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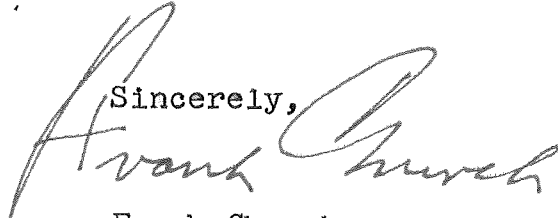
Dear Larry:

It was good to see you during your recent visit to Washington as part of the Explorer Scout program. I certainly hope you had an enjoyable trip.

Enclosed is a photograph taken during your visit to the Capitol Building which I thought you would like to have.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Frank Church

Enclosure

Wednesday

We left the SLC International Airport at 7:45 am on an American Airlines Boeing 707. We arrived at Dulles International Airport at about 1:30. From there we rode on an Army Bus (1 hour drive) to Washington, D.C. and the Sheraton Park Hotel. We registered into the hotel. We rode from the hotel to the White House to ^{be welcomed by} ~~meet~~ the President and to take ^{Special} a tour of the White House. We came back to the hotel and had dinner. From there we went to the Sheraton Park Ballroom for an opening program (8:15). There was a fantastic slide show showing Exploring History & Exploring Future.

Speaker: Dr. Thomas Haggai

Presentation to Mrs. William Spurgeon III (founder of Exploring)

At 10:00 pm. we had a two hour caucus to elect a President for our Region. This President will run for National President.

After we got out of that meeting, some of us went down to the Cotillion Room (Coffee Shop) and listened (and danced) to the sound of the ~~the~~ ^{wheelers Drive.} FABULOUS light show with the group-

FANTASTIC!

Thursday

Breakfast from 6:30 - 7:30 (missed)

At 8:00am we went to a meeting in the Sheraton Park Ballroom. Speakers: Pat Grey, Assistant Attorney General, Alden G. Barber - Chief Scout Executive. Special message of welcome ~~from~~ Washington's Mayor Walter Washington.

From 9-12 o'clock we went to the Virginia Room and listened to Robert Horan speak on "Drugs - Use and Misuse" Very interesting!

At 1:45pm we boarded the buses for a tour of the city. We saw the ~~Washington~~ Nation's Capitol, the Lincoln Monument, then the Museum of History and Technology (branch of the Smithsonian Institute). While touring the Capitol, ^(on the way) we went to an underground trolley car and rode to the Senate Office Building and met Senator Frank Church.

At 6:00 we went to our respective rooms and got acquainted with the Representatives from our area (Senators, Congressmen).

At 7:15 we left the reception and went to the Ballroom for the Congressional Banquet.

We were very privileged to hear from the ex-vice president of the United States - Herbert Humphrey. He spoke on youth and their responsibilities and leadership ability.

"You have an obligation & a right to become a leader."

After Senator Humphrey's speech, he presented awards to the 5 companies & associations that have helped Exploring the most: (for developing spec int posts in the Co.)

- 1) U.S. Steel (over 100 special interest posts)
- 2) L.A. County Sheriffs Dept. (sponsors 900 boys)
- 3) A.M.A. (Medical Special Interest Posts)
- 4) McDonnell-Douglas Space Program
(1,000 boys - 17 spec int posts)
- 5) Union Carbide (Data Processing, Radar Stations)

Humphrey's Favorite -

"TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST
OF YOUR LIFE [SO MAKE THE BEST OF IT]"

After Senator Humphrey's speech, we were entertained by the "D's" - a group of two men from BYU. Very good!

After Senator Humphrey and the D's, were
were addressed by James A. Lovell. (now the
President's Consultant on Physical Fitness)

~~Helping to form~~

Head of the committee to organize the
1972 Explorer Olympics.

He feels that scouting has helped him
tremendously. On Apollo 13, when things were
kind of touchy, he would think of his
scouting and the motto "Be Prepared."
He was most certainly glad that he was
prepared and especially that the men on the
ground were well prepared.

Looked back at the earth - and there
was everything that he loved owned
and loved.

The banquet ended at 9:30 and we just went back
to our rooms

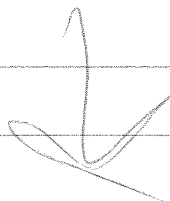
Friday

Breakfast at 6:30-7:30 am

the morning meeting was a very special treat for all of us - we had the opportunity to hear the cartoonist Al Capp. He spoke to us on many different subjects. He spoke for a short time at the first, then opened it up for questions. He stated his position on things such as the Viet Nam War, the draft, the election in '72, etc. Very interesting speaker - STAYS WITH HIS VIEW! Very strong character! Sometimes uses his cartoons to get his point across to the general public as well as some private people.

Afterwards, we went to the Virginia Room and listened to Police Chief Jerry Wilson speak on "Law & Law Enforcement".

That afternoon, we just toured around Washington. We went downtown, basically, to meet with Senator Frank Church and have our picture taken for the newspaper. We went to the IR Building to find Mike, with no luck. Later, Mike & Maureen came over to the Hotel.



