

1939 Chronology

January

- 1/2 **LBJ (Lyndon Johnson)** announces that RFC has authorized \$5 million loan to LCRA to buy TP & L properties.
- 1/5 Felix Frankfurter is appointed to Supreme Court.
- 1/12 Reception for congressmen at White House.
- 1/13 House passes \$725 million Relief Bill, \$150 million less than FDR had requested.

February

- 2/23 House, after rejecting proposition to establish a naval base at Guam, passes Navy Base Bill.

March

Early March

LBJ goes to Texas Independence Day celebration at Washington on the Brazos.

LBJ hospitalized in Austin with severe case of the flu

LBJ helps get Jewish immigrants out of Germany.

LBJ assists Erich Leinsdorf in remaining in the U.S. [1938?]

- 3/20 William O. Douglas is appointed to Supreme Court.

- 3/22 LBJ asks \$5 million for raising height of Marshall Ford Dam.

- 3/30 FDR approves additional \$5 million for Marshall Ford Dam.

Late March

Tom Miller is rumored to be considering running against LBJ for congressional seat.

Late March – Early April

Senator Wirtz in Washington to promote Marshall Ford high dam.

April

Mrs. Val Keating of NYA visits with LBJ in Washington.

4/22 REA approves:\$769,000 contract for construction of 1800 miles of line for PEC, Johnson City. Carmody informs LBJ that contract was awarded to Brown & Root.

4/25 Wirtz talks with his brother re **CTJ (Lady Bird Johnson)** sketch and problem.

May

5/1 New York World's Fair opens; LBJ and CTJ decide to go at last minute.

5/10 Maury Maverick elected mayor of San Antonio.

5/19 House passes \$773 million Naval Appropriations Bill.

5/23 Wirtz and Max Starcke leave for Washington, RFC hearing; accident in Chattanooga; Mrs. Wirtz hospitalized.

June

Early June

LBJ fights for \$100 million NYA appropriation and wins.

6/9 Congressional reception for King George VI of England.

6/11 LBJ hosts stag party for Maury Maverick in Washington; guests include Harold Ickes, William O. Douglas.

Mid-June Everett Looney visits Washington.

6/23 Jesse Jones is appointed administrator of the new Federal Loan Agency, and John M. Carmody is appointed to be head of the new Federal Works Agency.

6/25 LBJ visits public housing project in Austin.

6/30 House passes Neutrality Bill, retaining arms embargo.

July

7/5 LBJ meets with FDR.

7/20 House passes Hatch Act.

7/20 LBJ meets with FDR for 30 minutes, shows President photos of dams.

7/27 John L. Lewis attacks John Nance Garner as "a. labor-baiting, poker-playing, whiskey-drinking, evil old man." Garner calls Rayburn, demands Texas delegation pass resolution absolving him of charges; LBJ refuses.

August

FDR tenders REA administrator post to LBJ.

8/3 House defeats \$800 million Housing Authority expansion measure.

8/27 Wirtz in Washington for LBJ's birthday.

8/30 Ray Lee is appointed Austin postmaster.

Late August – Early September

LBJ stays at the Greenbriar Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

September

9/1 Germany invades Poland.

9/15 LBJ visits Bastrop, rides horse and carries flag in parade.

9/15 Dorothy Jackson Nichols joins LBJ staff in Johnson City.

Mid-September

LBJ returns to Washington for congressional consideration of FDR's "cash and carry" neutrality proposal; accompanied by CTJ, who had been in Texas, and John Connally.

9/20 LBJ announces lower rates for eleven cities in LCRA area.

Late September

CTJ has appendicitis operation in Woman's Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

October

LBJ goes to Texas briefly while Congress is still in session; LBJ and Lee McWilliams visit Johnson City; LBJ visits Georgetown, Burnet and Bastrop.

10/20 John Connally appointed secretary to LBJ.

Late October

CTJ goes to Alabama to rest.

November

11/11 LBJ and CTJ in Brenham for Armistice Day barbecue honoring LBJ.

11/11 Ladies host dinner in honor of CTJ.

Mid-November

LBJ and CTJ are welcomed at informal reception at PEC Building in Johnson City; they are staying at the Pedernales Hotel.

Walter Jenkins joins the congressional staff.

11/17 LBJ announces federal grant for recreational park program.

11/17 House Naval Affairs Committee to visit Corpus Christi.

11/17 LBJ announces Austin gets US fish hatchery.

Late November

LBJ welcomes Dale Carnegie to Austin.

11/28 Claude Wild appointed district director of census.

December

12/8 Maury Maverick acquitted in corrupt practices indictment, San Antonio; Wirtz defended Maverick.

12/10 LBJ hosts picnic for 80 postmasters from Tenth District at Buchanan Dam; Senator Tom Connally and A. J. Wirtz also attend.

Mid-December

LBJ attends Christmas program in Caldwell but is summoned to Washington for conference with FDR.

12/14 LBJ confers with FDR; discusses LCRA appropriation.

12/16 Garner announces candidacy for presidency.

LBJ aids Corpus Christi naval air base.

Late December

Dorothy Nichols spends Christmas with Johnsons in Karnack; returns to Washington with CTJ on train; arrives New York Day and met by LBJ at station.

Wirtz is appointed under secretary of Interior; is in Washington with LBJ.