

New York's Rep. Powell Says His Biggest Sin Is Being A Negro In Nation's Power Structure

(EDITOR'S NOTE: What is Adam Clayton Powell's greatest sin? In the eyes of his critics, he contends, it is simply that he is a Negro—"a Negro who's won a place in the power structure." In the following dispatch, final of three in the controversial Harlem congressman, Powell gives his reaction to questions thousands have been asking.)

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., extracted a thick gold lighter from a special pocket of his expensively tailored jacket and applied flame to the end of a Churchill-sized cigar.

He settled back in a leather chair and smiled at two UPI reporters who had come to interview him in his congressional office, which overlooks the Capitol grounds from Room 459 of the old House Office Building.

It was the easy, confident smile of a veteran politician who figures he can take care of himself, no matter how pointed the questions may get.

Replies to Critics
"Mr. Powell," one of the newsmen began, "you have been under heavy fire recently from some of your own colleagues in Congress. They have accused you of abusing the privileges of your office by such practices as junketeering and nepotism. They have tried to clip your wings by slashing the budget of the House Education and Labor Committee which you head."

"You have replied by charging your critics with racial prejudice. Do you really think that your only offense is that you are a Negro?"

"That's right," Powell replied. "I have said before and will say again, unequivocally, they are attacking me because I am a Negro. What is worse from their

viewpoint, I am a Negro who's won a place in the power structure, as chairman of an important House committee. They can't forgive me for that."

Q. Quite aside from any question of race, don't you think that your own personality, your rather flamboyant way of doing things, may have something to do with upsetting your colleagues?

A. Yes, I'd agree with that. The things which other congressmen try to hide, I do right out in the open. I'm not a hypocrite.

Criticized Over Trip
An unusually heavy storm of criticism broke around Powell's head last summer when he left Washington in the midst of the congressional session to tour Europe with two women committee aides—one a white divorcee and the other a Negro beauty queen who was runner-up for Miss Universe.

Powell suggested that it was the bi-racial nature of his "staff" which made this trip so reprehensible in the eyes of his critics.

"Despite all of the wisecracks that were made," he said, "I did go to Europe to study the Common Market, and I filed a long and detailed report on the impact of the Common Market on U.S. labor."

Q. Don't you think there are some Americans who disapprove of congressional junkets on principle, who just don't want to see their lawmakers, regardless of color, taking plush vacations at government expense?

A. Well, I think we ought to make it clear that not one penny of U.S. tax funds was spent on my trip to Europe or on most such congressional trips. They are financed entirely out of the "counterpart funds" which are built up in various countries under the foreign aid program. The money's

there and it doesn't cost the taxpayers anything for us to use it. I think travel is good for congressmen. It is a very broadening educational experience, and all congressmen should take advantage of opportunities to see the world. Most of them do, too. The only ones who don't go on these so-called "junkets" are the ones who are afraid of planes.

Q. What about this business of putting your wife on the congressional payroll at a salary of nearly \$13,000 a year, even though she's living down in Puerto Rico?

A. She earns her salary by answering the letters I get from my Puerto Rican constituents in Harlem. I have no apology to make about putting a relative on the payroll. The only difference between me and my colleagues on this matter is that I'm not a hypocrite about it.

Q. Do you see no wrong in nepotism?

A. I think nepotism is a wonderful thing until congressional salaries are increased.

Q. How do you constituents react to stories about how you're living it up in Washington, Paris and Puerto Rico?

A. They love me for it. They enjoy it vicariously with me. I'm just doing the things they'd do if they were in Congress.

Throughout the interview, Powell remained relaxed, amiable and untroubled. But he tensed a bit when the questioning shifted to his role as pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem.

One of the reporters commented that Powell's personal code of morality—including his well-publicized fondness for fine wines, expensive night clubs, fast cars and pretty women—"seems to differ somewhat from the norm" of the Baptist ministry.

Powell smilingly acknowledged

that he is not a typical Baptist preacher. But he said with sudden seriousness that "I really believe in the kind of ministry I've practiced for 33 years."

"I believe that the practice of brotherhood is the fundamental demand of Christianity," he said. "I believe the church has been burdened with too much emphasis on picaresque matters of personal morality, and has neglected the more important matter of fighting for racial and social justice."

He said his religious attitudes are now based entirely on the so-called "Jefferson Bible," a compilation of the sayings of Jesus Christ which was made by Thomas Jefferson.

