

Howard Morgan's Term Extended In FPC Position

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Washington (Special) - The White House is giving Howard Morgan an extra month or more on his expired term at the Federal Power Commission by virtue of indecision on his successor. If they don't come up with a nomination soon, Morgan may use his spare time to write a book about the New Frontiersmen he has encountered - and it won't be a hymn of praise by any means.

Ever since he made public a letter to President Kennedy last winter in which he said he didn't want another appointment when his term expired June 22, Morgan has been a center of controversy in Washington - as he often was in Oregon when he was Democratic state chairman.

Morgan got bawled out by one of President Kennedy's top aides for not playing the political game according to New Frontier rules. If he wanted to return to his Deschutes county ranch, the White House thought the least he could do was to leave quietly and inconspicuously. But that's not Howard Morgan's style.

Then he got hauled up before a House investigating committee, when he was badgered about the head and shoulders by Republicans and some Democrats who treated him like a common cold for suggesting that the private utility industry ought to be regulated with some of the vigor the Kennedys advocate for physical fitness. The committee failed to investigate any of the areas Morgan suggested, and the whole affair concluded in a mutuality of contempt.

It Didn't Work
If this experience was designed to disgrace Morgan and discredit his criticism, somehow it didn't work out that way.

A New York book publishing firm asked him to tell his story between hard covers. The Saturday Evening Post has invited him to use their pages to speak out. He's in demand as a public speaker.

The public power side of the industry awarded him the Leland Olds award, named for the late FPC chairman during the Truman era.

Moreover, the political ties he values haven't been damaged by the experience, chiefly his relations with Sen. Wayne Morse and Rep. Edith Green. Although Congresswoman Green got Kennedy to appoint Morgan to the FPC, and she continues to be a Kennedy loyalist, she secretly admires Morgan for saying what he thinks. She held a party for him the week his term expired to show her esteem for the fellow who was most responsible for her entry into big time politics.

All of this adds up to but one thing: Morgan is leaving Washington but not leaving politics; and the only question is when and where he will choose to strike out in his next bid for public office.

There is no question but what he would like to be governor. If lightning should hit Gov. Mark Hatfield politically next year, putting him on a successful GOP national ticket, the governorship would be open to a newcomer. But presumably Hatfield would retain his present office, whatever happened on the national scene, through the 1964 election. If he lost, he would still be governor until 1966 when his term is up; and if he won, he would be succeeded by the president of the Oregon state senate.

Morgan, meanwhile, has plenty of time to chart his course. He said he didn't come to Washington to write brilliant dissenting opinions, but that is just about how his experience here turned out. Surely that is how he is expected to spend the next few weeks until the White House can find someone to take his place.

That quest is made difficult by Morgan's past criticism, for the administration wants a new commissioner with something of Morgan's independence, to pacify the public power groups, but none of his rebellious spirit. Right down to the wire, Morgan is making life uncomfortable for the New Frontiersmen - but this is nothing compared to what it might be if he does put everything he thinks in a book.

TRANSFERRED
Seaman Ronald Leaverton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leaverton, 1006 Hamilton st., has recently been transferred from Adak, Alaska, to the USS Yorktown docked in Long Beach, Calif.



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Religion in America

Pope Paul Inherits Affection Christians Had for Predecessor

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No Pope in a thousand years has begun his pontificate with a greater reservoir of good will than Paul VI. As he takes up the lonely burdens of his office, Protestants and Eastern Orthodox Christians are praying as earnestly as the world's half-billion Catholics that he may be truly guided by the Holy Spirit.

The unprecedented interest which non-Catholics are taking in the new Pope is a carry-over of the vast affection they had for his predecessor. By the sheer force of goodness, Pope John XXIII changed the whole image of the papacy for the non-Catholic world. During his reign, it was possible for those outside the Catholic fold to hear the authentic voice of a Good Shepherd speaking from the Throne of St. Peter.

Pope Paul is too brilliant and sensitive, too aware of the world, not to realize that his present popularity is a legacy. And, as he made clear in his first formal address, he is not ashamed to acknowledge his inheritance. He is quite willing to be known as the Pope who came after the great John XXIII, and tried to carry on his work.

