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Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

President Johnson has dropped his bomb-shell and left all of the political pundits high and dry on their particular hillsides. According to all of the alleged "n-the-know" people, only a few of Johnson's most intimate friends knew of his proposed action. That may well be but you can bet your bottom dollar that one of these most intimate friends must have leaked the information to Bobby Kennedy, otherwise Bobby would never have announced his candidacy for the big race.

Bobby may be, and probably is, a lot of different things, but one thing, he is not is stupid. Ergo, Bobby would not have thrown his hat into the ring if he knew it would get kicked out, and if LBJ wanted to make a fight he could have garnered the nomination. Doubtless he would have lost the election if the people felt strong against his war policy but he could have gotten the nomination. Bobby knew that and therefore would not have entered the lists against him if he hadn't had information that LBJ would become a dropout.

Personally, I am happy that I had left Washington before the Johnson speech because I know that on the next day there was no work done in that far city by any Government employee. Little people must have just stood around and talked. Larger people schemed about how they would get on the "band wagon" of Bobby Kennedy. Then, anyone who made ten thousand bucks or more a year knew what to do, they got out their check-books and proceeded to write out a donation to "insure good two-party system of Government." That's the way you make out a check for a political contribution when you work for the Government and you do not wish to get indicted for violating the Hatch Act.

So what happens now?

Lots of people will want the nomination on either ticket. The Republicans are a little bit more open in this regard than are the Democrats. Rockefeller can now start spending to get the nomination against Nixon, and that is about "it". No other Republican, including Reagan, has a chance. Lots of people will feel that I am wrong and that Governor Ronald Reagan has a wonderful chance both for the nomination and the election. However, Reagan knows better. Reagan knows that, at this minute, people are compiling the "dirty" book on him. This mysterious book will have a rundown on the California Governor from the time he was born to the moment he comes to the Convention. It will list things that the good man has forgotten. It will cover his years

in Hollywood and each and every faltering step he ever took will be underlined and annotated — chapter and verse. Reagan knows that anyone who has been around Hollywood as long as he has, — well, there just might be a step or two that would be better left unrecorded. Further, he knows that he won't have to wait for the Democrats to hit him with it, his fellow Republicans will use it to block him, if they can.

The Democrats will have, in addition to Kennedy and McCarthy, poor Hubert Humphrey. Hubert will be in bad shape no matter what happens or who endorses him. Off-hand, at first glance, it would appear that a Johnson endorsement would prove beneficial to him but would it? Might not people reflect and figure that Hubert would, like Johnson, be more of the same? If Johnson stated that Hubert had helped him make decisions, might that not be damning him with faint praise? Conversely, if Hubert backed off from Johnson and emulated Saint Peter by exclaiming "I know not the man," might not people feel that he was a turncoat against his boss and thus unworthy for the big position?

This sort of figuring leaves, as of now, Bobby Kennedy. Bobby can't make it alone. His juvenile followers do not have the voting right so we can forget them. We have to wonder who his running mate would be. For sure, it would have to be a Southerner. That thought opens many doors. No one in his right mind would attempt to pick that man at this time. However, as the weeks pass, other potential candidates will flower on the horizon and we will be able to take a good look at them. As we mentioned back in June of last year, "with Johnson out of the picture we will have a 'hoss' race."

As of now, George Wallace seems to have strengthened his position more than anyone on the political scene. Old George could prove a contentious contender who might, politics being what it is, end up as the Vice Presidential Candidate on even the Republican Ticket.

If you are wondering about the practicality of those glamorous stockings with the gold or silvery glitter, relax. There is no danger of tarnish because they are knit from man-made metallic yarns. Just swish them through soap or detergent suds like regular nylons.

IT NEVER FAILS



Teenagers Act The Way They Do Because They Live In The 1960's

RALEIGH — If you as a parent, ever wondered why your teenagers act the way they do, this reminder from Frances Jordan, extension family relations specialist, North Carolina State University, might answer your question.

"Teenagers act the way they do because they live in the 1960's, because they are your children and because they are unique personalities," the specialist asserts.

What's different about living in the 1960's? The 15-year-old of today was born in 1953. He has never known a world at peace, only cold war, uncertainty and international insecurity. He has never known a United States in depression. He lives in a world with more earning power, more things to buy and more pressure to buy them. He lives in a money minded world.

Today's teenager lives in a world of opportunity, but he also lives in a world of choices. There are so many choices to make. Not just things to buy, but what to do with his time and energy. Just think of all the careers that didn't exist when you were a teenager, about all the activities and places to go that weren't available 20 years ago. Your teenager's pressures and choices are far different from what yours were at that age.

Teenagers act the way they do because they are your children, Miss Jordan adds. While it is true that schools, churches and other groups and mass media have influence on your children, the fact still remains that parents are the greatest single influence. The basic values, what your teenagers believe is most important, they learned from you. They copy your strengths and weaknesses. Often they act the way they do because you taught them to act that way.

Teenagers are people with individual differences, Miss Jordan adds. There are instances when your teenager acts the way he does because he is an individual. He is not like anyone else in the world. He is reacting to the way he is; the way he was put together. He is responding to his physical, mental, social and emotional make-

up and he is responding on the basis of his own experiences.

Together these make him the personality he is, Miss Jordan believes.



VACATION PLANNING TIME:
April 21-27



April has always been a great month for planning vacations. On April 22, 19 million Egyptians who live near the Nile River observe the national holiday of Shem-el-Nessim, or "Sniff the Breeze Day"—they believe that a few breaths of the departing spring air will keep away the hot summer's drowsiness! Americans who sniff summer in the air are using April 21-27, Discover America Vacation Planning Time, to insure against summer drowsiness by getting their plans for vacation in shape.

Tarts and Flowers



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THE TRIUMPHANT TART—the edible flower basket that makes your table come alive! Plant fresh fruit of the season in a fluffy light vase of pastry made with Baker's Angel Flake Coconut. Add imagination and a touch of "TLC," and your young man's heart will turn to thoughts of love... and these mouth-watering treats.

FEATHERY STRAWBERRY TARTS

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup shortening
1-1/2 cups (about) flaked coconut
5 tablespoons cold water
1 quart (about) strawberries, halved and sweetened to taste
Prepared whipped topping or whipped cream

Additional flaked coconut

Sift flour with salt. Cut in shortening until particles are the size of small peas. Add coconut; mix well. Add water, a few drops at a time, mixing with a fork until dough forms a ball. Roll on a lightly floured board to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut pastry into rounds to fit into 4-inch tart pans. Flute edges and prick bottoms well. Bake at 400° for 12 to 15 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool thoroughly; fill with the strawberries. Top each tart with a dollop of prepared whipped topping and sprinkle with additional coconut. Makes about 10 tarts.