



TO DISCUSS POLICIES — Japanese Foreign Minister Aichiro Fujiyama (right) arrives in Washington for three days of talks on Japanese and American policies. Here he is shown being greeted by Secy. of State John Foster Dulles at Washington Airport.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Alfred H. — My wife won't admit she's an alcoholic.
Mrs. L. H. — He must try to save himself and the children.

Alfred H. — Is there any possibility for happiness for a couple when the wife is an alcoholic, but won't admit it? My wife and I have been married 12 years and have three children. When we were married it was a kind of a joke with us that she could hold more liquor than I or any other man. As the years went on the drinking increased — and now she doesn't hold her liquor so well.

Our doctor suggested that she join AA, but after a few meetings she dropped out. She insists that she isn't an alcoholic because drinking hasn't interfered with her daily life. She's a fair housekeeper and the children haven't been neglected, but I am always afraid of something happening. My mother feels I ought to leave her.

Mrs. L. H. — It just isn't true that Helen's drinking hasn't interfered with her daily life. She drinks too much at parties and it creates a bad impression in the minds of Al's friends and business associates. I feel it has had a lot to do with his not advancing at a very fast rate in his career. Certainly, his constant worry affects his work.

The children, too, don't get as much attention as they should. Helen is always ready to palm them off on me or the neighbors for a few hours so that she can have a few cocktails. I say that there is hope if a woman is willing to acknowledge her faults and try to rectify them. But if she isn't, things will go from bad to worse. Alfred must try to save himself and the children.

The Council: We agree that Alfred must try to save his family, but we feel he must undertake the responsibility for deciding how this is to be done.

What is Mrs. L. H. doing in this picture? A mother's advice may at times be helpful, but Mrs. L. H. seems to have gone much too far when she is ready to tell her son to break up his marriage — even if she feels she has good reason.

The fact that Alfred leaves himself open to getting this kind of advice from his mother suggests that he does not have the personal strength and clarity he needs to cope with his admittedly difficult problem. Had he considered the possibility that he may in some way be failing his wife and contributing to her alcoholism?

We suggest this as a possibility that Alfred should look into. The fact that his wife was willing to go to a doctor and to attend a few AA meetings suggests that she is at least partially aware of her weakness and has some desire to help herself. Has Alfred spoken to the doctor and to members of AA about how he can help and encourage her? Is he willing to discuss the problem in its entirety with an objective, but qualified outsider — a social worker attached to an accredited agency or a psychiatrist?

Mrs. L. H. should recognize that her advice is very rash in view of the fact that she cannot possibly know all about her son's marriage. She blinds herself to the fact that the simple, but violent solution she proposes would beget even greater problems for Alfred and the children.

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Assistant Director of Fish Culture Named
Portland — (UP) — Reed C. White, former superintendent of the Klaskanine salmon hatchery, has been named assistant director of fish culture for the Oregon Fish Commission.

White will be succeeded at Klaskanine hatchery by Otto J. Bodie, former superintendent of Siletz hatchery.

Some tribes of the Pueblo Indians live on land grants in New Mexico that date back to the Spanish crown.

DAUGHTER TO WED
Cairo — (UP) — King Mohamed V of Morocco soon will announce the engagement of his oldest daughter, Aisha, to Moroccan Minister of Post and Telegraphs Mohamed Aouad, informed North African sources said today.

Accidental Gunshot Discharge Kills Man
Portland — (UP) — Marvin E. Taylor, 23, Portland, was killed on Sauvie island Wednesday afternoon when his .22 caliber rifle apparently discharged accidentally, police reported.

Fairview Head Explains Position

Salem — (UP) — Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent of Fairview Home for the mentally retarded here, said Thursday that if police officers with a warrant came to arrest one of his patients, he would release him.

Dr. Hill was referring to the possibility expressed by Washington County District Attorney Francis Linklater that he might try to arrest Fairview patient Dan Cate, 22, on an arson charge involving the recent burning of a Hillsboro church.

"This situation has never presented itself before," Dr. Hill said, "but if they came with a warrant, I would have to release him."
Neither the Marion county sheriff's office nor the state police here said they had received a warrant for service on Cate.

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