

# APPRECIATION EDITION

20th Year in Congress

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From 17th District

## TRIBUTE FROM A GRATEFUL CONSTITUENCY TO A WORTHY UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN — Rep. Omar Burleson

### Thank You, Mr. Burleson . . .

(An Editorial)

It was fitting for the people of Eastland County to have an opportunity to express their gratitude to the Honorable Omar Burleson, the 17th District Congressman, for faithful representation during the past two decades by holding an Appreciation Banquet in Eastland on Saturday night, March 26. This dinner was conceived and arranged without political considerations as a small reward for outstanding performance by a public official.

Omar Burleson took to Washington a heritage rooted in the soil of Jones County and West Texas, and he still stands for the same high ideals and standards that prompted the voters to line up behind him in the elections of 1946 and biennially since that time. These same voters have observed approvingly as Omar Burleson has grown in stature and added new honored and rewards for praiseworthy service over the years.

Under the state's congressional district reorganization plan, we of the old 17th district are now sharing Mr. Burleson with a much wider area. As a matter of fact, his district now encompasses approximately 27% more population. To these new constituents, we hasten to offer assurance that they have in Mr. Burleson a congressman dedicated to serving the best interests of the people of his district.

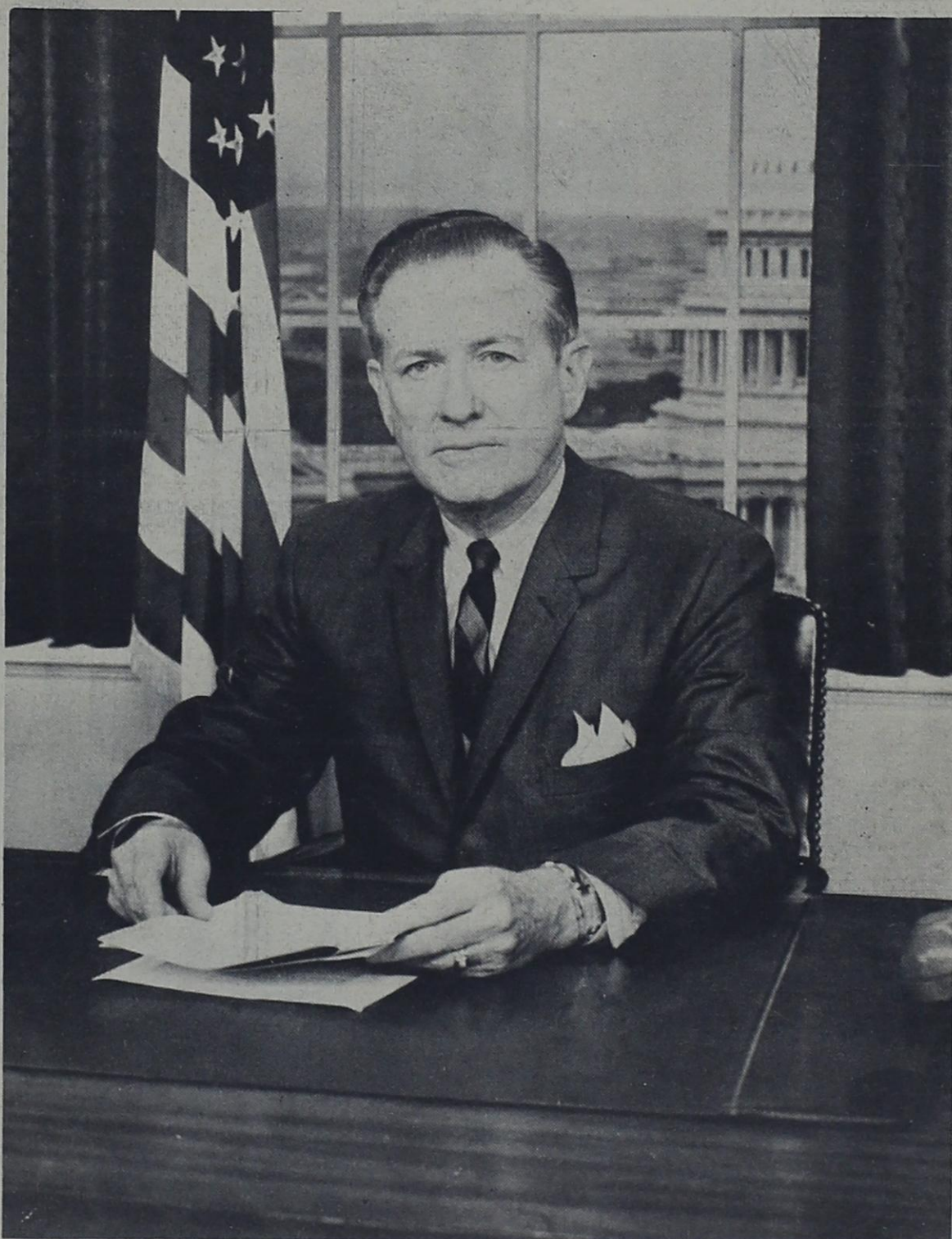
Twenty years in congress have earned for Mr. Burleson a reputation as being a hard-working conservative who consistently opposes federal encroachment on duties and responsibilities historically reposed in the states and who supports always a strong national defense, progressive farm and oil legislation and champions the proposition of obtaining full value for tax dollars expended.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Burleson stands on his two feet in meeting every issue. It is significant, too, that his only votes against the Democratic Administration have been in instances where he felt compelled to consider the constitution and the home folks first. Omar Burleson's voice has been heard more than a few times in the interest of economy in government and of placing principles above politics.

Key committee assignments, including several chairmanships, have come to Mr. Burleson through able service. It is a well known fact that the usefulness of a congressman increases with the years, which is all the more reason why we must retain Mr. Burleson. His attendance record of 98 percent places him high on the congressional roll of hard workers.

