

Clifton Daniel Just Back From Moscow Showed Trumans Through Times Building

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New York—U.P.—When news- men at the New York Times saw the face of Harry Truman peering around corners in their office one day last January they took it in stride. Another V.I.P. being shown around the Times.

What they didn't know was that their assistant foreign news editor, Clifton Daniel, was letting his prospective father-in-law take a look at the place where he worked.

Mr. Truman and his wife Bess met Daniel for the first time when they came to New York early this year for a Democratic fund-raising dinner. Their daughter Margaret introduced her suave prematurely-gray escort "Cliff" and told them that finally she had found the right man.

They had met last November at a dinner party with some mutual friends. The foreign correspondent just back from Moscow and the former President's daughter on her own as an entertainer found they had a lot of interests in common.

Music... the ballet... the theater. Perhaps drawing them together too was the fact that

both had left a small town behind for a life of cosmopolitan glamor and excitement.

Daniel, 43, is the only son of the druggist on the crossroads tobacco town of Zebulon, N.C. (Pop. 1200). He grew up there and worked as a soda jerk behind his father's counter before he went to Raleigh and became a reporter for the News and Observer.

From there he went to Washington with Associated Press, and was assigned overseas during World War II. He made his mark as a keen international reporter during the war, joined the Times staff in London in 1944, and stayed abroad through most of the post-war years.

He covered the death of King George VI and the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. In his most recent foreign assignment his beat was the Kremlin.

Daniel fills to perfection the role of an astute, urbane reporter of foreign affairs. He dresses impeccably and likes tailored English suits. At diplomatic gatherings it is hard to tell him from the diplomats.

His Carolina drawl still lingers on but nine years in London have given him a voice a trace of a British accent.

Dated Ballerina
An eligible bachelor in London he moved in some of the highest social circles, and once dated the famous ballerina Margot Fonteyn. His friends say he is fond of children and is "uncle" to a vast number of them—the sons and daughters of his friends.

His name—Elbert Clifton Daniel, Jr., has given him some trouble. He doesn't like "Elbert" and as a youth preferred to be called "E. C." On the Raleigh News and Observer he often was mistaken for a mem-

ber of the family of the publisher, the late Josephus Daniels. He is "Cliff" to his friends and to Miss Truman, who says that in any question of careers his most certainly will come first. He expects to remain in New York indefinitely as an assistant to the foreign news editor of the Times.

Daniel, long accustomed to prying news out of reluctant officials, managed with Miss Truman to keep secret their engagement for more than a month. He shopped alone for the engagement ring. If he had been seen at a jeweler's with Miss Truman, some reporter might have sensed a story.

Renner Appointed Union Oil Representative

R. H. Renner has been appointed district representative for Union Oil company at Medford, according to an announcement by D. C. Craig, district sales manager. Renner was previously resident manager for Union at Tacoma, Wash.

Renner joined Union Oil company in 1951 and has progressed through a variety of jobs to his present position. His new assignment will cover Union's marketing activities in the southwestern Oregon area. Mrs. Renner and son, Daniel, will join him in Medford as soon as suitable accommodations can be found.

Books from the Medford Public Library will banish boredom, keep you informed, give you ideas, help you on your job, and make problem solving easy.

County Road Repairs Progressing Rapidly

Repairs to Tolo rd., which has been open only to one-way traffic as the result of recent storm damage, are expected to be completed in the very near future, county court members reported Wednesday after a tour of county road damage.

Crews are placing rock "rip-rap" between the dam and bridge in the Tolo area which suffered severe water damage, court members said.

The group also checked the new approach and water damage at Footh Creek rd., and surveyed water conditions at Ross lane and Gall's Creek rd. Repairs on all the roads are progressing satisfactorily, they said.

Traffic Accidents Show '55 Increase

Final traffic accident, injury and death figures for 1955, released today by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, showed increases in both accidents and injuries.

Accidents totaled 65,741 in Oregon, as compared with 59,839 in 1954. Persons injured jumped to 15,442, nearly 1,600 more than were injured the previous year. The year's death toll was 412, eight below the 1954 total. The death toll included 66 pedestrians.

The urban-rural distribution of accidents continued to reflect the usual pattern Newbry said, with more accidents in urban areas, but the majority of fatalities in rural locations.

There were 46,192 accidents, 7,774 injuries and 84 deaths in urban areas compared to 19,549 accidents, 7,668 injuries and 328 deaths in rural areas.

Man Talks Too Much; Goes Back to Jail

Chicago—(U.P.)—Joseph Lacki's big mouth landed him back in jail today.

He was arrested on a drunkenness charge and while sobering up in a cell kept shouting that he was "an escaped prisoner" and a "wanted man."

