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Nepotism

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

I reported about a week ago on the sending of a letter to each of our congressional representatives requesting information on whether or not they were employing any of their relatives on their staff payroll.

Today, I received an answer from Rep. Al Ullman and I'd like to pass it along to you.

He wrote, "Thank you for your frank letter of March 23. Your inquiry is certainly a fair one, and you and your readers are entitled to know if nepotism exists in the office of your elected representative."

"I have no relatives on my payroll. The names and salaries of my entire staff were published in the Oregon press, carried on AP wire, February 28, 1959."

"My Oregon office is located at 1875 Valley Street, Baker, Oregon, and the rental on this space is \$100 per month. This office is staffed by my field assistant, Ron Ahern, and two part-time secretaries, Adeline C. George and Theresa Ahern."

"Whereas, like most citizens, I am opposed in principle to the hiring of relatives and probably would not do so under any circumstances, I feel that in most such cases a blanket condemnation renders a great disservice. There are many instances where competent relatives are rendering an invaluable service to their employer and to the people of their District."

"I think this answers your inquiry fully, but if you have any further questions, I will certainly be glad to hear from you."

"This is clearly a commendable attitude, and Congressman Ullman is to be congratulated on his viewpoint."

He brings up an important point.

As he said, there are instances where competent relatives are rendering an invaluable service in some capacity. I would not attach the objectionable label of nepotism to such instances.

The big question is how you distinguish. I think that all that can be done is lay all the facts, including working hours, job and salary paid before the people and let them be the final judge.

After all, they are the final judge anyway, and exercise their judgment at the ballot box.

Centennial

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Candidates for the Mrs. Oregon Centennial contest are wanted.

And they are wanted very much indeed if Klamath County is going to participate in Oregon's part of the annual Mrs. America contest.

Any Klamath County homemaker, over the age of 21 years, is eligible to be a candidate.

Ben Swartz, curator at the Klamath County Museum and county chairman for the Oregon Centennial, says Klamath County women are showing more than a normal amount of shyness in entering the contest.

As a matter of fact, contestants are staying away in droves, he said this week.

He hasn't had one single entry.

The entry blanks are available from his office at the museum and there are not many days left before the April 10 deadline when the entries must be mailed to Portland.

Nine candidates from around the state will compete for the state title of Mrs. Oregon Centennial on May 7, 8 and 9.

He suggests that you nominate your married daughter, mother, grandmother, neighbor or favorite bridge partner.

There is nothing to buy nor any box tops to send in. The contest is to select a capable homemaker and mother to represent this area and, we can hope, the state of Oregon.

White House Notes

By MERRIMAN SMITH

UPI White House Reporter

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Backstairs at the White House:

Conditions seem ripe for a new go-around of stories about President Eisenhower's health.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said earlier this week that the President's doctor, Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, wanted Eisenhower to get away to a warmer climate for rest, relaxation and exercise.

Unless pressing events develop in the meantime, the Chief Executive probably will fly to Augusta, Ga., next Monday or Tuesday.

Thus, there may be some who will reach the conclusion that he is going south on doctor's orders.

By the time this gets told and retold a few times, his Augusta trip may be billed eventually as having been made for medical reasons.

According to the people who seem to know the President best,

this would be a complete nonsense.

Basically, Eisenhower's health is good for a man of his age and medical history, and no deterioration of health is involved in his tentative plan to go south.

There are a number of factors behind Snyder's desire to have the President rest in a warmer climate.

One is that Eisenhower has gone four months without much exercise. This is not an optimum condition in the opinion of Snyder.

If the doctor had his way, the President would play golf three times a week to work off tension and keep his weight down. But Washington winter weather is not golfing weather and the President has been reluctant to leave town during the illness of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, the crisis over Berlin, and the embattled progress of his legislative program in Congress.

Too, if the President doesn't get a fairly long break in April, chances for a golfing holiday will be fairly remote at least until after the adjournment of Congress in July or August. The President has an unusually heavy list of foreign visitors on his schedule for May and June and July will be devoted to the closing days of Congress.

It is just possible that August will be dominated by a summit meeting abroad.

So, it seems to be a matter of now or never as far as any sort of vacation is concerned.

More than a little salesmanship has been required to bring Eisenhower around to even tentative planning for a week or 10 days in Georgia. This may seem odd to some of his critics who picture him as a constant golfer, but it nonetheless is true.

A shift in world conditions or the development of some urgent matter not readily visible to the public always could change his present intention to go south. But as of today, conditions seem quite favorable for a trip next week.