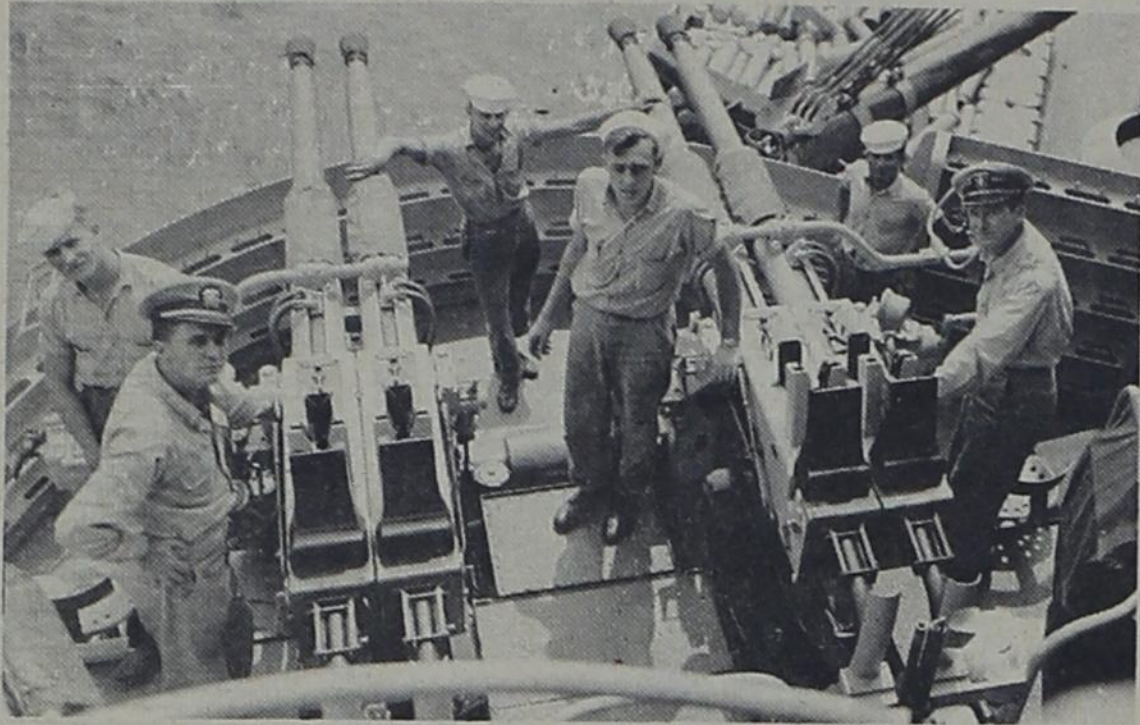
Certainly, the people of the 17th Congressional District are mindful of the investment — in good government, if you please — that they have in Omar Burleson. They will want to retain this man who never yields to pressure groups and who uses always his good influence in local as well as the national interest.

In expressing appreciation to Mr. Burleson, it is timely for us to renew our pledge of support to a man of sound judgment who has demonstrated again and again the type of integrity, sincerity and maturity that will keep America strong . . . and to urge his re-election by the kind of majority that will really say "thank you, Mr. Burleson!"



**MR. BURLESON** has earned the respect and admiration of voters throughout the 17th District, his colleagues and the nation because of his long years of faithful service to his country and to the people of this district as a key member of the UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

# THE BURLESON BIOGRAPH



The path from a West Texas Cotton Patch to the Nation's Capitol is a long, long way —

But the two are most closely related when a man of Omar Burleson's stature is the representative link between . . .

Naval Officer Omar Burleson is shown above at right aboard a U. S. Navy man of war during World War II. The congressman left active duty as a lieutenant commander.

## 20 Years of Top Leadership in Washington, D.C.



Omar Burleson, of Anson, U. S. Representative from the 17th District of Texas, was elected to the 80th Congress, taking his seat in the House in January, 1947, and has been re-elected to succeeding Congresses, through the current 89th.

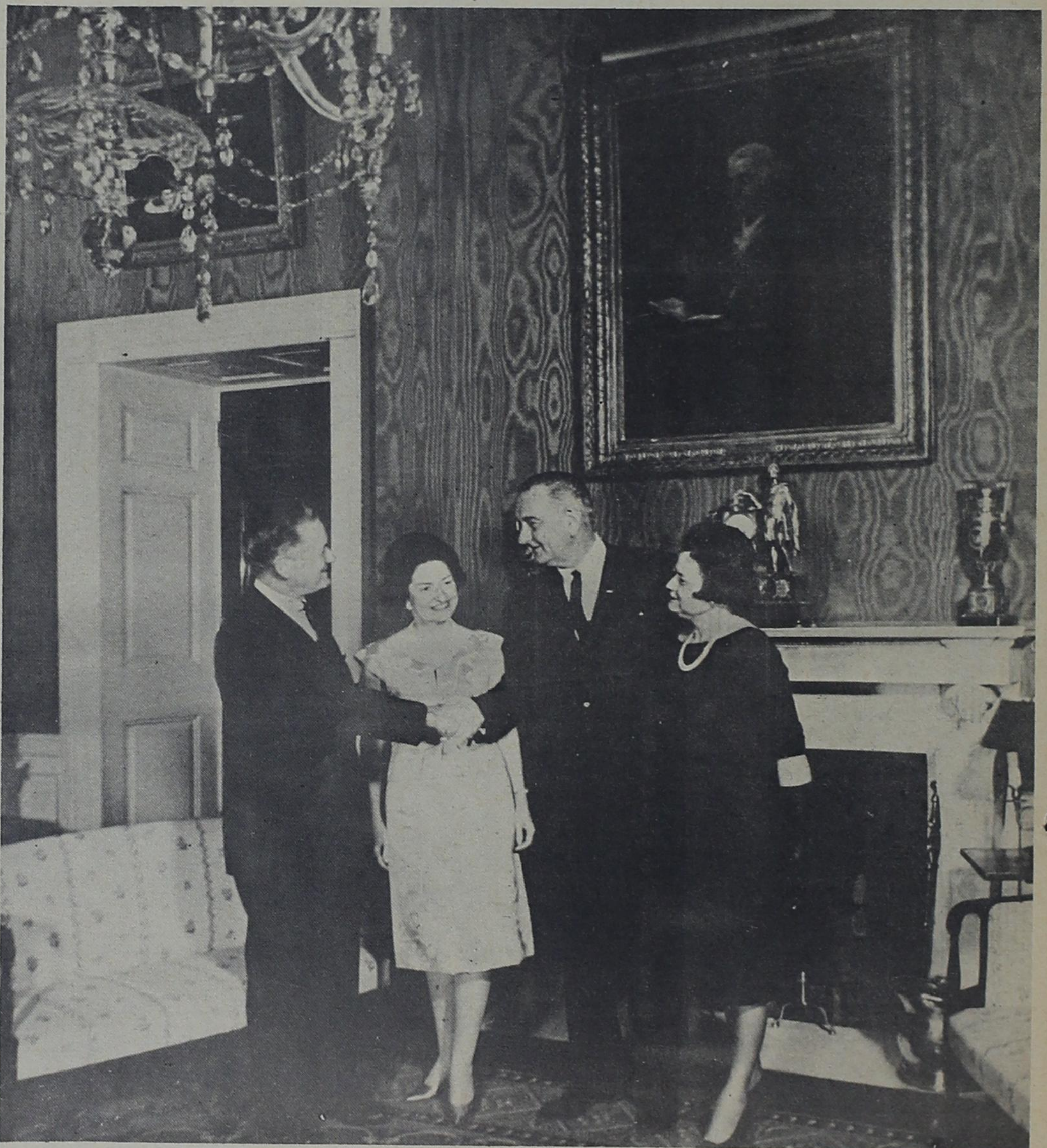
He is now Chairman of the Committee on House Administration, and ranks second to Chairman of the powerful Committee on Foreign Affairs in the House, being Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security and Scientific Developments Affecting Foreign Policy. He is Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library (of Congress), Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing, and is a member of the library of Congress Trust Fund Board.

