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**AMBASSADOR BALL, BY ONE**

President Johnson's appointment of George W. Ball as Ambassador to the United Nations won the approval of the US Senate on May 13, by one vote. And that one vote was cast by the presiding officer of the moment, Senator Cannon, of Nevada.

Actually, when the nomination was put to a voice vote, there were exactly four Senators on the floor. Two voted for confirmation. Two voted against. It was thereupon necessary for the presiding officer to break the tie, or the nomination would have had to go back to committee.

The fact that 95 Senators absented themselves speaks volumes as to the low estate to which the UN has fallen in the eyes of the Senate, which is mindful that it has proved useless in resolving the Vietnam war and the Israeli-Arab conflict. But the narrow vote was also a reflection of the Senate's opinion of Mr. George W. Ball. The two Senators who voted against confirmation were John J. Williams, of Delaware, and Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

Here, in part, is what the forthright Senator Thurmond told his constituents: "... Mr. Ball was the No. 2 man in the State Department in 1963 when three of his subordinates testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee about wiretapping in the Otto Otepka case, and gave testimony which was subsequently shown to be false. Secretary Rusk put Mr. Ball in charge of handling the affair. Under Mr. Ball's orders, the three witnesses sent in written retractions, which also were shown to be false. Called in a third time, at least one of them lied again.

"Either Mr. Ball knew the statements were false, or he didn't. However, he had the duty to find out the facts in the case. Either he condoned lying, or he failed in his duty to learn the facts.

"When Mr. Ball went before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this month, he denied the very existence of the State Department's electronics laboratory, the facility which was used to tap Mr. Otepka's telephone. He denied the existence of a facility for which the State Department seeks appropriations every year, and whose blueprints are locked in Senate files ..."

At least 97 percent of the Senators know a foul ball when they see one. - U. S. Press Association.

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**PERSONAL**

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Creola) DuCette of Seattle, arrived May 29 at the home of her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Raymond. They stayed over the Memorial Day weekend and returned to their home June 2. M/Sgt. and Mrs. Lewis E. (Patricia) Larkin and their four children of Holloman Air Force base, Alamogordo, N. M., arrived June 4 to visit her mother, Mrs. Raymond. They left June 7 for Hermiston to visit friends and relatives, then went on to Seattle and Quincy, Wash. On their return home they stopped at Alpine, Ore., to visit his uncle, Former Nyssans Mr. and Mrs. Lester Larkin.

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**CAN WE WAVE THE FLAG TOO MUCH?**

Is it possible to wave the flag too much? Provided, of course, that you wave it with integrity? Is it possible to study Lincoln or Shakespeare too much? Is it possible to read the Bible too much? The great, the good, the true, are inexhaustible for inspiration, example and strength. I believe that we are not waving our flag enough, not nearly enough.

It seems to me that we are developing a tendency to be timid or even apologetic about waving the stars and stripes. Walk up and down the streets on July 4th and count the flags. It is our nation's birthday, a sacred day in world history, the most important day of America. Why isn't the flag flying on every rooftop and from every home and building? This complacent attitude is strong evidence of cancerous patriotic decay. The flag is a symbol of our national unity. It is the spirit of our undying devotion to our country. It stands for the best that is in us... for loyalty, character, and faith in democracy. Isn't our flag a synonym of the United States of America? Does it not represent man's greatest, noblest, most sublime dream? Is it not the zenith of achievement, the goal to which generations have aspired?

Ladies and gentlemen, I believe it is time for us... for the mad, rushing Twentieth Century American... to stop for a moment and think. Let us arrest our near reverential admiration of material success and return to the spiritual and ethical values. Let us imbue and rekindle in ourselves and our children the so-called old-fashioned way of patriotism, a burning devotion to the principles and ideals upon which our country was founded.

Should not every home own and proudly display the colors on holidays and other such occasions? Isn't the flag Patrick Henry, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Nathan Hale, Gettysburg and Valley Forge, Paul Revere, Jackson and other great men and women who have given us our heritage. When you look at the flag can't you see the Alamo, Corrigedor, Pearl Harbor, The Monitor, The Merrimac, Wake Island, and Korea? Lest we forget, isn't the flag Flanders Field, Bataan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Babe Ruth and Davy Crockett?

