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Powell says his greatest sin is his role in power structure

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 struc-ture." In the following dispatch, final of three on the controver sial Harlem congressman, Powell gives his reaction to questions thousands have been asking.)

By Louis Cassels and Arnold Sawislak

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WASHINGTON (UPI) - Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., extracted a thin gold lighter from a special pocket of his expensively tailored jacket and applied flame to the end of a Churchillsized 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 abus-ing 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 Ne-gro. 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 ques tion 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. Fined \$25 and court costs Fri-day was Ronald Delbert Doney, Pine Tree Motel, after being

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 Euwith 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 wisecrack

that were made," he said, "I did go to Europe to study the Common Market, and I filed a long and detrailed 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 prin-ciple, who just don't want to see their lawmakers, regardless of col-

(EDITOR'S NOTE: What is | of U.S. tax funds was spent on | sional payroll at a salary of nearmy trip to Europe or on most ly \$13,000 a year, even though she such congressional trips. They are living down in Puerto Rico? living down in Puerto Rico? A. She carns her salary by anfinanced entirely out of the 'counterpart funds' which are built up swering the letters I get from in various countries under the Puerto Rican constituents in Harforeign aid program. The money's lem. I have no apology to make there and it doesn't cost the tax- about putting a relative on the payers anything for us to use it. payroll. The only difference be-tween me and my colleagues on I think travel is good for congressmen. It is a very broadening this matter is that I'm not a hypoeducational experience, and all congressmen should take advancrite about it. Q. Do you see no wrong in

tage of opportunities to see the nepotism? world. Most of them do, too. The A. I think nepotism is a wononly ones who don't go on these so-called 'junkets' are the ones derful thing until congressional salaries are increased. who are afraid of planes.

Q. How do your constituents re-Q. What about this business of act to stories about how you're living it up in Washington, Paris putting your wife on the congresand 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 had remained relaxed, amiable and unruffled. But he tensed a bit

when the questioning shifted to his role as pastor of the Abyssin-Ian Baptist Church in Harlom 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 similingly 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 prac-Specialist Five Frank D. Cush-

ticed 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 picayune matters of personal morality, and has neglected the

He said his religious attitudes are now based entirely on the socalled "Jefferson Bible," a com-pilation of the sayings of Jesus Christ which was made by Thom-

sayings of Jesus against moder-

ate drinking, dancing and card-playing," Powell said. "But I do

3-day sentence

against hating and turning your back on your brother." Q. Doesn't the Jefferson Bible include the words of Jesus about Fined \$25 and court costs Fri-

divorce being wrong, and remarriage of a divorced person the equivalent of adultery? How do you square that passage with your marriages and two dithree

> Powell paused for a long moment before answering. "I won't make any rationaliza-tions," he said at last. "I think

Two persons forfeited \$1 bail plus a \$1 impounding fee and \$2.50 laid down by Jesus is absolutely Two persons forfeited \$1 bail

The VFW statement was issued following reports that U.S. officorrect. In this day and time, it cials were considering dropping is a hard law to follow, but it is opposition to giving the Hungaria good one, and I stand guilty of having broken it." an regime a seat in the United

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U.S. FORCES, Germany-Army

man, 29, and Specialist Four

Montie L. Tunnell, 21, of Bend, Ore., took part in Exercise Grand

Slam II May 2 through 7 with other members of the 62d Medi-

Elements of the Canadian,

French and German armed forces

also participated in the exercise

which was designed to test plans

and procedures of NATO forces

Specialist Cushman, who arriv-

ed overseas in October 1961 on this tour of duty, is regularly sta-

tioned in Germany as an admin-istrative specialist in the group's

15th Medical Detachment, His

wife, Grace, is with him in Ger-

many, and his father, Orrie S.

Specialist Tunnell, son of Mrs. Helen J. Richards, 1646 Galveston

Avenue, is a helicopter mechanic in the 15th Medical Detachment.

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

protested Sunday against any move by the United States to re-

store normal relations with Com

Cushman, lives in Bend.

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cal Group in Germany.

Cooper given big welcome Swedish pilot by Cape Canaveral throng

respectively.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla ical briefing, ate lunch at the (UPI) — The high school band lined up two hours early under the hot Florida sun. Lined up two hours early under the hot Florida sun. Soon the musicians began per- convertible.

spiring Miss Kay Spruill shepherded director of the National Aeronauthe 200 students in the Cocoa tics and Space Administration way Beach Elementary School Glee (NASA) and Mrs. Cooper rode in sma Club onto the grandstand and ran through "Oklahoma" for the the car. The astronaut, who flew 575,000

The around the world 22.9 times Children, tanned and waving In his "Faith 7" spacecraft, rode times an hour along the last time. American flags, got on the curb while their parents stood watch-5.3-mile parade route.

About 15,000 persons lined both sides of the four-lane highway this "Gordo, welcome back to terra firma," said a hand-lettered sign. town calls Main Street. While this is not his home town

he is going to get a hometown welcome," said Mayor Robert State Elks pick Murkshe.

It was this spaceport's welcome nome Sunday for Maj. L. Gordon La Grande man EUGENE (UPI)-James Trim-Cooper.

ble of La Grande was elected president of the Oregon Elks at Arrives By Plane Cooper began his day high over the United States in a C135 the group's annual over the United States in a Class jet transport. With him were his Saturday. The four - day meeting, which was attended by 2,500 persons, age daughters.

ended Sunday. Also elected were Frank Wheel-At 11:04 a.m. EDT the plane down at Patrick ouched Air er, Burns, first vice president William Worden, Lebanon, second Force Base. Ten minutes later the main hatch opened and Coop vice president; Al Beller, Mo-Minnville, third vice president, er, flowers around his neck, tan and fit in a business suit, strode and Robert Stoltz, Roseburg down the ramp.

