

Van Johnson Sued For \$200 Weekly Support by Mother

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Actor Van Johnson said today he was "shocked and hurt" to hear that his mother had accused him in a support suit of failing to live up to a promise to take care of her financially.

The freckled star's mother, Mrs. Loretta Neumann, 61, filed suit in superior court yesterday for \$200 a week support, claiming she has been unable to work since last April because of ill health.

In her suit, she also contended that Johnson earned in excess of \$225,000 a year.

Lived With Father

A spokesman for Johnson said the actor's parents were divorced when he was a small child and that he had lived with his father since then and did not see his mother until 1946 when he got her a studio job.

"I have always been willing to support by mother," Johnson said, "although I have never known her as a son has a right to know his mother, since she deserted my father and me when I was three years old."

Mrs. Neumann said she was suffering from several ailments which prevented her from working any longer as a dietician. She and the actor's father, Charles E. Johnson, were divorced in 1922.

Copco's Property Taxes Increased

Property taxes paid by the California Oregon Power company this year are up by 11.36 per cent over the amount last year, according to A. S. Cummings, Copco president.

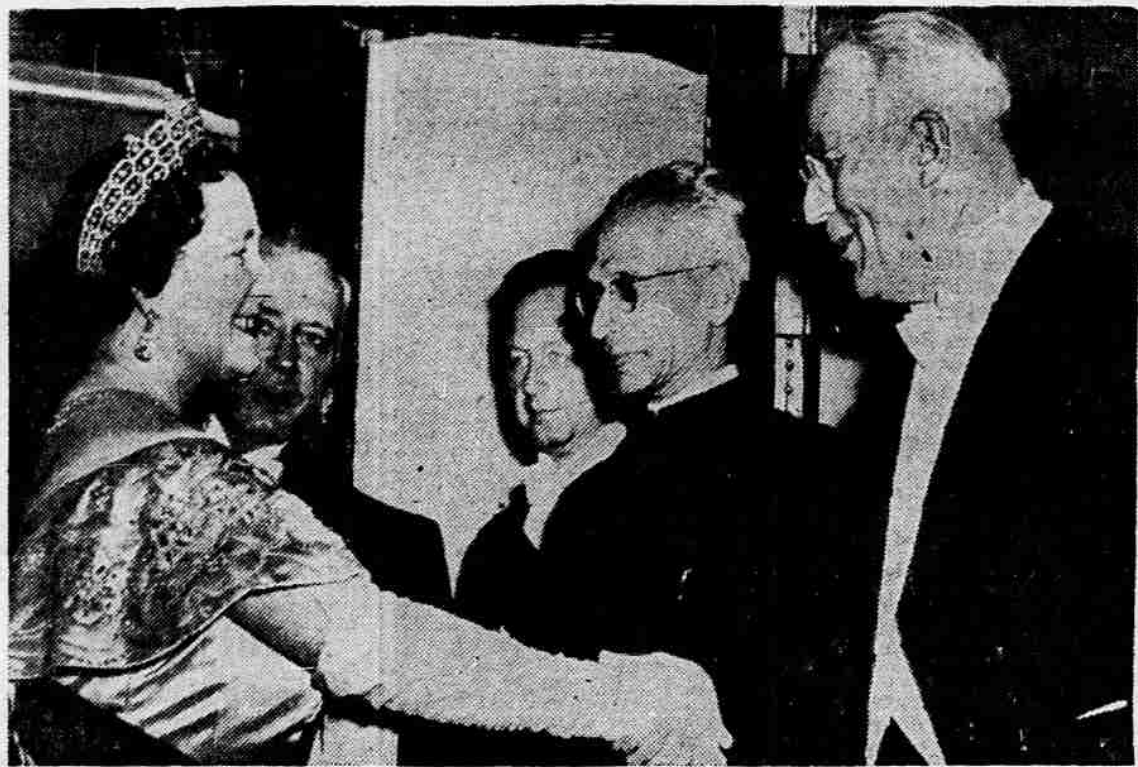
The amount paid in seven Oregon and six California counties this year totaled \$1,840,101.01, an increase of \$187,642.47 over the 1953 total.

Copco's Jackson county property tax this year was \$423,137.53, compared to \$373,106.17 in 1953, an increase of \$50,031.36, or 13.41 per cent. It was reduced by a 3 per cent rebate for prompt payment. The amount paid in Jackson county was second only to Douglas county, where the total was \$573,433.89, an increase of 17.04 per cent over 1953.

Total property taxes paid in Oregon this year were \$1,462,967.69, compared to \$1,294,764.57 in 1953, up 12.99 per cent. In California, Copco paid \$377,133.32 this year, compared to \$357,699.97 last year, up 5.43 per cent.

NOT REASON ENOUGH

London—(U.P.)—Judge A. Davies granted Mrs. Eileen Doris Forbes a divorce on grounds her husband deserted her. He ruled Forbes was not justified in leaving home just because Mrs. Forbes told him she was in love with another man.



