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Stepping-stone to Court

Attorney General Tom Clark has been offered and accepted a seat on the U. S. supreme court to succeed the late Frank Murphy. This is almost routine practice. Many presidents have promoted their attorney generals. Justice Jackson of the present court was formerly attorney general and Justice Reed solicitor general. Murphy himself, had been attorney general. The late Chief Justice Stone was attorney general under President Coolidge. One might go on back to Roger B. Taney, who was attorney general and later secretary of the treasury in the cabinet of Andrew Jackson, who then named him to the supreme court.

So the attorney generalship is accounted a stepping-stone to a justiceship. And in truth it gives pretty good preparation for such an office as well as a reward for service rendered.

Stepping into the attorney general's office will be Sen. J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island. McGrath served a short time as solicitor general after retiring as governor of his state, but his major field has been politics and administration rather than law. McGrath, by the way, is due to visit Oregon next month and to speak at a Knights of Columbus convention in Portland.

In picking Clark the president fooled the guessers who predicted he would pick a Catholic because Murphy had been of that faith. Perhaps so much publicity to this effect was given, the president shied away from such a selection. Naturally he wouldn't want the public to think that particular seats on the high bench were tagged for a person of a particular religious faith. On the other hand the court membership shouldn't be restricted to persons of one set of religious views. The primary factor is men of high character, legal learning and intellectual power. Whether Clark measures up to that test waits on his performance as judge.

Fleeing the Gullible by Numbers Racket

Of all the devices used to extract money from the greedy and the gullible the numbers racket is one of the most lucrative. The method is ostensibly that of the pool. Participants pick out the set of digits which they guess will be winners and put money to back their bet. The test figures are digits taken from certain daily financial reports such as the number of shares of stock traded on the stock exchange.

It is lucrative because hundreds of people participate, running into millions of dollars annually. Scores of runners weave in and out of the congested residence sections of cities, call on shopkeepers, hire agents in factories who sell tickets in lunch hour periods. So the daily take is enormous.

The business gets into the hands of gangsters and racketeers who knock off competitors and frame the suckers. A recent roundup of one of the biggest outfits in the business caught an unusual figure in the net, and the resulting disclosures show the scheme used to skin the suckers. Besides the usual run of city underworld figures one Dennison Doble, secretary of the Cincinnati clearing house and dignified family man was arrested. He was the tool of the outfit, or perhaps its profit-sharing partner.

This was the scheme: The player bet on a combination of three numbers. The payoff was based on the second and third digits in the reports of daily bond sales up to noon in the New York exchange and the second digit in the clearing house figures of Cincinnati.

The promoters worked it this way: they assembled the bets, and after the bond figures were announced (which couldn't be jimmied), they figured out from the number of bets filed which digit would call for the smallest payout, phoned to Doble, who dutifully inserted that figure at the proper point in the Cincinnati clearing house reports. Thus the promoters not only got the "legitimate" clip on the bets but they trimmed the suckers so they had only a "1000-to-1" chance of winning.

Will this stop the numbers pools? Just briefly. The birthrate on suckers holds at one-a-minute, and the ingenuity of those who prey on the

gullible has not been exhausted. Only stiff-armed law enforcement will keep the rackets under control.

Cohen Assaults Still Free

Los Angeles police have flunked again on rounding up the mobsters who tried to polish off Mickey Cohen. Still unsolved is the killing of another gambling czar, Bugsy Siegel, in 1947. The chief of detectives assigns the same motive: control of racing information outlets, by which, as with the numbers racket, the betting public can be gypped.

Gang rivalry seems to be responsible. Perhaps eastern syndicates are trying to muscle in or trying to head off other competition.

Governor Warren says "if every community and every county will get rid of commercialized gambling, prostitution, narcotics, bunco men and the like, gangsters would starve to death in California, or go some place else."

No one should provide room for them anywhere on the Pacific coast or elsewhere for that matter. Apparently, unless Los Angeles police do better detective work they'll not have to leave that area for awhile.

Monopoly Unions

Thurman Arnold, who used to be chief trust-buster in the attorney general's office, testified before a senate committee and urged that anti-trust laws should be extended to monopoly practices of labor unions. That would mean union rules to "make work", "feather-bedding", pricing controls, restrictions of production. At present unions are exempt from the anti-trust laws.

