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PLAY BALL WITH IKE!

Charles V. Stanton

General Eisenhower seems to have stirred up a hornet's nest by his appointment of a Democrat and a union official as his Secretary of Labor. The appointment of Martin Durkin, president of the plumber's union, has Senator Robert Taft tearing his hair.

It is an "incredible" situation to Taft, who is a firm believer in the spoils system, that a political opponent should be permitted a place in the official family.

From Taft's viewpoint, of course, other factors are to be considered.

Organized labor has sworn to fight the Taft-Hartley Act to the death. The Ohio senator, therefore, perhaps takes the appointment of a union official as a personal affront, feeling that the controversial act bearing his name might be repealed.

Probably his affront, however, is more fully predicated upon the cabinet organization as a whole, and the selection of Durkin is only the straw that broke the camel's back.

Taft's recommendations for cabinet jobs apparently have been quite generally ignored by Eisenhower. Instead, Ike apparently has listened to Governor Dewey and has appointed men favored by the New York governor. Much enmity was evident between Dewey and Taft during the convention and in the campaign. Thus Taft's ego has been sorely injured.

Personalities In Conflict

In fact, sensitive egos have plagued Eisenhower since he entered the political arena.

Many political leaders hastened to climb on his bandwagon only to find they were not permitted to toot a horn.

Perhaps the most disgraceful show of deflated ego was exhibited by Oregon's Senator Morse. Denied opportunity to wear the uniform and beat the bass drum, he began to throw tantrums. It wasn't what Morse did that aroused so much disgust on the part of Oregonians — it was the way in which he did it. We are now convinced that instead of being a plain maverick he is "loco."

But there were others. Senator Lodge and Governor Dewey engaged in mortal combat to determine which would become Ike's principal supporter. Dewey apparently won that duel and delivered the convention to Eisenhower.

Then Taft came back from his defeat to join hands with the General in the campaign, expecting to be second in command.

Now, Eisenhower has violated one of the sacred tenets of "Mr. Republican," that of permitting a political opponent to pluck a plum, while failing to name to the cabinet the Grand Old Party wheelhorses who would have given their allegiance to Taft rather than to Ike.

Public Approval Expected

While Eisenhower's actions have done nothing to sooth the pain of punctured egos, except that of Dewey, the General has, we believe done much to give the public the thing it wanted — confidence.

We believe the public will approve appointment of men for their skills and abilities rather than their political adherence. The fact that Ike is willing to forgive and forget political differences to bring into his cabinet a man having the qualities he wants for a particular job is something that can be appreciated by people disturbed by the retention for years of little men in big jobs because they voted "right"; the retention of Reds and Pinks because they were apostles of the administration's creed.

The millions of people troubled by these things, and who lacked faith and confidence in the administrations during the past 20 years, have cause, we believe, to regain that confidence — something we have sorely needed.

We would like to be around to see "Junior eat his words after proclaiming so wildly that Ike had "sold out" to Taft. We would like to see how he is going to squirm back over the fence now that labor, whose errands he runs, has indicated a cooperative policy.

We would suggest to those touchy political leaders that they tuck their wounded egos away and play ball with the new president, who seems determined to give us good government to the best of his ability without regard to sensitive feelings and political precedent.



MENDING BASKET

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"We have been married over 30 years now; a violent 30 years, but preferable to placidity with any other man. I can tell you. Funny, the attraction between opposites. One sees it every day. . . A nice guy. Wish you could know him."

I wish I could know the writer, too—don't you? Since the letter came I have thought of her so many times. What is the secret of her happiness? What has kept that happiness from the shoals when the "violent" times have threatened it?

Maybe it's something she learned early, something some never learn at all, or if they do, too late. "The kingdom of heaven is within you. . . Your joy no man can take from you." Do you suppose that is it? Or does she in a moment of stress suddenly remember a promise she made: "for better or worse. . . in sickness and in health" and just as suddenly feel an inner sense that acts as an armor, an armor made by love? Knowing that happiness is not some-to-have handed to one on a platter; it must be worked for. Does she, when the words are

"But Thanks for Your Kind Thoughts, Boys"



Desperate Maiden Offered Advice On How To Snare Backward Male

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — "Dear Mr. Poor Man's Philosopher: "Leap Year is almost over, and I haven't been able to land my man. It looks like just another long cold lonely winter for me. "What can I do? Help! Help! Help!"

Signed, Desperate Maiden"

Don't worry, desperate lady. Many a fish is netted just at dusk; many a ball game won by the last one up to bat.

This is the time in Leap Year that separates the real women from the weaklings. Any girl can find some kind of lost male stray to lead to the altar in June. But that is like going out to catch a whale and coming back with a sardine.

If your bachelor has managed to stay off the hook this long, the chances are he is tough, canny and durable—something worth really fighting to get. And when you do land him you'll feel all the prouder of the game struggle he made to get away.

What you must do now, dear lady, is relax. You still have 31 working days left, so don't be nervous. Look over the whole problem. What mistakes have you been making?

Many big business deals are lost through over-eagerness. Have you been frightening your prospect in this way? You can get a squirrel to eat peanuts out of your hand but if you try to grab him he will either bite you or scamper away—both. Remember, many bachelors are like squirrels.

Winter Cuts Resistance But take heart. Time is fighting on your side. "I winter a bachelor's resistance is lowered. He is therefore more susceptible to colds and falling in love."

All year long you have probably been telling him he needs you. But he didn't really believe it. What you must do now is to prove that you were right. To do that you must make him helpless.

