

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — Every once in a while a headwaiter in the fancy joints around town gets a little confused. And when he does the going market on tips dips.

Like what happened to Alvin Tucker, a handsome gentleman in a black tie and also in a white one and tails when the occasion calls for it.

There he was not long ago, making the seating arrangements according to Hoyle and other books. And what did Tucker do but put a prominent Democrat smack dab beside a prominent Republican. The two weren't speaking.

"Cost me dough," Tucker told me while I had a \$5 lunch at the Colony Restaurant. "And it jolly well could have cost me my job. That doggone Democrat had grown himself a mustache and I didn't recognize him."

Recognizing people and bow-

ing and scraping is Tucker's take home. And, if the tax people aren't listening, it adds up to more than considerable.

This Tucker fellow operates every day at the Colony, a fancy little hotel on Desales st., where the high and mighty meet to eat and sip. Famed hostesses around town, and congressmen, ambassadors, senators, and the like are among the customers and a lot of them are regulars. And if you think he doesn't write 'em down as to what to expect for one table or another, you better have another thought.

Tucker has thought up a system he likes to call his one, two, three and five treatment.

Fellow comes in with a dame, see. Or maybe with his wife. First time out Tucker writes it down. And the next time in, he knows how to handle 'em on the way out, according to the way they palmed him the first time.

The Full Treatment
So, a cheap one who tips only skin will get nothing more than a polite nod. And maybe even Tucker won't straighten his tie.

A two-buck tipper would get a little better. He'd get a "thank you," with no "sir" attached. The three-dollar tipper would get the "thank you" treatment with a "sir" tacked on. The \$5 gent would get the business, like: "Nice to see you, sir; hope you liked your meal. Hope you come back again. We'll be seeing you soon, I suppose."

The head waiter doesn't have to head his palm greased at all, in most places. But, according to Tucker, the big shots who eat at the Colony not only tip him but give the waiter about 15 to 20 per cent of the check as well.

But the poor guy who puts fancy things under the glass in the kitchen works along on union scale. The hat check girl wins her quarter with a smile.

But consider the bus boy, who carries the heavy end of the load. He gets no tips. Neither does the chef but he has a fancy hat and makes a lot more money.

FPC Sticks To Order On Hells Canyon

Washington — (U.P.) — The Federal Power commission yesterday refused to set aside its approval of plans by Idaho Power company to develop Hells canyon.

Last August 4, the FPC issued a license to Idaho Power for construction of the Brownlee and Oxbow dams. Revised exhibits were approved Nov. 3.

A petition to set aside the Nov. 3 order was filed Dec. 5 by the National Hells Canyon association, eight public utility districts in the state of Washington, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative association.

The FPC said "it is appropriate in carrying out the provisions of the federal power act to deny the . . . petition."

McKay Has No Plans To Resign In Current Term

Washington — (U.P.) — Interior Secretary Douglas McKay said today he has no intention of resigning during President Eisenhower's current term.

Speculation that he might resign started when McKay said in Honolulu Dec. 20 that he would like to retire and take it easy in places like his home state of Oregon and Hawaii.

"I was appointed by President Eisenhower to serve at his pleasure," McKay said in an interview, "and I certainly will continue to do that through his term."

But McKay would not be pinned down on whether he would continue in his post if Mr. Eisenhower were to be re-elected and asked him to serve again. He made it clear without stating his position in so many words that that would be a question to be answered by the White House.

No Immediate Decision
"We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," he said.

The former Oregon governor also said he is not perturbed by reports that Democratic leaders will demand his resignation because of timber, wildlife, water resources and other policies the interior department has followed under his administration. He has been accused of following a "giveaway" policy with public resources.

"When I was governor somebody was always mad at me," McKay said. "I just go down the line and do what I think is best and forget it."

Reaching for his brief case, he pulled out a typewritten quotation by Lincoln and handed it to a reporter. The opening line read: "If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business."

Did Not Seek Post
McKay said he did not seek his appointment as interior secretary in the first place. "But when I asked my wife what shall I do? she replied, 'No one can refuse President Eisenhower.'"

McKay said the job has been a "fascinating" one although "there are many things controversial and conflicting in it."

SPARE THE WIRES
Detroit — (U.P.) — The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. urged deer hunters to be especially careful when shooting in the vicinity of telephone lines. "When a hunter's shot strikes a telephone line it may remove the only means of summoning aid for himself or a fellow hunter in an emergency," the company said.

New York City has about 40 daily publications.



ORDERS TO REPORT at Pentagon, Washington, to receive medal for saving life of fellow soldier during plane crash in Seattle, are shown Brownie by happy master, Pvt. Reginald Layoff, Chicago. Forty-seven died in crash. (International)

U.S. Economy Enters New Year Under Full Steam

Washington — (U.P.) — The U.S. economy goes into 1956 under a full head of steam, but with the government's foot on the brake pedal of credit.

Experts are watching to see what happens after the first of the year when post-Christmas retail sales will be lower, construction is slowed by winter, and farms are idle until spring planting.

At the start of 1955 the Federal Reserve Board was following a credit policy of "ease." The economy was then pushing upward after the slump which ran from late 1953 until mid-1954. It was then considered prudent to make funds for borrowing available at easier terms for building and expanding.

Money Firm In April
However, in April and May, the Federal Reserve altered its policy and allowed the rate at which Federal Reserve banks lend funds to go up. It has been boosted three times since.

Twice during the past year the Reserve Board boosted the amount stock buyers must pay down when purchasing stocks and bonds. These increases were to reduce speculation.

