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YOU HAVE A PORTABLE HEATER. DO YOU...?

YES ☐ NO ☐

FILL IT OUTDOORS?.. ☐ ☐

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AND, DO YOU...?



REMind YOUR FAMILY TO UNPLUG THE ELECTRIC IRON WHEN IT'S NOT BEING USED?..... ☐ ☐

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third and last dispatch by the national reporter of United Press International reviewing the office of vice president. It describes the most effective vice presidents.)

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—Somewhere out in space there must be a benevolent star guarding and guiding the destiny of the United States. Four times in the 20th Century a vice president has been summoned to the highest office, and at no time has that been disastrous.

In some cases the No. 2 man has turned out to be a better president than the No. 1. Historians rank Theodore Roosevelt "much higher than the assassinated William McKinley. Calvin Coolidge may have drowsed away the afternoons in the White House, but who is going to challenge the statement that he was an improvement over Warren G. Harding?

John N. Garner and Richard M. Nixon, but his discussions with the Eisenhower administration and there is no assessment of Lyndon B. Johnson as vice president.

It is doubtful whether Garner ever really wanted to be vice president, but once in the job he brought great skill to bear on his work and was invaluable to Franklin D. Roosevelt. He worked behind the scenes, Senators into a small office, poured a bottle of bourbon on the table and invited them to "strike a blow for liberty." As a former speaker of the House, he had immense prestige with congressmen and he used it to great the way for FDR's bills whenever they got stuck.

In those days a vice president had nothing but prestige as a political savvy to use in helping the administration, but Garner had both in abundance and used them effectively. By the time Nixon came to the vice presidency the situation was entirely different. Congress passed a law in 1949 making a vice president a member of

the toughest problems a president ever faced, and nobody knows what would have happened if the ailing and senile Franklin D. Roosevelt had lived out his last term. History's final judgment on John F. Kennedy is still to be written, but it is a fact that within 48 hours after taking the oath of office Lyndon B. Johnson was firmly in control of the federal government.

Mostly Luck

American voters can take pride in the efficient way in which our modern vice presidents have moved into the presidency, but they cannot claim any of the credit. It was pure luck in most cases that an able man was standing by in the event of a sudden vacancy. Not since 1904 has the voters had anything but an indirect and tenuous choice in the selection of vice presidential candidates.

Nixon Active

Dwight D. Eisenhower used to put Nixon to work, largely in the field of foreign affairs. The vice president went to Europe and stood up to Nikita Khrushchev in a debate on merits and demerits of capitalism. He was attacked by a number of newspapers in South America. The result of all this was that Nixon had considerably more identity than the average vice president. When the time came to pick a candidate for the 1960 presidential nomination, he was the obvious and almost automatic choice.

Lyndon B. Johnson thrives on work and President Kennedy gave him plenty of it. They were no governmental secretaries. Johnson didn't know about, and his long years in the House and Senate gave him vast influence with Congress.

In that year the 12th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, providing that the electors vote separately for president and vice president. Previously it had been much simpler. The electors took a vote and the man with the highest number was president. The man with the second highest number of votes was vice president.

Enactment of the 12th Amendment and the evolution of political parties removed the vice presidential choice from the arena of public opinion. The presidential nominee picked his man and the party went with him without question. About the only instance in modern times that the public had any voice in the matter was in 1956 when Adlai Stevenson told the Democratic National Convention to make the choice. There was a ballot and Estes Kefauver defeated John F. Kennedy.

All Sorts

The list of vice presidents who never succeeded to the presidency includes strong men and weak, scholars and fools. In his book "The Rise of the Williams gives high marks to

...knew the federal structure, and side out succeeded to the presidency.

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