

Job Of American President Appears To Be Too Demanding For Woman

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Should a woman be president? Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, Maine Republican, thinks so. The other day she said the party that nominates a lady for either the presidency or vice presidency in 1952 will have the best chance in the elections.

On the other hand, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, probably the best-known woman in American life, doubts that the time is right for a woman to occupy the highest positions in the nation. We tend to side with Mrs. Roosevelt. No question, women have made tremendous strides since they first began taking part in politics. Right now there is a liberal sprinkling of them in Congress, some of them admittedly able lawmakers. Mrs. Smith herself belongs in the latter category. The country has had woman governors and many successful lady mayors.

But a woman for president is something else. It's an old story that the job is a man killer. And few women in either business or politics have ever had to bear the sort of constant physical pressure a president feels. A woman might stand up under the test better than we imagine. But in these turbulent times the country can't take the risk of finding out.

Still more important, it seems to us, is the matter of temperament. The emotional make-up of women raises serious doubt that a lady president could offer the toughmindedness the job demands these days.

For example, how many women can you picture telling off John L. Lewis and making it stick? And can you see some Madame President holding her own at a future international conference where Molotov or some other crafty Russian is the adversary?

Life in the workaday world of high-level politics is a pretty brutal business today. The tension, the hammering give-and-

Proposed Changes In Mining Laws Disputed Subject

SPOKANE, Sept. 29.—A federal official and a mining industry spokesman disagreed sharply Wednesday on proposed changes in the nation's mining laws.

Both sides of the question were aired in speeches prepared for the American Mining Congress western division convention here. Macleod Clawson, director of the bureau of land management, said the mining laws of 1872 have "been widely used to thwart the purposes of other land laws and to deprive people entitled to land use under other laws of their lawful rights."

Charles E. Willis of Phoenix, state secretary of Arizona Small Mine Operator's association, replied that "current difficulties, to a large degree, can be charged to faulty administration—or lack of administration" of the laws.

The argument centered on application of mining laws to government land. Clawson said the laws need revision because they retard mining development, interfere with other legitimate and desirable uses of government lands, and permit unauthorized uses of government lands in the guise of mining locations.

Willis said some of the proposed changes have merit, but many of them "are quite radical and would completely nullify the philosophy of the basic mining law of the country upon which our present mining industry has been successfully built."

Clawson traced in detail what he called faults in the present mining law. Willis covered the same ground, pointing out new difficulties he thought might arise if new proposals were adopted.

Mineral development now is retarded on public land, Clawson said, because no legal protection is given to subsurface exploration; claim owners are not required to develop claims; monopolization of mineral areas is possible; title to mineral areas frequently is in doubt, patenting of claims is too slow and expensive, and prolonged legal disputes are common.

Ex-Resident Of Sutherland Passes

Cecil Lamon Carr, 69, formerly of Sutherland, died Tuesday at Walla Walla, Wash., where he had been residing the past two years.

He was born at Liggonier, Ind., Dec. 2, 1879, and was married to the former Miss Emma von Holsbeke at Mishawaka, Ind., May 29, 1906.

Surviving besides the widow are two sons and two daughters: Mrs. Doris Krewson, Sutherland; Richard Carr, Sutherland; Earnest Carr, San Francisco, and Mrs. Nadine Stearns, Oakland.

Also surviving are four grandchildren and one great grandchild: a sister, Miss Neva Carr, Tawares, Fla., and a brother, Perce Carr, Detroit, Mich.

Funeral services will be announced later. Arrangements are in care of Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

Allies To Reduce Value Of West German Mark

BONN, Germany, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer announced today that the three Western Allies had decided to cut the value of the West German mark from 30 cents to 23-80 cents in U. S. money.

Adenauer, head of the new West German republic, said the Allied recommendation had been given to his cabinet as a result of devaluation of the British pound.

Originally, Adenauer declared, the Germans had wanted the rate set at 22 1/2 cents.

Highway Interim Report Cost Political Spot Topic

PORTLAND, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committeeman, asked Gov. Douglas McKay Wednesday to make public the amount of money a Portland author received for helping prepare the 1948 legislative highway interim report.

Sweetland said that Robert Ormond Case received \$1,000, plus "additional sums of taxpayers' money, which was relayed through a Los Angeles organization known as Executive Research."

"Sweetland's suggestion of something sinister is ridiculous," retorted Case.

He said the \$1,000 was paid him for two months' work, and was "less than half the amount I would have charged a national magazine for the same services."

Executive Research, he said, published the engineering report for Oregon, Washington, and California, and hired him to do the preliminary work on the Washington report and all of the Oregon report.

Case added that he didn't ob-

Pre-War Prices Ahead For 4-Year-Old Bourbon

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 29.—(AP)—A distillery sales manager said today four-year-old bourbon will be available at prewar prices by Thanksgiving.

T. A. Dubois of Philadelphia, general sales manager for the Kinsey Distilling corporation, said straight and blends of straight bourbon will be sold for \$4 a fifth and bonded bourbon for about \$4.75.

Mrs. Fred Tooze, president of the Oregon Women's Christian Temperance union, said the brief prayer meeting at Government camp had been answered by the Oklahoma dry victory. The group will now try to get prohibition in Oregon through county local option, she said.

CHOICE FOR TITO

MOSCOW, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The Literary Gazette said today that history soon is going to offer Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia a choice—"either rat poison like Hitler or a soaped rope like Mussolini."

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