The Veterans Administration and the Federal Housing Administration acted twice during the year to stiffen credit terms on home loans those agencies back. First, it was ordered that veterans must pay their closing costs when buying homes under the GI Bill. This eliminated the so-called "no downpayment" sales. Then, both VA and FHA shortened the length of time a gov-

ernment-backed mortgage could run from 30 to 25 years and increased minimum downpayments for VA it is now two per cent, and for FHA it is seven per cent.

Behind the administration's moves to check credit was the fear that if credit expanded too fast there would be more purchasing power than goods available. The result would be inflation.

Price Stability Achieved
One of the achievements to which the administration points with pride is "price stability." Using 1947-1949 as the base period, consumer prices this year have gone up from 114.4 in 1953 to 114.9 by September.

This slight rise has meant that with personal income shooting upward from an annual rate of \$292,200,000,000 in January to \$309,600,000,000 in October, Americans were able to buy more goods than ever before and thereby register the greatest gain in their standards of living.

This buying has been helped by a \$5,011,000,000 extension of installment credit to buy automobiles, particularly, but also washing machines, refrigerators and for borrowing money for personal expenditures, and repairs, and modernization of homes. It's been the biggest-ever year-to-year expansion of credit on the books.

Corporate profits, too, have reached new heights. They've been so good as to prompt forecasts of even higher spending for next year.

Although the Federal Reserve Board, as is customary, refuses

Hypnotist Writes Weird Account of Taking Woman Back 100 Years in Time

New York — (U.P.) — A Pueblo, Colo., businessman published today a weird account of how he took a young matron "through the barrier of time itself" by hypnosis and learned the details of another life she had lived in Ireland more than 100 years ago.

"The Search for Bridey Murphy," published by Doubleday & Co., details an experiment conducted by the author, Morey Bernstein, an amateur hypnotist, with a woman identified as Mrs. Ruth Simmons, a 32-year-old Pueblo housewife.

In a deep hypnotic trance, Bernstein has Mrs. Simmons recounting in fascinating and sometimes humorous detail her life as Bridey Murphy from her birth in Cork in 1798 until her death in Belfast in 1864.

It is a provocative book, since it deals not only with hypnosis and reincarnation but on a variety of subjects related to the mysteries of the mind, such as extrasensory perception, telepathy and clairvoyance.

Bernstein devotes a good portion of his text to a defense of these subjects. The remainder dwells on his six tape-recorded interviews with Mrs. Simmons, beginning Nov. 29, 1952, about her "other life."

Mrs. Simmons, a wife of an insurance salesman, is described by Bernstein as "vivacious brownette on the smallish side" who was raised from infancy by a Norwegian and a German-Scottish-Irish aunt. She was born in Colorado and never has been out of the United States, he said.

In his interviews, Bernstein said, he approached the "time barrier" by the age regression process, taking his hypnotized subject back to the age of 7, 5, 3, 1 and finally to her "other life."

At one point, in his first interview, he took her back farther than that. In response to his questions, Mrs. Simmons recalled that before she was Bridey Murphy she was a baby who died at birth in New Amsterdam in the 17th century. Bernstein said that at the request of her husband, the New Amsterdam questions were discontinued because Mrs. Simmons was "noticeably seized with pain" when he asked them. Irish Brogue

At points in the six interviews, Mrs. Simmons assumed a definite Irish brogue. She talked of "banshees," named songs and dances of the period, recited Irish folklore and told how she purchased a camisole in a ladies wear store for "one pound, six pence."

She said she was the second of three children born to Dun-

can and Kathleen Murphy at their home in "The Meadows" outside Cork, that her father was a "barrister" and "cropper."

In 1818, at the age of 20, she said, she was married to Brian McCarthy, a "barrister" and later a teacher at Queen's University in Belfast where they went to live.

Bernstein claims that a considerable number of the statements made by Mrs. Simmons had been confirmed by Irish lawyers and investigators, unknown to either him or his subject, by last spring when his book was prepared for publication. The

search for more confirming evidence will continue, he said.

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As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Some Situations Warrant
In-Law Interference

Most mothers do not want to interfere with the lives of their married children. However, there are times when these children need help and do not regard this as interference.

(Q) "I have a daughter, 28 years old, who has a child two years old, another of seven and a half months, and a third on the way. She married against my wishes because the man is a heavy drinker and so is his mother."

Dr. Hurlock
His father died nearly a year ago and, since then, my son-in-law goes to his mother's home and drinks with her. He is a college graduate and earns good money.

"Last week, my daughter called me and wanted \$100 of the money my father left in trust for her to pay bills. I refused to give it to her. Now my son tells me that my daughter's husband has left her and she and the children have nothing to eat. I don't want to butt in on their business but I still don't want to see my daughter and her children starve. What can I do?"—Mrs. H.A.

(A) Ask your daughter to come visit you, bringing her children with her. Give her a chance to get a good rest and plenty of nourishing food. This is important if her unborn child is to be healthy.

After she has had an opportunity to get rested and relax from the strain she has been under since her marriage, discuss with her her plans for the future. She cannot go on this way. It is not fair to herself or to her children to be penniless and have no food.

I suggest that you discuss this matter with your minister right away so he can talk to the husband and see what he plans to do about his family. The minister can take the matter to the domestic relations court if he fails to make any headway with your son-in-law.

Must Receive Support
As your son-in-law is making adequate money to support his family, the court will require him to give the family a stated sum every week. If things do not improve, your daughter may, in time, want to sue for a legal separation or a divorce. Under any circumstances, she and the children must receive adequate support from the husband.

This is not a case of "butting into" your daughter's affairs. It is a case of sheer emergency when she needs help and needs it badly. Her family is the source of this help and should not fail her at this time.

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