

President's Job Not Man-Killer Many Seem To Think, Past Records Indicate

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Washington—(U.P.)—Presidents of the United States earn their salaries right enough. But, this man-killing job business is mostly hokum.

Only six presidents have died in office, three of them by gun shot. Another was incapacitated. The average age at death is 68 years, mighty close to the allotted three score and ten.

More significantly, the survival average after leaving the White House is 13 years as of now.

The myth that the White House job is a man-killer is founded partly on the self-pity of some presidents during and after their terms of office. The White House associates and political pals of presidents have done much more to sell the idea that the job is almost suicidal. This is particularly true in election years when politically allied members of Congress at any time are likely to delay public business by telling the House or Senate how hard their man in the White House must work.

From Wilson On

Your correspondent began observing presidents closely when Calvin Coolidge was in office and had a peek or two at Woodrow Wilson before that. He has seen presidents who were having their bad days or weeks. But so do golfers, ball players and, even, non-political working stiffs. Have bad days and weeks. And some of them die comparatively young.

FDR didn't look so good toward the last, there, but he was full of boom clear through his second term. Mr. Big was around considerably longer than most and accepted a fourth nomination when he would have been better advised to seek hospital rest.

Counting the pay, the loose hours and fringe benefits, the presidency of the United States isn't a bad job at all. A good number of selfless patriots have their eyes on the White House right now for 1956 and later. There isn't one among them, including President Eisenhower, who would be likely to grab for a job that really killed.

Presidents are not the only public officials who get to feel-

bers of Congress get the blues, especially senators. Sometimes, when a senator passes on you would think he had been taking all his meals at his desk, and sleeping on it, to boot, to hear his colleagues tell it.

Not Since Copeland

There hasn't been so much of that since Sen. Royal S. Copeland departed. Copeland was also a medical doctor. It was his custom to sound off considerably back in the 20s and 30s when a colleague died. It al-

Judge Finds Smith's Petition Defective

Salem—(U.P.)—Woodrow Wilson Smith, the only man opposing Sen. Wayne Morse in the Democratic primary for U. S. senator, lost the first round of his move to have Senator Morse's name removed from the primary ballot but filed an amended affidavit through which he hopes to bring the legal action to issue.

Smith had petitioned the Marion county Circuit court to have the name of Morse removed from the May 18 ballot because it was his "information and belief Wayne Morse is not in fact a Democrat in good faith but is instead a Republican."

Marion County Circuit Judge Val Sloper held that Smith's original petition was defective and that a charge of fraud cannot be based on information and belief.

Smith immediately filed an amended affidavit with the court citing a number of declarations allegedly made by Morse, all prior to 1945, in which he stressed that he was a member of the Republican party.

Violence Kills 13 in Algerian Outbreaks

Algiers, Algeria—(U.P.)—Thirteen Frenchmen and Moslems are killed in scattered violence across revolt-torn Algeria Saturday.

The death-toll mounted steadily despite the French government's determined military and political offensive designed to end the month of fighting in the northwest African territory.

French officials estimated that some 80 per cent of the Moslem farmers will profit by the new agricultural reforms decreed by Premier Guy Mollet's government Friday.

The cabinet approved seven decrees aimed at improving living and working conditions for Moslems in Algeria. Mollet blamed low wages and unemployment for much of the unrest which has swept the territory for the past few months.

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ways was overwork, although in one instance it easily could have been bootleg liquor, over-eating, or, maybe, some other over-indulgence.

Copeland held that it was overwork, however, that killed senators and would put on quite a show. He did it over the years and held his audience until the day he proposed that the Senate do something about it. Make the working conditions better, Copeland said.

Wanted Sunlight

To start, Copeland proposed that the wall back of the presid-

ing officer be knocked out, that Senate chamber be extended through the marble room to an outside wall of glass.

"Let the sunlight in upon us," Copeland pleaded. "Let the sunlight in."

The late Claude Swanson, senator from Virginia, arose and addressed the chair. He said he was for the project, but he wanted to ask Copeland one question:

"How will the senator compel the sun to rise or set in the north?"

Copeland let the project drop.

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

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington—(U.P.)—Our Nats may not win the American league flag this year, but they'll be about the



Fanciest Dons in baseball. For instance, the letter "W" on their shirts will be in 3D, like in the flickers. The navy blue letter has a white edge with a scarlet edge sticking out beyond that.

Bill Flester of Wilson Sporting Goods outlet here has just returned from Orlando, Fla., where the Nats are flexing their biceps in spring training.

