

Notes on People

Mrs. Eisenhower and a Rumor

Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower has spoken out for the first time on rumors, of long years standing, that she has a drinking problem. She denied that such has ever been the case and said, "I don't think there's anybody that drinks less than I."

Mrs. Eisenhower spoke frankly on the subject in a taped interview with **Barbara Walters**, which will be shown on Miss Walters's syndicated television show, "Not for Women Only," Monday at 9 A.M. on station WNBC-TV here.

"I'm going to ask you something, because it's been a rumor for years, and I want to finally put it to rest," said Miss Walters. "You know what the rumor is."

"Oh yes, that I'm a dipsomaniac," said Mrs. Eisenhower. She went on to suggest that some people got the impression she was a heavy drinker because she sometimes walks in an unsteady manner and bumps into things. Her trouble is equilibrium, she said.

"I have what they call a carotid sinus," she said, "and they can't operate on it . . . your vein presses on your inner ear. Oh, I'm black and blue from walking around my own house."

The former First Lady said it had never bothered her people thought she had a drinking problem. "I lived with myself," she said. "I knew I wasn't so. Any my friends knew I was not."

Jill St. John, an actress who has been escorted to many functions in recent years by **Secretary of State Kissinger**, plans to marry **Robert Lum**, a Miami real-estate developer. Mr. Lum, who said the marriage would take place before mid-February, told *The Miami Herald*, "we've been going together for about four months and we're in love." Miss St. John, who has been married three times, vowed two years ago to keep house for her dogs,

cats and other pets, but never for another husband.

Succeeding the late **Conrad Aiken** and **Marianne Moore** as honorary consultants in American letters to the Library of Congress will be **Gwendolyn Brooks**, the poet and novelist, and **Wallace Stegner**, novelist, teacher and critic. They will serve three-year terms. Miss Brooks, a Chicagoan, won a Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1949. Dr. Stegner, also a Pulitzer winner (for fiction last year), is director of the creative-writing center at Stanford University, where he has been a professor of English since 1945.

Neither **Cary Grant** nor his former wife, **Dyan Cannon**, has been able to obtain exclusive custody of their 7-year-old daughter, **Jennifer**, but a court has ruled on custody of the child's passport. In Los Angeles, **Judge Jack W. Swink** of the Superior Court ruled that Mr. Grant would keep the document in even-numbered years and Miss Cannon would keep it in odd-numbered years. The ruling came on Mr. Grant's suit seeking permanent possession of the document, which is needed for Jennifer to join either parent on foreign film location. The judge stipulated that each parent must relinquish the passport for any court-approved travel by the child. Miss Cannon has custody of Jennifer now, but Mr. Grant has liberal visiting privileges.

In one of several White House memorandums that have come to light that suggest the Nixon Administration in 1970 exerted pressure on the television networks to temper their criticism of the President, **Charles W. Colson**, the former White House special counsel, tells of a visit to the office of **Julian Goodman**, president of the National Broadcasting Company. Mr. Colson took it as a sign that N.B.C.'s top executive was

"accommodating, cordial, the memo said, because the "only ornament" on Mr. Goodman's desk was the 1969 Nixon inaugural medal.

Mr. Goodman was amused and flabbergasted when he read that yesterday. "When I learned Colson was coming to see me, I purposely cleared my desk, which is notoriously cluttered, and stuck the inaugural medal up front where he could see it," said Mr. Goodman. "I did it as a gag. Evidently, Colson has no sense of humor, and he must think no one else has, either."

The most prolific parents in the world, according to the new edition of the Guinness Book of Records, published in London this week, are **Raimundo and Josinar Carnauba**, who live in Belem, Brazil. Mrs. Carnauba, who is 54 years old, and her husband, who is 58, were married when she was 15. They have 38 children—14 sons and 24 daughters.

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