

Adam Clayton Powell—1

Controversial Congressman Voices Bland Indifference To Notoriety

Editor's Note: "These attacks haven't hurt me with my people." That's the way Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.) reacts to criticism of his activities. The following dispatch, the first of three about the Harlem Negro, explores some of these criticisms and how Powell views them.

By LOUIS CASSELS and ARNOLD SAWILAK
Washington — (AP) — At a recent news conference on Capitol Hill, a reporter asked Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.):

"Does it bother you to be called an adult delinquent?"
Powell's handsome tan face broke into an elfin smile.
"No," he replied. "Not at all." A bland indifference to notoriety is one of the uncommon traits that have made Powell the most talked-about member of the 88th Congress.

Not since the heyday of the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) has a lawmaker managed to stir up so much

controversy as Powell. The urbane, 54-year-old Negro leader has outraged some Americans and delighted others, by zealously pursuing the rarely combined careers of playboy, preacher and politician.

Disregards Convention
His genius for trampling on conventional ideas of how a minister and — or a congressman should behave has been expressed in a fluttering variety of ways.

Item: He has hung a sign on the door of his congressional offices telling visitors, in effect, to go away.

Item: He married his secretary, raised her government salary from \$3,074 to \$12,974 a year, and encoined her in a \$70,000 beach house in Puerto Rico to earn her pay at a distance of 1,500 miles from Washington. When criticized for all of this, he blithely acknowledged: "I think nepotism is wonderful."

Item: He left Washington in the midst of last year's congressional session for a

month-long tour of Europe, accompanied by two attractive young women members of his staff, all of them traveling on government funds. When asked whether it was proper for him to include night clubs and beach resorts in his itinerary, he replied that he could hardly be expected to "go to Paris and spend all the time in Notre Dame."

Criticized Widely
For these and many other flamboyant — and aggressive — actions against popular ideas of propriety, Powell has been criticized by his colleagues in Congress, upbraided by newspaper editorials, and rebuked by some prominent Negro leaders.

But there are two groups which evidently find no fault with Adam Clayton Powell. They are the Negro and Puerto Rican voters of the 18th Congressional District of New York who have elected him to the House 10 times by huge majorities and the members of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, who have retained him as their pastor through three marriages, two divorces, a trial for income tax evasion which resulted in a hung jury, and repeated demonstrations of his sophisticated tastes in wine, women, food and festivity.

Since his constituents and his congregation are the only people whose opinions greatly matter to Powell, he can afford to be carefree about the vituperation heaped on his head from other directions.

"These attacks haven't hurt

me with my people," Powell said in an interview with UPI reporters.

"On the contrary, they have strengthened my position at home. The folks in Harlem know that I'm being attacked because I'm a Negro — and because I've won a place in the power structure of American society from which to battle for their rights."

Heads Important Committee
Powell's "place in the power structure" is the chairmanship of the House Education and Labor Committee, which handles a large portion

of President Kennedy's domestic legislative program.

He served notice recently that he feels the Kennedy administration is "moving too slow" on civil rights and he may prod it along by adding his so-called "Powell Amendment" — a rider forbidding any racial discrimination in programs financed partly by federal funds — to domestic legislation coming out of his committee.

The more aggressive posture he has lately assumed on racial issues also is reflected in his demands that Negroes

take full control of the leadership posts in all organizations, such as the NAACP, which are working for their betterment.

Powell says Negro organizations should "welcome the support of white people, but not in policy-making posts."

"The white man has given the Negro in America just about as much as he intends to," he declares. "The Negro masses from here on must take their place in the democratic picture in America under their own leadership and through their own power."

"We will achieve only that which we fight for, and it can only be done by those organizations that are totally owned, controlled and maintained by the Negro people."

Next: How Powell became a Negro leader.

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Dennis the Menace



"HE MAY LIKE GOLF, BUT HE HATES THAT LITTLE BALL!"

Faculty Member's Article Accepted

Ashland — Dr. Harold Barrett, assistant professor of speech at Southern Oregon college, has received notice that his article, "The Lamp of Henry Grady," has been accepted for publication in the September issue of "Today's Speech Association of the Speech," a journal of the Eastern States.

The article is an analysis of the famous speech, "The New South," that Henry Grady, as editor of the Atlanta "Constitution," gave before the New England Society of New York in 1886.

Although the speech has been analyzed many times, Barrett believes that no one has sufficiently explained Grady's use of the symbols that helped to effect the great response given by the audience.

Odds seemed to have been against Grady. He was but 36 years old, was relatively unknown to the audience, and was the first southerner to appear before them. Immediately before he stood to speak, General Sherman, who had marched through Georgia, criticized him as a backwoods Georgia planter, and just before Grady began, the group sang "Marching Through Georgia."

"By the time Grady finished," reported the New York Times, "every man in the room was brought to his feet with waving handkerchiefs and sonorous cheers."

Barrett's article is a study of how Grady identified his message with the thoughts, feelings, and attitudes of the listeners through the handling of sectional symbols, primarily the symbols of the Puritan and the Cavalier.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

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Two officers, Maj. Hugh G. Simpson, Ashland, and Maj. R. A. Forbes, Medford, received Air Force longevity ribbons in addition to Air Force Reserve medals.

Others receiving the medals were Maj. D. D. Farnham, Maj. R. F. Kyle, Mjr. H. W. Andrews and Lt. Col. E. B. Jackson.

Lt. Col. W. G. Beard, Medford, is squadron commander of the unit. He was commended by the inspecting officer.

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