Tradition Dented

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every once in a while a politician leaves this citadel of stuffy party platitudes after a career which makes you feel like saying: "Thanks for some cool air, for a change."

Meade Alcorn is such a one.

With a few moments of frankness he dented, although the dent disappeared fast, the long tradition which seems to require political big-wigs to slam-bang the opposition only and never admit defeat beforehand.

Alcorn, 51, did his share of slam-banging before he resigned Wednesday as chairman of the Republican National Committee after more than 22 months of trying to steer his party down a victory road.

But it was his plain talk — months before the 1958 elections — that his party figured to lose which anguished some of his fellow-Republicans and astonished politicians of both parties.

Alcorn, a lawyer who is going back to his practice in Connecticut, looked over the prospects last April and announced to newsmen "it isn't in the cards" for the Republicans to win the Senate.

He thought his party might barely make it in the House.

Among politicians this umbrella of gloom which Alcorn raised over his party's chances may have seemed unheard of, unnecessary, unprofessional and even unsporting. It was certainly unorthodox.

But it was realistic. And it was justified, for what seemed at the time like wild optimism from his opposite number, Paul Butler, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, turned out to be rather conservative.

Butler predicted the Democrats would win perhaps 12 seats from

the Republicans in the Senate and 49 in the House. In the 1958 elections they actually took 13 Republican Senate seats and 47 in the House.

It was the biggest Democratic victory since early New Deal days.

But Alcorn gave his party another dose of jolting frankness last January when the Republican National Committee met in Des Moines to hold a wake over the 1958 disaster and plan for victory in 1960.

Alcorn told committee members they had better dream up a new look for the party or get set for another shellacking.

"Today," he said, "we are being out-voted, out-talked, out-spent and out-worked by an alert, disciplined, politically astute opposition."

"In politics you can't stand still. Either you go forward or you go backward. And it's high time for the Republican party to shift gears. It's time we snatched off the 'big-business' false-face that the Democrats placed on us years ago."

"It's time we erased the dollar sign they painted on our vest," Alcorn, like Butler on the other side of the fence, had no easy time trying to get Republicans to see eye-to-eye or work together.

Butler has to try to keep Southern Democratic conservatives running happily in the same harness with Northern liberals. Alcorn had the same task with the conservatives and liberals of his party.

Even if Alcorn made a policy of sweet-talk he couldn't have pleased everybody.

Highly conservative Rep. Clare Hoffman, Michigan Republican, was so outraged by Alcorn's selection to be the party's general in January 1957 that he reacted immediately with this statement: "The conservative wing of the Republican party has been liquidated and is about to be buried."

Office Circus

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The greatest remaining indoor circus in America is the average business office.

It has more acts than Barnum and Bailey ever dreamed of. But one of the best shows is watching how the animals in the office zoo go about starting their daily circus routine.

Here are some typical star performers you can see in action in your own office practically every morning:

Alibi Ike — "The Doc told me I oughta stay in bed at least a couple more days," he says on arrival. This means he really is too sick to work, and no matter what goes wrong during the day you can't blame him as he is a real hero to be there at all.

The Quick Change Artist — This ambitious secretary gets to the office five minutes early so she can erase her ride-the-bus face and replace it with her greet-the-boss face. As soon as the boss is in his sanctum, she goes downstairs to the drugstore and spends a half hour at breakfast.

The Supreme Organist — The initial problem of the boss is to decide which button to press among the row of buzzers on his desk.

"Let me see," he muses, "who'll I scare first today?"

The Proud Grouch — He speaks to no one, but takes out pen and pad and starts figuring how many more months, days and hours he will have to spend in this wilderness of ineptitude before he can retire and start mingling with a better class of people.

The Guilty Innocent — Feverishly he sets about doing work he should have finished yesterday, and he hopes nobody will find him out. What he doesn't realize is that 9 out of 10 people in the office still are putting off the work they

should have done the day before yesterday.

The Boy Wonder — This pink-cheeked junior executive fidgets until 9:03 a.m., then bursts in on the boss to brag about all the work he did at home the night before.

The boss is impressed. He makes a mental note to fire the guy at the first opportunity — to safeguard his own job.

The Efficiency Expert — He strides briskly into his office, closes the door, then lies down and takes a three-hour nap. He feels perfectly safe. Nobody ever watches an efficiency expert. They figure he's always watching them.

Plumbing In Doubt

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A cultural exhibit to be opened by the United States in Moscow on July 4 is said to be taking shape fast. But the fate of what was to have been one of our proudest displays hangs in doubt.