The great events of our past and present are wrapped up in our flag. It is a symbol of this blessed nation, a giant in industry, education and commerce. Millions of fertile square miles, wheatlands, coal mines, steelplants. Our great republic, the chosen infant destined to be man's last and remaining hope for suffering humanity, a shining beacon of light, noble and glorious, the haven for the oppressed and persecuted and truly God's gift to mankind.

That is what the flag means to me. Can we wave it too much? I don't think so. - S. L. DeLove.

**COMING EVENTS**

TODAY - 10:30 a.m. Senior Citizens picnic at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John E. Long. Bring a sack lunch.

JUNE 14 - 10 a.m. Rummage sale by Cowbelles in Bullock Bldg., Vale.

JUNE 14 - 1:30 p.m. Whyhee Garden members no - host luncheon at East Side cafe, Ontario.

JUNE 15 - 10 a.m. Rummage sale by Cowbelles in Bullock Bldg., Vale.

JUNE 15 - 8 p.m. Rebekah Pinochle party. IOOF hall. Public invited.

JUNE 17 - 7 a.m. Nyssa Summer school starts.

JUNE 17 - 9:30 a.m. Start of Girl Scouts day camp in Larsson's orchard. Corner of Highway and Locust avenue.

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**In Memoriam**

**LEVI W. SISSON**

Levi W. Sisson of Twin Falls, a pioneer farmer, died May 31, 1968 at Magic Valley Memorial hospital, after a short illness.

He was born March 24, 1882, at Pickwick, Minn., and had resided in Idaho since 1908. He was a member of the Knull grange and Twin Falls First Christian church. On September 22, 1903, he married Anna Mae Grieve in Mt. Vernon, S. D.

Survivors include his widow, Twin Falls; one son, Harold Lewis Sisson of Nyssa; a daughter, Mrs. George (Gertrude Helen) Conrad of Santa Monica, Calif.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 5 at the First Christian church, with burial at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Mrs. Sisson will be a guest in the Malheur Memorial hospital nursing home wing.

**ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

A meeting of the Women's association of Adrian Community church will be held at 2 p. m., today, June 13 at the home of Mrs. Mary Anker in Big Bend.

Members of the church session will meet at 9 o'clock this evening at the home of Roger Watts in Adrian.

Parents are invited to attend the closing exercises of the Bible school. The program will be held at 10:30 a. m., Friday, June 14 at the church.

**HELLO WORLD!**

JUNE 6 - To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ford of Nyssa, a seven-pound, six-ounce girl, Birdie Estelle.

JUNE 9 - To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Larson of Nyssa, a boy, Norman Walker of Parma, June 10 - To Mr. and Mrs. Hilario DeLeon of Nyssa, a quarters-ounce boy, born at the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario.



**FRED SCHILLING**

He displays a trophy won when he was selected winner of the Snake River district's FFA 'Better Farming' contest held June 3, 1968. Other contestants were from Vale, Ontario and Baker. They were interviewed on their farms by Judges Luther Fitch of the Malheur County experiment station, Malheur Extension Agent Leeds Bailey and U. S. National Bank Agriculture Representative Stewart Sullivan from Baker. Selection was based on the students' supervised farming program, management and financial responsibilities, technical knowledge of farming, record completion, following of approved practices and quality of farming. The NHS student is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schilling of route 2, Nyssa. His FFA project includes 21 acres of silage corn, a Hereford cow and calf and 16 filled leaf cutter bee boards. He is a 1968 graduate of Nyssa high school and plans to enroll this fall at Treasure Valley Community college. Roger Smith of Baker was second-place contest winner, with Clifford Nielsen of Ontario placing third. - Journal Photo.

**EXCHANGE STUDENT OFFERS THANKS**

I came to the U. S. A. in August 1967 from Turkey as an exchange student. Before I used the American customs I attended the Nyssa High School. For this reason I learned most of the American customs and life during my school year and during this time I stayed with the Adams family. Now the time is coming closer for me to leave Nyssa. Before I leave this friendly town I like to thank all of its friendly people for giving me the opportunity to visit this wonderful place. Probably this year wouldn't have been so nice if I hadn't stayed with Adams family. Therefore first I thank my American family who treated me just like their son. Also I thank all of the Nyssa High School students for being so friendly to me, my teachers who acted not only as teachers but as friends too, the persons who invited me to dinner, and my adviser, teacher, and friend, Mr. Swisher.

I'll be very pleased if you write me a letter to this address: Ulvi Unal, 6 CI Durak Muhac Sokak 90 C, Yenimahalle / ANKARA, TURKEY.

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