

1940 Chronology

January

- 1/2 A. J. Wirtz is officially appointed under secretary of Interior; Welly and Alice Hopkins give welcoming reception at Carlton Hotel.
- 1/7 \$5 million appropriation for Marshall Ford Dam omitted from the budget FDR submits to Congress; **LBJ (Lyndon Johnson)** plans to appeal personally to FDR.
- 1/11 Congressional reception; Dorothy Jackson Nichols recalls attending with **CTJ (Lady Bird Johnson)**, LBJ, and LBJ's sister, Rebekah.

February

- 2/5 LBJ meets with director of budget, Harold D. Smith.
- c.2/7 LBJ reportedly talks with FDR to get appropriation restored to budget; FDR approves \$3 million for dam.
- 2/16 House passes Navy appropriation bill, carrying record peace time total of \$965 million.
- 2/17 LBJ and Representative Mansfield testify before Interior Department subcommittee.
- 2/27 LBJ talks with Jesse Jones re lending power of Export-Import Bank: \$100,000,000.

March

- 3/6 White House approves \$40,000 for federal fish hatchery in East Austin.
- 3/7 or 3/8 LBJ flies to Houston to be with his Uncle George, then goes to Austin to discuss with Tom Miller the question of title to property of Austin fish Hatchery.
- 3/11 Uncle George Johnson dies.
- 3/22 LBJ spearheads group of congressmen who are attempting to raise NYA appropriation from \$85 million to \$100 million.
- 3/25 Travis County is selected as area to receive food stamps from Surplus Commodities Corporation.
- 3/29 Mrs. Rebekah B. Johnson comes to Washington, D.C. to spend spring with Johnsons.

April

4/19 House passes bill to extend crop insurance to cotton; Johnsons host wedding of Dorothy Jackson and Philip Nichols at their home.

Spring

Third term issue: LBJ versus Garnerites and "Stop Roosevelt" forces.

4/29 LBJ and Rayburn meet with FDR.

May

Welly Hopkins is asked to become general counsel for United Mine Workers; he remembers a Sunday afternoon ride with CTJ, LBJ and Alice to Harper's Ferry, discussing pros and cons of the job; LBJ plays devil's advocate.

LBJ and Rayburn send telegram to FDR and Blalock, declaring that the state convention would endorse the Roosevelt Administration, would select delegates who would support Garner as "favorite son," and vow not to join a "Stop Roosevelt" faction at the national convention.

5/17 CTJ goes to New England for a few days.

5/23 House passes \$1,111,754,916.00 Relief Bill; Bill prohibits employment of communists and members of Nazi Bunds on WPA projects.

5/28 House passes Navy ship construction bill by vote of 400 to 1; House passes Aviation Expansion Bill by vote of 402 to 1.

5/28 State convention opens; Garner named "favorite son" candidate; a "stop Roosevelt" strategy is outlawed; Blalock named Texas national committeeman; Wirtz named as member of national convention's platform committee from Texas delegation; Rayburn named head of Texas delegation; LBJ named vice chairman of delegation.

June

6/6 LBJ confers with W. Lee O'Daniel in Austin re: FDR's recommendation for program of aid to national government for a unified program of training in Texas--Texas National Aviation Defense Board; O'Daniel approves plans, appoints committee and summons them to Austin for a meeting.

6/11 House passes conference report on Vinson Bill for an 11% expansion of the Navy and the bill expanding the Naval Air Force.

6/15 Lindbergh in a speech broadcast from Washington urges U.S. to stay out of the war, declaring that we have been drifting in that direction.

6/22 House passes "Two Ocean" Navy Bill, increasing the country's naval strength by 70%; France signs armistice with Germany: "Fall of France."

July

7/10 Senate passes "Two Ocean" Navy Bill.

7/15 Democratic National Convention opens in Chicago.

7/17-18 Democratic National Convention adopts a platform and nominates President Roosevelt for a third term.

7/18-19 Infighting within the Texas delegation; Rayburn sponsored by Texas delegation for vice presidency; John Connally remembers LBJ and Bascom Timmons almost coming to blows on convention floor; finally, entire Texas delegation votes for William Bankhead for vice president; Henry Wallace nominated for vice president despite considerable opposition; LBJ tries to telephone FDR on Tuesday night, but Bill Kittrell tied up the phone line.

7/25 FDR signs "Two Ocean" Navy Bill.

August

8/1 FDR selects Edward Flynn as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, replacing James Farley.

8/7 LBJ, Charlie Marsh and George Brown in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia; Marsh giving advice on newspapers.

CTJ goes to Santa Fe, New Mexico; George, Alice and Margaret Brown are also there; CTJ is at La Prudia, New Mexico.

8/24 Harry Hopkins resigns as secretary of Commerce; post is offered to Jesse Jones.

September

9/3 FDR announces Lend Lease arrangements with Great Britain.

9/16 Rayburn is elected Speaker of the House; LBJ put in charge of Democratic congressional campaigns.

September-November

LBJ seeks position held by Chip Robert, acting secretary of the Democratic National Committee.

9/19 LBJ meets with FDR.

9/24 Scott Lucas invites LBJ to make two speeches a day for a week in the Midwest.

October

10/25 John L. Lewis endorses Wendell Willkie for president.

10/31 FDR dedicates new National Institute of Health at Bethesda, Maryland and asserts that the government does not intend the socialization of medicine.

November

11/5 National Election Day; FDR, in Hyde Park, calls LBJ at Washington congressional office; Democrats gain eight seats in the House, lose three in the Senate; FDR and Wallace elected.

11/23-4 LBJ in Austin for a brief visit accompanied by Thomas Corcoran; LBJ also visit; San Antonio and Corpus Christi in connection with naval projects.

11/26 LBJ in Tennessee; CTJ invites Jacksons and Perrys for dinner.

December

12/10 LBJ arrives in Dallas, makes keynote speech at appreciation dinner for Rayburn in Dallas.

12/21 John Connally marries Nellie Brill in Austin; LBJ leaves Washington for Austin by train with Rayburn

CTJ is vice president of UT Ex-Students Association in Washington, D.C.

12/28 Sam Houston Johnson weds Albertine Summers.

12/31 LBJ is en route back to Washington, after visiting Johnson City and Austin.