Perhaps more serious monopoly powers are those such as John L. Lewis exercises to stop a whole industry at will, put it on a three-day week — in short act as czar of the coal-mining industry.

It will be however a difficult literary exercise to write a law that will separate the "legitimate" from the "illegitimate" practices of unions. Unions are people and as people their fundamental rights have to be preserved. Where the high art is required is to protect those rights and at the same time the rights of millions of other people.

Credit Roseburg with prompt and proper action to retrieve its error when negro members of a Portland boys' club were denied admission to the municipal swimming pool. Mayor Fliegel promptly sent an apology when he heard of the incident; and now the city park commission has voted that no discrimination shall be shown in the future. Maybe as youngsters swim together they will learn to cooperate in their maturity.

Thanks to mulling in the early days of the session nothing in the way of civil rights legislation will pass the congress, not even the anti-poll tax bill which the house passed for the fifth time Wednesday. Everyone concedes it has no chance of favorable action by the senate before adjournment — and this is the least objectionable to the southern members. Had the senate moved promptly to modify its old filibuster rule the result could have been quite different.

A second mill at Bly near Klamath Falls has shut down — it ran out of logs. Simple mathematics years ago turned up the answer that some day mills would have nothing for saws to bite into. There is however still a great deal of timber in the Klamath country, much in national forests and on Indians lands, and Weyerhaeuser interests own large blocks. With reforestation logging and lumbering will be a permanent industry in the area, though not on the cutting scale of former years.

Navy and marine reservists and some civilians at the commissioning of the naval armory the other night must have felt as though they were under fire again. Half-a-mile away at the gun club men were firing their pump guns at clay pigeons and the staccato reports punctuated the address of Admiral Good.

Communist Pressure on Lie Doubted

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Observers and officials at Lake Success have been scratching their heads this week to remember sufficient incidents which might be a basis for charges before a senate subcommittee that the U. N. secretariat is dominated by communists working through high places.

Secretary General Trygve Lie is under direct attack.

Byron Price, assistant secretary general who is acting for Lie during the latter's vacation, has protested publication of the anonymous testimony before the judiciary subcommittee. The state department has expressed its confidence in Lie and Price. Senator McCarran (D-Nev.), who released the report, has been criticized by some other committee members for doing so.

The document itself is rather

remarkable, in that it reports the testimony of an anonymous witness who was questioned by an anonymous senator or senators.

But the important question is whether it is true.

From inquiry and personal observation I get the following picture. The specific case where the witness accuses Lie of dismissing an employee under Russian pressure involved an efficiency expert, sort of an assistant to Lie without portfolio, whose methods just did not fit. Frankly, observers wondered at the time how he lasted as long as he did, and say there was absolutely no politics connected with his dismissal. And this does not come only from U. N. employees.

Arkady Sobolev, a Russian and a former assistant secretary general who looked after the secur-

ity council's needs, is accused of exerting pressure on Lie which produced a situation, in which communists were favored for jobs and made other employees afraid to buck the system.

Actually, Sobolev had a reputation of being a highly correct worker. He cooperated with his associates and caused no trouble. His successor, Konstantine Zinchenko, is a young man described as having a great deal to learn about his job, but not a trouble maker.

The one case in which greater communist pressure was brought to bear to obtain dismissal of United Nations employee was that of Jan Papanek, former chief of the Czech delegation who was ousted from that post after the death of his friend, Jan Masaryk. Papanek was also employed as an expert by two U. N. technical commissions. He still is.

There is both Russian and nor Russian communism at Lake Success. But there are fewer employees from the Russian sphere than might be warranted by their membership ratio, and far fewer from Russia itself.

It is quite possible of course, that the Washington security people say that there are individual undercover agents. But this is specific thing, rather than a pa of secretariat general character. The very presence of great difficulties in the secretariat would seem to be the best insurance against domination by any one.



