

H.L. Hunt Discloses Anecdotes, Political Views

H.L. Hunt, billionaire Texas oilman, chuckled softly in his suite at the Ambassador East Hotel as he recalled a magazine article about him.

"I forget whether my picture was on the cover or inside," he said, "but, anyway, the lines under the picture said I was the 'richest single man in the United States.'"

He held up his manicured, age-spotted hands.

"I guess a lot of women took the words to mean I was unmarried, because for several days after that I got 2,000 letters a day, most of them proposing marriage."

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ANOTHER TIME, recalled the happily married billionaire, a magazine expressed doubt he was the nation's richest man.

"I got a letter from an auto mechanic in Nebraska, who also was named Hunt, telling me to get on the ball. He said something like, 'We Hunts shouldn't be outdone by anyone.'"

The letter pleased Hunt so much that he got the mechanic's permission to use the letter on one of the eight books he has written.

Most of Hunt's books, which he pays to have published, stress the need for responsible American leadership and a stronger fight against world communism.

A cherubic, green-eyed, almost bald man with an addiction to bow ties, colored shirts and dark blue suits, Hunt is as unpretentious as a country newspaper editor.

In fact, he writes a column that is distributed free and published by some 30 dailies and about 60 weekly newspapers, mostly in the South.

"Some newspapers won't publish my columns because they're afraid they might get a reputation for being too conservative," he said. "But I'm not a conservative, I'm a constructivist."

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HUNT DEFINES his constructivist political philosophy as wanting to move forward with care and thoughtfulness.

In addition to his voluminous writing, Hunt appears frequently on radio and television to express his views. He also sponsors a Youth Freedom

Speakers movement in which 9,000 young people have been enlisted to speak briefly on democracy before church, fraternal and other groups. He was in Chicago to confer with investment bankers and to visit friends.

Because of his immense wealth and intense interest, Hunt, 79, is a formidable figure in American politics. Hunt was among the chief

backers of the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the general's unsuccessful bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 1952.

Hunt backed fellow-Texas Lyndon B. Johnson for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1960, when Mr. Johnson took the No. 2 spot.

"I supported Lyndon because of his ability to get things done," said Hunt, leaning forward in his

upholstered, wing-backed chair, "but I feel he's been the least successful of any President."

"He hasn't won the war and his Great Society program has robbed the American people of the pride of accomplishment. Why, you can't even hire anyone today."

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HUNT SAID he had started a year ago trying to get Gov. James A. Rhodes of Ohio interested in seeking the Republican presidential nomination.

"I told Rhodes he ought to begin speaking out on the issues," said Hunt, "but he said he didn't like to make speeches. So I told him to take some elocution lessons, but I couldn't stir him up."

Hunt said he would support former Vice President Richard M. Nixon in the current presidential race, if Nixon is nominated.

"He'll make a lot better President than he would have a few years back," he said.

You mean, asked a reporter, he's become more conservative?

"More constructivist," Hunt corrected.

Hunt said he was less than lukewarm about Gov. Ronald Reagan of California, because he considered him a poor administrator.

How about Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.) as a vice-presidential possibility?

"He's a little bit like Rockefeller as far as I'm concerned. If he's not a liberal, he's at least a moderate, and I don't like either one. Moderates want to be all things to all people. They lack the courage of their convictions."

This is the card...

Mad Cells Give Clues On Cancer

WASHINGTON -- Medical science may well find a cure for cancer before it ever fully understands the disease.

While lab-cultures around the world perform endless sophisticated experiments designed to reveal why the body's cells go mad and create malignancies, medical men in hospitals try what treatments they can devise for actual victims.

Of their three main weapons -- surgery, radiation and drugs -- the drugs seem to be making the most progress.

Researchers from the National Cancer Institute at Bethesda, Md., and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center of New York City report good results from Ara-C, or cytosine arabinoside.

A Sloan-Kettering research team, headed by Dr. T.S. Gee, used Ara-C in combination with 6-thioguanine. Both drugs were effective against acute leukemia, cancer of the blood-forming organs.

Dr. Edward S. Henderson and his co-workers report a new method of administering Ara-C has caused the temporary disappearance of all evidence of the disease in 19 of 20 patients with acute myelocytic leukemia -- a type of leukemia against which little progress has previously been made.

Earlier methods had involved lower doses or rapid injection of Ara-C, but significantly greater intravenous doses were given for four hours a day for four consecutive days, then repeated at one-week intervals.

Each infusion was preceded by a priming dose one-sixth as large as the main dose, Dr. Henderson says.

Hardens Quickly

A "fast fix" cement which hardens in 30 minutes or less and provides a strength equivalent to concrete that has dried for 28 days, has been developed for the U.S. Air Force by a Texas firm, Western Co. of Richardson, Texas.

The new cement is being used in Vietnam to fill mortar and rocket-damaged runways. It is also being tested on Italian streets and on a concrete bridge.

Collect Bouquets

Now is the time to collect specimens for next winter's dried arrangements.

Strawflower, globe amaranth, celosia, statice and salvia may be dried by simply hanging them upside down in a warm darkened area that has a free circulation of air.

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