"I can't find anything in the sayings of Jesus against moderate drinking, dancing and card-playing," Powell said. "But I do find a great deal that he said against hating and turning your back on your brother."

Q. Doesn't the Jefferson Bible include the words of Jesus about divorce being wrong, and remarriage of a divorced person the equivalent of adultery? How do you square that passage with your three marriages and two divorces?

Powell paused for a long moment before answering. "I won't make any rationalizations," he said at last. "I think the concept of lifelong marriage laid down by Jesus is absolutely correct. In this day and time, it is a hard law to follow, but it is a good one, and I stand guilty of having broken it."

Canyonville Board Scratches Project

The Canyonville School Board discarded its plans to build a rest room facility on the high school athletic field at their regular meeting Monday evening, according to Supt. Norman York, who added that funds for this building had been budgeted in 1962.

The project seemed to be more costly than had originally been estimated and, for that reason, the board decided to return the funds to the general fund.

In other business, the board hired Mrs. Pearl Montgomery, now of Golden, B. C., who taught at Tiller from 1945 to 48 as a new fourth grade teacher.

The board also discussed the feasibility of incorporating correspondence courses into the high school curriculum as a means of broadening the curriculum.

Also discussed at some length was the previous work done on reorganization of South Douglas school districts and the possibility of continuing interest by school patrons to warrant further action in this direction by the board, York said that patrons are invited and urged to express their wishes on reorganization to board members.

The board is asking for bids on school bus gas service. Due date for these bids is the next board meeting, the second Monday in June. Patrons are again invited to attend the budget hearing scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 28 at the school, correspondent Mrs. R. E. Proctor reports.

Area Conference Set By WCTU

The area conference for the southern district of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties) is to be held in Roseburg at the First Christian Church, Monday, May 20, at 10 a.m.

Each one attending is to bring a sack lunch. The Roseburg unions will furnish dessert and natural fruit beverages.

Speakers from out of town for the day's program are Mrs. C. C. Farr and Mrs. Paul Schmidt from Coos Bay; Mrs. G. O. Sanden, Medford; Mrs. Cleone McCall, Coquille; and Mrs. Delbert Dickey, Yoncalla.

The conference, or workshop, is a special training school for all officers, directors, field secretaries, organizers and branch secretaries, where problems and plans are worked out, with all persons present participating. WCTU leaders become familiar with the duties of their offices, learn the program thoroughly, and are thus able to present it more effectively through workshop training, committee spokesmen state.

The Rev. Valeria L. Cleveland will have charge of the worship service. Mrs. A. L. Wren is chairman of the refreshment committee.

Mrs. C. N. Currier, chairman of Douglas County WCTU, has charge of arranging the meeting.

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Dixonville Couple Reports Oddity

By MRS. ALBERT RADCLIFFE

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Turner of Dixonville are acting as "parents" at the Lone Oak Ranch for a small lamb, born recently, that looks more like a baby calf than a lamb. Named "Little Black Sambo," the lamb has a white face and three white legs. One leg is black, like the rest of his body. A white streak runs down his neck, similar to the markings of a white-face calf. The father is a black-faced Suffolk and his mother a Romney. The newcomer, being fed on the bottle, is a parttime occupant of the Turners' new ranch home.

Twin All Black
"Black Sambo's" twin sister is equally odd in appearance, being coal black all over, the Turners report.

Visiting in the Claude Rhodes home are their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roger LeRoy Rhodes and baby daughter, who arrived from Yokohama, Japan, last week for a 30-day furlough. Rhodes is a communications technician with the U.S. Navy and has been stationed in Japan the past three years. The young couple will also visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kenworthy, in Boise, Idaho, before Rhodes reports to his new station at Skaggs Island, Calif. The Kenworthys are former Roseburg residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brown and daughter, April D'Ann, have arrived from Las Vegas, Nev., to make their home in the Roseburg area. They are presently staying with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley McCraw.

Mrs. Grover Tison accompanied Mrs. Pat O'Brien to Eugene recently on a business trip.

Ranch Ramblings

BY WAYNE MOSHER

Ranchers raising beef cattle in Douglas County should be interested in the beef cattle day which is planned for May 22 at Oregon State University. This is the day when research information developed on Oregon experiment stations, which might be of interest to beef cattle producers, is presented. Other items of interest to producers here in the state of Oregon will be discussed.

