

Notes on People

James Parton to Join Library of Congress

After a publishing career that extended from the Harvard Lampoon to the Encyclopedia Britannica, James Parton will join the Library of Congress as assistant librarian for public education. Daniel J. Boorstin, the Librarian of Congress, who is a historian, announced yesterday that Mr. Parton 63, would move to Washington from his Beekman Place home to head the Library's publishing, information and exhibit programs.

Mr. Parton and two partners founded American Heritage in 1954 with \$64,000, with Mr. Parton as president, and sold it to McGraw-Hill Books in 1970 for \$7.5 million. Later he began another hard-cover magazine, Horizon.

Before and after World War II, Mr. Parton was on the editorial and publishing staffs of Time, Life and Fortune magazines. From 1970 to 1973, he was in Chicago as head of the Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation, serving also as an adviser to the 1974 edition of encyclopaedia. Since 1974 he has been here as chairman of the National Advertising Review Board. A library of Congress spokesman said that Mr. Parton's new salary "could not possibly exceed the \$37,800 top" on the governmental pay-scale.

David and Julie Nixon Eisenhower have retained a literary agent, David Obst, who also represents Carl Brnstein and Bob Woodward, the Watergate investigative reporters, and John W. Dean 3d and his wife, Maureen. Mr. Obst was suggested to the Eisenhowers by their friend, Ben Stein, a White House speech writer in the Nixon Administration who is now arts editor of The Wall Stret Journal. Mr. Obst, aged 30 and an agent for four years, handled the book by Victr L. Marchetti and John Marks, the dissident former C.I.A. agents, and a bok to be publisend soon by Mr. Stein and his father, Herbert Stein, who was economic adviser to President Nixon.

Mrs. Eisenhower, according to another friend, plans a series of magazine profiles of well-known persons while Mr. Eisenhower "might do some sports." Mr. Obst said the cuple planned books and articles, some to be written jointly. Writng about their own lives, it is expected will not come "for a long time."

Describing press freedom as necessary for "the humanitarian evolution of mankind," Olof Wahlgren of Sweden was elected chairman of the International Press Institute yesterday at its meeting in Philadelphia. He is editor and publisher of Sydsyenska Dagbladet in Malmo. Vice-chairmen are William Block, publisher of The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Tomoo Hirooka of Asahi Shimbun, Tokyo, and George Githi of The Nation, Nairobi, Kenya.

One of yesterday's graduates of the Columbia University Law School was 24-year-old Glenn Gerstell, whose election as national president of the Ripon Society was announced the day before Mr. Gerstell is the youngest president the 4,500-member progressive Republican organization has had since its found-

ing in 1962. While a junior at Horace Mann School here, he signed up "almost accidentally" to work in his first Republican campaign in 1968. Mr. Gerstell plans to join a Wall Street law firm in September, but on Monday and Tuesday he was in Washington buttonholing Republican Congressmen about the convention hopes of the Ripon Society. These, he said, include "doing everything to assure that Ronald Reagan is not the nominee and does not force President Ford further to the right, where he can't win in November."

Japan's only surviving quintuplets, three girls and two boys who are 103 days old and "very healthy," flew to their new home in Tokyo yesterday accompanied by five doctors, three nurses, a special stewardess and the father, Yorimitsu Yamashita. His wife, Noriko, remained temporarily in southern Japan to rest. Mr. Yamashita, a television reporter, said, "I held one of my babies for five hours today—I felt it was a pretty hard job. I can't imagine what will happen when caring for them becomes my daily life."

Neil A. Armstrong was honored as Hoosier of the Year last night at the annual dinner of the Indiana Society of New York at the Biltmore Hotel. The first man to walk on the moon, a graduate of Purdue University (like eight other astronauts), is now at the University of Cincinnati as a professor of aerospace engineering, working on a mechanical heart pump based on space technology.

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