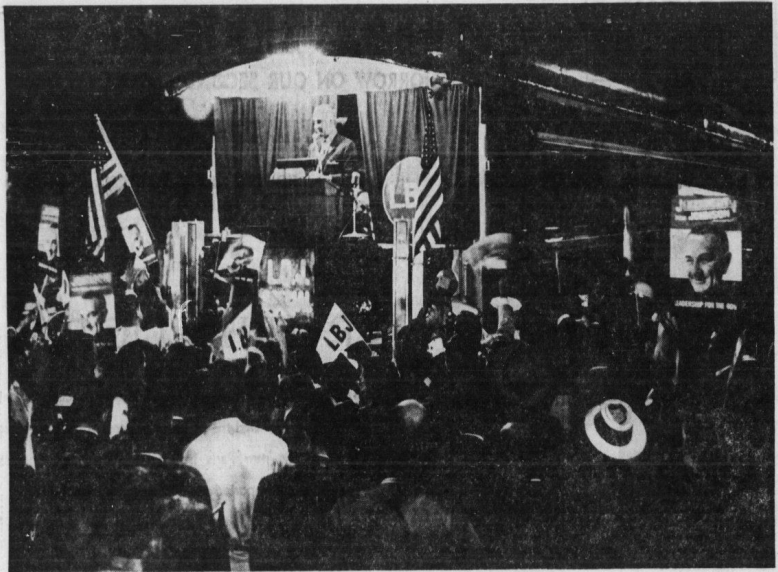


# Whistle-Stopping Through N. C. With Lyndon Johnson



At The End Of A Long Day . . . Johnson Speaks From Back Of Train In Charlotte

## Terry Sees Democrat Win In S.C.

By DAVE KRASLOW and ROY COVINGTON  
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WITH LYNDON JOHNSON—North Carolina's Democratic gubernatorial nominee predicted something Monday which many South Carolinians are hesitant to do.

That is, predict a Democratic victory in South Carolina on Nov. 8.

"There isn't a chance in the world of South Carolina going Republican and I don't care what anybody says," Terry Sanford told newsmen aboard a train.

Sanford, who said he was born about six miles from the South Carolina line and knows the state well, said South Carolinians "remember when they got out rabbit boxes in the 1930s to help put meat on the table."

Of Sen. Barry Goldwater, the conservative Republican who is campaigning heavily for the Nixon-Lodge ticket in the Presidential State, Sanford said "people see through him."

Goldwater, he said, has "made a career out of running against Walter Reuther (United Steelworkers chief) but those people (South Carolinians) don't know who Reuther is and they certainly know that Reuther has nothing to do with their party."

Sanford said he felt the Democrats were "over the hump in North Carolina."

He said the "fury of the religious issue is gone," but added, "It will cause us some difficulty but not nearly so much as Mr. Eisenhower's smile."

Sanford estimated the Democrats would carry North Carolina by 50,000 votes but wouldn't predict what Charlotte and Mecklenburg, with its GOP-inclined voters, would do.

But Sanford gave the title of "most troublemaker area in North Carolina" to Guilford County. He designated High Point as the "biggest GOP area."

## Senator Johnson Blisters GOP During Tour Of N. C.

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acterized the campaign of Catholic Al Smith in 1928.

Issues were generally side-tracked as Johnson, Hodges and others ridiculed Nixon.

Johnson urged voters to send Nixon "back to Whittier (Calif.) so he can get more experience" and in a reference to the meeting between New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Nixon, he said:

"In that meeting, Mr. Nixon lost his convictions, and also lost his platform."

"If an experienced New York governor could take an experienced vice president up forty floors in the Waldorf-Astoria and change his mind what would happen if Mr. Khrushchev got him (Nixon) in the kitchen all day?"

The North Carolina tour actually began in Danville, Va., where Gov. Hodges, Sen. Jordan and other state leaders boarded the train.

Skies were gray but before the train pulled in the sun shone through, prompting William Stokes of Reidsville to remark, "It's just like Roosevelt did for a week."

Salisbury claimed the largest crowd but Kannapolis ran a close second. About 2,500 or more stood by the tracks in front of Cannon Mills Plant No. 1.

In Greensboro, Johnson drew about 700, while Thomasville and Lexington gave him from 1,000 to 1,500.

At Thomasville, Johnson departed the train and climbed atop the huge chair which symbolizes the city's claim to being a furniture manufacturing center.

Standing on the seat of the chair, he flung his Texas hat to the crowd. It was caught by C. T. Curritt, a barber.

By the time the train reached Charlotte for an overnight stop, it was running half-an-hour late, but a crowd of from 600 to 800 was waiting to cheer it into its berth.

From Danville, Va., to Charlotte, the stop - and - go campaign went generally according to Hoyle.

Democratic workers had heeded the advice of an ad-

vance team which preceded Johnson. At each stop there was a band, signs, gimmicks and a generally enthusiastic welcome.

And, as the advance team had promised, there were "LBJ" balloons, and miniature train whistles for the kiddies.

If these incidents of the campaign went according to format, the rest of it did, too.

There were pleas for party unity, recollections of what the Democratic party had done for "all people," and jobs at Vice President Richard M. Nixon and the Republicans.

But there were signs of discontent along the rails.

