



(DELAYED. Written en route to New York City.)

SUMMER ENDS OFFICIALLY on Sept. 21, but for this bearded boy it ends today. My "little ones", Megan and Shay, together with Louie the Cat and myself, are en route non-stop to The Apple via TWA. At approximately 10 p.m., EDT, Hertz (not Murray) will put me "in the driver's seat" and we will make the 80-mile run to Merchantville, N.J.

Their mother (my ex) will be waiting for Megan and Shay and there will be a joyful reunion. Daddy will catch up on his shut-eye at a local motel, visit with Aunt Helen, an only relative and an invalid, then take off the next AM on the lonely drive back to NYC, where I have a luncheon meeting, four other appointments and a date for a haircut with old pal, Pete, at the Stage Barber Shop.

By 6 p.m. the same day I am due back at Idlewild for a dinner flight to Chicago. That evening will be spent talking business between sets with the Dukes of Dixieland. (They return home to Vegas Oct. 6 for a four-weeker at the Showboat following Pat Collins.) I plan to spend the night at the Lake Shore Club.

The following morning at 6 a.m. I shall put Joan Assunto (Frank's wife—he leads the Dukes) in her car along with Frank Jr., Gina, Dino and Little Joe (two of whom are my God-children) and I shall drive them back some 2,000 miles to Las Vegas. With luck, we should hit town about 30 hours later.

Tina, the housekeeper, will be gone. She was a joy and the kids loved her. She returns to school in Los Angeles. That first night back would be terribly lonely were it not for Lady Bert, Sir Martin and Lady Shirley, my Editor and his Lady, and those others who make up my new life in Vegas.

(Those of you who cooled it while this one was high-tailing it around the country probably will enjoy your weekend all the more in retrospect.)

Anyhow, the kids and I had a great time and they will return west next summer and the summer will end again the day I take them east. See you anon.

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ATLANTA, Ga.—A Georgia Congressman who managed President Johnson's anti-poverty bill in the House and his Georgia colleague who voted for the Civil Rights Bill were renominated last week.

Rep. Phil Landrum, a "major general" in the President's war on poverty, defeated Zell Miller, a state senator and former professor, by a 5-4 margin in the 9th District race.

In the 5th District, Rep. Charles R. Weltner won over attorney Wyman C. Lowe, a conservative, by better than 3-2.

President Johnson had endorsed Landrum during an appearance early in the summer at Gainesville, Ga., but Miller ran a nip-and-tuck race with the incumbent until Landrum pulled out ahead in the late returns.

Weltner's victory in the Atlanta 5th District over Lowe, who was making his third unsuccessful race, was the second victory rolled up by a Deep South congressman who dared break tradition and support the Civil Rights Bill.

The other Civil Rights proponent, Rep. Ross Bass of Tennessee who represented a district bordering Alabama, defeated Gov. Frank Clement last Aug. 6 in a race for the Democratic nomination to the Senate.

Weltner had 36,379 votes to 23,287 for Lowe.

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