Burleson served as County Attorney and County Judge of Jones County over a period of eight years. In 1940 he became a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, resigning in 1941 to become General Counsel of the Housing Authority for the District of Columbia. He resigned that office to enter the Navy in World War II and was in the service three and one-half years with duty in the North Atlantic and South Pacific. He was discharged as a Lieutenant Commander of the U. S. Navy.

Burleson attended public school in Anson, attended Abilene Christian College and Hardin - Simmons University, and obtained his law degree from Cumberland University Law School; he later did graduate work at the University of Texas Law School.

Mr. Burleson married Miss Ruth DeWeese, and they have a home in Anson. He is a member of the Church of Christ, the Masonic Lodge, and several civic, service and veterans' organizations.

Congressman Burleson spends most of each fall visiting about over the District after the Congress has adjourned. He is a conscientious, consistent, conservative Democrat.



The President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson are shown above greeting their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Burleson, at the White House in Washington, D. C.

The two men were fellow members of the House before the President move to the Senate and on to the Vice Presidency and the White House.

# Mr. Burleson's Most Attractive Asset

"Behind every Good man..."

Ruth DeWeese Burleson was born in Gordon, Georgia. She is the daughter of a pioneer West Texas Baptist Preacher, Reverend R. D. DeWeese, who served in Bronte, San Antonio, Anson and other places in the West and South Texas area.

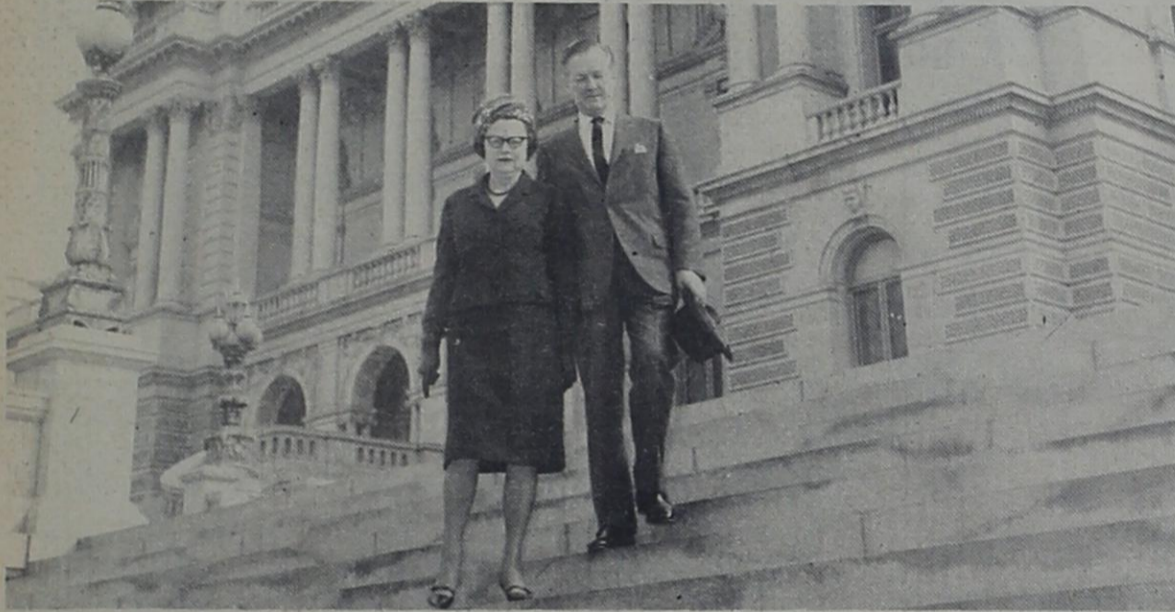
The DeWeese family moved to Anson, Texas, where Ruth grew up and attended public high school. Later she attended Baylor College. She taught school for a number of years.

In 1929, she married Omar Burleson, her high school sweetheart. Burleson was then an attorney but was elected County Attorney of Jones County the next year, and presently Member of Congress from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

Mrs. Burleson is a past President of the Congressional

Actively Helping...

Club, a quasi official organization of wives of Senators and Representatives. She is most active in functions of the Club and has been charged with the responsibility of arranging the Club's traditional luncheon for the First Lady on numerous occasions.



CONGRESSMAN and Mrs. Omar Burleson are shown leaving the Library of Congress in Washington. He is chairman of the joint committee on the Library.



VICE PRESIDENT Herbert H. Humphrey, left, was discussing his recent global tour in the interest of peace with Congressman Omar Burleson of the 17th District of Texas when the above picture was made. Mr. Burleson, a ranking member of the House, was among those given a private briefing on the Far East situation by the Vice President.



MRS. OMAR BURLESON

## LETTERS TO THE CONGRESSMAN . . .

The Honorable  
Omar Burleson  
U. S. Representative  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Omar:

I can not let the opportunity pass without expressing to you my deep appreciation for your valuable assistance in the passage of the Tax Bill.

Your speech against the motion to recommit and for the Bill was most influencing on three-fourths of the Members who had reservations on certain aspects, and particularly concerning issues involved in the motion to recommit.

Incidentally, your leadership and actions on all measures before the House of Representatives are recognized and valued by all of us.

Again, I want to commend you and express my personal gratitude for your able efforts.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
Wilbur D. Mills

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Honorable Omar Burleson, M. C.  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Omar:

As we near the end of the First Session of this 89th Congress, I want you to know that your loyalty and support is genuinely appreciated. As Chairman of the House Administration Committee, you have conducted the affairs of your Committee in a most efficient and admirable manner.

As you have heard me say on numerous occasions, there is room for difference of opinion within our great Democratic Party, but usually these differences are of method, rather than goals and objectives. On the former we seek to compromise in order to reach the fundamentals of the latter. You have been most cooperative with the Leadership in these efforts, and I want you to know that your services in the House of Representatives, with the powerful position you occupy as chairman of a very important Committee, are highly valued, respected and appreciated. On a number of occasions, when I have sought your advise and counsel you have always effectively cooperated.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely Yours,  
JOHN W. McCORMACK  
Speaker of the House

# The Gigantic 17th District (and how it grew)

*Demands a man capable of knowing and understanding its many people and its great potentialities for now and in the future*

**Omar Burleson is that man!**  
**He's been "our man in Washington"**  
**for 20 faithful, fruitful years.**

## IT'S A BIG, BIG DISTRICT WITH MANY CHARACTERISTICS

The 17th Congressional District of Texas is important, is big, and it's still growing.

