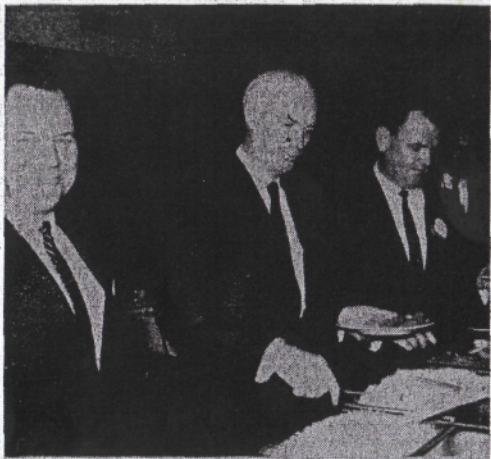


Bob Casey Says Laws 'Have to be Enforced'



Casey At Rotary Meeting

Congressman Bob Casey (second from left) is flanked by Vincent Lipovsky (left) and Rotary president Dick Allen as he goes through the buffet line at Nassau Bay Motor Inn prior to his talk to the Space Center Club.--NEW CITIZEN PHOTO.

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NASSAU BAY- "I'd rather build more prisons than dig more graves," said Congressman Bob Casey as he talked about gun laws and civil disturbances at the Monday Space Center Rotary meeting.

"We the people have got to back up our police officers and demand that strong prosecution is carried forth," said Casey. "We in Congress can enact all laws, but they have to be enforced or we are wasting our time," said Casey as he spoke of the recent riots in Washington and elsewhere.

Casey said not a single man responsible for law enforcement in the District of Columbia has made a strong statement against the law breakers. He said he told the Attorney General "In my opinion you are not doing a good job."

Casey described the resurrection village in Washington, and the alarming situation to look out of your office building and see burning buildings just a few blocks away. He said the cab drivers and bus drivers were on strike and refused to drive at night. There were eight bus holdups in a four-hour period. "The people of course, are disturbed," said Casey. Buildings were looted and 125 liquor stores wrecked.

"Many of the people tend to blame everything on Congress," said Casey. A "crime in the streets bill" will not protect unless law enforcement is demanded.

Casey said he felt sorry for those who thought they could come to Washington and make demands without waiting for the due processes of law. "Congress is not

going to be pressured by this group," said Casey. Better housing, more food, better opportunities and basic education forces, are always under consideration said Casey, but some of these people just want cash. Casey said a bill is being introduced the minimum wage bill to put down what you have earned and if it is not enough, "we will send you the difference."

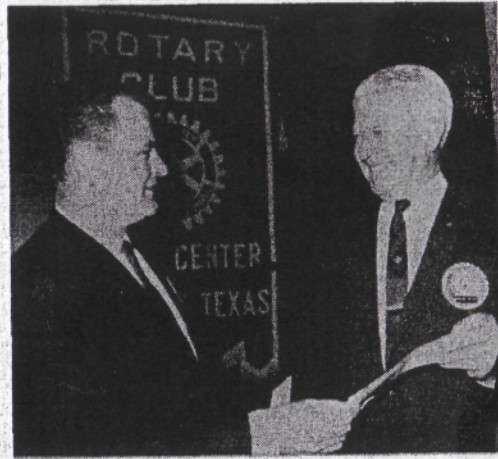
There is legislation this year aimed at better educational opportunities. Casey said, "I say let us see what we can do to better their opportunities."

Casey pointed out the problems of getting maids in the Washington and other areas even though many jobs are advertised in the paper. He said domestic help had to come from Ireland, Germany and other countries.

Casey said, "I feel these people making demands must first show an interest in wanting to work which might mean taking jobs they don't like at first."

"I worked my way through college, enrolling at first at the University of Houston night school." I dug trenches for termites under houses. There are plenty of jobs like that available, that can help along with financial aid and training programs. He said "In the name of Civil rights and trying to do something, we have lost through legislation some of the things we should have preserved, for example "open housing."

Congressman Casey said he has introduced his own gun law which is contained in a two-paragraph bill, which would make it a mandatory 10-year sentence to commit a major crime with a gun in interstate commerce and 25-year for the second offense. He is in favor of stopping mail order sales of guns.



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Rotary president Dick Allen (left) presents a \$500 check to Worth McCauley for the Freeman Memorial Library in Clear Lake City. --NEWS CITIZEN PHOTO.