

NNPA EDITORIAL— Stanley Scott Has Proven Record

We are concerned and disturbed by recent reports that Stanley S. Scott, top black White House advisor to President Ford, will be leaving his post. Scott, a Pulitzer Prize nominee and a recipient of the National Newspapers Publishers Association Russwurm Award for excellence in Journalism, left a prestigious job in New York to serve the Nixon-Ford Administration for the best of patriotic motives. Untainted like many by the scandals of Watergate, while serving during the most traumatic and turbulent period in our Nation's history, he has done an outstanding job.

Scott, a competent man of high integrity who simply had nothing to do with the Watergate mess, has been a most vocal supporter of the two-party system of government and President Ford--sometimes at odds with our own views of the Chief Executive of our Nation.

It doesn't offend us that Scott is leaving, *per se*--although the Nation's black community is losing its best White House spokesman since that job was created by President Eisenhower. What bothers us in the way in which Scott was treated.

Typical of the old Nixon method, Scott got his walking papers by the way of a "rash of rumors" that suddenly started appearing in the press. This, in turn, opened up the hunting season on Scott, and a number of thoughtless black "thought leaders"--holding forth their own credential, of course--obliquely opined that Stanley Scott really hadn't done enough for the black community.

We don't know if any single American can "do enough" for blacks to make up for 200 years of neglect--but we do know that in the past ten months, thanks to Stan Scott, President Ford has met in repeated working sessions with more blacks and more black representative groups than any President in history. That may not be "enough", but in our opinion it will certainly do for openers. And "openers" is all you can really expect from any President in his first year.

No doubt, Scott will be rewarded for his four years of unfaltering service. Four years, incidentally, in which no hint of scandal of any kind ever touched his office. He can "get a good job" almost anywhere he wants to look.

So, then, why the cloak n' dagger treatment of Scott? Simply because Stan Scott's friends (like this newspaper) would demand to know why our community had to lose such a fine spokesman in the White House.

Naturally, the subject wasn't opened to all black leaders. That would have given Scott an overwhelming vote of confidence--which would be the wrong answer.

We are informed that President Ford and White House Chief of Staff Donald Rumsfeld are committed to the appointment of Scott to another equally challenging post in the Administration. We urge forthright action, not just for a deserving and competent man like Scott, but for blacks and other minorities who have too often seen our most talented leaders used and cast by the wayside--even after they have served their country with distinction. The President owes this much to the black community--and more.

"Honesty not a one-way street"

Congressman Jim Santini joined with 50 members of the House recently in introducing legislation making it a criminal offense for government officials to lie.

Santini said the bill is intended to provide equal treatment for private citizens and government officials.

"Under current law, it is a crime for a private citizen to lie to a government official, but not for a government official to lie to the people," he said. "Honesty cannot be a one-way street."

The House members' "Truth in Government Act" would clarify the prohibition against lying and hold "any person, including any official" legally accountable for making false statements.

"The American people find it increasingly hard to believe anything they are told by the government," the Nevada Democrat stated.

Santini added, "I hope the Congress will take steps to even up the odds between government and its citizens."

Violation of the statute would be punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or five years imprisonment, or both.



"From The Heart"

"Nothing in this life after health and virtue, is more estimable than knowledge, nor is there anything so easily attained, or so cheaply purchased, the labor, only sitting still, and the expense but time, which if we do spend, we cannot save--"

(By Sterne)

When brains were passed out, no one was given a monopoly. If you are smart, you know above everyone else when you don't know, and you'll seek out the source that knows. There is no explanation possible to give a foolish person but to a wise person, no explanation is necessary.

My greatest concern today, is the thought of blackness being short changed and overlooked in the field of knowledge which may be broadly defined as that branch of sociology which studies the relation between thought and the society that we live in every day. It deals with the outward conditions of knowledge, where above average people in this field work closely with other people, having no barriers, or walls to block their progress; and their only concern is to deal with the intellectual products--philosophies and ideologies, political doctrines and theological thoughts. In short, these qualified people seem to get inside the mind of men to understand what makes him tick.

In our many schools, the classrooms are flooded with doctrines and works by such great men as Francis Bacon, Bernard Baker, John W. Bennett, Peter L. Berger, Theodore Caplow, Francis M. Cornford, Lewis A. Coser, Otto H. Dahlke and many, many more. However, very, very few great works by black men which would be inspiring to black culture and beneficial to all cultures which would help all men toward better understanding of one another. For starters--What about our great black contributions to this world such as Black History from 1492-1954, Civil rights revolution 1954-1964, Urban violence and American History 1688-1970, Historical Landmarks of Black America, Civil Rights organizations and their leadership. The legal status of Black Americans, The Black American and the vote, The Black Policy maker, past and present. Growth and distribution of the Black population and why.

