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AT WASHINGTON

IMMIGRATION--The House passed immigration bill quickly cleared a Senate Subcommittee but the panel tacked on a ceiling of 120,000 immigrants from Western Hemisphere nations, starting July 1, 1968... House Demos had defeated such a proposal in a close fight... the restriction passed on a 156-154 non-record vote, but Demo leaders rallied their forces and reversed the action on a roll-call vote of 218-189-- for the rest of the world the bill provides an annual ceiling of 170,000; it

eliminates the nat'l origins quota
In the Senate Judiciary Committee
GOP Leader DIRKSEN has blocked approval of the bill in retaliation for the committee's refusal to approve his proposed apportionment Constitutional amendment...
DIRKSEN'S move ties up the bill for at least a week. AGRICULTURE - Farm legislation cleared by Senate Agriculture Com. 12-3 but the Admin. says it will try for an overhaul on the Senate Floor, particularly on the wheat section of the bill. TRANSPORTATION - High speed trains could be developed with a \$90 million grant voted by the House on vote of 317-24... bill close parallels a Senate-passed version but adds a provision for highway travel as well as rail research.... a final (cont'd)

version should be passed this session...FOREIGN AID - \$3.2 billion approved by House Appropriations Committee...HIGHER EDUCATION - \$4.7 billion 5-year bill passed by Senate...Federal scholarships for needy students, funds for colleges to increase their enrollment, establishment of a National Teachers Corps to serve in poverty areas are provisions of the bill...a similar bill passed the House last month...RIGHT TO WORK - Senate Labor Committee endorsed the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law's Sec. 14b by a vote of 12-3... a showdown battle in the Senate is being delayed by other legislation, and some backers of the bill fear the delay will aid conservative lawmakers who threaten a filibuster...another filibuster this session would almost certainly mean a major fight next session to reform Senate rules...URBAN DEVELOPMENT - Congress has given final approval to the bill creating a Cabinet level Department of Housing and Urban Development...The President is likely to sign the bill soon - lifting the number of Cabinet posts to 11
WASHINGTON BRIEFS - Far fewer legislative proposals will be made by the Administration next year if this year's workload is cleaned up before adjournment, which looks like about mid-October...Next year's packet will include an over-haul of Government transportation policy, "some refinements in our foreign policy" and "messages on food and health and things of that nature"...The President has suggested Congress should also be able to adjourn before July next year, something that hasn't happened since 1938...PRESIDENT JOHNSON revived an old government tradition by choosing a top political advisor for the post of Postmaster General when he named LAWRENCE O'BRIEN to the post...he will take over this month...CONG. JAMES ROOSEVELT's job on the key House Labor sub-committee will probably be taken over by CONG. THOMPSON (D--NJ), an administrative stalwart...Congressmen can now make 5 instead of 3 paid trips home each year under a bill just signed by the President...The President has reshuffled the U.S. delegation at the UN, dropping three members of ambassadorial rank who had key roles under the late ADLAI STEVENSON...

AT SACRAMENTO

GOV. BROWN vetoed 173 bills passed by the legislature - including \$12.4 million in spending bills...this aside from the \$7.2 million blue-penciled from the budget...When the bill signing period ended, the final score showed that of the 2243 bills passed by the '65 legislature GOV. BROWN signed 2,067, allowed 3 to become law without his signature during the session, vetoed 8 during the session and pocket vetoed 165...REAPPORTIONMENT - Calif.'s State Supreme Court has ruled that both houses of the State legislature be reapportioned by Dec. 9...If the Gov. & legislature fail to agree on their own redistricting plan, the court's temporary plan would reapportion the legislature for the 1966 elections...A special session of the legislature has been called by the Gov. for the 20th of Sept.. In drafting its contingency plan, the court set up districts which depart no more than 15% from the ideal...The court's plan also provides that a majority of members in each house shall be elected by voters in districts

containing at least 48% of the state's total population...The court upheld a requirement in the California Constitution that reapportionment must be based on the last federal census...Another state constitutional provision that no county shall have more than one Senate district or be included in a district with more than two other counties, was held "clearly invalid"... The decision points out that there are other State Constitutional requirements which cannot be met in abiding by the US Supreme Court (Reynolds vs. Sims) ruling...One such requires districts to be composed of contiguous territory and another forbids cutting across city and county lines unless the city or county "contains sufficient population within itself to form two or more districts"...The Court-proposed plan, to be used for '66 elections if legislature fails to agree on an acceptable reapportioning, provides for a number of at-large elections - San Francisco City and County; San Bernardino and Orange Counties, for example...this horrible possibility should act to produce an acceptable alternate proposal from the legislature...with Assembly and State Senate redistricting assured for '66, next question is, what about Congressional seats?...every indication is the Celler Bill will die in the Senate this session.