IT SEEMS TO ME

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city editor and later managing editor of The Statesman. As private secretary to Governor Norblad, member of the city zoning commission, deputy director of the state department of parole and probation, as manager of the famed Salem Centennial, and then, as has been noted, executive of the Oregon Chest, he demonstrated his interest and capacity in public service, showed his leadership and his organizing ability.

He did his share in volunteer work also, on the Boy Scout council, secretary of the Salvation Army advisory board, on the county community chest board, in affairs of the American Legion. Buoyant in spirit, always ready to help carry the load, cordial in manner, his host of personal friends feel a sense of personal loss and extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

In the battlefield when a buddy falls others move in to close the gap, so in this field of public and social service others, veterans and recruits, must fill the ranks to win the battle for human welfare.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He seems to have no capacity as a machinist."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "financial"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Vengeance, veneer, ventriloquist.

4. What does the word "linguorous" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ad that means "praise"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He seems to have no ability as a machinist." 2. Pronounce fi-nan-cial, i as in fin (not as in fine), and accent second syllable. 3. Vengeance. 4. Producing listless indolence. 5. To

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

VIRGINIA WOOLF: A COMMENTARY, by Bernard Blackstone (Harcourt, Brace; \$3.75). Sister of Vanessa Bell and friend of Roger Fry and many painters, Mrs. Woolf herself had a painter's eye, and what was more, an impressionist painter's eye, says Blackstone in this study modestly called a "commentary".

In her novels, which numbered about 10, and in her essays, she was looking for a truth hidden from many, and a reality hidden from more. It was not, Blackstone points out, fundamentally the kind of reality which interests a man. She didn't reason, she felt. She sought to "make us see the thing in itself, and the interpenetration of the thing with a human life."

To men, this is a world of power, command, decision; to women, Mrs. Woolf believed, a world of "trees, rivers, music". To say so in a novel required a new form of novel. The lack of a guide hampered her, so did the almost universal expectation that she should write in a more familiar way, and offer a more popular message, and so did her frustrated status as a woman. For to Mrs. Woolf, women occupied a sort of minority position. She was tragically convinced that the patriarchal system was responsible for the awful advent of Fuehrer, Duce, Tyrant and Dictator. Woman, she believed, would have managed better.

Many Americans have read and loved such novels as "Jacob's Room", "Orlando", "Mrs. Dalloway", "To the Lighthouse", "The Waves". Yet it is fair to wonder how aware they have been of what is at the bottom of an un-American attitude, and even philosophy. Mrs. Woolf is not gregarious, as we are. She loves with passion the present moment, while we look cannily to the future... we name it proudly "foresight". Even more than the English, we would have denied her, if we could, the "detachment" which she regarded as the "supreme neces-

sity for the artist", for we mistrust the person who does not agree with us, and the person who will not forgive us our prejudices, and who indeed pretends to have none of her own.

Blackstone's "commentary", nowhere near as dry or legal as his name and his subtitle suggest, takes up the books one by one, and throws new light on the whole body of Mrs. Woolf's work.

The Safety Valve

Enters Protest on New Location of Silverton Road To the Editor:

Since the Silverton chamber of commerce is strongly urging the county court to purchase the right-of-way for the new proposed Salem-Silverton road, involving an expense of over \$425,000 of federal and state funds, and causing the county to go to the expense of purchasing the right-of-way, thereby uselessly cutting up several good farms, when as a matter of fact the new proposed highway runs almost parallel (less than half a mile distant) to the old highway, and does not shorten the distance, and the old highway could very easily and at small expense be improved to meet the requirements, it was thought advisable to permit the tax-payers of the county to become informed of the useless expenditure of county road funds, when such funds are so badly needed in other portions of the county for repair work due to damage by heavy frost the past winter, as well as the building of new roads where needed.

Should the new highway be built it would mean that the tax-payers of Marion county would have an additional highway to maintain, in order to render the same service that is now being rendered by the existing highway.

The Salem-Silverton road has been and likely always will be a market road, and the present routing, via the old route, is conveniently located adjacent to the farms along its course to adequately serve its purpose, while the new proposed alignment would serve none of the taxpayers along its course — unless and except that it might tend to serve some imaginary purposes for the Silverton chamber of commerce or some of its members.

