PD Clips--written 1/3/84-1/5/84

November 18, 1982 - index of national press clips. Mostly clipping Washington, NYT, WSJ.

On Nov. 7, 1981 - RR abandons aim of 1984 BB.

11/10/81 - Senate Republicans have 2 hr. meeting with W.H. people.

"The Budget Committee Chairman, PVD (RNM) who is spearheading the drive for new taxes to close the budget deficit, said the WH aides were told to "give us the president's answer--whether it's yes or no." "The senators there said 'get us an answer', Sen. D. said." Baltimore Sun 11/10/81 - "Senators Seek Answer on Tax Rise" Robert Timberg.

Article on 1981 change in climate in August and September - "Behind Scenes of Reagan's Budget Scramble" Susan Page Newsday, Oct. 9, 1981 - In Sept. 21st meeting at WH., Michael tells RR re budget being proposed by RR "I can't hold the troops on that one."

Another good one by Dewar 9/8/81 - "On New Menu for Congress, Spending is Still the Main Course." "Congress left town on a political high in early August... But as members fanned out to lakes, mountains, foreign junkets and early bird campaign forays for the 1982 elections, the euphoria dimmed."

Couple of articles showing business conditions rapidly changing and business attitudes not very supportive.

Edw. Cowan NYT 9/13/81 - "since midsummer, bond prices and stock prices have plummeted and interest rates have climbed to record or near record highs."

Dewar "After 'Shock of August', Reagan faces 'Show Me' Attitude on Hill" - story re the August climate change.
Tolchin article 10/15/81 has quote on "time" by Michel at end.

Pete has a statement before Governmental Affairs Committee in Sept. or Oct. of 1981.

Note to PD - you have been asked to be on Face Nation Sunday. Pete note back "Let's think about it until after my lunch meeting with 8 senators and Baker."

In a Personal and Confidential Memo to Baker on May 28, 1981, PD talks re "compromise" tax bill. "I am deeply concerned, as I told you, not only because there is no question that the 'Christmas tree' approach is a big problem, but because of the impending deficits in 1983 and 1984 if we go entirely with the $302 billion cut for the FY1981-1984 period.

My private recommendation to you is that we go with a tax package that is between 75 and 100 billion less than the President's for the 1982-1984 period."....

"My recommended package would cut 9 billion from the President's 1982 proposed package level, 27 billion from the 1983 level and 55 billion from the 1984 level.

These levels would be much more likely to allow us at least an outside chance at a balanced budget in 1984.

I look forward to your reaction in this most delicate and difficult matter."

Int. item: On July 14, RR went to Capitol Hill to speak to Republican Senators at lunch. In the Press release from the White House, Pete's name was spelled "Dominici." In the following sentence "Howard Baker, Ted Stevens, Bob Dole and Pete Dominici, all the rest of you, thanks to your tremendous leadership.
During that meeting, according to a press briefing by Dave Gergen, 7/14/81, Stockman (who was with RR) praised PD for "the very fine job" he had done and PD praised Stockman and RR said not to praise Stockman too much, that "we've been trying to keep him mean." laughter

PD Clips - March 17, 1982 - PD is saying budget deficit is too big. "There is a growing consensus in the Senate that the deficit is too large. We have to do better." All the early skirmishing--Conference Board. In the headlines, PD is seen as tackling the deficit via tax increases entitlement cuts ala his Conference Board speech. Saying that RR budget won't pass. "I don't think as presented to the Congress, it has a reasonable chance to pass." is the key quote plus "some of us think things are even worse than they appear.

El Paso Times 2/24/82 - "In the sharpest defection from Reagan to date by a GOP leader..."

The main story (AP) printed everywhere, calls PD "one of Pres. R's most consistent supporters". They also report that WH says PD's proposal is serious and deserves attention. So it's not widely played as a break with RR. He is played up as "attacking the deficit" but not RR.

PD says he doesn't want to fight with President. "My job is to build a budget package that will get the vote of at least 51 Senators." El Paso Times. 2/16/82 and he said it is "very difficult to get 51 percent to agree." Lordsburg Liberal 2/19.

There is some reporting here of Bob Packwood's attack on RR since it involves PD. Says Pack "Pete Domenici says, we've got a 120 Billion deficit coming and the President says 'you know, a person yesterday, a young man,
went into a grocery store with an orange in one hand and a bottle of vodka in the other and he paid for the orange with food stamps and he took the change and he paid for the vodka. That's what's wrong."

