

## Notes on People

**Gulf Aide Quits Over Nixon Gift**

It was revealed in Pittsburgh that **Claude C. Wild**, the Gulf Oil Corporation vice president and Washington lobbyist who pleaded guilty to funneling \$100,000 of Gulf's funds into President Nixon's re-election campaign, resigned from the company on March 1. The disclosure was included in Gulf's proxy statement being mailed to shareholders, before the company's annual meeting on April 23. Mr. Wild admitted that he gave \$100,000 in Gulf funds to the President's campaign, \$10,000 to Senator Henry M. Jackson, the Washington Democrat, and \$15,000 to Representative Wilbur D. Mills, Democrat of Arkansas, in their brief presidential campaigns. (In the last two cases, the money was returned to Gulf.)

The company statement to shareholders said that the board of directors "is considering, but to date has not determined, whether to seek reimbursement from such former officer [Mr. Wild] for the fine and other expenses incurred by it." Mr. Wild was fined \$1,000 for the illegal contributions, and Gulf was fined \$5,000.

Last January, **Elizabeth J. McCormack**, president of Manhattanville College, announced she had resigned from the Society of the Sacred Heart after having been a nun for 30 years, and had accepted a new post with a foundation, the name of which she did not reveal. It was announced yesterday that in June Miss McCormack will join the Rockefeller Brothers Fund as special assistant to **Dana S. Creel**, the fund's president, and also will be separately employed by the Rockefeller family as a gen-

eral adviser on philanthropic matters.

Over his opposition, four children of **Mickey Rooney** have been adopted by their maternal grandparents in Santa Monica, Calif. The children, ranging in age from 10 to 14, were born to Mr. Rooney's fifth wife, the former **Barbara Thomason**, who was killed by a Yugoslav actor in 1966. Since then Mr. Rooney had held joint guardianship of the children with **Mrs. Helen Thomason**, their grandmother, and two years ago he unsuccessfully sought to gain full custody. A judge in Santa Monica has now ruled that although he is their natural parent, the children will be better off with their grandparents. Mr. Rooney now lives with his seventh wife in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The Soviet dissident **Pavel Litvinov**, who fled Russia Monday, received a visa in Vienna yesterday to travel to the United States. He was expected to leave for Rome today, traveling to New York with his wife and two children on April 8. Mr. Litvinov, who is the grandson of **Maxim Litvinov**, onetime Soviet Foreign Minister and Ambassador to the United States, recently spent four years in Siberian exile for taking part in a Red Square protest against the 1968 Warsaw-Pact countries' invasion of Czechoslovakia.

During a lecture on the McCarthy era at Oneonta State College, **Alger Hiss** made few references to his old foe, **Richard M. Nixon**, who, as a member of the House of Representatives, pressed the Un-American Activities Committee investiga-

tion of Mr. Hiss that led to his conviction on perjury charges in 1950. But during the question-and-answer period, an Oneonta student asked Mr. Hiss if he would sign a petition calling for the impeachment of President Nixon. Mr. Hiss replied that indeed he would, and the student gave him a petition, which he signed on the stage.

**Lieut. Hiroo Onoda**, the Japanese soldier who returned to his homeland last week after having hidden in the Philippine jungles for 30 years, turned 52 yesterday and celebrated his birthday with the news that ministers of the Japanese Cabinet have agreed to give him one million yen—\$3,508. The office of the Premier said that each of 20 ministers will present Lieutenant Onoda with 50,000 yen, the same amount they gave another World War II straggler, **Shoichi Yokoi**, returned from Guam in 1972 after having hidden out there for 28 years.

Not having been able to finish his new play in time for its scheduled premiere at the University of Michigan, **Arthur Miller** has dusted off an older work and will take to the stage as its narrator in Ann Arbor next month. Mr. Miller, Michigan '38, calls the production "From the Creation," and it is a theater piece based on his "The Creation of the World and Other Business," which was on Broadway briefly a couple of years ago. He is writer-in-residence at the university, which had planned to stage his new play this spring. University officials now say the work will be put on at a later date—whenever Mr. Miller gets around to finishing it.