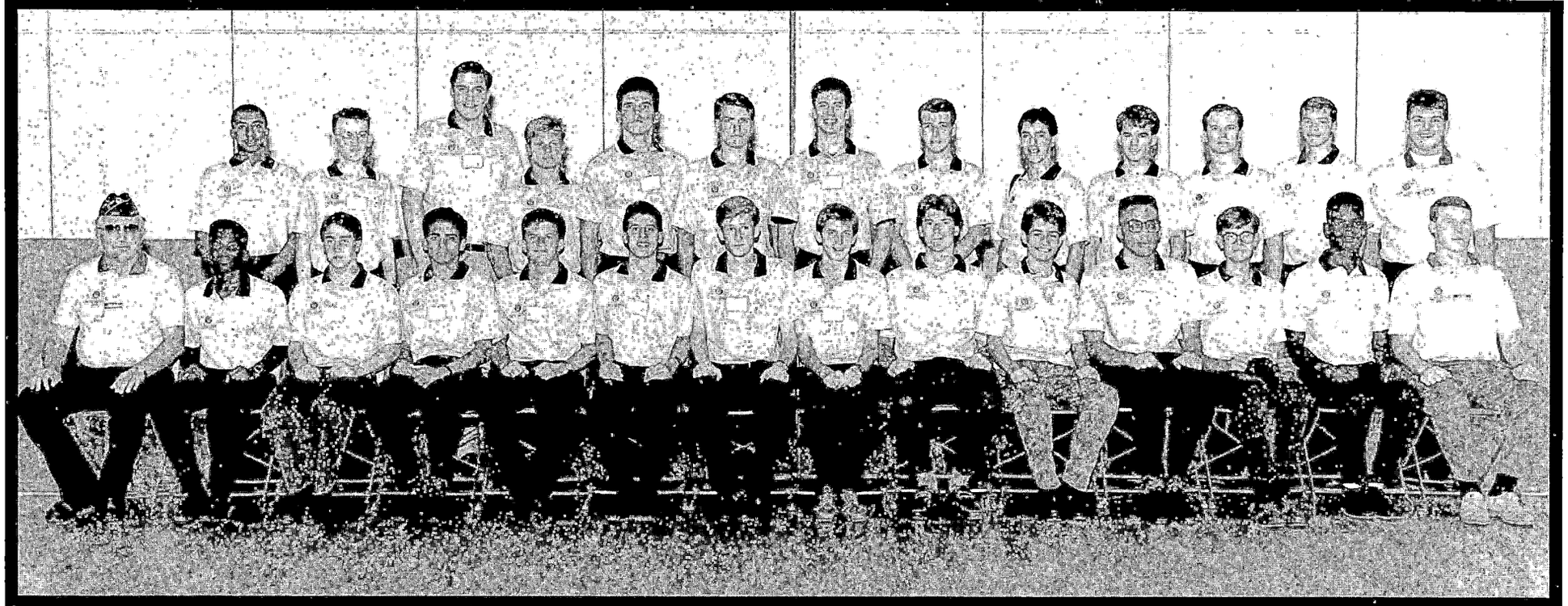
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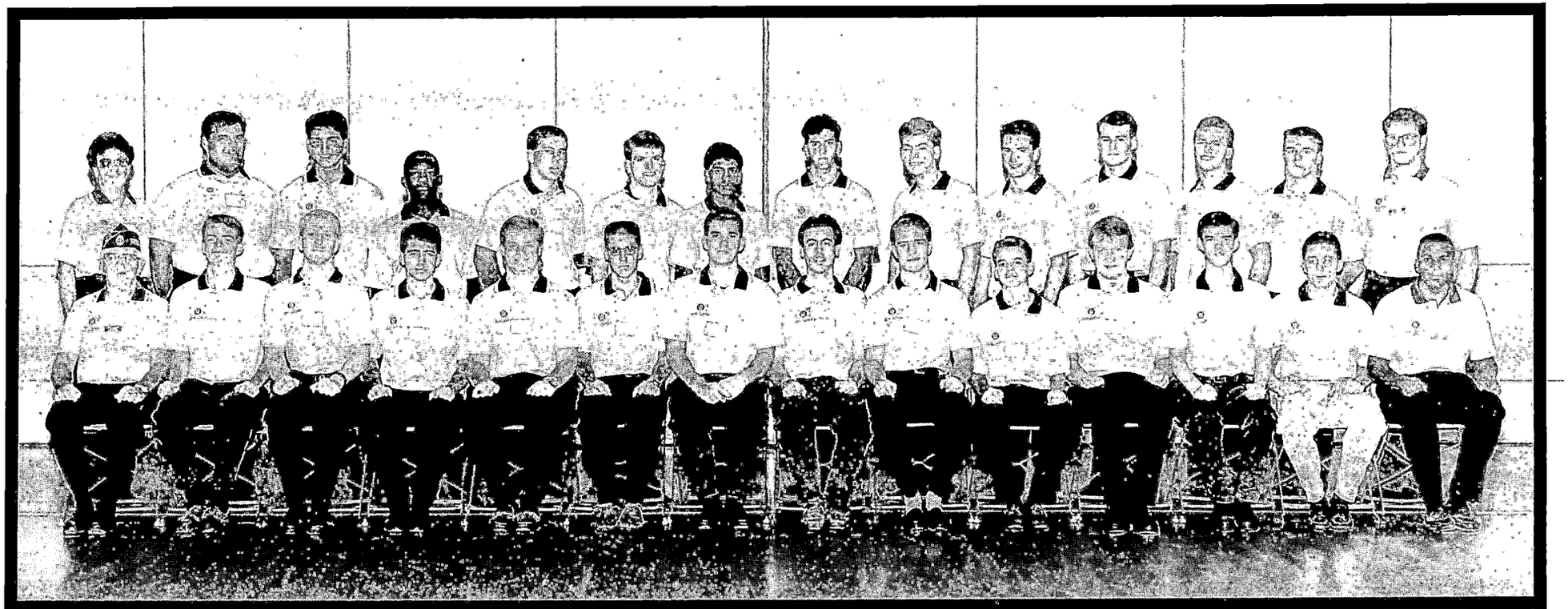
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