Made to Measure

Bill's job was to measure the 42-man squad, including Manager Chuck Dressen and the coaches, for new suits.

Since only 25 men will be carried when the season opens, some of the extra suits will have to be packed. A lot of them maybe never will be worn.

"Cal Griffith hopes that in the event of any future trades the extra suits will fit," Bill said.

Each ball hawk must have six suits. Three white ones for "at home" entertainment, and three gray ones for the road. The management provides the pants, shirts, cap, stockings and belt. These come at \$60 a copy.

The kids must buy their own gloves, shoes and T-shirts. Those incidentals run into money, too.

"A good catcher's mitt costs at least \$39.95," Bill said. "And a catcher must have at least two. One to use all of the time and another which he breaks in a little bit at a time. No catcher is worth his diamond dust without a 'well broke-in' mitt."

Shoes are Expensive

The club also buys the catcher's shin guards, protectors and mask.

Fleider's gloves rund around \$30 each, and big leaguers generally get a couple or more.

T-shirts are not expensive, but shoes come at \$25 a pair. And if a fly snagger works hard at it he can wear out at least three pairs a season.

Bats are expensive, too. The clubs furnish bats but some of

the big stars prefer to buy tailor-made bats of their own, and devil take the bat lad who hands a man the wrong stick.

Manager Dressen, who is built close to the diamond, was hard to fit. Being short, his shirt and pants have to have about three inches sawed off. He's pretty flush around the middle, too, but since he has elected to boss from the bench Chuck doesn't figure to kick through too many pairs of shoes.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

A Trial Separation May Strengthen a Marriage

Every child needs a feeling of security. However, financial security is less important than emotional security.

(Q) "I have been married for ten years and have two children, boys of 9 and

7 years. My husband and I don't get along well and fight constantly. In our fights, I would leave him if he didn't treat me better. My older son has heard us quarreling and asks me, from time to time, what would happen to him if I left. I have told him I would take him and his brother to live with my parents and get a job to support them. He gets very much upset and seems to brood over our quarrels. The younger boy is very fond of his grandparents and says he would rather live with them than with his father. I don't want to make life any harder for my sons than necessary but, at the same time, I don't think a wife should put up with the constant quarreling just for the sake of the children. Would it be better for the children if I went to live with my parents?"

(A) A home with one parent who goes out to work and leaves the children with the grandparents is certainly not ideal for children. Nor is a home where the parents are constantly quarreling.

I suggest you visit your parents for a month or so and see if the separation will help you and your husband to get along better. You and he may get a better perspective on your marriage, your problems and the needs of your children if you are apart for a short time.

See How Things Go

During that period, see how things go, both for you and the children. Your children may be happier with their grandparents, away from the friction of your home, than they were at home. You, too, may be happier, but you may find this a far from satisfactory arrangement for any more than a visit.

I am sure you and your husband could get along better and quarrel less if you both made the effort. It is unfair to yourselves and your children to behave as you have been behaving. Surely two adults who were enough in love to want to marry can come to some understanding if both are willing to do their share.

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WELCOMING HIS father-in-law to be, E. C. Daniel, Jr. (left), meets ex-President Harry S. Truman on Truman's arrival in New York for speaking tour. Daniel and Margaret Truman (right), recently engaged, will marry in April. (International)

River Commission to Draft New Compact

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—The ready written was unconstitutional. The final draft of the one to be written next week will be presented at public hearings in Oregon and northern California, ing sorry for themselves. Mem-

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Eisenhower Meets With Top Officials

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower presided Saturday at a top-secret conference on U. S. security programs.

The White House refused to discuss the session but there were hints it dealt with classified aspects of U. S. intelligence operations which may lead to an important presidential decision.

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Red Leaders Order Members Be Quiet

Rome—(U.P.)—Leaders of Italy's Communist party, biggest outside the Iron Curtain, Saturday slapped a gag on Red Parliament members because some had balked at the campaign to shatter the myth of Josef Stalin.

Italian Red leaders ordered party members to keep quiet after "leaks" told of violent squabbles over Moscow's decision to debunk the political and military genius of Stalin.

Party Boss Palmiro Togliatti allowed Communist Parliament members to speak their minds freely at a party debate Thursday. But some deputies spoke too freely—they revealed to newsmen that the session was a stormy one.

Togliatti was reported to have quelled the anti-Moscow revolt only by conceding Stalin's "greatness" despite his many errors.

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