

BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS 65

(The band plays a fanfare which continues through the GOVERNOR's entrance.)

The GOVERNOR enters, beaming and waving. HE is followed by SENATOR WINGWOAH. The GOVERNOR acts as if HE's receiving the plaudits of multitudes, throws his arms over his head and gives the V for Victory sign. Then HE suddenly and viciously silences the band and the cheer with a gesture.)

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GOVERNOR. My friends I want to thank you for that warm and sincere Christian welcome.

AIDE. Gentlemen, you may ask your questions now.

REPORTER 1. Governor, Sir, what do you think of the explosive situation in the Middle East?

GOVERNOR. Well, I was sayin' at the weekly Prayer breakfast, just this mornin' in this historic capital, that it behooves both the Jews and the A-rabs to settle their differences in a Christian manner.

(His AIDES and ENTOURAGE applaud wildly.)

REPORTER 2. How do you account, Governor, for the current high unemployment rate in our state?

GOVERNOR. Ain't nothin' unusual about it. It's just the natural law of economics. Now the real cause of this unemployment thing is that . . . people are out of work!

(Once again wild applauses from AIDES.)

THORPE. Governor: Governor. Melvin P. Thorpe, Watch Dog News. What about the Chicken Ranch, Governor?

(A moment of shocked silence, then.)

"THE SIDESTEP"

GOVERNOR.
FELLOW TEXANS
I AM PROUDLY STANDING HERE TO HUMBLLY SAY
I ASSURE YOU
AND I MEAN IT
NOW WHO SAYS I DON'T SPEAK OUT AS PLAIN AS
DAY?

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