

Jaworski Fete: Reunion of Long-Time Friends

By Dorothy McCordle

It was a reunion of long-time friends when the former First Lady, Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, attended a party in honor of Special Watergate Prosecutor and Mrs. Leon Jaworski Tuesday night.

Jaworski says his friendship with the Johnsons dates back to the 1960 election.

Jaworski, a Houston, Tex., lawyer, says that that year LBJ asked him to defend him against charges made by the Republicans that he "could not run for two offices at the same time—the U.S. Senate and the vice presidency."

"Did you win?" he was asked.

"Oh certainly," said Jaworski. "No lawyer ever mentions a case unless he wins it."

The Jaworskis were guests of honor at a reception given by former Texas member of Congress and Mrs. Clark W. Thompson on Massachusetts Avenue. Their handsome home was filled with 400 guests, many of them from Texas.

Jaworski said that after he won the 1960 case for LBJ, he and his wife visited the Johnsons many times at the LBJ Ranch outside of Johnson City, Tex. And later they were guests of the Johnsons at the White House when Johnson became President.

There was coming and going of past and future

Democratic candidates for the presidency. Sen. George McGovern, who was defeated in 1972 by President Nixon, said he is not too sure of his re-election chances for senator in his home state of South Dakota, this year.

"There are three Republicans who are running for my seat," he said. "So, I don't know how it will turn out."

Sen. Henry M. (Scoop) Jackson (D-Wash.), considered one of the top Democratic candidates for the 1976 presidential campaign, arrived just as Mrs. Johnson was being driven away by her Secret Service escort. Sen. and Mrs. Jackson, poked their heads in the

window and greeted her.

The new U.C. Chief of Protocol and Mrs. Henry Catto hurried off to have dinner at the home of former Ambassador and Mrs. Averell Harriman in Georgetown.

The just retired Chief of Protocol and Mrs. Marion H. Smoak went on to the Embassy of Iran where Ambassador Ardeshir was having dinner for the new British Ambassador and Lady Ramsbotham.

Elizabeth Carpenter, who was press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson at the White House, introduced John Hill, founder of Hill & Knowlton, the international public relations firm of which Mrs. Carpenter is a vice president. Hill came with Robert

Gray, senior vice president of the company in Washington.

Hill said he founded the firm in 1927 in Cleveland. Clark Thompson worked for Hill & Knowlton after he ended his career in the House.

Lady Bird Johnson looked tanned and rested. She has just come from a holiday in the Caribbean. She was wearing a hand-painted miniature photograph of her first grandchild and only grandson, Lyn Nugent, on a long gold chain with her print evening dress. Lyn, who will soon be seven years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Nugent. His mother is Luci Johnson Nugent, younger daughter of the late President and Mrs. Johnson.



Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jaworski talk with Lady Bird Johnson.

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