At 8:00 the entire group met for the Election Convention in the Sheraton-Park Ballroom. It was conducted with the same rules and procedures as is the House of Representatives. It was very well decorated in red-white-and-blue banners. We had a fairly well heated argument in our region as to who we would pledge our support (a man from SLC or one from Tennessee). I was quite impressed with the whole thing! The two men (whom we argued about) came out on top. Now, tomorrow, we will vote on one of these two by secret ballot. We picked up a few campaign souvenirs.

went to the Cotillion Room
and generally messed around.

Saturday

Breakfast - 6:30 - 7:30 (made it!)

We met Mike at 9:30 to see some of the things we had missed before on the tour. We went, first, to Mount Vernon, then to Arlington Cemetery. We went back to the hotel and ate. We attended the show ~~at~~ which was presented that night (about 10 mins. or the hour & half). We goofed around that night and had fun.

Sunday - fast Sunday

Priesthood ^(Sacramento) meeting at 6:30. Speakers: George Romney & Gunn McKay. I passed the sacrament. We went to the brunch (but didn't eat) and helped collect monies for Tom Hooks who was hurt in the pool accident.

Our plane left at 1:00 from Dulles Airport & arrived at 3:15 at SAC Airport.

Came to Scout Center - Ate at Hawaiian - Rode up to vaults. They were closed, so we went back to the Scout center.

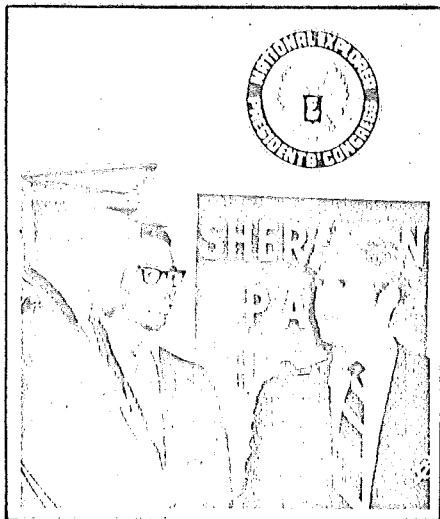
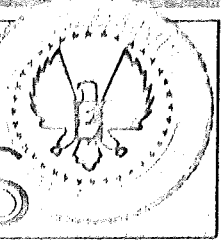
~~Sunday~~

That night, we walked (about 6 guys) from the Scout Office to almost downtown (about 13 blks. each way). Just messed around - had fun.

Monday

We rode back to Base in Hopkins Chipmunk Camper Van.

NATIONAL EXPLORER PRESIDENTS' CONGRESS



DATES, TIME, PLACE...

The first National Explorer Presidents' Congress will be held June 2-6, 1971, in Washington, D. C., at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. Arrival time on June 2 must be prior to 3:30 p.m. (Washington, D. C. time). Departures will be scheduled after 10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 6.

TRANSPORTATION

Arrangements for transportation will be worked out by your council Exploring committee in cooperation with the regional office. Presidents are urged to cooperate and to take advantage of group rates.

PURPOSE OF THE CONGRESS

The basic aim of the congress is to give Explorers a significant and real voice in their program and to elect our first national Explorer president. Secondary purposes include: assisting new presidents in understanding their job; the role they will play in leading their units; working effectively with Advisors and Skippers and other adults related to the unit.

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PLANNING THE CONGRESS

The congress format and program are being put together by two groups. First is the advisory committee (Explorers from eight different states, as pictured in this folder), the second group is a body of men from Washington, D. C., and members of the National Exploring Committee.



COST OF PARTICIPATION

The total cost of the congress while in Washington is \$155 (\$25 pre-registration and the balance of \$130 forwarded to your local council office by March 31). This fee includes room and board, all materials, admittance to all congress sessions, tours, congress mementoes, ground travel between transportation terminals, in-hotel recreational facilities, and soft drink bars.

Transportation costs to and from Washington and appropriate evening dress (Explorer blazer outfit) are not included in the above fee.

IF SCHOOL IS STILL IN SESSION

Your council Exploring chairman is prepared to ask your local school administration's cooperation in obtaining an excused absence. He has a letter that he will forward to your school. This letter will probably require your parent's endorsement and signature.

PROGRAM

During the congress, seminars will be held in these general areas: Exploring leadership, the future direction of Exploring, group dynamics and the psychology of group management; understanding and working with adults; current issues facing the Nation and young adults; government; and communications.

A key phase of the overall program of the congress will be regional and national elections resulting in a national Explorer president and a cabinet of 12 vice-presidents.

Tours of Washington, D. C., nationally famous speakers, a gigantic display area, in-hotel recreation (swimming, etc.), nightly entertainment by name groups and stars, a chance to meet and talk with your Senators, Congressmen, and other governmental figures, and free time will also be featured parts of the program.

Updated techniques in group discussions, elections, and reporting will be used with closed-circuit TV. Meals will be served buffet-style to allow for maximum flexibility in each president's schedule.