Prior to 1959, it consisted of a dozen counties, including Fisher, Nolan, Jones, Taylor, Shackelford, Callahan, Stephens, Eastland, Palo Pinto, Erath, Comanche and Hamilton counties.

In 1959 and through 1967, the district picked up two more counties — Scurry and Parker.

Effective in 1967, and effective for elections in 1966, the District will have 24 counties — picking up Haskell, Throckmorton, Howard, Mitchell, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Concho, Brown and Mills, and dropping Parker.

Population of the District, based on the 1960 U.S. Census will be 376,200 people.

There are 138 post offices in the district in 1966, with 75 men postmasters and 63 women postmasters.

**BROWN (24,728)** — Bangs, Blanket, Brookesmith, Brownwood, Grosvenor, May, Zephyr.

**CALLAHAN (7,929)** — Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains, Putnam.

**COKE (3,589)** — Bronte, Robert Lee, Sanco, Silver, Tennyson.

**COLEMAN (12,458)** — Burkett, Coleman, Fisk, Glen Cove, Goldsboro, Gouldbusk, Leaday, Novicé, Rockwood, Santa Anna, Talpa, Valera, Voss, Whon.

**COMANCHE (11,865)** — Comanche, De Leon, Energy, Gustine, Hasse, Lamkin, Proctor, Sidney.

**CONCHO (3,672)** — Eden, Eola, Lowake, Millersview, Paint Rock.

**EASTLAND (19,526)** — Car-

bon, Cisco, Desdemona, East-

land, Gorman, Olden, Ranger, Rising Star, Scranton.

**ERATH (16,236)** — Alexander, Bluff Dale, Clairette, Dublin, Duffau, Johnsville, Lingleville, Morgan Mill, Stephenville.

**FISHER (7,861)** — Longworth, McCaulley, Roby, Rotan, Sylvester.

**GLASSCOCK (1,118)** — Garden City.

**HAMILTON (8,488)** — Carlton, Hamilton, Hico, Indian Gap, Pottsville.

**HASKELL (11,174)** — Haskell, Obrien, Rochester, Rule, Sagerton, Weinert.

**HOWARD (40,139)** — Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Knott, Luther, Otis Chalk, Vealmoor.

**JONES (19,303)** — Anson, Avoca, Hamlin, Hawley, Lueders, Stamford.

**MILLS (4,467)** — Caradan, Goldthwaite, Mullin, Priddy, Star.

**MITCHELL (11,255)** — Colorado City, Loraine Westbrook.

**NOLAN (18,963)** — Blackwell, Maryneal, Nolan, Roscoe, Sweetwater.

**PALO PINTO (20,516)** — Brazos, Gordon, Graford, Mineral Wells, Mingus, Palo Pinto, Santo, Strawn.

**RUNNELS (15,016)** — Ballinger, Hatchel, Miles, Norton, Rowena, Wingate, Winters.

**SHACKELFORD (3,990)** — Albany, Moran.

**STEPHENS (8,885)** — Breckenridge, Caddo.

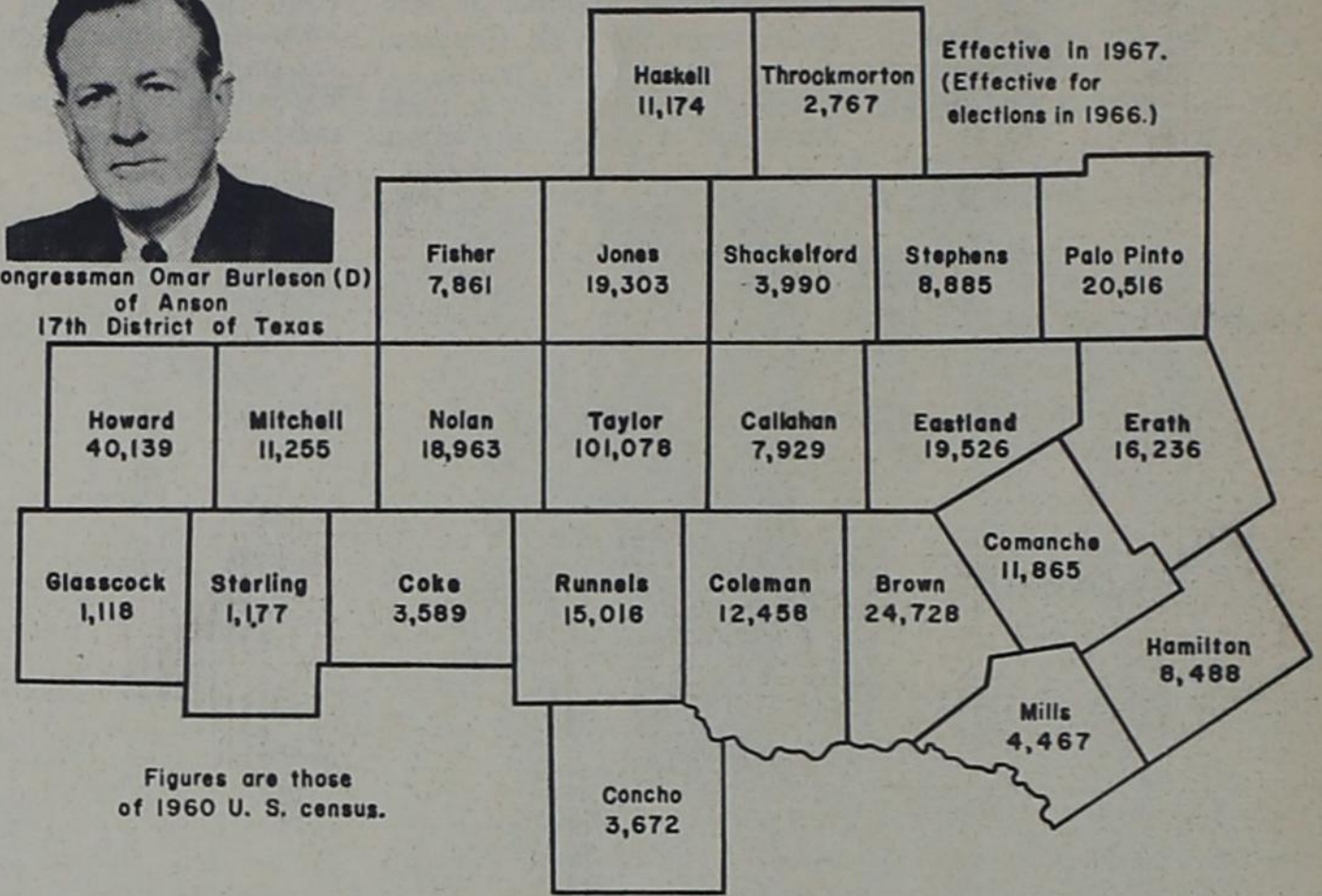
**STERLING (1,177)** — Sterling City.

