

Powell couldn't prove ancestry, says he's a Negro 'by choice'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: One of questions asked most frequently by visitors to Washington is, "What makes 'Congressman X' the kind of a man he is?" The answer is seldom simple. But never is it more complicated than in the case of Adam Clayton Powell. The following dispatch, second in a series, tells how Powell became a Negro leader and how it has affected his life.)

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — When Adam Clayton Powell was 12 years old, his family moved to Harlem, where his father was to serve for many years as a Baptist minister. "The first night we were there," Powell recalled recently, "my mother sent me to the drug store. A gang of white boys waylaid me on the street, and beat me up. "The next night, I was sent on another errand, and I took a different route. This time a gang of Negro boys beat me up. "The third night the white boys grabbed me again, and asked me, 'Boy, what color are you?' "I was scared and didn't know what to say so I just told them the truth. 'I don't know what I am,' I said. 'I'm mixed.' So they beat me up again for being mixed."

Powell laughed uproariously as he told this anecdote to UPI reporters in his congressional office. But there was a look in his eyes which suggested the 12-year-old boy had not found the incident so amusing.

Unsure of Ancestry

Although Powell has become the American Negro's best-known and most controversial spokesman in Congress, he is not at all sure how much Negro blood is actually in his veins, and any untrusting visitor would almost certainly take him for a white man.

At 54 he is a tall, slim-waisted, strikingly handsome man with long wavy hair, a neatly-trimmed mustache, and a complexion which ranges from the shade of coffee with double cream to that of weathered brass, depending upon how much time he has been spending in the sun outside his beach home in Puerto Rico. On his desk is a family photograph showing his father, mother and sister. All of them look white. "I couldn't prove that I have any Negro blood," Powell said in

reply to a direct question about his ancestry. Then he added: "I am a Negro by choice."

In that sentence lies part of the explanation of Powell's strong hold on the affections of the Harlem constituents who have elected him to Congress 10 times despite a succession of scandals and accusations involving income tax returns, trips at government expense, relatives on the federal payroll and other matters. Powell is a man who could pass for white—who, in fact, was taken for white in college—but who has deliberately chosen to cast his lot with the Negro race.

The decision may have cost him something in terms of private snubs or embarrassments. But it has been professionally and politically rewarding.

Father Founds Church

Powell was born in New Haven, Conn., Nov. 29, 1908. But he has spent most of his life in New York City, where his father, the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell Sr., built the Abyssinian Baptist Church into one of the largest Protestant congregations in America (about 10,000 members). First located in downtown Manhattan, the church was transplanted to Harlem when Adam Jr. was 12.

Young Powell grew up in comfortable circumstances, attended good schools, was graduated from Colgate University with an A.B. degree and went on to get his master's of Columbia. At 22, he became assistant minister of his father's church. Seven years later, he succeeded his father as pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church—a post which he still holds despite a series of marital troubles that have shocked some of the church elders.

Powell has had three wives. The first, whom he wed in 1933, was Negro actress Isabel Washington. They were divorced in 1945, and Powell married pianist Hazel Scott. They had a son, Adam Clayton Powell III, nicknamed "Skipper," who has gladdened his father's heart by compiling a brilliant record in prep school and winning admission to MIT this fall.

The marriage to Miss Scott ended in divorce in 1960, and Powell married one of his congressional secretaries, pretty Puerto Rican girl named Yvette Diago.

Although both of Powell's jobs—as minister and congressman— theoretically require him to maintain his residence in Harlem, his real home these days is a \$70,000 beach house near San Juan,

Puerto Rico, where he spends as much time as possible with Yvette and their infant son, born last year.

Sparks Criticism

His frequent trips to Puerto Rico, some at government expense, and his very high absenteeism record (he missed nearly half of the roll call votes taken by the House during the past two sessions) have been remarked upon unfavorably by his numerous critics, in and out of Congress. But evidently they have not distressed either his constituents or his congregation in Harlem.

Throughout his 19 years in Congress, Powell has continually sought—and often found—drastic ways to battle for Negro rights. His favorite tactic has been introduction of "The Powell Amendment"—prohibiting federal aid to states which draw the color line in dispensing federal dollars.

Next: Powell replies to critics.

