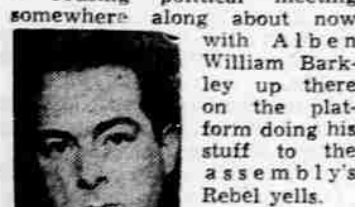


Barkley's Colorful Political Career Contained Frustration

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Washington—(U.P.)—There'll be rousing political meetings somewhere along about now with Alben Barkley up there on the platform doing his stuff to the assembly's Rebel yells.

And, as the servant of the Lord which he hoped to be, Barkley will serve up some hearty laughs for all hands present. It was his belief that a good laugh was appropriate in any company. Those who knew Barkley well will believe he was not long in resuming that speech so sadly interrupted in Lexington, Va., Monday evening. Yet, with all the charm and laughter that marked Barkley through a politician's well-rewarded life, the big Kentuckian was a frustrated man. He wanted to be president.

Elected in 1912

Taft was president, the Titanic had been only a few months sunk, when Barkley first was elected to Congress back in

1912. The Senate followed and in July, 1937, came Barkley's first big break. In the contest to elect a Democratic Senate leader following the death of Arkansas' Joseph T. Robinson, FDR intervened with a public letter which began, "Dear Alben." That was enough for wavering Democrats. Barkley won by a one-vote margin over the late Pat Harrison of Mississippi.

That triumph sent Barkley twice in pursuit of the vice presidential nomination, always in happy confidence that he had from Mr. Roosevelt a green light for that ambition. But in 1940 and again in 1944 Barkley's green light flickered out before the balloting, as it did for a considerable number of others who had believed FDR's friendly interest meant what he seemed to say. At one of those disappointing conventions, Barkley decided to refuse to deliver a scheduled keynote speech on grounds that Mr. Roosevelt had double crossed him. But he changed his mind in time and paid great tribute to the President. Barkley was a team man.

His lone rebellion was in February, 1944. FDR had vetoed in searing language a victory tax bill which Barkley and others

had pushed through. FDR's hand-picked Senate leader took the floor, raging, red-faced and almost explosive. He called the veto message "a calculated and deliberate assault upon the legislative integrity of every member of Congress."

"I do not intend to take this unjustifiable assault lying down," shouted Barkley, and promptly resigned his Senate leadership. By nightfall, Mr. Roosevelt was busy smoothing Barkley's feelings and the breach was patched—too soon, some Democrats thought.

Congress, however, overrode FDR's veto and Senate Democrats unanimously reelected Barkley to the leadership.

The high point of Barkley's life should have been in 1948-49 when, finally, he was nominated for vice president, and with former President Truman won an election which was counted lost. Happy congressional Democrats voted Barkley a \$2,000 gold medal at public expense for his share in that victory and Mr. Truman got a salary hike along with a fat tax-free expense account. The man from Kentucky served the vice-presidency well and became the nation's sweetheart as a beloved "Veep."

Chamber Greeters To Meet in Ashland

The Greeters committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will meet in Ashland with the Ashland Chamber of Commerce's Greeters committee Thursday, Russ Jamison, committee chairman, has announced.

Mrs. Lorena McNair, chairman of the Ashland Greeters committee, is in charge of arrangements there.

The "coffee clatche" will be held at Ann Hathaways cottage, and is another in a series of exchange meetings planned to extend cooperation to other Chambers and member cities. New members of the Ashland Chamber, representatives of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival and city officials will be guests.

Members of the Jackson county Chamber will meet at the Medford hotel at 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

NOT HIS DAY
Potsdam, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Policeman John Faubert went to a hospital for treatment of a head cut he suffered when he slipped and fell while washing a police car. Only three hours later the bandaged policeman had to return to the hospital for treatment of a dog bite suffered in the line of duty.

On The Side

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'Tis not the frost that freezes me,
Nor blowing snows inclemency,
'Tis not the cold that makes me cry
But my love's heart grown cold to me.
But had I wist, before I kissed,
That love had been so ill to win,
I'd locked my heart in a case of gold
And pinned it with a silver pin.
—Douglas

What is the official flower of your city? If you don't know, first blush for your ignorance and then call up the information bureau at the city hall and find out. The official flower of the beautiful borough of Brooklyn is the Forsythia. Keep that in mind. The next time you call on a Brooklyn girl bring her Forsythias instead of Roses or Orchids.

So They Say
Grace Kelly was born under Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Scorpio is the strongest, sexiest and most subtle sign of the Zodiac. Females born under that sign have great personal magnetism and analytical minds. A Scorpion is a "one man woman." That is, one man at a time. However, if a man is boring, excessively dominating or disloyal the Scorpio wife will quickly take steps to get rid of him. The Scorpio girls can hand out criticism but can't take it. Or so say the stargazers.

By E. V. Durling

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Asking
Queries from clients. Q. How much of the money wagered in the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes is reserved for the prize winners? A. Sixty per cent of the total is reserved for prizes. Of the remaining 40 per cent, the Irish hospitals get 25, the operator of the sweepstakes gets 15. Q. I say the play titled, "The Jest," featuring John and Lionel Barrymore was a curtain raiser for Ethel Barrymore's starring vehicle "Alice-Sit-By-The-Fire." Right? A. You are in error, sir. "The Jest" was a full length play featuring John and Lionel. Ethel had nothing to do with it. The curtain raiser for "Alice-Sit-By-The-Fire" was Barrie's play "Pantaloon." John and Lionel were featured in it.

Get It Right
Note the luxury liners the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth referred to as "twin steamships." That's wrong. Those boats differ in many respects. One of the major differences is that the Queen Elizabeth has stabilizers. The Queen Mary is not so equipped so when the seas are heavy the rock and roll is much greater on it than on the Queen Elizabeth.

Horses And Women
When it comes to figures, Marilyn Monroe has more than any of the women who have achieved fame because of their shapes. Or so says her press agent. It is possible the claim may be justified. I note it said Marilyn's measurements are 38½-23-34-36. That's one more measurement than possessed by any other streamlined beauty. Seems Miss Monroe has a "double hip" measurement, a lower hip and an upper hip. The 34 is her upper hip measurement, the 36 that of her lower hip.

Please Note
How many drinks should be extracted from a fifth of whiskey? How about a quart? One distiller says 17 drinks from a fifth. Twenty-one from a quart. The Scotch say limit from a quart is 18 drinks. Still 17 from a fifth, 21 from a quart is generous enough. But where can be found a bar that follows such a policy. In the average bar, the bartender is expected to get 25 drinks from a fifth.

Passing By
James Cain, brilliant Baltimorean, once a hard working newspaperman now enjoying a life of comparative leisure as a novelist. Jim first hit the spotlight as a novelist with that hot-cha tale titled, "The Postman Always Rings Twice." Among his other best sellers, all made into films, were, "Double Indemnity," "Mildred Pierce" and "Serenade."

Civil Service Position Exams Are Announced
The civil service commission has announced examinations for historians in various federal agencies in the Washington, D.C., area. Examinations for engineering aid in various federal government agencies in the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, also was announced.

Additional information and application forms may be obtained from Chester Silliman at the Medford post office.

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