When President makes his speech in Alb; there are stories "Barbs not aimed at Sen. Domenici." "Domenici says Pres. Not Criticizing Him."

Schmitt Criticizes PD saying "I personally wouldn't have taken on the President publicly" widely reprinted - AP.

Jas. Kilpatrick, The New Mexican - 3/3/82 calls PD's speech to Conf. Bd: "Domenici's blast is the heaviest shot in a continuing barrage." is RR budget. Re PD "When he addresses himself to the budget, it's like advice from EF Hutton: When Domenici speaks, everybody listens."

Stories are that senators are getting together an alternative budget, RR is coming up to Capitol Hill to meet with Republican Senators.

From Portales News Tribune comes idea that Pete is "the most prominent among his outspoken critics." New Mexican calls it a "break" with RR.

The April 16th clips:

March 31st papers say Senate is going ahead with own budget writing - AP Story by Espo. Headlines "Pete says Rework Budget" from Livingston Leader. Often refer to Senate Committee as "Pete". Hobbs editorial Headline "Pete Stands Alone." Wkck headlines "Budget Panel Awaits Sign From Reagan" 4/2/82 said that PD recessed the committee "after 3 days of marching in place."

May 20 Clips

Lots of publicity in May 6 papers on compromise worked out by PD. Lots of publicity given to Lou Allos 52,000 salary.
In Santa Fe Reporter of April 14, 1982 - Bob Barth, news director of radio station KVSF speaks of PD with pride even tho he opposes a lot of RR's programs.

Lots of stuff in here about April meetings of bipartisan group.


June 17th Clips:

5/9/82 - "Domenici Defends Budget Here" Las Cruces Sun News.

5/12/82 - "Seniors Unit Raps Domenici Budget" Alb. Tribune.


And what AP does is to record every key step in budget process. The budget blankets the PD stories when he's working at it. Afterwards, you see the other stories, but not during the budget fight.

He comes home in June, addresses a conference on economic development and proposes an economic growth plan for NM.

When budget finally passes, PD stresses value to the states. The AP story on the final compromise is headlined: "GOP Agrees on '83 budget with Tax Hike".(Alb. Tribune) "Republicans United on Budget Backing." (Las Vegas Daily Optic) "Domenici Announces Budget OK". (Roswell Daily Record) "Republicans to Back Budget." (Clovis News Journal) "House, Senate GOPs agree on budget plan after two days of talk". (Raton) "Republican
leaders reach agreement on budget". (New Mexican) "Republicans agree on budget." (Farmington) "GOP Agrees on Budget." (Las Cruces - Espo story).

PD also announces that he thinks plan is good for NM. And that gets reported, too, in some papers--via AP too. "Domenici sees Compromise Budget Plan Kind to State". (Hobbs) "Compact Pleases Domenici." (New Mexican) "Domenici: NM Will Fare Well." (Portales) "Domenici: It's Good for State." (Carlsbad) "NM Fares Well in Budget Compromise Domenici Says," (Alb. Tribune) "Senators Says Compromise Provides for New Mexico". (Las Cruces) "Pete Says Plan Kind to NM." (Roswell).

PD is talking of flat tax rate plus freezes in entitlements in stories in here.

August 23 Clips:

Sponsors anti abortion bill, limit uranium imports, indian school, (Laguna), Brantley dam (Carlsbad), disaster aid for farmers on east side, potash dumping problem (Carlsbad), help for independent oil operation, anti crime.

September 17 Clips:

PD voted most influential man in NM and that story ran in 9 papers. Lots of stuff here on tax bill - the 98 billion one.

Clippings (continued):

Re clippings, it is important to note that a packet of "Albuquerque Clippings" goes to Washington every morning. "Good Morning Washington."

Fran comes in at 7:00 and that's the first thing she does is to clip the Tribune and the Journal and send them via telexcopies to the office. "I come in at 7:00. But it's already 9:00 in Washington. I call him and tell him about it and if he wants to see it I send it immediately.
I went back to look at Albuquerque clips from 1982.

First story is Rich Williams praise of Pete.

First 1982 news in AJ comes from Arkadelphia conference 1/13 - "Congress ready to cut budgets: Domenici challenges Reagan." PD - "If the Pres. is not able to muster popular support, as he did last year, then a truly bipartisan approach—even if it differs substantially from the president's proposal—is absolutely imperative."