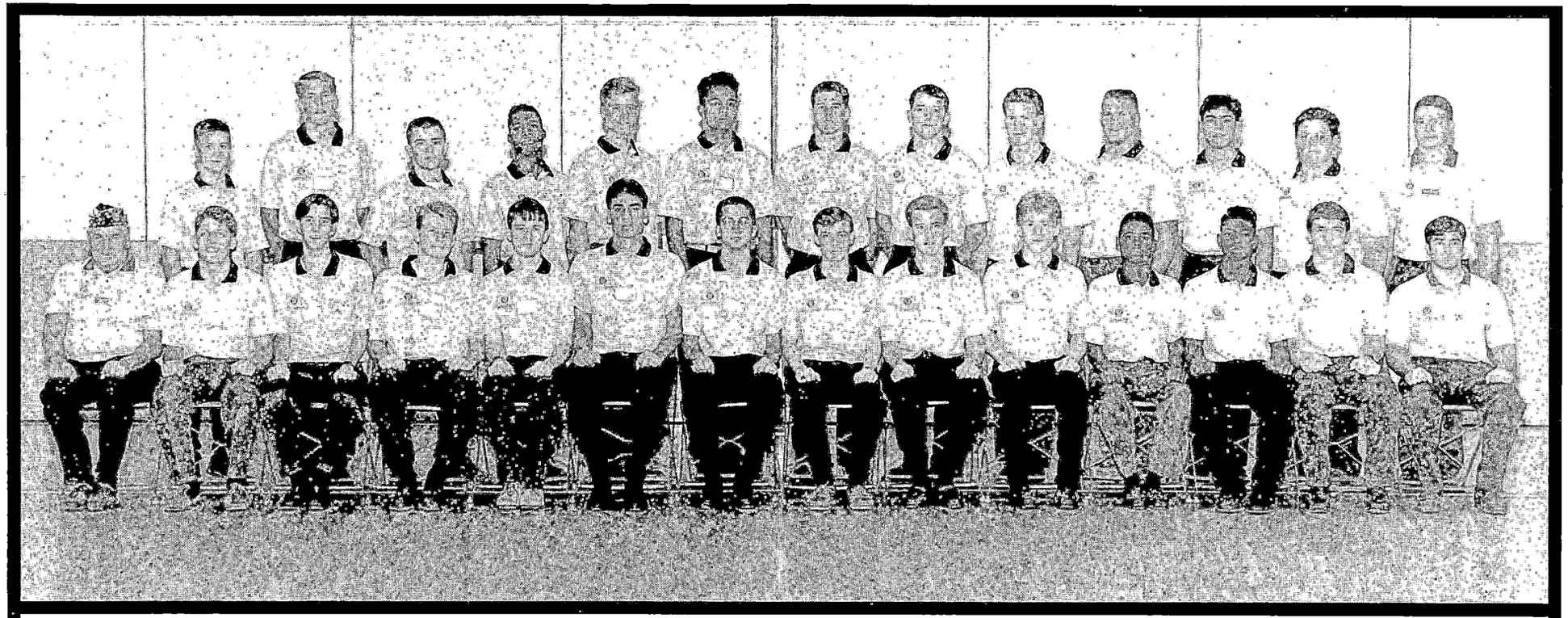
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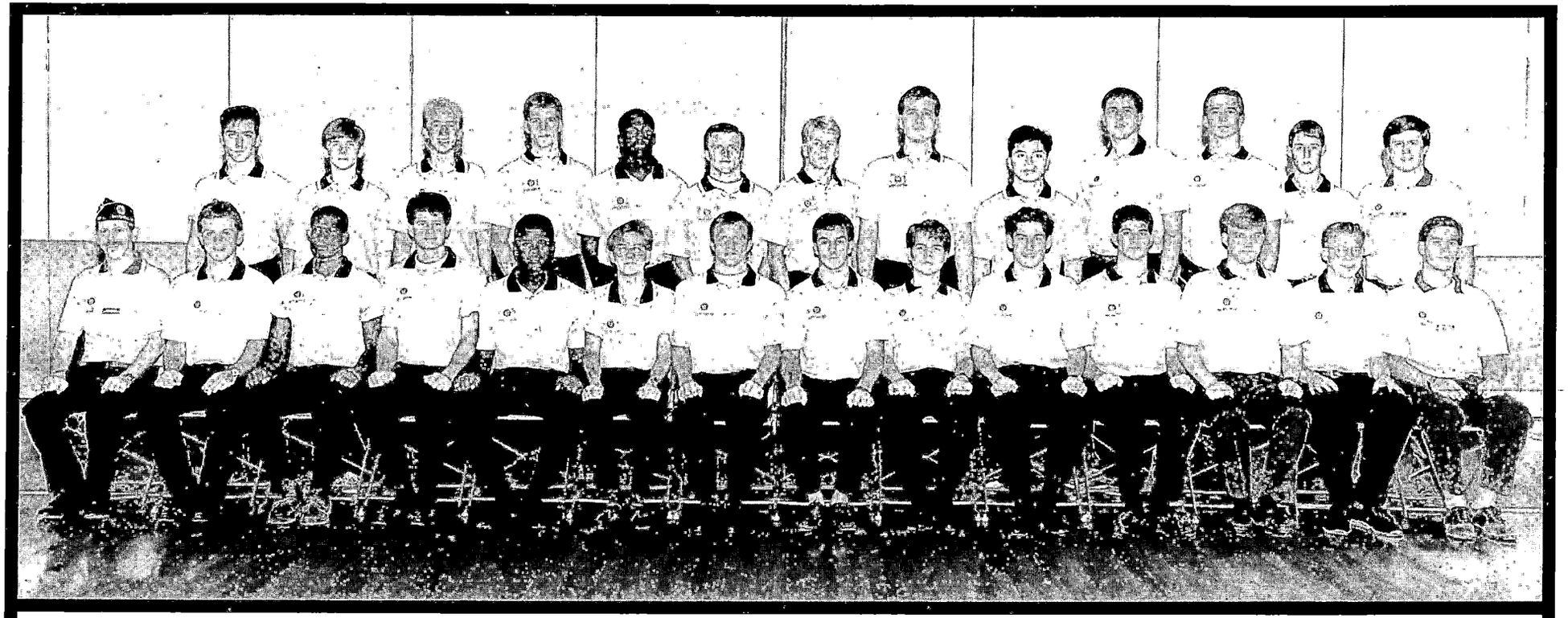