The Russians, according to recent sorrowful testimony by exhibit officials, insist on handling all the plumbing for our big show in their own inscrutable way. So it's anybody's guess now whether the 150 gleaming toilets and related items which we have dispatched to Moscow will be operational at the exhibit exactly as planned.

"There are some things," admitted Harold C. McClellan, the show's general manager, "on which we (and the Russians) have not had a complete meeting of the minds. This is one of them."

Arrangements for the U. S. exhibit in Moscow were made during an "on" period in Russia's on-again off-again campaign of international sweetness and light. Under the agreement the Russians will be running a similar show this summer in New York City.

Our show in Sokolniki Park will cost \$3,600,000. Officials say this is a bargain. They expect 3,500,000 Russians to see the exhibits.

"We hope to show a cross-section of the U. S. and its people," McClellan told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "how they live, how they work, what they do on Saturdays, what they do over the weekend."

"Don't go too far on that," cautioned Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), whose ideas of the typical American Saturday night can only be guessed at: "I mean you have got to use reason."

McClellan indicated he would.

Two big buildings to house the show have been prefabricated in this country for shipment to Russia. They will be mostly glass and aluminum and one will be capped by a gold anodized aluminum dome 78 feet high and 200 feet across. After a run of six weeks the show will be closed and Russia will buy the buildings at half the \$750,000 they cost us.

Outside, entertainers like Danny Kaye will perform on a bandstand. Inside, Ivan will see an updated version of the Centerama 360 degree movie that was popular at Brussels plus assorted displays on science, technology and art, including a complete home, a Cadillac and a Rambler, and 50 "first rate" American paintings.

On the latter point, Fulbright, who is hard to please, commented, "It will be hard to find that many."

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), an old Russian-hand after his marathon talk with Khrushchev last fall, brought up the matter of the bathroom facilities.

"There is reason to believe according to some of our observers," he said, "that this might be one of the most impressive exhibits that could be made."

"Senator," replied McClellan, wearily, "I did the best I could. I arranged here in the United States for delivery to the Soviets of 150 toilets if they would install them and put a building over them."

We even offered to help on that, but they said they would prefer to do it their own way and that they would provide adequate facilities. Senator, there are many problems involved."

Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), then wound up the discussion as follows:

"I will wager you will have big water boxes about 8 feet high. You will yank a chain, and it will sound like a TVA dam broken loose."

Gore has been around.

Quotes

United Press International

CHICAGO — Howard J. Knox, describing his bride-to-be, former pianist — turned — woman Christine (George) Jorgensen:

"... All woman — warm, understanding, gracious and entirely feminine."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Harlo



BASIN BRIEFS

Trip — Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Proctor, Etna, left March 30 on a combined business and pleasure trip to Southern California, Arizona and Old Mexico. On their return they will be accompanied home from Los Angeles by his mother, During her parents absence, Anne Marie Proctor is staying with Mrs. Ruby Doggett.

Dinner — A potluck dinner was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Veri Murphy and children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson at the Johnson home near Etna on Easter Sunday.

Food Sale — A food sale to help raise funds to complete the laying of linoleum in the social room of the Congregational Church is being sponsored by the Women's Evening Fellowship on Tuesday, April 7.

To Chico — Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan White and family in Chico during Easter week were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther White and Linda of Etna, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chacon of Antioch. Mrs. Chacon is the former Shirley White and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther White. While there the Luther Whites made the acquaintance of their only granddaughter who was born in January to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chacon.

Etna — Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simmons of Stockton were recent guests of his sister, Mrs. Margaret Bigham at Etna. While there they visited numerous relatives and friends in the valley.

To Medford — Mrs. Vernon Starr and Mrs. Gerald Starr of Etna, were Medford visitors recently.

From Chico — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Simmons of Chico spent Easter week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simmons near Etna.

Deadline Near For Board Post

Deadline for filing for a post on Elementary School District 1 Board of Directors is Friday.

One position is open to contestants who qualify. It is held by Mrs. James Barnes, who was appointed last fall by the board to fill a post until school election time. She has filed for the post. It will expire in June, 1960.

To qualify, a person must have been a resident of the school district at least six months previous to the May 4 election. He must also have been registered to vote a month previous to election.

Friday is also registration deadline.

UC Scientist Seeks Divorce

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Nicholas Christofilos, the University of California nuclear scientist who conceived a new idea of harnessing thermonuclear fission, is seeking a divorce.

He charges his wife, Ely, with extreme cruelty and asked the Alameda County Superior Court to determine custody of their 18-month-old son, Nicholas Jr.

Mrs. Christofilos, born in Greece, passed her U.S. citizenship test last week.

The scientist's work is credited with leading to atom bomb space tests.

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By Frank O'Neal