In the clips of Feb. 11, 1982 is a copy of letter Pete is sending to contributors thanking them for their contributions. So they were collecting them. "People for Pete Committee" on the letterhead, with 4 man Finance Committee.

On Feb. 15 Wieck talks about budget test.

On front page on 2/23 Wieck story "Domenici says Congress won't pass Reagan Budget" - speech to National Governor's Association "I don't think as presented to the congress it has a reasonable chance."

2/24 front page. "Compromise on Budget Proposed by Domenici: Rejecting Reagan Plan." AP story - "sharpest defection yet by a GOP leader." He meets with RR - "He said the chief executive had shown no interest, however, in scaling back or delaying the three year 25 percent reduction in income taxes." That's not a PD quote - just AP story, but it reminds me of the story I read yesterday that PD goes to WH in 1984 and says RR doesn't want to raise taxes. P |us eα change!

2/24 Conference Board speech discussed in story - "Budget Battle Finds NM Senators on opposite sides". Schmitt - "My problem with these alternative budgets is that the drafters should have cooperated with the
admin in the budget process. These efforts tend to undermine the entire process. Pete isn't the only one. There are others." PD seen as more indep. of RR than H.S.

Kilpatrick article 3/3 in Journal - "When Domenici Speaks we all listen" re Conf. Bd Speech. "Domenici's blast is heaviest shot in a continuing barrage." Now we know how serious RR's budget trouble is. "When he (PVD) addresses himself to the budget, it is like advice from EP Hutton. When Domenici speaks, everybody listens."

2/26 in Tribune - Steve Cameron article starts "A familiar name has jumped off the Good Ship Lillipop. Sen. Pete Domenici is one of the more recent evacuees from Pres. Reagan's leaky budget barge. Domenici's public dive from the bow..." not a pro Domenici article. An anti big defense article. But evidence of the PVD independence of RR.

On March 2 RR comes to Alb. to campaign for Schmitt. On same day Tribune Headline "Domenici Plan Hit by Reagan." "His speech in Alb. includes (they were working from advance copy) a backhanded slap at Albuquerque's other U.S. Sen, Pete Domenici, who has come up with his own budget plan..."

3/5 Wieck article - "Domenici says Reagan Deficit must be cut". At budget committee hearing - W speaks of "The Domenici-Reagan split on the budget."

3/8 AJ front page - "Domenici admits Budget Plan Needed: Hopes Consensus is Near."

Wieck has 3/19 article post spring break. An article where says Pete sends 100,000 newsletters when he sends them. AT 3/15/82 sent 3 such from Jan. 1981 to March 1982.

AT 3/30 - "Senate Republicans to write own '83 budget resolution."
AT March 4 re Schmitt-Domenici difference - "Domenici is Right."
"New Mexico Sen. Pete Domenici is embattled with the W.H. over his proposed changes in the next federal budget... There is no question in our minds that Domenici tried every way possible behind the scene to persuade R. to moderate his position... We don't feel our 2 Senators have to agree on every issue, but neither do we want our representatives in Congress to be a rubber stamp for the President's administration. And, on this issue, Schmitt looks dangerously like such a device."

4/12 - "Domenici stops work on '83 budget."

4/19 - "Domenici says Deficit will near 180 billion."

4/25 A.S. - NM media in family income is 42nd among the states.
17,951 - (in 1979) was 27th in 59 and 38th in '69. Problem is uranium industry slide.

Tribune 4/26 - Hispanics make up 36.6% of NM population - largest in nation.

4/30 AT - "Reagan-Congress Budget efforts collapse in orgy of finger pointing."

5/4 Wieck - "New Domenici Plan Seeks Spending, Tax Cut Freezes."

5/4 Tribune - "Domenici Proposes 'Bold Plan'"

5/6 "Regan Gives Go Ahead to Domenici Budget Plan."

5/7 - Front page picture of PD and HB shaking hands with RR. Caption: 
"Reagan shakes hands with Sens. Pete Domenici and Howard Baker: He congratulated them at news conference for coming up with budget compromise."

Story on same page - "Panel OK's Budget Plans Trimming Social Security."
(not the best juxtaposition! Not the national press story either.)
5/12 - "Seniors Unit Raps Domenici's Budget" AT.

5/17 Duke - "Domenici Running into Criticism" AT (Social Security 40B)

5/17 - Republicans still backing 40B - Baker says

5/18 - "Domenici Admits Social Security cut can't pass." "I don't understand why we don't have the courage to do it."