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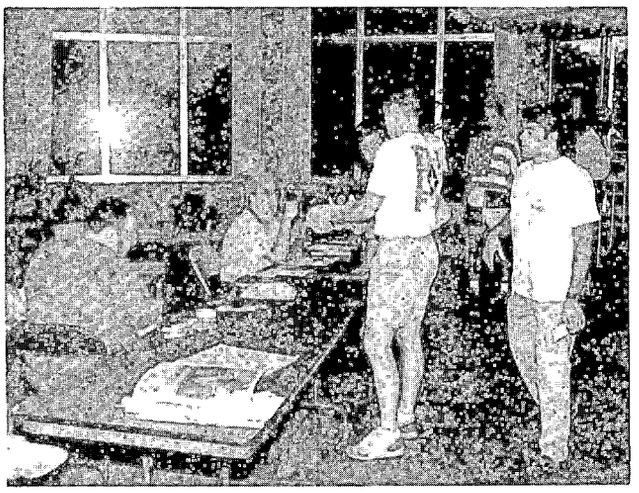
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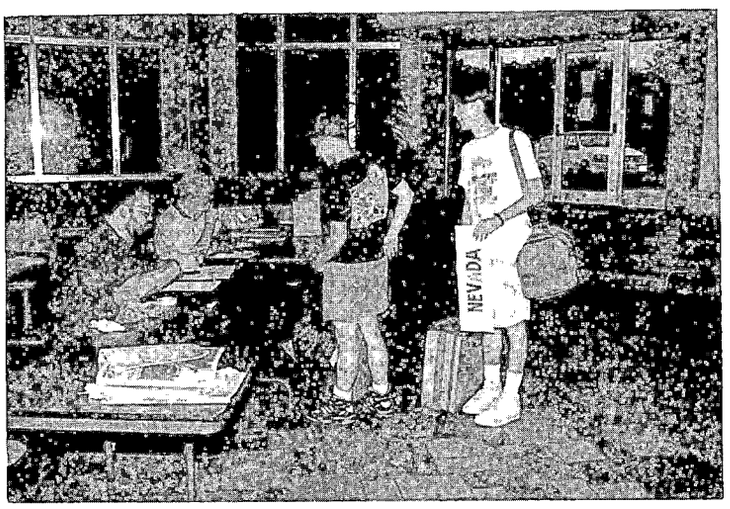












