

Bunker Credited in Orderly Viet Vote

By Drew Pearson

Ellsworth Bunker, a big businessman turned diplomat, has unraveled some tough diplomatic assignments — the Dominican Republic, Indonesia and Argentina in the days of Peron. But he's just put across one of his biggest — the Vietnamese elections.



It was Bunker who got the military off its high horse and gave the civilian candidates a break . . .

Considering the fact that Vietnam had never in all history held elections, Bunker helped put across a political miracle . . . It was Dean Acheson, when Under Secretary of State, who discovered Bunker, gave him his first assignment . . . LBJ has picked one of the most experienced Negro executives, Walter Washington, for the tough job of being the first Mayor of Washington, D.C. Washington is an intimate friend of John Duncan, first Negro Commissioner of D.C., who has wanted to retire after nearly eight years of tough, sometimes thankless service.

From Hawaii to California to Kansas, officials who want honest elections are considering various types of voting machines. One they should be aware of is a punchboard-

type machine, made by an A-1 company, but with several traps which could lead to dishonest voting. Voters can punch the wrong holes, or if they touch the paper with sweaty hands they can throw the complicated machinery out of whack. Punch card results, when taken out of the machine at the end of the day's voting, could be gimmicked with additional punches.

Guns and Riots

The day after George Lincoln Rockwell was gunned down by a sniper, his storm troopers distributed literature opposing gun-control legislation . . . The antigun-control lobby claims that snipers during the Newark riots had no trouble getting guns despite New Jersey's stiff gun-control laws. However, a secret Treasury Department spot check made after the Newark riots showed that 56 gun dealers in four states bordering or near New Jersey sold 690 firearms to New Jersey residents. Thus, lax laws in states around New Jersey contributed to the Newark riots.

The British, worried about race riots spreading to the United Kingdom, are considering paying the return fares of Negroes who want to go back to the West Indies . . . Stokely Carmichael, born in the West Indies, is considered unlikely to risk a return to

the United States. He's hopped from Cuba to North Vietnam, will probably remain an exile the rest of his life . . .

Book of the summer is Father James Cavanaugh's "A Modern Priest Looks at His Outdated Church." It's must reading. Father Cavanaugh, recently a graduate student at Catholic University in Washington, was the real author of the Saturday Evening Post's "Speaking Out" article entitled "I Am a Priest. I Want to Marry" . . . Father Cavanaugh was among the liberal priests who laid the groundwork for the recent teacher-student strike at Catholic U which forced the hierarchy to reverse itself on dropping Professor Charles Curran.

Women and Politics

Women are playing hob with politics all over the world. Shirley Temple has cast her curls into the California ring for Congress . . . Svetlana Stalin has churned up the Soviet government with her memoirs more than the Near East war . . . In China the wife of Mao Tse-tung, Chiang Ching, is in a jealous rage against Madam Wang Kuang-mei, wife of Chinese President Liu Shao-chi, which is probably one reason for Mao's ouster of President Liu and the current China convulsions . . .

Now there is woman trouble in Cuba between Celia Sanchez, close companion of Fidel Castro, and Vilma Espin, wife of brother Raul Castro. Both women are reported maneuvering for power in the Cuban Communist hierarchy .

Men in Politics

Dick Nixon recently telephoned Jerry Ford (R-Mich.), the House GOP Leader, to talk about political strategy. This column can report they agreed it was good politics to demand that LBJ end the Vietnam war with a knockout blow. They figured this would be good politics if not good statesmanship . . . What Nixon and Ford haven't bothered to explain is how we would score a quick victory without precipitating World War III . . . Central Intelligence claims it needs a few sex deviates and dope addicts in order to infiltrate hippie circles in foreign countries. To that end, it must use lie detector tests. That's why the CIA has persuaded the Senate to hold up the vote on a bill giving Government employes the right to refuse such tests.

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Drew Pearson will predict when Secretary of Defense McNamara will step out in his broadcast over Radio WTOP today at 6:40 p.m.