

## Notes on People

# Pulitzer Prize Aide Will Retire in June

After 22 years of inside information about who the Pulitzer Prizewinners will be, **John Hohenberg** will retire as administrator of the prizes at Columbia University on June 30. He will spend the 1976-77 academic year in Knoxville as the second Edward Meeman Distinguished Professor of Journalism at the University of Tennessee. The first was **Turner Catledge**, retired executive editor of The New York Times.

"I'll have to go back to wondering who's going to win, but it will be good to get back to teaching a full load," Mr. Hohenberg said yesterday. In 1950, after more than 20 years of newspaper work here, in Washington and abroad, Mr. Hohenberg joined the faculty of Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, becoming professor emeritus in 1974. In 1954 he took on the Pulitzer post succeeding the late Dean Carl W. Ackerman of the Journalism school. Mr. Hohenberg's history of the awards, "The Pulitzer Prizes," was published last year. His length of service with the prizes is exceeded only by that of the late President of Columbia, Nicholas Murray Butler.

The Pulitzer advisory board, of which Mr. Hohenberg is also secretary, meets today to recommend winners for the 60th anniversary year of the awards. A successor to Mr. Hohenberg is to be announced, along with the prize-winners, on May 3.

Rutgers University announced yesterday that on July 1 **Jewel Plummer Cobb** will become dean of Douglass College, the sixth in the 58-year history of the women's school. Dr. Cobb, born in Chicago 52 years ago, is dean of Connecticut College, a zoology professor and a cancer researcher who began her teaching career at New York University. She is a board member of the National Science Foundation and was the first woman and first black elected to the board of the Travelers Corporation, the insurance company. She will succeed **Paula P. Brownlee**, acting dean of Douglass since **Margery S. Foster** resigned last year.



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left Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Los Angeles before this, but no release date is scheduled. Surgeons removed a large tumor, described as benign, and a part of his diaphragm. Mr. Fonda sits up for a short period each day. Visitors are confined to his family.

**Mayor Beame** and New York's Secretary of State, **Mario Cuomo**, representing **Governor Carey**, paid personal and official tribute to **Rabbi Harold H. Gordon** last night at the New York Hilton Hotel as "a symbol of the unity" of the city's Jewish community. They were among 1,200 guests at a dinner marking Rabbi Gordon's 30th year as executive vice president of the New York Board of Rabbis, the organization of more than 1,000 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis that was "merely a shell of a dream" when Rabbi Gordon joined it in 1946.

A "flying chaplain" of World War II, Rabbi Gordon traveled about 250,000 miles with the North Atlantic division of the Air Transport Command and later was chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, he also attended Chicago's Hebrew Theological College, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York and Hebron Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

**Lynda Bird Johnson Robb**, replacing **Julie Nixon Eisenhower**, was the speaker at the Mississippi Economic Council in Jackson yesterday. A spokesman at the **Richard M. Nixon** home in San Clemente, Calif., said that Mrs. Eisenhower had canceled her appearance because of "intense emotional pressures" created by publication of "The Final Days," a book describing the end of her father's Presidency.

**Norman Mailer** has won \$25,000 damages, the full amount sought, in his Manhattan State Supreme Court suit against Photoplay magazine for printing an excerpt from his book on **Marilyn Monroe**—and giving him cover billing—without his permission. The magazine did not contest the suit.

After surgery on March 17, **Henry Fonda** is having a slow recovery, according to a family spokesman. The 70-year-old actor was to have

Yesterday was the 83d birthday of **Mary Pickford**, who was recently awarded a special motion picture Oscar. A resident of the Siberian coal mining town of Leninsk-Kuznetsky sent the following cablegram in Russian, signed "Telbizov" (no first name given) to the editor of The New York Times: "Please pass on congratulations to actress **Meri Pickford** in connection with 83d birthday and her award for outstanding service in area of cinematography and wish her good health and long years of life."

In Beverly Hills, **Matty Kemp**, managing director of Miss Pickford's company, promised to pass along the message at a buffet dinner at Pickfair last night for about 20 guests. "It's such a busy day I wouldn't dare bother her for a response," Mr. Kemp said, "but I know she will say, 'God bless Mr. Telbizov.'"

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