Two girls enter Dairy contest

Special to The Bulletin
REDMOND — Diane Davis, Tumalo, and Karen Jordan, Powell Butte, the first two contestants to enter Central Oregon's 1963 Dairy Princess contest, were introduced Friday night at the annual meeting of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association in Redmond.

Monday, May 20, is the deadline for entering the contest, reminds the Madras area chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Green. Mrs. Bertil Nelson and Mrs. Leslie Clauson are Bend and Prineville chairmen, respectively. In charge in the Redmond area is Mrs. George Hosteler. Girls interested in entering should contact their area chairman.

The Central Oregon contest will be held Saturday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pleasant Ridge community hall. The evening's activities will begin with a dinner, to be prepared and served by the Community Club.

Contestants will be introduced at noon Monday at a meeting of the Central Oregon Chamber of Commerce in the Copper Room. They will appear before the Prineville Soroptimists at their noon luncheon Friday, May 24, at the Ochoco Inn and will meet with the Madras Kiwanis Club Tuesday, May 28. They will visit Redmond Rotarians Thursday, June 13.

Smorgasbord due at club

Special to The Bulletin

PRINEVILLE — A public smorgasbord dinner is being served at the Prineville Golf Club tonight from 6-8 p.m. by the young people of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Proceeds will go towards the building fund of the church.

The committee in charge of the dinner includes Mrs. Van Thompson, Mrs. Dean Smart, Mrs. Sherman Welker, Mrs. Richard Rogers, Mrs. William Prime, Mrs. John Murray is president of the young women's mutual association.

DISCLAIMS KNOWLEDGE

WASHINGTON (UPI)—U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, at a House foreign affairs subcommittee hearing Friday, was asked about prostitutes who allegedly frequent halls of the U.N. building.

"That's an aspect of the work with which I'm not familiar," he quipped about those the Saturday Evening Post recently called "girls of the corridors."



TAMSI BOARDMAN
(Loy Studio Photo)

Miss Boardman 'girl of year'

Tamsin Boardman, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Boardman, 501 State Street, was named "girl of the year," at the annual Bend High School Girls' League mothers' program yesterday.

The program was also highlighted by installation of the new Girls League officers, headed by Nancy White; a style show by girls in homemaking classes, music and talks.

Miss Boardman, retiring Girls League vice-president, was a member of the court for the junior-senior prom, was a finalist in the DAR good citizen contest, and will be one of the speakers at graduation ceremonies for her senior class.

This past year she was also student director of the high school choir, president of the Melodiers, a triple-trio, and head of the Excelsior party in the recent school elections. Last fall she was an exchange student to Canada, in the Kiwanis Club exchange program. She will enter Willamette University this fall.

Miss Zola McDougall, dean of girls, made the award and announced other awards and honors for the year.

New and retiring officers were academic robes for the candlelight installation. In addition to Nancy White, officers for next year are Robin Rogers, vice-president; Kathleen Kempe, secretary, and Mary Ellen Dyer, treasurer.

Sue Fountain, the retiring president, gave the welcome to mothers at the opening of the program. Other retiring officers are Carol Faddis, secretary, and Janet Munkers, treasurer.

Mrs. Vern R. White, mother of the new president, gave the response to the welcome. Nancy Waller was soloist, accompanied by Glenda Alford.

Kathy Candland was moderator for the style show. Jane Blodgett arranged the order of presentation.

Bricklayers off dormitory job

CORVALLIS (UPI)—Bricklayers walked off an Oregon State University dormitory construction project Friday. The walkout threatened delay of the \$2 million job.

The dispute was over a non-union subcontractor laying tile in the dormitory. Officials of Todd Building Co., general contractor of the project, expressed concern that the walkout would affect the entire job unless it was settled soon.

The dispute was between Bricklayers Local No. 5 of Salem and the Valley Tile and Marble Co. of Corvallis. The firm had eight nonunion employees on the job. Four bricklayers left their work when negotiations between the tile company and union failed.

John Todd, head of the building firm, said union leaders were not present at the negotiations. He said no settlement could be expected until a meeting could be arranged with the union leaders.

Briefs Here and There

Activities tonight include a Golden Age Club public card party, at 7:30, followed by dancing, and a Central Oregon square dance jamboree, at 8:30 in the Kenwood School gymnasium.