Alfred Jensen

(Attached was a letter to the Silverton chamber of commerce protesting the action of Silverton businessmen in supporting the new location of the highway. It was signed by Mr. Jensen, Alvin Krug, Wm. Reeves, Nellie Lorenzen and Lawrence W. Gehring.)

Blue Skies Almost Certain in Salem For Legion Meet

Odds are 9 to 1 in favor of the American Legion state convention in Salem next week coming off under blue skies. A study of weather conditions during the week of August 1 to 6 over the past 50 years by the U. S. weather bureau at McNary field shows favorable weather at least 90 per cent of the time in early August.

The grand parade, highlight of the convention, took place under clear skies at the 1948 and 1947 conventions. The parade will be held August 5 this year. Good weather is predicted for the entire convention week by the weatherman.

Henry Finds 'Pretending' Big Business

By Henry McLemore
LISBON, Portugal, July 29—If there is one thing I like it is to be in the swim wherever I am.

I hadn't been in Lisbon very long before I realized that if I wanted to be "in the swim" here, I'd have to be a pretender to something or other.

This place is simply crawling with pretenders.

Don Juan, pretender to the throne of Spain, is here, wearing out the Atlantic ocean with yachts and sailboats.

The Count and Countess of Paris are here, too. The count and countess are pretenders to the French throne, and at the last count were given just about as much chance of attaining their goal as I have of breaking Babe Ruth's home run record this summer.

Otto of Hapsburg is another who is here, pretending all over the place.

The Infanta of Portugal, one Antonia de Braganza, sister of the pretender to the throne of Portugal is here, pretending for her brother who is forbidden by law to be here to pretend in person. He is doing his pretending by long distance, collect.

There are a lot of old thrown-out kings in Lisbon, too.

Half the pawn shops have used crowns in the window, and ermine ear muffs are a dime a dozen.

Carol and Lupescu are here, chumming it up again, despite the rumors of their divorce suit. They have started to build a little vine-covered mansion in a fashionable suburb, where Carol hopes to grow roses and a chin, at long last.

Carol's son, Michael, while he doesn't live here, is in and out so often that he can't get an out-of-town membership in the ex-kings' club, but must pay full dues.

Another ex-king to be seen in the stores shopping for bargains is Humbert of Italy.

Between discarded kings and pretenders there is scarcely room for the people in Lisbon.

As I said before, to be in the swim one has to be pretender to something. You can't get a decent seat on the streetcar unless you are one. So I have taken care of that little matter. I have made out a list of things I am pretender to, and they are right at my tongue's tip. No one is going to catch me short.

Here's my list, and they are working beautifully:

1. Pretender to the Professor of Romance Languages of the International Correspondence School.
2. Pretender to the Corresponding Secretary of the Rotary Club of East St. Louis, Missouri.
3. Pretender to the head caretaker of Central Park.
4. Pretender to the assistant lacrosse coach at the University of Alaska.
5. Pretender to the King of the United States.

Be announced by any of those titles in Portuguese, and you'll

be surprised how impressive it sounds.

The favorite hangout for the pretenders and ex-kings is the English Bar, a restaurant in fashionable Estoril, a suburb of Lisbon. When I was announced there the other night as the pretender to the pretender to the fashion editor of Duncan Hines' grub book, every head turned—the other way.

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Frees Chosen Scout Leader

Appointment of Norman Frees of Salem as commissioner of the Cascade area Boy Scout council was announced Thursday by Gordon Gilmore, council scout executive.

Frees' appointment followed an election of the council executive board meeting at Camp Pioneer last Sunday. He replaced Robert Lantz, formerly of Woodburn, who has moved to California.

The new commissioner is a veteran scoutmaster. He is holder of the Silver Beaver, scout's highest honor for service to boyhood, and was deputy council commissioner last year. He has been active in the Blue Mountain council in Washington prior to coming to Salem. His new job is to coordinate efforts and assist the 30 district and neighborhood commissioners in the council's five districts.

An English Quaker, Abraham Darby, first smelted iron ore with coke, in 1735.

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Serious cases awaiting beds in hospitals.....	125
Who might need hospitalization suddenly.....	ANYONE
Present margin to care for emergencies.....	NONE