DEMOCRATIC GREETING—Great Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth, guest of honor at Columbia University's Charter Day dinner, extends a hand in greeting to U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. Looking on are, left to right: Columbia's President Grayson Kirk, UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, vice-president of India and chancellor of the University of Delhi.

Eisenhower, Stevenson, Nixon Close Campaign in Plea for Votes

Washington—(U.P.)—Both political camps fought the crucial mid-term campaign down to the wire Monday night with election-eve appeals by President Eisenhower, Adlai E. Stevenson and Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

Mr. Eisenhower formally ended the GOP campaign with a plea for a big voter turnout. He did not call directly for a Republican victory, but said the election will "affect the national life for the next two years and even far beyond that."

Stevens and Nixon wound up on sharply partisan notes.

With his 1956 presidential chances possibly riding on the election outcome, Stevenson accused the Republicans of reaching "new depths" in politics by trying to divide the nation. He said they had failed to earn a mandate to continue at the helm of government.

Nixon called for the election of a Republican Congress to carry forward the Eisenhower program of "peace and prosperity." He said this is the only way the nation can be sure of smashing the "Communist conspiracy."

Mr. Eisenhower, following Nixon on a half-hour television appearance, urged his listeners to call 10 persons today to make sure they vote. He said Americans face a "great decision" in determining which party will control the 84th Congress.

With his wife, Mamie, seated beside him in the television studio here, the chief executive said Americans who don't go to the polls will have an effect on the election—"a negative one."

"You owe it to yourself, you owe it to your country, you owe it to your children to turn out and vote tomorrow," Mr. Eisenhower declared. "There is no such thing as sitting out an election."

While he did not ask directly for a Republican victory, Mr. Eisenhower did ask his audience to think about such government programs as foreign policy, un-

employment insurance, social security, and farm aid and then to vote for what they believe in.

"If you don't vote for what you believe in, then it is easily possible that minorities—either minorities or pressure groups—can take over and establish the policies for our government for the next two years, and indeed possibly on long beyond that," the President said.

Accuses GOP of 'Smear'

Stevenson wrapped up the Democratic bid to win control of Congress with a 15-minute radio broadcast from New York. He said the Republicans had been "disloyal to the deepest traditions of constitutional democracy" by a political campaign of denunciation and smear.

Once again, Nixon was a major target of the 1952 Democratic standard bearer. Referring to Nixon's speech of a few minutes earlier, Stevenson said:

"Tonight, I have even heard the Vice-President of the United States, who not long ago was for sending American boys to fight in Indochina, claim that peace in the world is an achievement of the Eisenhower administration. We are, I fear, reaching new depths in the pursuit of office."

Says GOP Shuns Record

He lashed Republicans candidates for being "unable or unwilling to campaign on their record" and said they had "played on fear, mistrust and suspicion, exploiting those things that divide rather than those things that unite our people."

Landslide Victory Seen for Batista

Havana—(U.P.)—Mounting returns indicated today Gen. Fulgencio Batista scored a landslide victory in yesterday's presidential election despite his opponent's call for a boycott at the polls.

Ex-president Ramon Grau San Martin, the man who ordered the boycott, also received a fairly sizeable vote although he officially withdrew from the race over the weekend.

Latest unofficial returns gave Batista 1,070,688 votes to 155,333 for Grau San Martin.

Official figures, lagging far behind the unofficial totals, gave Batista about 82 per cent of the ballots counted.

Tokyo To Honolulu Flight in 11 Hours

Honolulu—(U.P.)—Pan American's Stratoclipper "Romance of the Skies" opened up the non-stop jet stream season in grand style yesterday, completing the 4000-mile flight from Tokyo to Honolulu in 11 hours and 9 minutes.

It was the third season of jet stream flying for the huge passenger plane. Capt. C. Y. Dyer, of Redwood City, Calif., said the ship averaged 358 miles an hour ground speed, carrying 31 passengers and six crewmen.

Pan American's record in jet stream flying is 9 hours, 18 minutes, set Feb. 7 this year.

Great-Grandson of Louis XVII Dies

Oakland, Calif.—(U.P.)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for a man who claimed to be a great-grandson of Louis XVII, the "Lost Dauphin" of France.

He was William Leopold Otto de Bourbon Hapsburg, who died Sunday at his home of a heart attack at the age of 79.

Otto insisted to the end of his life that he was the great-grandson of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI, the great-grandson of Louis XVII, the adopted son of Emperor Franz Josef of Austria and pretender to the throne of France.

Otto's surviving son, George, said he will not press his claim as pretender.

Otto, a native of Munich, Germany, came to San Francisco in 1898. He married Marie Rodenwald, who died in 1914. They had two sons, George and Otto Jr., who died in 1942, and a daughter, Alwine.

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