

Washington Hopes Harvard's Progress Will Continue With Keppel

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 Cambridge, Mass. — (AP) — President James Bryant Conant of Harvard was looking for a dean to revive the University's school of education 14 years ago. A young man named Francis Keppel was helping him.

Ironically, Keppel got the job. President John F. Kennedy was looking last month for a man to breathe new life into the U. S. Office of Education. Dean Keppel was helping him in the search.

Once more, Keppel the recruiter was recruited. Like Mystery Story "It's like one of those mystery stories where the character who seems to be helping the detective turns out to be the culprit," remarked one Harvard associate of the 46-year-old dean.

The hope in Washington is that history will go on repeating itself and the U. S. Office of Education will make the same progress that Harvard's School of Education made under Keppel's imaginative leadership.

The school was a barren island on the Harvard landscape 14 years ago. Today it is a fertile source of teachers, administrators and guidance people. It also is a fountainhead of ideas and teaching programs with nationwide acclaim.

Keppel is silent about the conditions, if any, under which he accepted the job of heading the poorly regarded office of education. But the understanding is that he will be given some freedom to recruit brains.

Recruiting at Harvard
 He recruited students and faculty members at Harvard with startling success and moulded the whole into a new institution.

Judge Prods Hoffa Attorneys

Nashville, Tenn. — (AP) — Attorneys in the conspiracy trial of Teamsters president James Hoffa were under orders today to stop to the "essentials of the case" and to stick to the witness after details.

"I have never seen such a microscopic examination of a situation in my seven years on the bench," federal Judge William Miller said Wednesday. He told attorneys for both sides to bend every effort to "focus attention on the facts and not pile up the record with cumulative evidence."

He said he saw no use of repeating testimony about facts of the case over which there is no dispute.

Hoffa is accused of sharing in a \$1 million payoff which the government charges came from Commercial Carriers Inc. to promote labor peace for the company. Commercial is a nationwide automobile transport firm with headquarters in Detroit.

The trial is heading the end of its eighth week.

Grange News

Upper Applegate
 The Upper Applegate Grange has postponed the event when first and second degrees will be conferred by the Grange, according to Mrs. Anna Scott, Grange master.

The event had been scheduled Friday, Dec. 14, but has been postponed until Jan. 11 due to the Christmas program being given at the Ruch school that date.

All county Granges have been invited to send candidates to the meeting in January.

School News

Prospect School
 The junior class at Prospect High school is selling Christmas wreaths again. Class members have sold wreaths each year since they were freshmen here. The wreaths were made this year by Mrs. Cathy Wilson, Mrs. Geneva Andresson and Mrs. Mable Millard.

Two different types of wreaths are being offered, one in a circular shape, the other a swag. Persons interested in purchasing them may contact any junior.

Two more students have joined the Prospect student body. They are Tallayah Gorum, a freshman transfer from Galt High school, and Lois Ann Governor, a freshman transfer from Medford.

Students attended a dance last month at the Prospect Community hall. Live music was provided by the Nite-lighters, a newly formed band composed of Monte Chapman and Wayne Millard, lead guitarists; Wayne Chapman, drummer, and Wes Millard, Cording guitarist.

In Washington, it will be a matter of recruiting "super-graduate" men and women who will lend character and strength to the administration's bogged-down education program.

Keppel seems to have inherited a rare talent for just the kind of leadership the job calls for. His father, Frederick P. Keppel, was dean of Columbia college and later president of the Carnegie Corporation.

In an essay of appreciation after the elder Keppel's death, Henry James, the novelist, wrote, "his genius was cooperative. He lubricated, and facilitated, and fostered."

Say He Is Genius
 Keppel's influence went far beyond Harvard — to dozens of other universities and teachers colleges, to such international efforts as the Ashby Commission which drew up a blueprint for education in Nigeria.

He has worked closely with the Physical Sciences Study Committee, a brainchild of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which is revolutionizing science teaching methods.

Chairman of Committee
 He has been chairman of the Harvard Committee on Program Instruction which fostered B. F. Skinner's famous teaching machine — the device that keeps pupils intelligently occupied while teacher is working with problem children.

He raised \$2.75 million to build a new school of education.

In Washington He Faces New Problems
 The greatest one is in the bitter conflict that has long existed between competing educational groups and which prevents all teachers from forming a united front. But he has a peculiar advantage. Keppel is not a professor, an academic highbrow or a snob. He has no degree beyond his Harvard B. A.

In Form of Lectures
 He is not a school teacher. His only "school teaching" has been in the form of lectures at the school of education.

"Yet he has a foot in both camps," said former Harvard Dean Wilbur J. Bender. "One of the complaints about the office of education is that professors passing through Washington never drop in. A good guess is that they will be coming to Washington for the main purpose of dropping in on Keppel who may know more deans and professors than any man alive."

Has Sharp Nose
 "You can bet that he'll find out damn quick who the good people are," said one of Keppel's Harvard colleagues. "He has the sharpest nose for competence and ability that I've ever seen."

Besides his Harvard experience, Keppel was a troop information and education specialist in World War II, serving as Secretary of the Joint Army-Navy Committee on Welfare and Recreation.

He'll find plenty of old army buddies in Washington. And you can add service as a member of President-elect Kennedy's task force on education in 1960, Keppel's work on this task force, which drew up the Administration's Federal Aid program, earned the new commissioner an accolade from the powerful National Education Association (NEA).

Receives Full Support
 William G. Carr, NEA Executive Secretary, said Keppel would "receive full support of the NEA in his efforts to secure enactment of that program of National Support for Public Education which the President has rightly described as the most important item of domestic legislation."

This will be Keppel's principal goal in Washington and he comes to the task well prepared.

The Keppel family lives in a two-family house in Cambridge, Mass., which Keppel bought with former Harvard government Prof. Daniel S. Cheever, now of the University of Pittsburgh.

Breaking up Clique
 Keppel's involvement in Washington affairs undoubtedly stems at least in part from his long friendship with

presidential aide McGeorge Bundy.

Bender relates somewhat mournfully that President Kennedy, Harvard class of 1940, is breaking up the tennis clique that included Bundy and Keppel.

"Bundy is a little better than Keppel. Frank plays a dashing, free-swinging sort of game and plays for the fun of it. Mac has the advantage of hitting left-handed and plays a cagey game with a lot of spin on the ball," Bender said.

"We used to have a lot of fun. They were noisy games with a lot of shouting and psychological warfare."

Bender, who worked closely with Keppel at Harvard, said he was known for his easy, friendly, informal manners and dry wit.

A faculty wife gave him credit for being "so broadly educated that he can talk well on almost any topic. I don't know where he gets time to read but he seems to know everything."

"Of course, this puts him on good terms with specialists in an age when the academic world is full of specialists. I think Washington is going to love him."

With one proviso, warns Bender: He and Bundy had better not be too noisy on the sedate tennis courts in Georgetown.



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