The current status of the Black family. The Black worker in the labor movement. Employment, unemployment and the civilian labor force. Income earnings, incidence of poverty and expenditure patterns--Federal and Government assistance programs--Perspectives on Black education--Black Servicemen and Military Establishments--Black Amateur and professional athletes--Black Writers, Scholars and poets--Black inventors and Scientist--Black Entertainers in the performing arts--The jazz scene--Motion Pictures and mass media--The Black Press--The Black woman--The Black Religious Tradition--National Black Organizations--Slavery in the Western Hemisphere--Africa, The Changing Continent--The Black in the Western Hemisphere--and Soul Food.

There are many self corrections that we as Blacks must do for ourselves, in order to flow in the main stream of life--such as clear up our minds, obtain and retain mental discipline--seek mental health in the sense of thinking right thoughts, which will cause us to do right things.

WAKE UP AMERICA! Wake up Las Vegas, both black and white alike, you and you are not the only person in this World with brains because brains come in people of all colors, all shapes, all sizes, male and female, good and bad alike. Wake Up Citizens!!!! A man's culture--background--color--section of the world that he comes from, and regardless of the side of tracks, has nothing to do with knowledge or how many brains he has, all is needed is a chance to prove himself.

Happiness Through Health

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COPING WITH SUMMERTIME ENEMIES

What does summertime bring to your mind? Lying at the pool or beach? Hiking in the mountains? Exploring the wilderness? Camping out? Sightseeing adventures?

Any one of these can live up to your dreams as long as you avoid those well-known fun-spoilers: sunburn, insect bites, heat exhaustion, poison ivy. Armed with a few simple precautionary measures, some common sense, and a knowledge of how to cope with each, you can keep them from sabotaging your family's holiday.

Here are some ways Public Health Service experts suggest for coping:

INSECT BITES are likely to be a greater threat with bans on widespread use of insecticides. Protective clothing and repellants are the best preventives if you're likely to be exposed. Some insects are merely nuisances. Baking soda compresses and ice usually suffice to relieve the discomfort after making sure the stinger is out. Ticks, black widow and brown recluse spiders present a more serious threat of severe, though rarely fatal, illness.

In tick-infested areas, wear long sleeves and tight pants, then check the body carefully and often. Ticks not yet attached should be brushed off and killed. Pull attached ticks away gently so the head and mouth won't remain imbedded. Use tweezers, or in stubborn cases try a hot knife, blade or pin, nail polish or iodine. The danger from ticks is Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (actually more prevalent in the Southeast now).

The two poisonous spiders (black widow with red hourglass markings on its abdomen and the brown recluse with a violin-shaped marking on its back) are unlikely to bite unless they have been disturbed in their hiding places--such as window sills, foundation cracks, garden debris, etc. If you are bitten consult a physician at once.

HEAT EXHAUSTION is a threat if you over-exert on a hot and humid day. Dress in light porous, loose-fitting clothing and step up your salt intake at such times. In the event of mild heat exhaustion (tired, headache, nausea) or if it's severe (perspiration, weakness, pale and clammy skin with possible vomiting or leg or arm cramps), the treatment is the same. Lie in a cool place and take cool salted water (a teaspoon per quart). More rare is a heat stroke--a serious condition marked by high fever and hot, dry skin. The fever should be reduced rapidly by sponging with water and alcohol.

SUNBURN can be avoided by common sense--building up gradually those first days at the pool or beach. Arm yourself with a good sun lotion or cream. Toddlers and anyone with sensitive skin need extra protection from the searing rays. If you do get a burn, cool or tepid baths with colloidal oatmeal will give some relief as will topical local anesthetics such as Solarcaine. A serious burn, of course, needs medical attention.

POISON IVY with its clusters of three shiny leaves, is easy to recognize. Teach your children to recognize it--and poison oak and sumac, too. If you have been exposed, wash promptly (preferably within 5 minutes) with soap and water to remove the oily substance that causes the trouble. Everything exposed--clothing, pets, tools--should be washed, too, but handle them cautiously until they've been scrubbed. If a rash develops, simple home remedies will relieve the discomfort until it clears up, but if the reaction is severe, have your doctor treat it immediately. Topical local anesthetics such as Solarcaine will give relief, and calomine lotion will dry up the blisters and oozing. Remember that the blister fluid won't spread the rash--only the original plant secretion. So if it spreads, launder anything that may be tainted--clothing, sheets, towels.

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