



STROM THURMOND

TO PEOPLE

THE VETO POWER

The power of limited veto granted by the Constitution to the President of the United States is a vital part of the system of checks and balances among the three coordinate branches of our national government. In the hands of some chief executives it has enjoyed frequent and effective use; others have employed it not at all.

In the course of American history, from 1789 through April 19, 1960, the veto power has been invoked 2,171 times. This figure includes both regular vetoes and pocket vetoes (refusal to sign within the final 10 days of a session) against both public and private bills. The potency of this executive power is abundantly evident from the fact that on only 72 occasions has Congress overridden a veto by the necessary two-thirds vote of both houses.

The extent to which the veto power has been used has varied greatly among the 33 men who have served as president. Eight presidents—both Adamases, Jefferson, Van Bu-

ren, Harrison, Taylor, Fillmore, and Garfield—never used the veto at all. At the other extreme were Cleveland, who vetoed 584 measures, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, who used this power 631 times. President Eisenhower, who has vetoed 160 bills, has probably been overridden by the Congress least of all. He has lost on one vote, that coming on a public works appropriation bill which he had already twice vetoed and which had been reduced to meet some of his objections.

Between now and the first of July, when the Congress is expected to adjourn, I hope President Eisenhower will use the veto power or the threat of this power to hold the line on Congressional spending forays. I also hope he will use it this election year, to prevent enactment into law of radical and politically-inspired programs which would foster socialism and the growth and power of the national government. Last year he effectively utilized this power in fighting successfully for a budget of balanced proportions.

News Around Rock Bridge

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lawton and small daughter, Donna, of Orangeburg, were week-end guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Forrester. Friends will be glad to know that Donna is well again after suffering an illness recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore, of Laurens, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bolt and family last Sunday.

Bruce Austin of the Navy, stationed at Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with his parents and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Austin, Brenda and Earline. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Austin, also of Norfolk, spent the Easter holidays with them.

Friends of James T. Bolt will be interested to know he has improved after being ill several weeks at his home.

W. H. Adams attended the Home Mission meeting held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwood last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coleman, of Mountville, visited Mrs. Frank Young and Miss Lula Young last Friday.

Laurence Young spent last weekend in Charlotte and Davidson, N. C., visiting fraternity friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Young and family visited Mrs. Young's mother, Mrs. John Craig in Union last Sunday. Mrs. Craig is suffering with a sprained ankle.

George C. Adair observed a birthday April 15.

On the spending (appropriation) bills, I would go one step further and give to him or any other president the power to veto any specific items within such bills in the interest of eliminating waste, extravagance, and pork barrel expenditures. At present, the president must veto an entire appropriation bill—the largest involving more than \$40 billion—in order to knock out pork barrel items. In other words, in place of the scalpel to do the necessary pruning, the president is forced to use the meat axe or swallow all the pork barrel items.

At present 42 of the 50 states have given their governors the item veto power, and no state which has ever extended this power has subsequently withdrawn it. I had this authority when I was governor and found it to be a very effective instrument for weeding out waste and extravagance.

Although the power of item veto has been proposed for years, the Congress has never moved to relinquish its right to pad appropriation bills through submission to the states of an amendment to the Constitution. Congress will never make such a move until the president be given the power of item veto. This is a reform proposal which is long overdue, which could be of much benefit to the taxpayers, and which would make a substantial contribution to national fiscal responsibility.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis visited Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. Mattie Harris, who is a patient in a hospital at Sandersville, Ga., last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ray were Sunday guests of Mr. Ray's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.

W. L. Ray and family in Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McCullough visited Mr. McCullough's mother, Mrs. Bessie McCullough in Iva last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McCullough attended the evening service at Calvary Baptist Church in Ware Shoals last Sunday, going there for the baptism of Mrs. McCullough's brother, Ellison Howard.

Mrs. Ada Prather and children visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. N. E. Hill, in Clinton last Sunday. Mrs. Prather has recently moved to this community. Friends of W. M. Sellars will regret to know he has been ill at his home the past several days. Mr. and Mrs. Colie Nelson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Sellars last Friday.

Eugene Forrester, Paul Reid and Grace Orr attended the Senior High Fellowship rally in Abbeville Saturday. Miss Orr was elected to serve as alternate for this district.

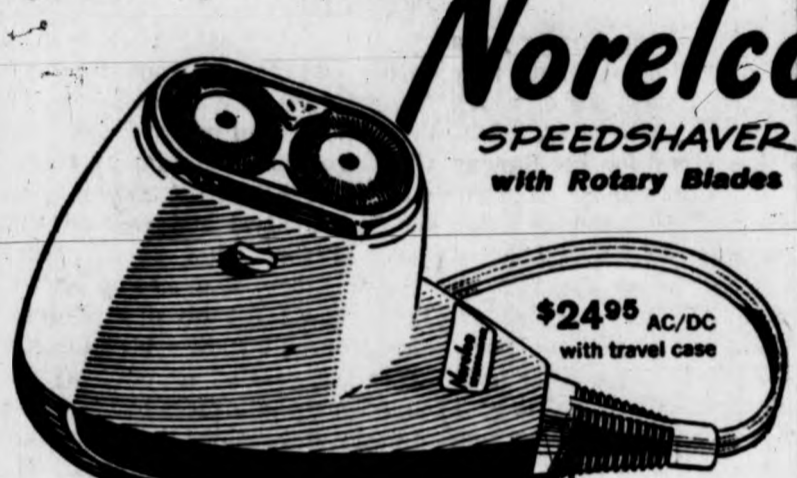
REV. MANLEY NEW PASTOR AT MILAM ROAD CHURCH

Rev. David Manley, who has been Youth Director of the Laurens District Church of God, began his duties as pastor of the Milam Road Church of God on Sunday, April 24. Rev. and Mrs. Manley are presently making their home in Enoree. They have three children. This is Mr. Manley's first pastorate. Congratulations to Mrs. Robert Wilkie, who observed a birthday April 23 and to her brother, G. V. Sellars, who had a birthday April 28.

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