

Walter Norblad Turns Case of Pvt. Owens Into Stack of Favorable Press Clippings

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Washington—A member of the family of Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) was greeted the other day by an acquaintance who declared: "That was great what Walter did, just great."

The deed which this constituent so admired was Norblad's request to the Army to release Private Marvin Owens from military duty at Fort Ord, Calif., so that he could return to Oregon and try to defeat Norblad in the fall election.

Seldom is the public treated to what apparently is a gentlemanly act, a be-kind-to-your-enemy performance which comes as close as anything in politics to the Christian commandment that one should love his enemies.

If Private Owens is pleased to have been ordered home by his superiors so quickly on the heels of his telegraphic complaint to Rep. Edith Green, Congressman Norblad is no less pleased with the public attention this episode received.

Not only was the story told far and wide in the First congressional district of Oregon where Norblad and Owens will square off this fall, but it was carried in the big eastern newspapers as well. While the Oregon Republican lawmaker has taken a good natured ribbing from his con-

gressional cronies, he has revelled in the abundant publicity garnered from this simple act. But one in a group.

Penhyrn Island Blue Baby To Have Chance at Full Life

Seattle—(UPI)—Cecilia MacCauley is 4 years old today, and she celebrated her birthday by checking into the Children's - Orthopedic Hospital here.

During her few years, a lot has happened to Cecilia, one of 24 children of a Maori family on Penhyrn Island which belongs to New Zealand. Cecilia is a blue baby, which means she has a heart defect which will cut her life short unless surgery can correct the condition.

Adopted Daughter
That's why Cecilia, now the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James MacCauley, is going to the hospital. MacCauley is the resident agent of Penhyrn Island.

Earlier this year the MacCauleys met the Max Wyman family of Seattle while they were cruising in the Pacific aboard the 136-foot yacht, Wild Goose II. The Wymans decided they would help the MacCauleys in their desire to give Cecilia a full and normal life.

Washington, D. C., where each is but one of 435 U. S. representatives - and none gets quite the attention accorded to U. S. senators, cabinet members and the presidential family.

How to gain recognition in Washington in this highly competitive political field is ever so much more considerable a task for a congressman than to perform his duties faithfully, even to getting legislation enacted. For attention does not automatically become focused on meritorious working devices become the stock-in-trade of every smart politico in this big town.

No one in the Oregon congressional delegation has been more assiduous over the years in seeking ways of keeping his name before the voters back home than Walter Norblad. Because he never makes a speech in Congress or writes magazine articles, Norblad has been less successful than some other Oregon lawmakers of recent years. But he tries.

Case on Silver Platter
However, in this case, Norblad must thank the gentlewoman from Oregon, Mrs. Green, who handed him the Owens case on a silver platter. Norblad was at first perplexed when she suggested he help get Owens out of the Army so he could return to Oregon to launch his campaign against Norblad. But upon the advice of everyone in sight at the Capitol, he knew he could do nothing else - and the result has been the biggest package of press clippings Norblad has picked up all year.

One might be tempted to think that Democrat Green thought she might embarrass Republican Norblad by putting him on the spot, and that Norblad turned the tables on her and came out smelling like an Oregon rose. But the fact is these two Oregon solons have a very cooperative relationship in which virtually no partisanship prevails.

Norblad, in fact, has no trouble getting along with all the other members of the Oregon delegation, all Democrats. For Norblad never tangles with the Democrats on public issues or blasts their proposals. Norblad is no Sam Coon, taking on Dick Neuberger in a public debate on the power question; nor is he a Harris Ellsworth working hand-in-glove with the GOP leaders to put across the party program and protect its lines of argument.

Not a Guy Cordon
Neither is Norblad a Guy Cordon, introducing and pushing through controversial legislation desired by the Republican administration. In a word, he gives the Democrats no trouble and receives none in return. This is part of the Norblad success formula, which Coon, Ellsworth and Cordon lacked in going down to defeat. And this is part of Norblad's charm as far as the Democrats are concerned, which is underscored by the realization that Norblad is probably the only high-ranking Oregon Republican who had never been publicly roasted by Sen. Wayne Morse.

Preserving Problem Solved By Doctors
San Francisco—(Science Service)—The problem of preserving whole blood for use when needed was considerably eased recently with the announcement that a recently developed preservative can keep enough red blood cells alive to permit safe and effective blood transfusions with blood 30 days old.

Mailmen Get Warning To Follow Instructions
Atlanta, Ga.—Mailmen had a special warning from postal authorities to follow their own instructions to the public. The warning was issued after someone complained that he saw mailmen collecting mail from two separate boxes, one marked "Out of Town" and the other "Local." The mailman just dumped them all together in his sack and truded off.

Auto Club Suggests What Wines to Order
New York—"What wine to order when" is suggested in the following series of tips for European tourists from Automobile Club of America experts:

1. Always proper and usually the least expensive is "vin ordinaire."
2. The wine steward is always ready and willing to offer suggestions.
3. Instead of cocktails before lunch or dinner, try dry sherry or Madeira, served chilled.
4. With fish, fowl and cold meats, order dry white wines.
5. Red wines, of course, with beef, lamb or veal.

Bent Brigham hospital, Harvard Medical school, said clinical tests showed the preparation can be safely stored in routine hospital blood bank practice up to 30 days after collection. The preservative, Citrate-Phosphate-Dextrose, was developed at Harvard Medical school in 1956.

Dr. Gibson said the School's laboratories have now used the preservative to store blood from 27 to 32 days with an average red blood cell survival of 75 per cent. The accepted safe minimum survival of red blood cells for transfusion is 70 per cent.

Earlier this year Peter Bent Brigham hospital used CPD-preserved blood in open heart surgery. No harmful reactions were recorded.

Dr. Gibson said the red blood cells' ability to remain in circulation and function normally after transfusion has been confirmed by tagging the cells with radioactive chromium.

Police Catch Thieves Stealing Burglar's Loot
Glendale, Calif.—It's getting so a hard-working burglar can't even leave his loot unguarded.

Police officers passing a Glendale music store in the early morning captured a burglar. While they were talking to the prisoner, two other men stopped by—and started helping themselves to radios, hi-fi equipment and musical instruments the burglar had placed in his car. They too were arrested.

Single Woman Show Continues to Entertain
West Orange, N.J.—Nine years after her entertainment group disbanded, Jean Rapicano is still carrying on with a one-woman marionette show to entertain shut-in children. "When money is spent, it's gone for good," she says, "but the satisfaction I get from entertaining those youngsters will stay with me always."

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