Unitarian Fellowship of Central Oregon will meet Sunday at 8 p.m. at West's Coffee Shop. The LRY Group will be in charge of the program.

A Central Oregon sailor, John E. Fischer, is serving aboard the radar picket destroyer USS Duncan, which took part in the Pacific recovery of Astronaut LeRoy Gordon Cooper. Fischer, a commissionary second class in the U.S. Navy, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen L. Fischer, 300 N. First Street, Prineville.

Bend High Music Boosters will hold their last meeting of the school year Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., in the lobby of the high school auditorium. Officers for next year will be elected. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Overbay of Manson, on Lake Chelan in Washington, are visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Overbay. The

Smith Rock features are named

By Phil F. Brogan
Bulletin Staff Writer

Crag, pinnacles and hoodoos of the Smith Rock formation, one of the most spectacular erosional features in the Pacific Northwest, are being assigned names.

The project is incidental to an undertaking by three Mazamas, James R. Ramsey, Madras; Vivian Stander, Portland, and Jarold W. Ramsey, Kirkland, Wash., to provide a climbers' guide to the Smith Rocks.

The guide, illustrated, appeared in a recent issue of the Mazama, publication of the Portland alpine organization. "The Smith Rock area of Central Oregon, long famous for the strange beauty of its crags, is a compact, challenging playground for the rock climber," the Ramsey brothers and Mrs. Stander note in their Mazama article.

The entire area lies within a five mile wide circle, a few miles east of Terrebonne. Many of the more spectacular landmarks, including Monkey Face, can be seen from U.S. Highway 97.

The Mazamas have divided the formation into three areas, noting some of the names attached to features. Old names have been retained, and many new names added.

Near the Four Horsemen, the Mazamas note, are the weirdly sculptured towers of the Christian Brothers group. They include the Abbot, with its bulbous summit; the Friar, highest of the group; the Monk, marked by a split summit, and the Priest.

Other feature names are Vulture Ridge, Flattop, the Asterisk, Bette's Needle, Little Three Fingers Jack, Marsupial Crag, Brogan Spire, Squaw Rock, Leaning Brave and Gunsight Rock.

Scores of names are listed, and are being made permanent names on a map. The authors say Monkey Face, a smooth-sided monolith 400 feet high, was not climbed until January 1, 1960.

Collie death said by poison

A purchased Collie died at the Dale Stillwell residence, 1455 Davenport, last night, and a veterinarian said it had been killed with strychnine.

Stillwell expressed considerable concern because children play in the area. Bend police investigated the poisoning.



CAROLE ANN MATTSON

Engagement news is announced

The engagement of Miss Carole Ann Mattson, formerly of Bend, to Bill R. Scharwatt, Portland, was recently announced in that city. The bride-elect is employed by the U.S. Forest Service in Portland, and her fiancé will be graduated this June from the University of Oregon Dental School.

Miss Mattson, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Nelson, Portland, was queen of the Bend Water Pageant in 1958 and Miss Deschutes County in the Miss Oregon Pageant in 1960. She was employed by the Forest Service in Bend before moving to Portland.

Scharwatt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Scharwatt, Portland. After the wedding on June 29, the couple will tour through California, Nevada and the Southwest, and on to the Great Lakes Naval Station, in Illinois, where Scharwatt will be stationed for two years in the U.S. Navy. They plan to return after his service to the Pacific Northwest, to make their home.

Special honors are bestowed on top Scouters

Special honors were bestowed on two top Scouters of the Modoc Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the recent recognition banquet in Klamath Falls.

One of the men honored was W. B. Thompson, Prineville, who has been a scoutmaster for years and has three sons who are Eagle Scouts. He was recently elected as a council member at large and will serve as an adviser in the move to further improve scouting in the area.

The other Scout honored was Dr. George Massey, Jr., Klamath Falls, recently elected to his second term as council president.

Each of the men received the Silver Beaver award, highest recognition given a volunteer Scoutmaster.

Dog bite brings damage award

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Actress Elaine Stewart Friday won a \$4,500 jury award for damages in her \$150,000 suit over a dog bite suffered four years ago.

The superior court panel returned a 10-2 verdict in the 27-year-old actress' favor. The first trial ended in a mistrial.