The Staff of Boys Nation wish the very best for the Senators who attended the 1991 Session and made that Session a most outstanding, memorable and rewarding experience. You gentlemen, each and every one, are to be commended for the manner in which you handled yourselves and for the manner in which you conducted the affairs of American Legion Boys Nation.

Very Sincerely,
The Staff







WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE UNITED STATES CAPITAL

GEORGE WASHINGTON PERSONALLY SELECTED the site of the nation's Capital. He made his choice in January, 1791, some six months after Congress had authorized him to choose a location "not exceeding 10 miles square" somewhere along the Potomac River. In addition to choosing a site, the first President was instructed to acquire the necessary land and to appoint a building commission to oversee the construction of the new Federal city.

In his role as the land agent for Congress, Washington, already familiar with the Potomac region, considered various locations for the Federal City, from Conocoheague Creek, about 80 miles from the present Washington, to an area about 10 miles farther down the river. He chose a beautiful part of the Potomac Valley where the river becomes wide and tidal and is joined by a smaller stream, the Anacostia River.

As soon as he had selected a site, Washington appointed a three-man building commission and hired Andrew Ellicott to survey the land. He chose Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant to lay out the new town. L'Enfant, a French engineer who had served with the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, proposed to create a Federal city "magnificent enough to grace a great nation." In less than a year he was dismissed as a failure, but his ideas for a magnificent city, as expressed in his plan for Washington, have shaped the development of the Capital. When L'Enfant died in poverty in 1825, only a small protion of his proposals for the Federal city had been adopted, mainly the location of the President's House, the Capitol, and the city's main streets. But his plan for Washington was preserved and many years later it was revived.

Washington is now undergoing another period of rejuvenation. New freeways and expressways are cutting through the city, old buildings of wood and masonry are coming down and new ones of steel and glass are going up. A serious attempt is under way to make the Capital more beautiful, not only in its parks, but everywhere. With these changes, as with all the others that have taken place over the years and those planned for the future, Washington is moving closer to the realization of L'Enfant's hope that it become a city magnificent enough to grace a great nation.

THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL . . .

"It is natural enough to suppose that the center and heart of America is the Capitol," wrote Novelist Hawthrone on a visit to Washington, D.C., in 1862, "and certainly, in its outward aspect, the world has not many statelier or more beautiful edificies . . ."

Doubtless everyone that gazed at the Dome (completed amid rigors of civil war) or entered the Rotunda where Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, Kennedy, Johnson and the Unknowns lay in state, thought of the august penumbra of history which unwrapped the structure.

On its steps nearly all the Presidents since Jackson have been inaugurated. This is where Lafayette was welcomed as symbol of one epochal alliance, and Winston Churchill as partner in another. The Major Symbol of our nation, the Capitol is History.