At Lexington there were signs saying "Go Away LBJ" and at Salisbury a large red and white "Nixon" sign was displayed near the observation car platform.

The whistle-stop was an obvious attempt to wed local candidates to the national ticket or vice versa, newsmen weren't sure which.

From 15 to 20 local party candidates and leaders would board the train at each stop, ride it to the next and be introduced to the crowd as they departed.

Johnson was introduced by different candidates, depending on the location.

In Reidsville, for example, Sanford did the honors, calling the Texas Senator one of the "great leaders of the South."

In Lexington, Philpott handled the introduction before his hometown audience and in Kannapolis it was Rep. Alexander.

And for every pat on the back they gave Johnson he returned it twofold.

Between stops Johnson and his staff members met with the local delegations aboard the train.

Kennedy asked war on slum problems.

By WILLIAM THEIS  
PITTSBURGH—UPI—Sen. John F. Kennedy, striking at his GOP opponent in North and South, called Monday night for a 10-year attack on the nation's urban problems to reverse what he called a "shameful record" of Republican neglect.

He urged that urban affairs be placed under a cabinet secretary.

The Democratic presidential candidate launched a blistering attack on Vice President Richard M. Nixon's civil rights stand in the South earlier Monday, and criticized him in industrial Pittsburgh, a modern example of urban rebirth.

Kennedy called Nixon's urban program an "empty shell."

It was a day that saw the Massachusetts senator accusing the vice president of talking about civil rights one way in the South and another way in the North. He said he did not think Nixon is "fooling anyone, North or South."

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## 'The Next Wife Of Our Next Veep'

By ROY COVINGTON  
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WHILE LYNDON JOHNSON—Whistle stops: Several teen-agers held up signs for LBJ to see.

He presented her as the next wife of the next vice president of the United States.

Hecklers came out to greet the LBJ Special in Lexington, home of H. Cloyd Philpott, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor.

Several teen-agers held up signs for LBJ to see. One of the most prominent was "Go Away LBJ."

Evidence that Democrats had tried to defend their choice could be found in a nearby ditch.

There several signs, broken and torn, said, "Where's Walter Reuther?" and "There's No Tomorrow For the South."

There's no mistaking the identity of the Johnson campaign train.

Each of the car numbers bear the prefix "LBJ" and on the windows are huge red letters spelling "JOHN-SON."

Two flags fly from the rear of the observation car and the words "LBJ Special" are hard to miss.

In the import-conscious textile town of Kannapolis, kids who met the LBJ Special happily held a welcome on plastic whistles made to resemble a locomotive.

No one apparently noticed or cared that the whistles, given out at all stops by Johnson workers, bore the imprint "Made in Hong Kong."

He argued that the cost of all this to the taxpayer will be "far less than the present enormous cost of slums, traffic jams, crime and delinquency and the economic decline of downtown areas."

And he said it would be less than the interest cost on the national debt.

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LBJ Sizes Up Crowd As Train Nears Greensboro

## 'SHO DO APPRECIATE IT'

## LBJ Couple Uncover 'Loot' In N. Carolina

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WITH LYNDON JOHNSON—If Sen. Lyndon Johnson's slow drawl isn't southern enough, Lady Bird's honeyed tones should make up for it.

She never misses a chance to say "thank yuh," and "We sho do appreciate it."

Their Virginia-North Carolina tour, in addition to producing votes, is certainly producing loot for the Texas couple.

In Virginia they were given hams and a bag of golden leaved tobacco.

At Reidsville they were loaded down with cigarettes, and at Thomasville and High Point Mrs. Johnson got stockings.

At Thomasville they got a small Duncan Phyfe chair, a replica of the giant one that stands in the center of town and in Lexington there was a gift of a cake and a small ebony chest.

On one of their tours through the cars occupied by newsmen, Lady Bird went on the public address system to announce they were going to come through and pass out some of the ham and cigarettes.

"I'm sorry I can't give you some of these stockings but I'm sho going to need all of them with all this running around we're doing."

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## THE GUY 'BEHIND' THE TRAIN

## He's A 'Whistle-Stop' Pro

By ROY COVINGTON  
Observer Staff Writer

WITH LYNDON JOHNSON—The guy having the most fun on Johnson's whistle-stopping tour through the South is a quiet-mannered savings and loan executive from California.

He's also one of the hardest working.

Glenn Wilson, train manager, describes himself as "an amateur at whistle-stopping" but he's probably one of the most experienced aboard the "Victory Special."

He directed the Harry Truman and Adlai Stevenson trains through California in 1952 and set up Sen. John Kennedy's two-day rail ride through the same state earlier this year.

"It's like any other job."

There are hundreds of details, any one of which will fool you up," said Wilson between Greensboro and High Point.

Some of those problems stem from just "plain old railroad-train stop," he added.

For example, railroad crews don't want passengers, whether political or not, to get off a train on the "track side."

So wherever Johnson's train stops there's a traffic jam as newsmen and staff members try to get out the same side of the train.

"We tried to get them to open both doors of each car for that," laughed Wilson, but the railroad just wouldn't do it.

At each stop from 15 to 20 local and state political leaders board the train. Because the train doesn't always halt at the

depot, Wilson had to recruit the crews.

"They wanted to make two stops. One for the speech and the other at the depot for the incoming passengers to board."

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