Miss Stewart claimed she had to undergo plastic surgery on her lip and that the bite—at the former home of Floyd Appel and his then wife, Martha—left a permanent scar which hampered her career.

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Baptist Church activities set

Special to The Bulletin

PRINEVILLE — A number of activities are planned for the immediate future at the First Baptist Church, in Prineville.

A meeting of the entire daily vacation Bible school staff has been called for May 21, along with the regular Sunday School teachers and workers. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the church annex.

Two sessions of the Bible school are planned daily, Monday through Friday, June 3-14, according to the pastor, Rev. Stanton Irvine. School for children from four years through junior high school will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. and for high school students in the evenings from 7-9 p.m.

Mrs. Warren Reynolds is the general superintendent of the school this year.

The second annual graduation brunch for graduating high school seniors and eighth grade young people will be held Wednesday, May 29, at 11 a.m. in the fireplace room.

Rev. Irvine announces that Bruce Clatterback, a student at Western Seminary, will join the staff of the church for the summer months.

Validation Act is explained

Brad Fancher, attorney for the Deschutes County rural school board, explained House Bill 1087, the validation act, at the board meeting Thursday evening.

It is Fancher's opinion, he said, that provisions of the act can be interpreted as legalizing two annexations to the Bend administrative district, which have been held up for some time because of technical cases.

In one case, the requirement for publication of notice was not met, although the posting requirement was in order. In the other, the area annexed was not contiguous to areas already in the district, being separated by state land not on the tax roll. A new law provides that annexations need not be contiguous.

Fancher's suggestion that the board obtain an opinion from the attorney general was accepted.

Jesse Edgington, board member from Sisters, asked Superintendent David Potter to prepare maps and tax figures for possible consolidation of the Sisters or Redmond districts.

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Drug store here robbed

Brandis Thrift Wise Drug in Bend was burglarized last night and between \$20 and \$30 in cash was stolen. The money had been left in a cash register, for use as change when the store opened this morning. The register was open.

Entry was gained through a rear door, apparently by use of a key, investigating city police said. In a preliminary check, nothing else was missed from the store. Jim Van Huff reported that four vehicles parked at the rear of his garage, at 134 Greenwood. This occurred last night.

Bertha Woods, 1004 Roosevelt, reported that prowlers entered her car, parked on the Eagles' aerie lot, last night. Two coats were taken.

Episcopalians plan observance

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PRINEVILLE — A special day in the calendar of the Episcopal church, Rogation Day, will be observed Sunday, May 19, at St. Andrews' Episcopal Church. By tradition, the day is set aside to ask God's blessing on the spring planting and the flocks and herds, for a good season and a fruitful harvest, according to Rev. John Gretz, rector.

Ascension Day, May 23, will be celebrated with Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m., followed by a family style breakfast, especially for school students. Another Holy Communion service will be held at 10 a.m., followed by coffee, and a meditation to be given by Deaconess Evelyn Seymour, Wallowa, Ore.

AGREE ON PACT

NEW YORK (UPI) — American Airlines and the Transport Workers Union (TWU) have agreed on a new contract covering the carrier's stewardesses. In announcing the agreement Friday, TWU President Michael J. Quill called the pact the best of its kind in airlines history. He said details of the contract will be revealed following a ratification vote. The ballots will be counted June 1.

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They're choosing up Water Pageant princesses already...

... the Jaycees are painting the ole swimmin' pool for another season...

... and the merchants are holding close-out sales on the last of their umbrellas and rain coats!

One other sign of spring — all the dining in our Garden Room. Have you enjoyed the food and the Mirror Pond view from here lately?

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- How God Spared His Life When Train Cuts Car In Two

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TURNED AWAY FROM CHURCHES DUE TO LARGE CROWDS—COME EARLY.

EXTRA SPECIAL — Saturday, 7:30 P.M. — Divine Healing Service. This service conducted in the old fashioned Methodist way — Hear testimonies of those healed.

Evangelist Tessler has recently returned from a 3 month Evangelistic tour of England, Ireland and Wales. Hundreds were won to Christ. Tessler speaks Sunday at 3 P.M., 7:30 P.M. and nightly through May 26 at 7:30 P.M.

Pastor Jacobson of the Free Methodist Church extends a cordial invitation to all to hear this converted businessman.

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