Use Word 'Continue'
In outlining the aims of his pontificate to the College of Cardinals, he repeatedly used the word, "continue."
He said his "preeminent" concern would be the continuation of the Ecumenical Council summoned by Pope John and automatically suspended by his death.
He also promised to "continue with full dedication the

great work started by our predecessor" in attempting to "restore the unity" of the Christian family.

"We are opening our arms to all those who take pride in the name of Christ," he said. "We are calling them by the precious name of brothers, and let them know that they will find in us constant understanding and benevolence."

Despite his devotion to John XXIII's goals of renewal and reunion, Paul VI is by no means a carbon copy of his predecessor. On the contrary, he differs from him very strikingly in temperament and personality, and it would be unreasonable for anyone to expect him to do things in the same style.

Peasant's Son
John XXIII was a peasant's son who retained an unaffected humility and simplicity all

of his life. He had an irrepressible sense of humor, a natural affection for all sorts of people, and an innate dignity which could not be marred by the most outrageously informal conduct. Like St. Francis, he manifested the rare combination of a Christ-like, self-denying character with a happy, outgoing personality.

Paul VI is an introvert and an intellectual, intense in his feelings but disciplined in the expression of them. He is subject to melancholy moods. His compassion for humanity is said to be great, but it seems unlikely that he will display it with the same kind of spontaneous little gestures which so endeared John XXIII to the world.

Being a good Pope, however, is not the same thing as winning a popularity contest. And there are reasons for

suspecting that Paul VI may prove to be even more effective than his great predecessor in pursuing their common goals.

The reasons include his relative youth and vigor, and the reasonable expectation of a fairly long pontificate.

Old Vatican Hand

Also, as an old Vatican hand who spent 30 years in the secretariat of state, he knows the varied and wondrous ways in which curia professionals may sidetrack and smother papal initiatives of which they disapprove. He is not likely to be as patient with such obstructionism as was the kindly old man whose slippers he seeks to fill.

The curia conservatives did not approve of Pope John's Ecumenical Council. They tried to talk him out of it, and when they failed in that, they

sought to postpone the date indefinitely. When it met last fall over their protests, they tied it up in protracted debate over draft statements which they had prepared, and which were directly contrary to the spirit of renewal and reunion.

The tolerance which Pope John displayed toward these tactics dismayed many of the progressive bishops at the council, and it was not until weeks after the council met that they felt sure enough of the Pope's support to get on with the work of "updating" and reforming the church.

When Paul VI summons the council back into session, it is a safe bet that things will move faster.

A covered bridge in this city, built in 1333, is believed to be the oldest such span still standing.

Scholarship Goes To Valley Student

Miss Linda Cornutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cornutt, Old Stage rd., Central Point, has received a \$1,000 Jackson Foundation scholarship.

Southern Oregon college in September, where she has an A minus grade average. She plans to obtain an elementary teacher's certificate.

A graduate of Crater High school, she participated in 4-H club work, and earned several prizes in state demonstration contests.

The late Maria C. Jackson, widow of the founder of the Oregon Journal, provided in her will for the Jackson foundation.

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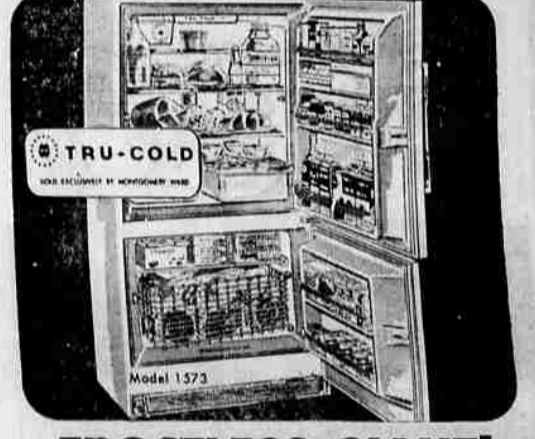
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