Police checked up. They found that Lacki had escaped from Bridewell House of Correction in 1951 and sent him back to finish out his sentence.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
June Evelyn Wessel, failure to stop at stop sign \$5.
Robert E. Randless, violation of basic rule, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
Elva Lola Neff vs. Howard Gray Neff, divorce complaint.
Elfreda Crumpacker vs. Delbert Elwin Crumpacker, divorce complaint.
Ralph D. Conard vs. Lillian Conard, divorce complaint.
Dorothy A. Frasier vs. George L. Frasier, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Bobby Joe Winner, rt. 1, box 441, Ashland and Colleen Marie Bond, 36 South Second ave., Ashland.
Donald Wayne Moody, 8121 Crater Lake hwy., and Dorien Ulice Phillips, rt. 2, box 56, Jacksonville.
Ronald Lane Harper, 1827 North Riverside ave., and Flora Jean Larson, 255½ West Seventh st., Eugene.

Backstairs: Staff Concerned

Washington—(U.P.)—Backstairs at the White House.

It could have been no more than a coincidence, but a few minutes after GOP Chairman Leonard W. Hall discussed the political future of Vice-President Nixon in the White House lobby, President Eisenhower issued a statement on "Job Safety Week."

Maybe the Chinese were wrong about a picture being worth 10,000 words.

The White House Staff has been somewhat concerned recently about the President's appearance in news conference photographs. The harsh lighting gave him more facial lines than apparent to persons in the room.

Comes now an interested observer of the White House scene with a series of pictures of the President printed in a magazine before his heart attack. This man makes the point, and accurately, too, that the President looked worse in the pre-heart attack pictures than he does now.

Something will be done about the news conference room lighting—and soon.

Gettysburg looks like a good bet for the President and his wife this week end weather permitting. They haven't been to

the farm since early February. The President will have to return to work by Monday morning, but Mrs. Ike may stay over for a few days.

A question for etiquette expert Amy Vanderbilt: Should the Eisenhowers send a wedding present to Margaret Truman? Really no reason to, but a lot of people are wondering.

Manny Ress, the Broadway button and badge purveyor, expects big things from the 1956 political campaigns.

Some of his new offerings, for the Republicans, at least, include a brown four-in-hand tie proclaiming "all those in favor say Ike."

And for the Eisenhower faithful who bet successfully that he would run again, Manny is producing a button which says simply "So where's the money?"

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty probably will return to work next week after two weeks away from his White House hot spot. Jim spent four days of his "holiday" undergoing a check-up at Walter Reed hospital.

martinis" in Geneva last summer has caused a wry reaction at the White House.

No one close to the President eved heard of him drinking a martini, although when the Eisenhowers entertain, they sometimes have these high voltage gin-and-vermouth concoctions available for guests.

The President may have served martinis to Bulganin, but the bets around the White House are that Mr. Eisenhower stuck to scotch, himself. The question is: If Mr. Eisenhower did serve martinis to Bulganin, did he use American gin or vodka as a base?

Two Complaints Filed Against Lumber Firm

Two complaints were filed Tuesday morning in the Jackson county recorder's office by Thomas A. Tibbets and W. R. Chrisko against the E and B Lumber company.

Tibbets seeks judgment in the sum of \$1,596 for setting chokers and hooking logs for the company and asks an additional sum of \$206.82 for rental of a D-2 tractor.

Chrisko seeks judgment in the sum of \$2,378.56 for falling and bucking logs for the company and \$363.28 for hauling logs.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

There is trouble all over the world.

Greece wants to annex the island of Cyprus—which is owned by the British, who took it over a long time ago from the Turks. But its population is still heavily Greek—and the Greeks in Cyprus want Greek rule.

At the moment, an anti-British strike has just about paralyzed commercial life in the Mediterranean island.

A LITTLE farther to the east along the shores of the Mediterranean, the Israelis and the Arabs are at each other's throats. At the moment, the communists, led by Russia, are providing the Arabs with guns. The Israelis are insisting that they can hold their own against the Arabs.

Shooting could start there at any moment. If it starts, nobody knows where it will stop.

ALONG the Mediterranean shore of Africa the French are having plenty of grief. The French who have settled there over the generations want to run the show. The descendants of the natives who were there when the French came WANT TO RUN THE SHOW.

Plenty of blood is being spilled in Africa and in Paris the already shaky and insecure French government is being practically rent asunder by disagreements as to what should be done about it all.

AND SO ON all over the older world—especially in Asia, where more or less everybody seems to be more or less against everybody else.

And we're in the middle of it all. Above everything else in the world, we want peace—but at huge expense we have to keep ourselves ready to go to war at the drop of a hat.

Nobody is happy about the situation but the Communists. It's dark soup for them.

There are times when it looks like the world is getting ready to tear itself to pieces, with everybody butchering everybody else.

But—Do you reckon it's as bad as it looks?

I know it sounds bad now. The pages of history tell us there have been few golden eras of peace in the world. Always, somewhere, there has been war and bloodshed. Always, somewhere, somebody has been doing somebody else dirt.

Always, somewhere, AMBITIOUS MEN HAVE BEEN REACHING FOR MORE POWER—which lies at the root of a lot of trouble.

I wonder.

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