

OTHER EDITORS SAY

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They Can't Bother Adam

Rep. Lionel Van Deerlin does not know what he's up against.

Mr. Van Deerlin, a member of Congress, from California, says Rep. Adam Clayton Powell's wife is illegally receiving \$1,575.65 a month as a member of her husband's congressional office staff.

The present Mrs. Powell — two earlier ones divorced him — was a member of the congressman's staff when he married her in December, 1960. She was receiving \$3,074 a year at the time of the nuptials. The following month the generous Mr. Powell raised her annual pay to \$12,974 (which money comes from the taxpayers, incidentally).

By April, 1962, Mrs. Powell had moved to Puerto Rico to await the birth of a child. A newspaper reporter who interviewed her there wrote 'at the time:

Here she combines several activities — awaiting her first child, keeping tabs on construction of a \$40,000 beach house (including paying the builder), and visiting some 150 relatives on the island. Also, says Mrs. Powell, she answers Spanish-language letters her husband's office receives. This mail is forwarded here (to San Juan) from Washington. "I use the typewriter in my mother's office in San Juan," she said. "It is very hard work."

Since then, the maximum annual compensation a Representative's employe may received has been raised to \$18,907.80 a year, and Mrs. Powell now is paid at that figure.

Rep. Van Deerlin says that nine months ago the House passed a resolution providing that:

No person shall be paid from any clerk-hire allowances if such person does not perform service for which he receives such compensation in the offices of such member or resident commissioner in Washington, District of Columbia, or in the state or district which such member or resident commissioner represents.

Representative Powell represents Harlem, not Puerto Rico, so under the above-mentioned resolution, Mrs. Powell should not be receiving \$18,907.80 a year, or indeed anything, for carrying out her duties in Puerto Rico, according to Mr. Van Deerlin.

But Mr. Powell lives a charmed life. The government sought unsuccessfully for years to convict him on an income tax evasion charge. Members of Congress have assailed him verbally for allegedly spending exorbitant sums of public money on trips overseas, including visits to night clubs, with two women members of his staff. (Mr. Powell smiles and says he just did what lots of other members of Congress do.) A Harlem widow won a \$46,500 slander suit against the Congressman, but his friends are raising the money to pay it.

Mr. Van Deerlin's motives doubtless are good, but he's wasting his time. As the late President Kennedy once understated, when asked to comment on one of the numerous controversies involving Mr. Powell: "Congressman Powell has proved in his life that he is well able to take care of himself."

FLIM-FLAMMER FLAILED

Last week Amos DuBois of Kinston had a 12- to 18 month prison term suspended for a number of flim-flams offenses upon the condition that he pay a \$500 fine and court costs, and violate no law for five years.

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Action Is In Order

Night spots in south Tipton County have pretty much operated "wide open" for so long that county residents have apparently come to ignore them. Maybe we've even just about succeeded in forgetting that the spots exist.

A series of incidents over the past several months, however, has served to point out the increasing need for some action to "clean up" illegal activities and operations in the county. We don't feel that a majority of Tipton Countians would look favorably on the county's becoming known as a safe haven, even a veritable paradise, for

LUCKY DAWSON

Willie J. Dawson of 209 Broadway sent his son to make a bank deposit Tuesday and the son dropped \$170 in cash out of the deposit. It was found at the corner of Queen and Gordon in the gutter by Policeman L. B. Jones, who made Dawson mighty happy by turning it back to him after Dawson showed up at headquarters and described the lost cash.

in south Tipton County sneak across the Shelby County line to play and sneak right back home again when they've run through all their money. It may even be true that a lot of the patrons of the spots "where the action is" aren't even native Shelby Countians or military personnel stationed there. They may be salesmen and business executives or others who come to

this area on business, go looking for excitement and are directed to our private "Little Las Vegas."

It may be argued with some merit that if a man wants to spend his money on cards, dice or roulette, that's his business. Maybe it is, but that's another question all together. We aren't considering the moral defen-

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