Pete's income in 1981 = 109,670.

6/3 - Domenici Raps House on Budget" AT agrees with RR on mickey mouse nature of budget process.

6/11 - "House Embraces 40B Budget Plan" AJ

6/11 - "Domenici Ready to Fix up Budget" AJ

6/16 AT - "Domenici says Senate Budget plan a 'major accomplishment'" in speech to American Stock Exchange.

6/18 - GOP agrees in '83 Budget with Tax Hike" PD pic

6/21 - PD says NM fares well articles.

Story by Tribune editor whom I saw there at budget conference.

6/24 - "Domenici Legislation Stand Worries Clean Air Coalition" AJ

Also "Senate Approval Ends Congress' Budget Fight." Just as Pete moved to clean air in his comments to me, so did AJ turn from one story to another.

6/28 - Duke - "Wall Street says Domenici views on budget wrong." (too big a deficit still)

Re Balanced Budget debate.

7/14 - AJ - "Domenici Budget Wording Attacked." AT "Domenici under fire for proposed balanced budget sessions."

7/19 - "Domenici Protects Budget Panel" - Duke article explaining PDs balanced budget changes were designed to "protect the authority and the integrity of the Sen. Bud. Com."
"Domenici leading fight to limit uranium imports" AT 7/22

AJ 9/8/82 - Column by Jim Arnholz - "Today I saw a Senator who has become a very important person." How the wind mussed his hair as he walked up Gold Street - ordinary guy.

April 1, 1980 census says
Hispanics = 33.1% of NM voting age residents
Texas next with 17.7%
Indians = 6.6% of voting age residents

9/13 - "Domenici risks stature in split on funds bill." Wieck PD votes to override RR veto of appropriations bill - another split with RR.


12/1/ - Human Events makes PD part of "Rogue's gallery."


Dec 13 88/502
All Oct 66/592
Nov 17 20/737
Jan 15 56/264
Mar 25 163/411
Apr 16 62/371
May 20 121/388
Jun 17 83/299
Jul 29 189/688
Aug 23 97/348
Sept 17 113/393
By way of year in year out sameness of headlines.

Jan. 5, 1983 NYT "President warned to yield on Arms because of Deficit." PD and others go to see RR, RR is described as "standing fast" but being "open minded" too.

3/15/83 - WSJ - Al Hunt "Sen. Bud. Com. Chmn. Pete Domenici is refusing to buckle under to W.H. pressures and will proceed with budget writing sessions that are almost certain to produce a sharp cut in President Reagan's fiscal 1984 defense spending plans." RR writes to Baker asking for postponement of budget action til April 5—but PD refused — BVT—

3/16/83 WSJ - Al Hunt "Senate Bud. Com. Chmn. Pete Domenici caved in today to presidential pressure and agreed to delay any consideration of the budget for at least three weeks." PD "summoned to the W.H. to see the Pres." PD asks that Chiles go too. I have these 2 xeroxed. Illustrates limits of PD power re. RR.

GOP snes. meet with RR on May 5, 1983.

See NYT 4/8/83 for article on Pearson Ribicoff. Main thrust is to strengthen leadership vs. paralysis.

Clips count 1983.

Jan 25  104/347
Feb 7   122/343
Mar 14  138/474
Mar 28  216/561
Apr 18  148/390
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At this point they list - PD, PD Columns, Bingaman, Lujan, Skeen, Richardson, NM Deleg., Anaya, non politics, Baca, Franklin, Pratt.

In 1983 clips in Jan., you begin to get Pete as possible leader.

AP story, Jan. 6 - Pete and 5 others Sens. go to meet with RR on soc. security, plus ways of getting deficit down. RR listens he says.

Feb. 20's announces Wirthlin as pollster. Also camp. manager in March.

"State Senator gains Wash. power" - Silver City. "Domenici's Star Rises Still" - Roswell. "Domenici Disarming in Midst of Budget Fig Grants"

Rising Star: Domenici's in right place again as Maj. Leader steps down." Alb. Journal front page.

April 8, 1983 AT - "Domenici Angry, raps President."
ZIA Poll - October 21, 1983 - statewide sample.

"If the election were held today would you support Pete Domenici for another term as U.S. Senator from New Mexico?"

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"Would you vote for Tony Anaya for governor?"

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