**TAYLOR (101,078)** — Abilene, Bradshaw, Buffalo Gap, Lawn, Merkel, Ovalo, Trent, Tuscola, Tye, View.

**THROCKMORTON (2,767)** — Elbert, Throckmorton, Wood-



Congressman Omar Burleson (D) of Anson, 17th District of Texas



Figures are those of 1960 U. S. census.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
 WASHINGTON

March 19, 1966

Dear Omar:

Lady Bird and I join in sending you our warmest greetings on your birthday. We wish for you a joyous celebration today and a year filled with the good things of life for you and yours.

With the hope that you will have many happy returns of the day,

Sincerely,

## CONGRESSMAN BURLESON LEADS BUSY LIFE IN CAPITOL

The duties of a Member of Congress are many and manifold. He should, of course, study legislation and attend the meetings of the House of Representatives. All Members are kept in committee meetings many hours of many days of every session. In his capacity of Chairman of the House Administration Committee, however, Congressman Omar Burleson is charged with greater responsibility. This Committee actually holds in its palm, the very

heartbeat and lifeblood of each and every Special, Select and Standing Committee of the House of Representatives. This is true because without affirmative action on the part of the House Administration Committee to provide funds, the studies and investigations of the various committees would come to a complete standstill.

In addition, Burleson is second from the Chairman on the important Foreign Affairs

Committee, which at the present is grappling with problems connected with the Viet Nam conflict. He is also Chairman and Vice-Chairman of two Joint Committees on the Library of Congress and on Printing, which require a good deal of time and work.

As a Member of Congress from the 17th Congressional District for the past 20 years, Burleson has developed a large office business and gets a vast amount of mail, hundreds of pieces of mail a day.

This requires much study, dictation of replies, and often visits to different Executive Departments downtown. Every single letter receives Burleson's personal attention and reply.

A large portion of the mail is from citizens advocating or opposing proposed legislation. The balance deals with personal problems in connection with matters such as Veterans benefits, Social Security claims, all types of pensions, as well as Military problems

and those seeking jobs, Post Office matters and a myriad of various requests for assistance.

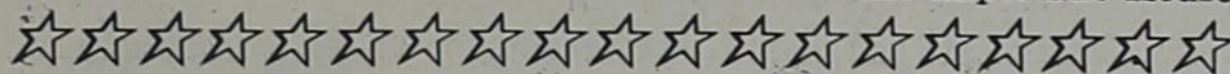
Visitors from the 17th Congressional District are always welcomed and offered assistance with accommodations, sightseeing and the like.

Congressman Burleson's office facilities, both in Washington and Abilene, are always available to constituents, and his entire staff is always ready to assist in any way.

# The Record Speaks for Itself -- In Top Committee Assignments, Jobs Successfully Completed



CONGRESSMAN Omar Burleson was questioning Secretary of State Dean Rusk when photographed above at a Foreign Affairs Committee meeting. His seniority ranks Mr. Burleson No. 2 behind the chairman of this important House group:



Vote for a Record — not a promise — Seniority in Congress is an investment.

This represents the record—the facts — about OMAR BURLESON, a Democrat in his 20th year in Congress. There are 435 members of the House and there are 20 Standing Committees 4 of which have Texas chairmen. OMAR BURLESON is one of the 4 Texas Chairmen . . . and is 3rd ranking Democrat on another, the powerful House Foreign Affairs Committee . . . and Vice - Chairman of two Joint Senate - House Committees.

Facts, figures and details are often insignificant as the means toward an end, but this "in a nutshell" report might be of interest to you.

There were 383 roll calls in the House in the last session — a modern-day record. The Congress passed about 86 bills during the session which might be considered major bills. There were 12,000 bills introduced and less than 500 of them became law — actually were passed. This was a great volume of legislation, some of it good and some of it bad in the judgment of Congressman Burleson.

He voted for some of it and opposed some of it. The recent session will, no doubt, go down in the record books as a history session and whether

for good or ill, the impact will be felt for generations.

OMAR BURLESON has supported many legislative proposals considered by him to be necessary and fiscally responsible. He supports Democratic Administration proposals when he feels they are needed and are economically sound and feasible.

#### FOR

To mention a few of the more important legislative measures which he has supported and voted for in the last three sessions of the Congress:

The Defense Appropriations and Authorization Bills . . .

The Omnibus Farm Bill of 1965 . . .

The Excise Tax reduction action in 1965 . . .

The Viet Nam Supplemental Appropriations Bill . . .

House Un-American Activities committee Appropriations . . .

Passage in the House of the Higher Education Act of 1965 . . .

Manpower Development and Training Act . . .

Water Pollution Controls Act . . .

Rural Water and Sewage Loans Program . . .

The Military Pay Raise Bill of 1965 . . .

Retirements payment increase . . .

Vocational Student Loan Act . . .

The Mental Health Bill . . .

Highway Trust Fund Apportionment . . .

Railroad Retirement (for widows) . . .

Final passage of the postal and classified employers pay raise (after the amount was reduced when President Johnson threatened to veto the bill) . . .

Reduction and reform in personal and corporate income taxes . . .

Measure requiring President to impose quotas on import of beef . . .

National Defense Education Act (loans to students for college education) . . .

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act . . .

Social Security increase of 5 per cent . . .

Legislative reapportionment barring Federal court jurisdiction in the matter of state reapportionment . . .

Military Construction Appropriations (facilities and family housing) . . .

Supporting the Presidents actions in Viet Nam . . .

Extending the Bracero Labor Law (migrant farm labor) . . .

Increase of Certain Veterans Pensions . . .

Health, Education and Welfare Appropriations Bill . . .

United Nations assessments

being collected or vote denied . . .

Cotton Textile Mill Act . . . Limiting funds for Congressional travel and require detailed accounting . . .

Equal Pay Act of 1963 (women's rights to equal pay for equal work) . . .

Almost without exception, the foregoing legislative proposals were requested by and or supported by the Democratic Administration. Congressman Burleson voted for and supported all of them.

#### AGAINST

On the other side of the ledger, Congressman Omar Burleson has opposed a number of measures proposed by the Administration because he felt they were not needed, unsound or economically not feasible. He has consistently voted what he thinks is in the best interest of the people of this District and the nation as a whole regardless of political pressures from either the Democratic or Republican leadership in Washington.

To mention a few of the major legislative proposals which Congressman Burleson has opposed and voted against during the past three sessions:

The Highway Beautification Act (impossible to estimate cost) . . .

Home Rule for District of Columbia (Removes another authority of Congress) . . .

Increasing Public Debt Limit (should work toward decreasing public debt) . . .

Medicare Under Social Security (impossible to estimate ultimate cost) . . .

Public Works & Economic Development (\$3.25 billion mostly for big cities) . . .

Aid Elementary & Secondary Education (\$1.3 billion first year) . . .

Housing & Urban Development Act (\$7.8 billion including rent subsidies) . . .