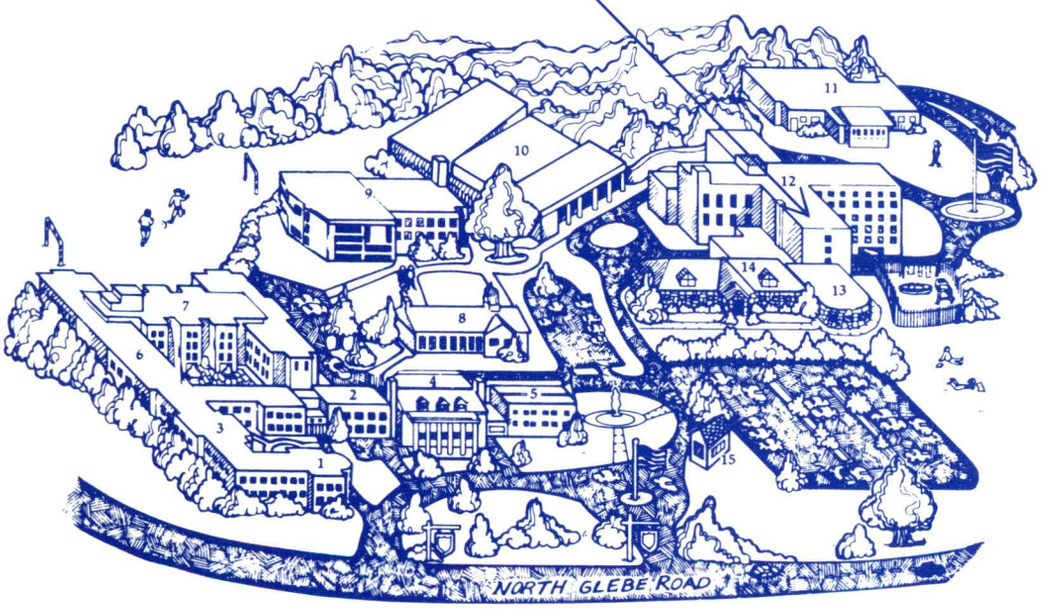
The United States Capitol dominates (as it should) the view from many parts of downtown Washington. Sweeping west from the Capitol is the wide, green expanse of the Mall, which the eye follows to the point of the Washington Monument.

To the west of the monument is the long reflecting pool that lies before the Lincoln Memorial; to the north, across a broad ellipse of green, is the White House; to the south, beyond the Tidal Basin ringed with cherry trees, is the round, colonnaded marble of the Jefferson Memorial. The cornerstone for the Capitol was laid in 1793 by President George Washington and seven years later Congress met in the Capitol for the first time.

Marymount College of Virginia, site of The American Legion's Boys Nation, enrolls 2,000 students at its residential Arlington, Virginia campus, at the Pentagon, and at corporate sites in McLean and Reston, Virginia. At the graduate level the College enrolls more than 700 men and women. Undergraduate programs enrolling 1,300 students focus on the education of women and enroll students from 28 states and 40 foreign nations.

Expansion of the physical plant and facilities has attended the increasing enrollment. From the original property which included a mansion, a stone guest house, and two cottages—all comprising the residence of Admiral Presley M. Rixey, Surgeon General to President Theodore Roosevelt—the college has grown to a modern educational-residential complex.

THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION
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2. Administration Building
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4. Main House
5. Chapel
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7. Academic Center and Rowley Hall
8. Ireton Hall
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10. Butler Student Center
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    Pool
    Gymnasium
    Alumnae Lounge
11. Junior School
12. Gerard Phelan Hall and Annex
    Dining Hall
    Special Events Dining Room
    Bookstore
    Post Office
13. Gerard Phelan Lobby
    Security
14. The Lodge
    Child Development Center
15. Guard's Station



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"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER:

TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICANISM;

TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WARS,

TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION;

TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES; TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT; TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH;

TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY;

TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS."

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion

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Boys Nation Song

This is Boys Nation, Praise be to Thee
This is Boys Nation, Sons of the free
For God and our great country we will always be
For this is Boys Nation, To keep our land free.

This is Boys Nation, from every state
This is Boys Nation, keeping our land great
With honor and devotion we pledge to lead
For this is Boys Nation, and this is our creed.

Sing to the tune of "This Is My Country"