Take him out skiing and get him to break an arm or leg. Do your best to encourage him to catch pneumonia, too. At the very least you can talk him into thinking he has an ulcer. A girl who can't give a man an ulcer isn't really trying.

The main thing is to get him flat on his back, weak, forlorn, and feeling sorry for himself. If you can also get him to run a fever, all the better. More men propose marriage when they are delirious than under any other condition.

Role Of Angel Effective Your role is that of the ministering angel. You bring him goodies to eat, put his pillow into shape, assure him that no man in his story ever went through such suffering or endured it more bravely.

Let him tell you the sad story of his life and hard times. Remind him that Christmas is near, and ask him how he lost his faith in Santa Claus. This will make him cry. Wipe the tears from his eyes and murmur:

"I, too, once knew Santa Claus and lost him. Oh, why must people be lonely apart in this harsh world? Can't they be lonely together?"

Now you both are crying. Put his head on your strong shoulder. He is weak and weary and feeling sentimental. And when a man's sentiment is up, his judgment is down. It is time to land him.

The Final Approach Tell him how swell you are doing at your job, and how you simply love to work. Pull out your bankbook and show him how much you have saved, then put the question to him: "Honey, do I have to spend all that money on myself? Wouldn't you like to have someone to buy you pretty things and always be there to rush you aspirin tablets when you feel bad?"

That's it. If he has any ambition in him at all, he'll ask you on the spot to marry him.

What if he doesn't? Well, if I were you, desperate lady, I'd pick up a chair and bust his other leg, and walk out of his life forever.

Ban On Obscene Periodicals Is Urged By Priest

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest urged Congress and the nation's publishers to join forces in a campaign to drive indecent periodicals from the newsstands.

Appearing before a special House committee investigating obscene and gruesome literature, the Rev. Thomas J. Fitzgerald of Chicago called for:

1. Enactment of federal laws to bar transportation of obscene matter across state lines.

Only those who send obscene material through the mails now are subject to arrest and prosecution.

2. Establishment by the industry of a board to pass on the decency of publications.

You have a czar in professional baseball," said Father Fitzgerald. "Why shouldn't you have some sort of reviewing board in this field to protect the honest publishers?"

The priest went to the witness chair after Rep. Kearns (R-Pa.), a committee member, told reporters he believes the sale of obscene and gruesome literature is "out of control" and that the government should do something about it.

Father Fitzgerald agreed. He said the damage caused by objectionable literature "to the souls of our children and our young men and women is of eternal proportions."

Devoted Wife Passes At Husband's Grave

BARKINGSIDE, England (AP) — Mrs. Anne Bowring, 66, often went to the cemetery to sit beside the grave of her husband, who died two years ago.

She was missing four days. Then her daughter found her at the cemetery. "She looked as if she were asleep," the daughter said. "It was as if she had gone there to hide from all her troubles."

The mother was dead—in an open grave near her husband.

She apparently had pushed a plank aside, climbed in and pulled the plank back over her as she waited for the end.

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in at least a half century. We cast more votes than we ever cast before. We voted a larger percentage of the total registration than at an election in recent years.

It seems to me that's all to the good — particularly the THOUSANDS of special committees that got into the battle. They weren't HIRED gangs. They were VOLUNTEER committees of citizens who got into it because they were deeply concerned with the issues and wanted to do their part in seeing to it that the election came out right as they saw the right. Instead of being reprehensible, that sounds WONDERFUL to me. The foundation of good government in our country is an aroused and vigilant electorate. If we can have that, in EVERY election, we'll never go too far wrong.

Let's take a sensible look at this estimate of 50 million to 100 million dollars the recent campaign is supposed to have cost.

We have more than 150 million people in this country. If each person had chipped in four bits, it would have come to a total of 75 million dollars. We have 40-odd million families. At a dollar per family, that would run close to 50 million dollars.

What we need to guard against is a cynical theory of politics under which the big contributors are expected to get the big offices. I don't think anything like that happened this year.

Take our own Douglas McKay, of Oregon, for example. He drew one of the top appointments in the new administration, but I doubt if ANYBODY would accuse him of having been one of the TOP contributors. All the signs point to the conclusion that Governor McKay was named to the post of secretary of the interior NOT as a political reward but because President-elect Eisenhower looked upon him as a man admirably fitted to fill the job.

We all realize, of course, that spending HUGE sums of money by a few BIG people or big organizations intent upon GAINING POWER and using it for their own selfish benefit is bad.

But in this particular election there was less of that than at any time within recent memory. As a matter of fact, that we were all seeking (big people and little people alike) was to put an end to that cynical theory of government.

Personally, I'm not much worried about the money that was spent in the campaign of 1952. I'd say offhand that we can safely forget it and get on with our rat-killing — which is substituting EFFICIENT government for government that hasn't been too efficient.

Red Cross Report Says Fiscal Year Cost High

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Red Cross says the year ending last June was the most costly disaster year since 1937.

The national organization spent \$103,605,782 at home and abroad for humanity during the past fiscal year, it reported yesterday.

Of this total, \$21,100,445 was spent in aiding 32,100 families in 309 disaster operations in 45 states and three territories. A major portion went to flood victims in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Illinois.

CHAIN BLOW COSTS EYE

WALLA WALLA (AP) — A heavy logging chain cost Arthur Hadden his left eye, a Walla Walla eye specialist said Tuesday.

Hadden, a Pilot Rock, Ore., employee of a trucking firm, was helping chain a load of logs on a truck when the dangling chain hit him in the eye.

Hadden was rushed to Pendleton, Ore., for emergency treatment, then brought here for the operation.



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