Reuben Albaugh, extension livestock specialist from the University of California will talk about the California market in relation to the Oregon cattle industry. Dr. Burton Wood of agriculture economics at OSU will discuss the common market and its implication to Oregon producers. There will be a discussion of feeder cattle marketing as it is done in Baker County with a panel following. This, along with the research information, I think, should be of interest to almost all cattle producers.

The program starts at 8:30 in the morning in Withycombe auditorium on the university campus. I plan to attend the meeting and am taking some producers with me and we still have room for a few more at the present time. If you are interested contact me. I certainly would encourage beef producers to attend as I think that this is an excellent program and well worth taking a day off to look into. That's Wednesday, the 22nd of May and we plan on leaving Roseburg, probably somewhere around 6:00 a.m.

Jersey Sale Set

Jersey raisers here in the county may be interested in the annual Jersey Sale and Show which is sponsored by the Oregon Jersey Cattle Club. It will be held in Albany at the 4 - H building on May 25. This show is open to all

Registered Jerseys. The sale itself will consist of 30 selected Jerseys, 20 of which are milking cows and 10 heifers, all from Oregon, Washington and California. The show starts at 9:30 a.m. in the morning and ribbons and trophies will be awarded. The sale will start at 7:30 p.m. in the evening.

Incidentally, a free breakfast is going to be served between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. prior to the meeting and a chicken barbecue lunch will be available at noon for a reasonable charge. They also plan to have dinner available on the grounds that evening.

Resprouting Noted

Some of you folks may have lost trees during windstorms this winter that you may wish to clean up. One of the things that seems to be a little bit hard is killing hardwood stumps. They resprout very badly if they aren't properly treated. We have a new bulletin in regard to killing hardwood stumps with the use of chemicals. This sheet, "How to Kill Hardwood Stumps and Trees" is available from the Extension Service here in the county simply by dropping us a postcard or dropping into the office and asking for one. This might also be useful for a rancher who is doing a little bit of slashing and wanted to control the stumps and keep them from coming back up. On a large area probably the cost would be prohibitive and the cheapest way would be with a bulldozer. On small areas it probably is practical to cut the stumps and treat them.

Choices Good

For high school seniors this year who are planning on entering a university or college, this information might be of interest to you. If you go to college and graduate, the chances are that you will have a good choice of jobs. Oregon State University placement officers report that choosing — not finding a job will be the concern of the June graduates this year. They report that starting salaries are up and that any well-trained graduate is in demand. For example, the average OSU engineering senior this year has approximately eight job interviews and the demand is increasing.

Of course, being primarily interested in agriculture, I was interested in the report on this. Well qualified agriculture graduates will have no trouble finding a good job again this year. The starting pay will range from \$4,800 to \$6,000. Opportunities are particularly good in sale of agricultural products, food processing, federal research and marketing. They also indicate the chances are that the demand will stay strong for the graduates. This same situation seems to hold true in all categories for college graduates.

Just one short item before I close for this week. I ran across a little quote in a magazine the other day, which I think might bear a little bit of thinking. "Work and save young man and someday you'll have enough to divide with those who didn't."

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By DICK TURNER

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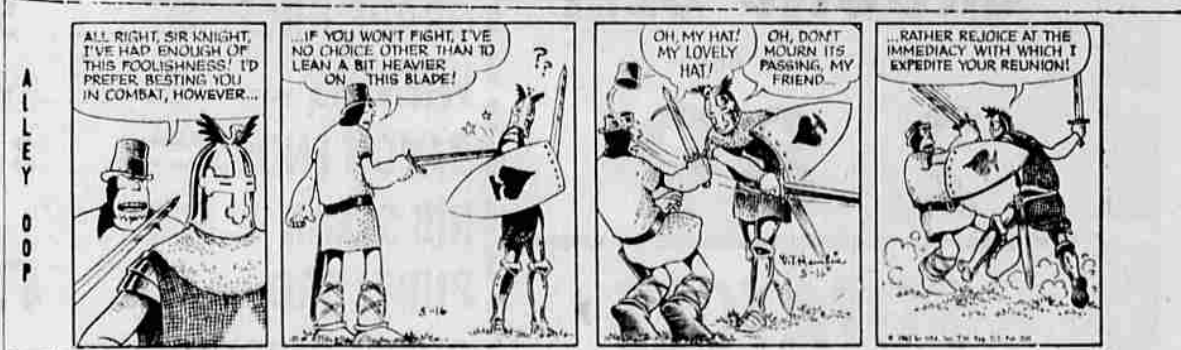
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