RIOTS

Californians who are used to mopping up "act of God" disasters are now mopping up in Watts area of LA... Blame placed on many doorsteps...Chief PARKER claims CHP handling of the original incident... "knee-jerk" liberals began their reflex-action chant of "police brutality" on the first day of rioting...others blamed the cut-off of anti-poverty funds...A side-light of this was SEN. MURPHY's scorching telegram to SARGENT SHRIVER condemning the cut-off of poverty funds as a contributing cause for the riots...MURPHY, a few days later, missed the vote on the Poverty package, but it was announced from the floor that had he been present he would have voted against it... following the riots, former GOV. LEROY COLLINS embarked on a series of conferences with LA leaders, particularly CITY COUNCILMAN BILLY G. MILLS and a formula for a governing board for the anti-poverty program was worked out to the satisfaction of nearly everyone...

PEOPLE AND THINGS

The Republicans, bless their little hurts, are getting ready for their bi-annual campaign cannibalism rites...CRA Pres. STEVENSON has announced plans to capture control of the Republican State Central Comm. via an initiative measure that would deprive Republican incumbents of power to make majority appointments...Republican National Committeeman JOHNSON favors the proposed initiative and allows as how he will probably join Goldwater's Free Society Association...Current storm rages around alleged boast to Republican leaders by RONALD REAGAN that JOHN ROUSSELOT, "a terrific fellow" and national P.R. director for the John Birch Society", had offered all of his help in my campaign...he said he would do anything from calling me names to public endorsement-whatever we want". What was apparently wanted was some discreet silence...The JBS announced a \$12 million organization drive for '66...

Which was followed by an announcement of the JBS by the Calif. Rep. League Goldwater's G.S.A., shunning politics, has launched a \$2 million "education" program...UROC leaders torn between the liberalism of REAGAN and the moderate JOE SHELL, had an unkind word for everyone...The Young Rep. not to be left out, last week read SEN. KUCHEL out of the party--again...To straighten everyone out a new Republican group, called Citizens for Constructive Action and headed by Walter Knott, has launched itself to "sell Capitalism"...To cap it all, the official Rep. Party, through Assembly leader MONOGAN, has announced a task force to travel through California to tell us all how effectively the Rep. work together...For all these groups, and any other takers, a NY mail-order firm has offered for months at \$25 per thousand, the mailing lists of Rep. Finance Committee contributors, together with an "exclusive list" of 105,000 GOP donors...Rep. Chmn. RAY BLISS has now ordered that barn door closed...To all above, our best wishes for your continued success.

CONG. JAMES ROOSEVELT: (26th CD) retires from Congress in Oct., to serve as US Ambassador to the UN Econ. Advisory Comm. So. Chmn. CARMEN WARSCHAW, still hospitalized with a back ailment, has called a Sept. 11 meeting of party leaders and potential candidates...It is not expected that GOV. BROWN will make any announcement about a special election until after the Sept. meeting.. Perennial Northern Chmn. and current State Chmn. ROGER KENT, resigns his State Comm. post eff. Sept. 18...announced reason, to head No. Calif. Div. of Demo. Co-ord. Comm., now shaping up Gov.'s campaign...Robert Coate, State Com. Treas., from San Francisco, is unopposed choice to succeed KENT for balance of term. Demo. Legis. Campaign Comm. Chmn., Assem. LEO RYAN (27 AD), has been meeting with So. Calif. district leaders to discuss co-ordination of coming campaign. Exe. Bd. of Leg. Campaign Comm. has Spkr. JESSE UNRUH, Sen. Pres. pro tem HUGH BURNS, Cong. Del. Leader CECIL KING, and State Treas. BERT BETTS as co-chairman. RYAN is perm. chmn., C. WARSCHAW, perm. vice-chmn., Donald L. McGrew, Exec. Director.

DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC VOLUNTEERS COMMITTEE NEWS

38th AD Steering Committee meeting Sept. 9th...43rd AD Fund raiser social to be held Sept. 12, home of Sam Rifkin, ...Sept. 13 - 65th AD General mtg. Sept. 15-48th AD General membership meeting...14th AD -general business and election meeting...Sept. 23 - general meetings in the 45th and 43rd, as well as the 39th where Asst. Atty. Gen. Vince Thorpe speaks on "Extremism"... Sept. 24-Reception honoring SPEAKER UNRUH & CONG. ROOSEVELT, 61st AD at the Standard Club...Sept. 30 - 38th AD General Mtg. with film "1000 Days" Art Seltzer will be guest speaker. Also on Sept. 30, Testimonial dinner honoring Assemblyman Leo Ryan, 27th AD...Sept. 17, 25th DVS cocktail reception honoring SPKR, UNRUH and ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAM STANTON...Sept. 15, 63rd AD general mtg. guest spkr. BILL STEVENS, topic "Extremism" Comm. Room Family Savings & Loan at 8:00 pm...LA Co. Central Comm. sponsors a conference on "Automation & Politics" Oct. 23...DVC organizations all over the state gearing up for local "Dollars for Democrats" drive Oct. 2-3.

For additional information on above events, call MA 9-1121.