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Pittsburgh

Politics

Mrs. John Heinz, wife of the GOP Senatorial candidate, will probably be with you in Pittsburgh. Heinz had represented the 18th, the Pittsburgh suburban district since 1971. He is running against Democratic Rep. William Green of Philadelphia. The race for Sen. Hugh Scott's seat is reportedly tight. Attached is a brief description of Mrs. Heinz from Myra MacPherson's Book, "The Power Lovers."

Democratic incumbents are expected to win in 14th and 20th. The 14th is represented by liberal Democrat William Moorhead. His GOP candidate is John Bradley, who will be at the luncheon with you. The RCC's pessimism is reflected in the fact they don't have any biographical information either on Bradley or John Kostelac, who is running against Rep. Joseph Gaydos in the 20th. Bradley, a young lawyer, may be preparing for a future race.

In Heinz' 18th District, the GOP hopes to hold on to that seat with candidate Bob Casey, a 53-year-old public affairs consultant. Married with three children, Casey's opponent is Doug Walgren, who has made unsuccessful attempts against Heinz.

The Mayor of Pittsburgh, Peter Flaherty, ran an unsuccessful race against Sen. Richard Schweiker of "recent fame."

The City

Pittsburgh, the state's second largest city, is located where the Allegheny and Monogahela Rivers meet to form the Ohio. Geography helped push the city's growth, but in recent years, Pittsburgh has been having problems. Despite downtown renewal and a fairly successful campaign against air pollution, it was the only major metropolitan area to lose population during the 1960s.

The city is the headquarters of several major

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corporations, including U.S. Steel, several other steel companies, Westinghouse, H.J. Heinz and several of the enterprises of the Mellons.

You will be working to register voters in the South Side. The area is heavily Democratic in registration, but conservative in outlook. The neighborhood is blue-collar, mostly Eastern European background and Catholic. Carter's abortion stand has hurt him in this area. Most of the men are workers in the steel mills, but the social structure is matriarchal with the women holding the purse strings.

There is busing in Pittsburgh and strong opposition to it. The city has a population of 21 percent black, one of the lowest of the major industrial centers. Twenty-five percent of the population is of foreign stock.

After the voter registration work, you will lunch in the Lithuanian Hall. The host is Connie Pukas. His daughter danced for you at the Lithuanian Dance Festival in Chicago; she will be in costume.

Football

There is gloom in Pittsburgh, because the world champion Steelers have lost two in a row. They have a crucial game coming up with the Minnesota Vikings this weekend.

The other two "local" teams are Penn State in nearby State College, Pennsylvania, and Slippery Rock, the college that always gets its scores reported because of the name.

Up-Date Indiana Politics

Polls show former Indianapolis Mayor Richard Lugar with a substantial lead in his bid to unseat incumbent Democratic Senator Vance Hartke. Lugar made an unsuccessful effort in 1974 against Senator Birch Bayh.

Both Congressional races involving Indianapolis are GOP potentials for unseating Democrats. The 11th, which includes most of Indianapolis, is now represented by Democrat Andrew Jacobs. (Jacobs is the one married to Rep. Martha Keys of Kansas.) The GOP candidate is Larry Buell, a 42-year-old CPA. Buell is currently Marion County Treasurer, an elected position. An Army veteran, he is married and has three children.

The 6th District, which includes Indianapolis' black sections, is currently represented by first-term Democrat Dave Evans, 28. His GOP opponent is Dave Crane, a doctor and a lawyer. Crane is Rep. Phil Crane's brother. He is 39, married with three children. The Republican Congressional Committee thinks both candidates have good organizations and possibilities of winning.

The incumbent Republican Governor, Dr. Otis Bowen, is seeking a second four-year term. Bowen is expected to defeat his Democratic opponent, Secretary of State Larry Conrad.

Houston, Political Background

Houston is the fastest growing major metropolitan area in the country. Many of the big oil companies, petrochemical industries and electronics firms have moved their headquarters to Houston.

Four Congressional districts represent sections of the city. The 7th, whose first representative was George Bush, includes almost all of Houston's rich west side. The incumbent, Republican Bill Archer, is unopposed for re-election to a fourth term.

The 8th, which covers Houston's industrial east and northeast, is primarily white working class. The incumbent is liberal Democrat, Bob Eckhardt, who is running for a 6th term. Eckhardt, chairman of the Democratic Study Group, is opposed by Republican Nick Gearhart. Gearhart, a former Democrat and communications/pr consultant, is getting strong support from the oil interests, but he is given only an outside chance by the Republican Congressional Committee of unseating Eckhardt.

The 18th is Barbara Jordan's district. The population is 44 percent black. Jordan won in 1974 with 86 percent of the vote. Republican Sam Wright is considered a sacrificial candidate.

The real contest in Houston is in the 22nd District. When Democrat Bob Casey resigned, Republican Ron Paul won the special election. Paul, an ob-gyn, is ultra-conservative. He is expected to have a tough fight against Bob Gammage, who ran against him in the special. The 22nd includes the prosperous, middle-class suburbs of south Houston. The Astrodome and the NASA complex are located in the 22nd.

Republican Alan Steelman, 5th District Congressman from Dallas, is trying to unseat Senator Loyd Bentsen. Bentsen may have been hurt by his highly unsuccessful presidential effort, but the RCC says Steelman hasn't raised enough money.