Thursday evening of the congress, all members of the House of Representatives and Senate will be invited to have dinner with presidents from their states and congressional districts.

QUALIFICATIONS TO ATTEND CONGRESS

1. Be a registered Explorer.
2. Be properly elected as the post president or boatswain.
3. Have the majority of a 1-year term in office yet to serve.
4. Have all the congress fee (\$155) paid in full and the attached form completed and turned in at your council office by March 31.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE CONGRESS

At this time it is important to preregister your president or boatswain even though he probably won't be elected until early March 1971. Space is limited, and your commitment of \$25 will firm up a reservation. Preregistration can be made by using the clip-out coupon in the promotional folder for the fall 1970 *Exploring the Scene*.

Complete the form at the right and submit it to your local council office on or before March 31. Fees must accompany the form when it is turned over to the council.

ELECTIONS

By the conclusion of the congress, a national Explorer president and a cabinet of 12 vice-presidents (one from each of the regions) will have been elected. These national Explorer officers will represent the membership of Exploring on national and regional committees. Their involvement will be financed by the congress and national Exploring funds.

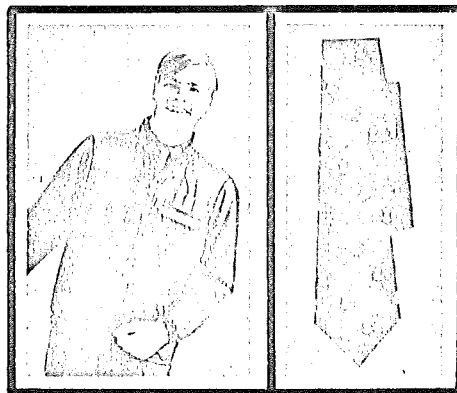
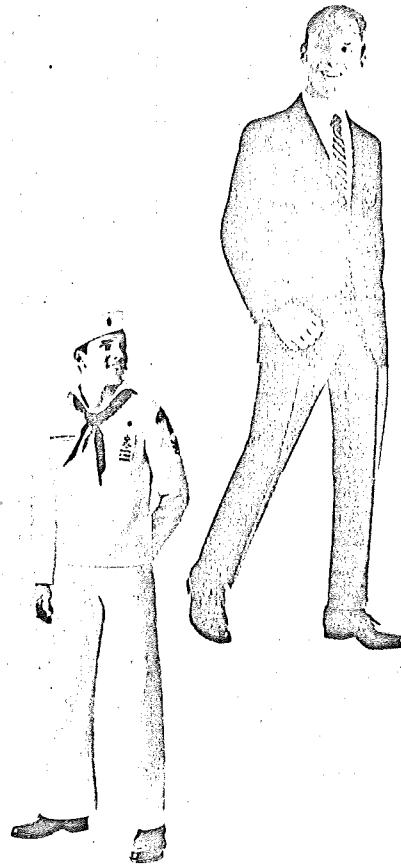
Prior to coming to Washington each council's contingent to the congress should meet to determine its candidate for the regional elections. At the congress caucuses will be held, then each region will select its top man who will be a national vice-president and a member of the president's cabinet—also a candidate for the national Explorer presidency. The vice-president that is elected president will be replaced on the cabinet by the regional runner-up. In other words, the president will not also represent his region—each region will have a national vice-president. The 12 vice-presidents will make up the national Explorer cabinet.



DRESS AT THE CONGRESS

Daytime dress will be school-type clothes (this does not include "cut-offs" and jeans or shorts of any kind). Special-interest post uniforms and dark green uniforms (long trousers only) are OK for day wear. Neckerchiefs and sashes are not to be worn. Dinner and evening dress will be Explorer blazer, blue and red tie, blue dress shirt, and gray slacks. In the case of Sea Explorers, their uniform or Explorer blazer outfit will be appropriate.

Complete the attached order form and mail with check or money order to the Supply Division service station nearest you.



TOURS OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Exploring advisory committee has selected 10 tours of the key historical sites and governmental facilities. They include: The Capitol, Bureau of Engraving, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, Supreme Court, and the Washington Cathedral.

These tours are part of the congress fee. Extra tours that may be desired by the presidents, but are not among those listed, will be available on June 2 in the afternoon.

Almost every afternoon during the congress shuttle-bus tour service will be available to see the sights of Washington.

ELECTIVES

As part of your participation in the congress, you will have the opportunity of meeting two nationally known experts who will discuss the following subjects:

1. Activism and voluntary action
2. College—is it necessary for everyone
3. Communications—influence and control
4. Drugs—use and misuse
5. Environment—the responsibility of man
6. Generation gap—fact or fiction
7. Government—how honest how efficient
8. Law and law enforcement
9. Morality and law
10. Population—growth and control
11. Race relations—when and how
12. Religion today—what's needed
13. Selective service—what's it all about
14. Society—unification or polarization
15. Sports—participant or spectator
16. The vote—what it really means

Choose two of the above elective subjects and indicate your choice on the application form at the right.