

# WALTER SCOTT'S Personality Parade

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**G. GORDON LIDDY**

**Q.** Is it true that Gerald Ford is responsible for bringing G. Gordon Liddy, the "Watergate Plumber" and the so-called "wild man" of the ill-fated Nixon Administration, to the U.S. Treasury Department?—M. F., Detroit.

**A.** According to Bud Vestal, one of Ford's biographers, Gerald Ford in 1968 was asked by friends in Dutchess County, N.Y., to find a job for Liddy in Washington because "they were anxious to have Liddy move on, out, go someplace else . . . He was a political puzzle because they

didn't know whom he might run against next time." Gordon Liddy had by then lost the Republican primary in Dutchess County to Hamilton Fish Jr. Liddy came to see Ford for a job. Ford got Liddy a job in the Treasury's Anti-Crime Division. Liddy was assigned to "Operation Intercept," a ridiculous attempt to stop dope-smuggling across the U.S.-Mexican border. Chances are that if Ford had had any insight into Liddy's true character, he would have sent him scurrying back to Dutchess County. For it was Liddy and his friend, E. Howard Hunt, the sophomoric ex-CIA agent, who bungled their jobs as "Plumbers" and plotted the idiotic Watergate break-ins that brought down the Nixon Administration.

**Q.** I see by the papers that they are making a film based on the life of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Will it tell the truth about the women in his life, or will it be a whitewash like the Patton picture?—E. L., Modesto, Calif.

**A.** Frank McCarthy, who produced *Patton*, is also producing *MacArthur*. It is safe to assume that as regards the women in MacArthur's life, he will whitewash instead of paint.

**Q.** I heard a little while ago that the Reader's Digest plans to hire Richard Nixon for \$100,000 a year as a writer-executive in much the same way that the magazine hired Mel Laird. What is the truth?—T. T., Redondo Beach, Calif.

**A.** According to DeWitt Wallace, founder, and owner and head of *Reader's Digest*: "The matter of hiring Richard Nixon has not even been considered by us."

**Q.** In Soviet Union history what is meant by the "infamous Kirov murder?"—Anne Whitaker, Atlanta, Ga.

**A.** Sergei Kirov was a popular leader of the Communist Party in Leningrad in the early 1930's. Joseph Stalin was jealous of him. In 1934 Kirov was assassinated by a young Communist, Leonid Nikolayev. It has long been held that Stalin ordered Kirov's murder, because he felt Kirov might threaten his position as General Secretary of the party. Almost everyone involved in Kirov's assassination was subsequently murdered. Members of the Soviet Politburo undoubtedly know the truth of Kirov's murder, but to divulge it in the Soviet Union is currently as impossible as publishing in Moscow *The Gulag Archipelago* by Solzhenitsyn.

**Q.** How much older than her husband is actress Faye Dunaway, and why do so many actresses marry younger men?—Portia Porter, Milwaukee, Wis.

**A.** Faye Dunaway is 33. Husband Peter Wolf—real name: Peter Blankenfield—is 28. Actresses need constant adulation, particularly when they get on in years, which is when they are frequently willing to pay for it.



**ACTRESS FAYE DUNAWAY AND HUSBAND PETER WOLF**

**Q.** Is Heywood Hale Broun, the CBS sportscaster, related to the late Heywood Hale Broun, the well-known journalist who wrote during the 1920's and 30's?—John B. Graves, San Antonio, Tex.

**A.** He is his son.

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**Q.** Does Richard Nixon intend to go into the law business with his sons-in-law and establish the law firm of Nixon, Cox & Eisenhower?—Louise Benjamin, Los Angeles.

**A.** He does not. One son-in-law, Eddie Cox, is a member of the bar. But the other, David Eisenhower, is a second-year law student at George Washington University.



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**Q.** I was in a drugstore recently and some foreigners pulled out identification cards at the cash register enabling themselves to avoid paying any sales tax. What's the story? Are we giving the Russians more freebies?—J. Nobles, Washington, D.C.

**A.** Under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, ratified in 1972, "A diplomatic agent shall be exempt from all dues and taxes, personal and real, national, regional or nuisance except: indirect taxes of a kind which are normally incorporated in the price of goods and services."

In short, alien diplomatic personnel may avoid paying sales tax, if the tax can be identified as having been added to the price of the product.

**Q.** The Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities under Sen. Sam Ervin (D., N. C.) examined the records of the Committee to Re-Elect the President [Nixon] with a fine-tooth comb and found plenty wrong. Did they do the same with the McGovern campaign committee?—K. L., Morganton, N. C.

**A.** Yes. In a letter to McGovern, Senator Ervin writes on July 26, 1974: "Your campaign tactics and your financial operations were scrutinized every bit as thoroughly as those of the Committee to Re-Elect the President... Considering all the room for abuse in a Presidential effort involving millions of dollars and thousands of people, I was frankly surprised that we found no activities whatsoever which could be called illegal, unethical or improper in the conduct of your campaign."