Creating Housing & Urban Affairs Department (no estimate of cost) . . .

Repeal of Right - To - Work Law (14B) . . .

Immigration Reform Bill (increase immigrants three-fold) . . .

Arts & Humanities Act of 1965 (\$20 million appropriation) . . .

Pay Increase for Supreme Court Judges . . .

Changing House Rules Committee Authority . . .

Anti-Poverty Program (\$947 million authorization) . . .

Foreign Aid Authorization (\$2.04 billion for one year) . . .

Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 (\$375 million first installment) . . .

Packing the House Rules Committee in 1963 . . .

Appalachian Regional Development Act . . .

Foreign Aid 1965 (Authorizing \$3.36 billion for one year)

You will, no doubt, agree that the voting record of OMAR BURLESON in the Congress reflects sound judgment and fiscal responsibility. Congressman Burleson is quick to respond to any real need whether it be in the military defense of the country, in the interest of the poor and aging, or elsewhere. As the foregoing would verify, he is a consistent Democrat representing the best interest of the people of the 17th District and the nation as a whole.

NOTE: — Also, he has consistently supported the 27½ per cent oil depletion allowance and the restriction of oil imports.

The most effective representation a district can have in the Congress is a man who, through 20 years of seniority and experience, can use his power and influence in the best interest of economy and good government without having to sacrifice principle by yielding to pressure groups from any angle . . . Yes, vote for a record — not a promise — seniority in Congress is an investment in good government. OMAR BURLESON represents this investment.

## OMAR SPEAKS OUT ..

### On 14-B Repeal

"The 18th century lawyer and writer Bastiat, in his commentaries of about 1850, made no mention of 'rights' under law — human rights, social rights, employment rights, civil rights and majority rights. Obviously he felt that no such 'rights' exist, except those pertaining to our three God-given rights of life, liberty and property. If as Bastiat indicates, these three basic rights are not conferable upon the individual by man made laws, where else would they originate? To whom would they apply and to what degree? For example, with the consent of

an employer, no man can be denied the right to work. Without the consent of an employer, no man can acquire the right to work. Hence, the term 'right to work' becomes meaningless under this logic, as do all these other 'rights' above referred to."

#### ON FOREIGN POLICY

"Firmness carries with it the possibility of great risk. In these times, weakness carries with it the certainty of national suicide. Those who scheme to impose Communist domination on the world are not pretending."

"The peaceful blockade (mining of North Vietnamese harbors) may be essential, whatever the risks."

# "ASK OMAR..."

Many ways,  
Every day,  
Mr. Burleson  
is asked  
to help, to  
supply data,  
to solve a  
problem, to  
comfort, to  
serve... it's his job and he does it extremely well!



Congressman Omar Burleson is well known for extending a helping hand if at all possible to anyone with a problem. The above cartoon depicts the Congressman aiding a GI. It was drawn by Dixie Duncan of the Eastland Telegram staff.

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## Mr. Burleson's Schedule

Congressman Burleson says of his schedule, "To be able to see everyone in a District of nearly 400,000 people in the next few weeks would be humanly impossible. There are 24 counties, 138 post offices, in this District now which covers approximately 22,000 square miles — larger in area than the combined area of Maryland, Delaware and Connecticut."

"I have accepted a number of invitations to visit already and I shall accept just as many more as my schedule will permit during the campaign."

Congressman Burleson added, "It is always a pleasure to visit my long-time friends who have been so very helpful in the past, and I certainly am enjoying making new friends and renewing many old acquaintances in the new counties of this "Big Country."

"I shall certainly make every effort to see all of you during the next few weeks."

## 6,000 Veterans of 17th District Due Benefits Under New GI Bill

Approximately 6,000 veterans in Texas' 17th Congressional District are potentially eligible for benefits and services under the new GI Bill and just signed by President Johnson, Congressman Omar Burleson said today.

The new GI Bill provides education and training programs generally patterned after the highly successful GI Bills of World War II and the Korean Conflict. Rep. Burleson was a strong supporter of the bill.

The Congressman pointed out that in the first year alone, over 700 veterans are expected to take advantage of the educational benefits, according to statistics from the Veterans Administration. This educational provision is expected to provide the veterans in the district almost \$491,000 in direct benefits in that first

year, according to Congressman Burleson.

He said the educational provisions of the new bill go into effect June 1, 1966, giving the veteran ample time to plan his schooling program.

The veterans covered under this bill are also eligible for hospital benefits and 1,000 patient days at a cost of \$26,000 are expected to be made available to applying veterans in the first year.

All veterans are eligible for educational and guaranteed home loan benefits who were on active duty more than 180 days after January 31, 1955, and honorably discharged, or who were discharged with less than 180 days service because of a service-incurred disability.

Under the education and training sections, monthly payments for full time training are:

\$100 for veterans without dependents.

\$125 for veterans with one dependent.

\$150 for veterans with more than one dependent.

Veterans eligible can receive up to 36 months of schooling or training on the basis of one month for each month spent in uniform.

The veteran must complete his program of education within eight years after discharge.

The Congressman hailed the President's action and praised the meritorious way Congress acted in this urgent matter.

He noted the GI home loan provisions of the bill would increase real estate activity throughout the country.

The formula for eligibility

of the veteran to participate in the GI home loan program is the same as that already in existence; that is, 10 years from the date of discharge, plus one year for each three months served. Entitlement shall not continue beyond 20 years, nor shall it expire before 10 years.

Guaranteed or insured loan ceilings remain at \$7,500 while the top for direct loans, made where no private financing is readily available, has been increased from \$15,000 to \$17,500.

Medical and hospital care is available on the same basis as for wartime veterans. Other benefits include burial benefits, employment assistance, and veterans' preference in Federal employment.

**Seniority in Congress earned by Mr. Burleson is something in which all voters can take pride.**

There's  
No Way  
of Knowing  
How Many  
Have said  
and are  
still saying:  
"It's good  
to have a  
man like  
Omar  
Burleson  
on your side."

# Everybody knows Mr. Burleson

## And Mr. B. knows Everybody!

(well, as nearly as anyone could in so many towns)

### Special Note to Friends of Mr. Burleson

The old cliché, "you can please all of the people part of the time, part of the people all of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time" is very true in terms of the service of a public official.

However, the people of this District have been splendid in their support of me in the Congress. Your friendship and goodwill mean more to Ruth and me than anything in the world.

The fact that people differ is not something to be disturbed about. This is a good sign. We need the stimulation of fresh ideas and every citizen ought to stand on his two feet, so to speak, and defend the position in which he believes.

I have sought to serve the people of our District to the best of my ability, and I think the people generally approve of my service here. Of course, in a free country we make allowances for honest differences of opinion from time to time and all realize that no two people agree precisely on all subjects, or any subject for that matter.

We are confronted in the Congress with many serious, complex and difficult problems. I want to do everything in my power to serve well the best interest of our District and the nation generally.