Mrs. Cooper was at his side. The Air Force honor guard stood attention. "You rascal," said astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr., Cooper's backup pilot, as they shook hands

"You won a race," said astro naut Walter M. Schirra Jr. "Attaboy, Gordo," shouted someone in the crowd lining the

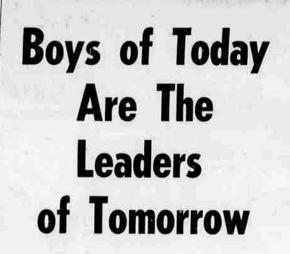
Overseas since last August, he entered the Army in November 1961 and completed basic training runway.

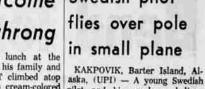
Cooper strode to the micro-phone. "Thank you all for coming out," he said. "I finally got back at Fort Ord, Calif. Tunnell was graduated from Bend High School in 1958 and worked for the U.S. home just as I said I would." Forest Service before entering the The astronaut underwent a med Army

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pilot and his employer believe they have become the first men Dr. Robert Seamans, assistant in history to fly nonstop over the magnetic north pole from Norto the United States in a small single-engined plane.

Sigurd S. Hallstrom and Olaf Ringstrad, both of Stockholm, landed at this village on a tiny Arctic coast island at 6:13 p.m. PDT Sunday after flying nonstop from Bodo in northern Norway The men, traveling in a 250-horsepower Piper Comanche were in

the air 21 hours. They appeared to be in good spirits but were tired. Both of them viewed the feat with casual nodesty. Hallstrom, owner of the plane

who acted as navigator, is a Swedish businessman with interests in shipping and real estate. He termed the triumph as a "business trip." "I have business in Anchorage." convention

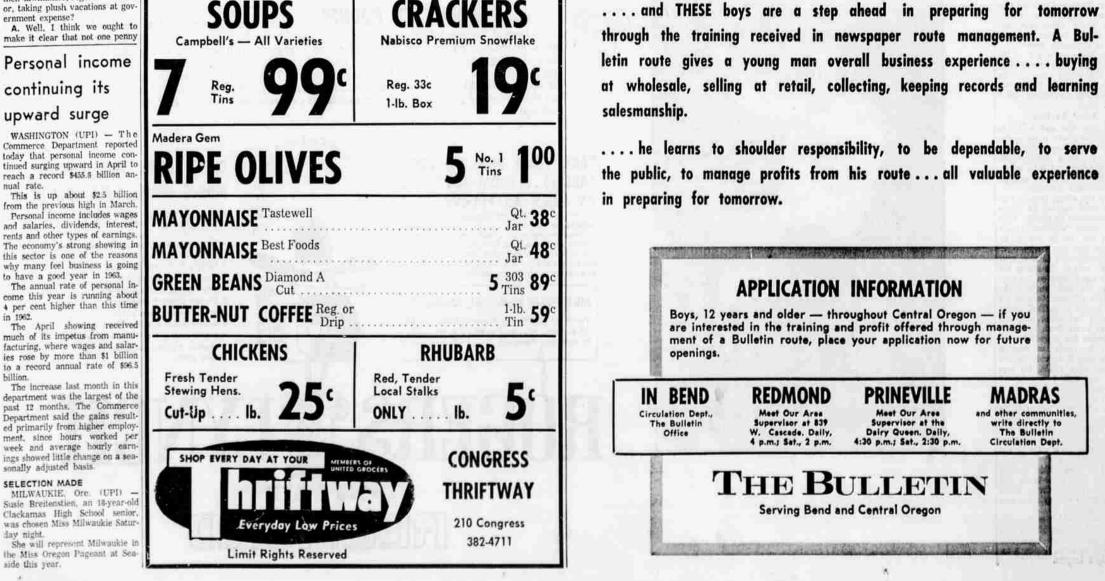
he said, "and I consider it prac-tical to fly direct."

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fourth vice president. L. A. O'Neill of Portland and Hal Randall of Salem were re-Eastern Oregon Mills elected secretary and treasurer, 10 E. Greenwood 382-3511







Utah trio buys interest in printing firm SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) Three prominent Utah newspaper publishers Saturday announced purchase of controling stock in-

terest in Newspaper Publishing Center Inc., of Salt Lake City. The purchase was announced jointly by Charles Claybaugh, Brigham City; Russ Innes, Lehi and Jim Cornwell, Murray. No purchase price was announced. The Salt Lake City firm is a web offset printing company established for doing commercial printing and newspaper publica-

tion. Four stockholders in News Pub-

land. Longview, Wash.; Robert Chandler, Bend, Ore.; Glen Cushman, Bend, Ore.; and Robert Crosby, Anaheim, Calif. The purchase eliminated Crosby and Cushman as stockholders and

given vagrant

find a great deal that He said Lonnie Frederick Davis, Santa Ana, Calif., received a three-day jail sentence in Friday's municipal court session for vagrancy.

found guilty of intoxication on a public street.

A charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence vorces? of intoxicating liquor, against Alfred Norman Curtis, Route 1, Box 98, was dismissed.

court costs for allowing their dogs to run at large. They were Robert Tye, 156 Reed Market Road, and Dick Gribble, 153 Lafayette.



lishing Center are John McClelmore important matter of fighting for racial and social justice." minority interests were retained by McClelland and Chandler. The stock was purchased in the name of the three Utah publishers and their wives. as Jefferson. "I can't find anything in the