

NEW YORK (UPI)—Bob Hope, who has spoofed politics and politicians for years, is in this year's presidential race—but, true to form, his candidacy is just another spoof.

Hope has created a character named Gaylord Goodfellow, a bumbling presidential aspirant he is portraying on his new television series this fall.

He has campaign posters and buttons, he has formulated a Goodfellow platform and a campaign slogan—"Gaylord Goodfellow is your last hope."

What are Gaylord's qualifications for the presidency? Hope tells United Press International that Gaylord is "true blue and he's an all-American dissenter...he's the only guy who pickets himself."

Hope hadn't yet decided on a name for Gaylord's party but he noted that his candidate has a "far-reaching" platform. It includes:

—Space program: A special probe to find out if there is any intelligent life on earth.

—Lower taxes and higher skirts. "Not that I mind paying taxes," Hope said, "I'd sooner pay taxes than eat. I just wish I could afford to do both."

—Currency reform. "Put Liz Taylor on our currency so when we pay taxes we'll be happy to kiss our money good-bye."

—Raquel Welch for Postmaster General. "We'll still have a deficit," Hope noted, "but it'll make post office more fun."

—Howard Hughes for Secretary of the Treasury. "Then if we have any trouble with those small countries we won't have to send troops. Hughes will just buy 'em."

—For Ambassador to Russia, William F. Buckley. "When they figure out what he's talking about, the Czech crisis will be over."

Hope said he hadn't yet selected a running mate but that he favored having a girl for that spot. Likewise, Gaylord has no campaign manager... "but, for that job, wouldn't Tiny Tim be wonderful?"

Hope plans to make his annual tour of Vietnam to entertain the troops after Gaylord's campaign ends. "I can't say yet who'll go with me or where in Vietnam we will visit," he said.

The comedian, who will leave for Vietnam in mid-December, said "it is a great privilege to entertain those kids who are fighting for us." He has logged more than one million miles to entertain five million combat troops... in 25 years.

VERACRUZ, MEX. (UTI)—As thousands of spectators cheered, the Olympic Flame, symbol of the Olympic Games, reached Mexican shores Sunday after a six-week journey by land and sea from Mt. Olympus in Greece.

A relay team of 17 swimmers brought the flame from the Mexican Navy gunboat "Durango," anchored 800 meters off shore, to the beach of this Gulf of Mexico port city.

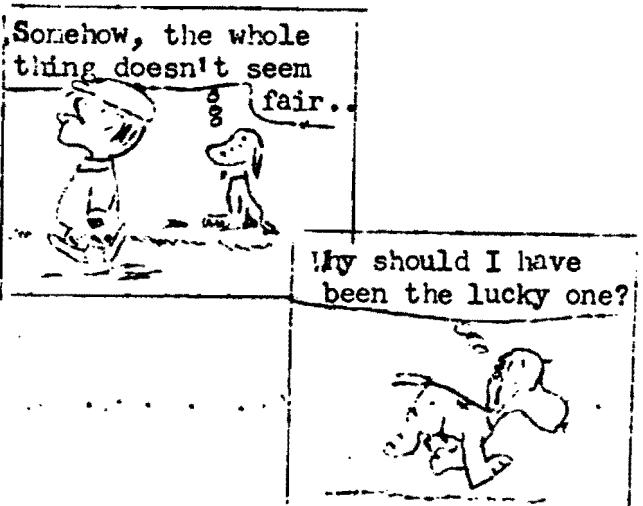
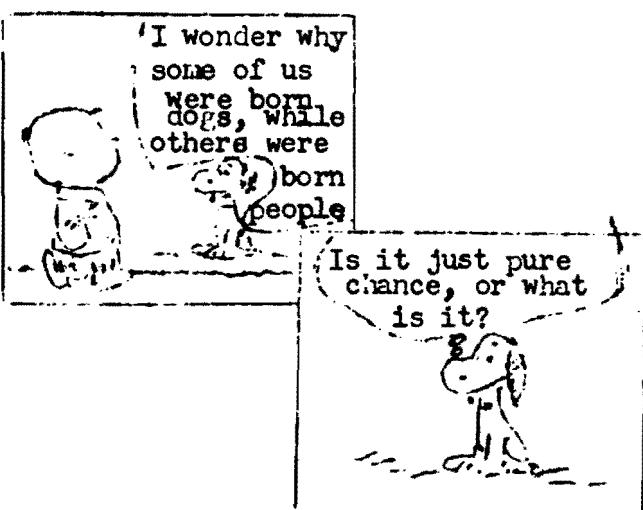
The torch was handed over to the first member of a relay team which will carry it on the last leg of its journey to Mexico City, site of the Olympic Games, which open Oct. 12.

The flame left Mt. Olympus, legendary home of the games in Ancient Greece, last Aug. 23. It followed Christopher Columbus' course to the American Continent.

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