Government programs cost money and somebody has to pay for them. In my work in Washington I am trying to encourage and follow a policy of economy and good government. I feel very strongly that our government should pay its own way and should not spend beyond its means. I believe in a policy of pay-as-you-go. We need to have a dollar in value for every dollar spent. I believe in the free enterprise system and I believe that government should stay out of those areas in which there is no necessity for government action.

Certainly I want to ask for your continued good will and support. I also want to thank you for the support which you have given me. It is very helpful to have your views and suggestions from time to time, and I sincerely hope that you will continue to let me hear from you on all matters so vitally important to our District and the nation as a whole.

### Special Note to Newcomers, Visitors, Etc.

Not only has the 17th Congressional District grown in area and natural resources, it has grown and continues to grow in numbers of people. Quite often I have occasion to write, or otherwise, welcome newcomers, but certainly I, along with the many fine people of the District, am happy when people from outside move into our District and become a part of any one of the many progressive, hospitable communities of this District.

This District has, partly because of the many newcomers, shown tremendous growth in business and civic development during the past twenty years. In fact, this District has prospered more than many of the other Congressional Districts of this state and the nation. This District has prospered through the production of many agricultural commodities of food, feed and fiber. Yes, this is farming country, cattle, sheep, cotton, peanuts, pecans, and now mohair. And this is oil country, producing in one recent year more than 68 million barrels. And this is industrial country, approaching \$100 million per year in manufactured products. And yes, the "Big Country" is also wholesale and retail country. It is "High IQ" country, with five senior colleges and four junior colleges, in addition to the many, many outstanding public school districts. And yes, this is even military country, with military installations at Abilene, Big Spring, Mineral Wells and Brownwood, some of which are currently expanding as vital links in the national defense program.

To the newcomers, I can say this is the "Big Country" and growing bigger. Not in the last 20 years has it experienced a setback in its forward progress. Recreational facilities are available in many areas of the District, including Lake Brownwood; Lakes Fort Phantom, Abilene, Kirby and Lytle at Abilene; Lake Leon and Cisco Lake in Eastland County; Procter Reservoir near Comanche; Possum Kingdom Lake in Palo Pinto County;

### *Congressional Directory*

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##### House Administration

(Meets second Wednesday)

Omar Burleson, of Texas.  
Samuel N. Friedel, of Maryland.  
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The District has a fine network of highways — federal and state — connecting with paved roads all 138 post offices in the District. With railroad and airline transportation to and from many of the larger cities it is a growing "Big Country" prosperous, friendly in an atmosphere of happy, church-going people.

Certainly we welcome newcomers. We invite you to become a part of this vast community of mutual interests. We invite you to help this District continue to grow and prosper. The initiative, foresight and ambition of the people of this District has made it grow.



THE PRESIDENT extends his hand in greeting when he met Congressman Omar Burleson at the White House last summer. The two men served in the House together several years.

LAST MAY THE STATE Legislature Approved a bill revamping Congressional Districts. Under most trying circumstances, the Legislature, under the able leadership of Governor John Connally, Lt. Governor Preston Smith, and Speaker of the House Ben Barnes, enacted into Law a Redistricting Plan. Not everyone in the State could be entirely pleased, but the 17th District retained 12 of its original Counties, to which 12 more were added. From the standpoint of Central West Texas, no better plan could have been devised, and our State leaders are to be highly commended for such excellent treatment.

As heretofore constituted, the 17th District, composed of 14 counties, will lose Parker County on the East and Scurry County on the West. To the 12 remaining Counties will be added 12 more, with Haskell and Throckmorton on the North, Howard and Glasscock on the West, Concho, Coleman and Brown on the South, Hamilton, Erath and Palo Pinto on the East.

The 24 counties which will make up the 17th Congressional District, if approved by the Court, will approximate the combined areas of Maryland, Connecticut and Massachusetts, with a population just under 400,000.

In spite of its size and far reaches, there is a strong community of interest. Every County shares in all or many of its varied resources. It is more than just "big country."

It is farming country with an annual farm income of in excess of \$160 million.

It is oil country, producing in one recent year more than 68 million barrels.

It is cow country, with a cattle population of over 700,000 head.

It is sheep country, with an estimated 1¼ million sheep.

It is cotton country, ginning a quarter of a million bales a year.

It is peanut country, producing some 55 million pounds a year.

It is pecan country, the annual production being 550,000 pounds.

It is industrial country, approaching \$100 million per annum in manufactured products.

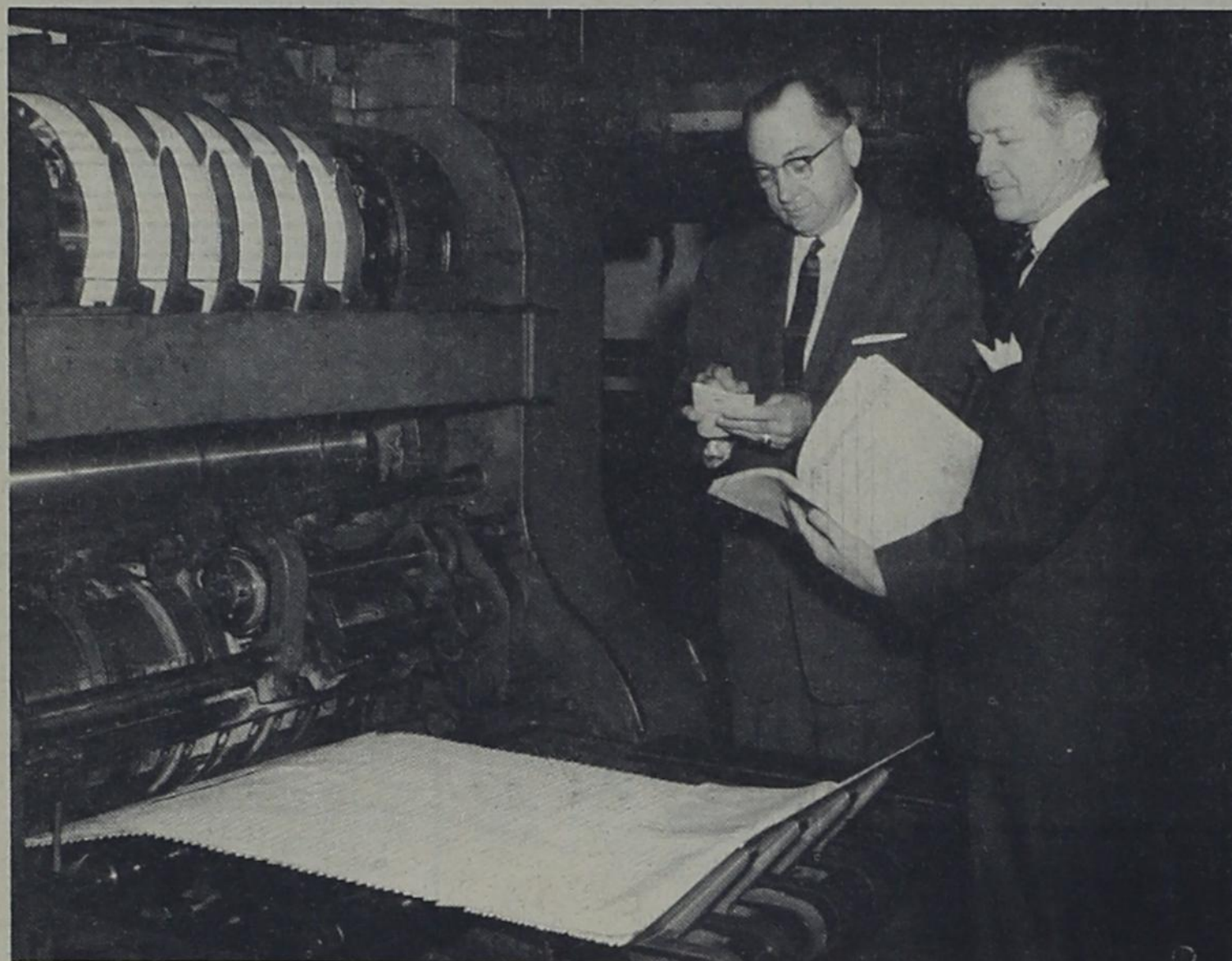
It is high I.Q. country, with its five senior colleges and four junior colleges.

It is the home of military installations in Big Spring, Abilene, Mineral Wells and Brownwood, forming vital links in our national defense.

### **Omar Speaks Out . . .**

On rioting, such as in Watts, Calif: "It is time to move on a broad, determined front to clean up this country, restore law and order and make it a safe place to live. It is high time to cease forever subordinating the rights of the law abiding citizen to the unlawful element."

**Mr. Burleson has earned the respect and the admiration of voters throughout the 17th District, of his colleagues and of the nation, for his long years of faithful service to his country and to the people of this district as a key member of the United States Congress.**



James Harrison, left, the Public Printer of the United States, is shown with Congressman Omar Burleson on a recent tour of the Government Printing Office. The GPO is the world's largest printing plant. Mr. Burleson is vice chairman of a joint committee on printing.



CONGRESSMAN Omar Burleson is shown above as he spoke at an Ex-FBI Agents Association dinner. He served in the FBI immediately before he joined the Navy in World War II.



## OMAR SPEAKS OUT ..

### On Viet Nam

"Little can be gained by arguing the question as to whether or not we should be in South Viet Nam. The fact is that we are there and thoroughly committed to the proposition that South Viet Nam be protected from Communist predators from the North . . . We may not have all the facts of the South Viet Nam situation, but we have the courage to face those of which we do know, and the President is not being helped by the sniping and carping of those who might be expected to give him their support."

**On Red China's Nuclear Reactor** — "It is not missile rattling to ask for consideration of making it possible for the Nationalist Free Chinese to make a conventional bombing attack on Red China's reactor. Its exact location is known. Not only would it prevent the irresponsible ownership of nuclear devices by the Chinese Communist, but would be a clear and unmistakable warning to others who are in various stages of developing their own."

**On Beautification (billboards and junk-yards):** . . . "must federal law say what a person can or can not do with his own private property? . . . It would seem that the states could better control and administer such activities. No one can deny that improvements are

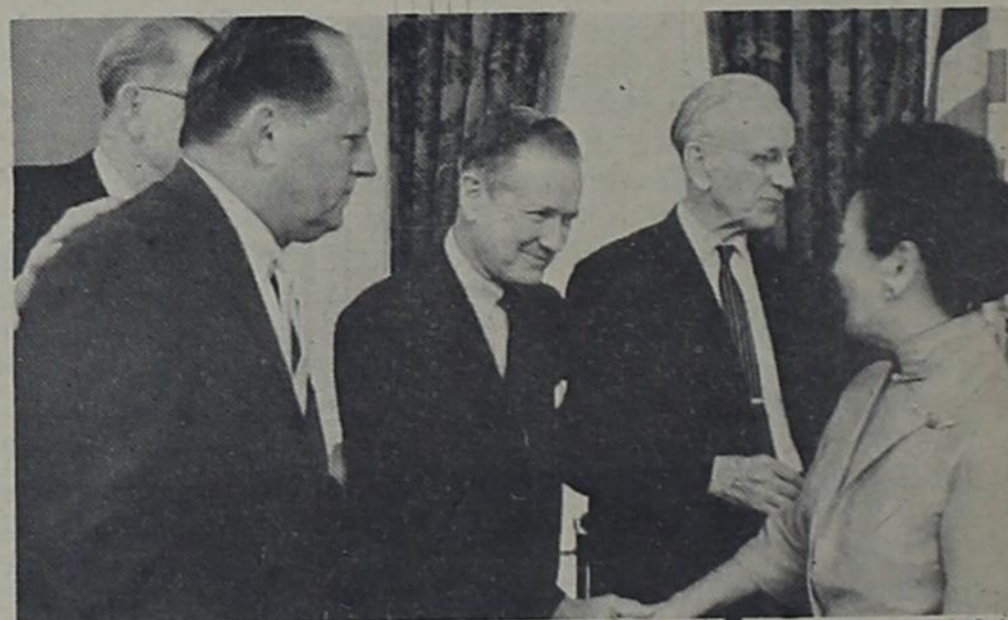
needed, but it is the method which raises the many considerations involved."

**On the World Food Need as it relates to the farm program:** "This is a problem which approaches a delima on the part of our Government and all humanitarians. It is presenting itself so rapidly it is difficult to even imagine. The experts say that the calamity will be upon the world in the 1970's with its awful consequences, unless better answers are found than are now in sight."

**On law enforcement:** "Responsible leaders in civil rights, such as Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, believe that those who demand greater protection of their civil rights have as much at stake as any citizen in encouraging a revival of regard for law and order."

**On considering legislation piece by piece:** "Perhaps it is too much to expect objectivity — to view legislative proposal as a tub to sit on its own bottom — as to what is best for our Nation, our State and our immediate area of interest — but it is still America and American."

**On minimum Wages for farm laborers:** "The imposition of wage and hour controls on agriculture will undoubtedly decrease the amount of employment and drive more and more farmers out of business. The margin of profit is already narrow, and a little bit more cost of production can break the camel's back."



CONGRESSMAN Omar Burleson is shaking hands with Madame Chiang Kai-Shek at a United Nations reception. Shown between them is House Speaker John McCormack and, at left, Bryan Dorn, member of the congress from South Carolina looks on. Mr. Burleson was appointed in 1961 by the late President Kennedy as one of two Congressional delegates to the United Nations to serve after the adjournment of Congress.

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