

Hays returns to politics after sex scandal

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — Wayne L. Hays, the former congressman who made the name of sexy Elizabeth Ray a household word, was sworn into the Ohio House of Representatives yesterday and promised to "be very useful and not make a nuisance of myself."

Hays, 67, who resigned from Congress in 1976 after a 28-year career broken by a sex scandal involving Ray, was assigned a seat in the back row of the Ohio House chamber and put in an out-of-the-way office on the third floor of the Statehouse.

But in talking with news reporters, Hays displayed the same crust which once made him the scourge of Washington bureaucrats.

He was asked by a newswoman about his descent from one of the most powerful positions in Congress.

"Well, honey," he responded, "that was a figment of your (the media's) imagination. I wasn't all that powerful."

Hays said he doesn't regard the change from Congress to the Ohio House as a "comedown," pointing

out that "John Quincy Adams served in Congress for more than 20 years after he was president and did a good job of it, too."

And asked if he had drawn any committee assignments yet, Hays replied: "A young reporter was pressing me about that not long ago, and I said, 'Tell me, sonny, do they have a foreign affairs committee up there (in Columbus)?'"

Hays met his demise in Washington after publicity over his affair with Ray, a 27-year old blonde who was listed on his congressional payroll as a clerk but who served as his mistress.

Hays decided to run for the Legislature in 1978 when Rep. A.G. Lancione, D-Bellaire, announced his retirement after 32 years in the House. He won by only 1,700 votes.

After taking the oath for his new position, Hays said he has received an "extremely cordial" reception from fellow House members.

He was asked if there was any resentment toward him.

"I already detect a little resentment toward the media for trying to take my picture while they are trying to work," he replied.

"I haven't had any problems," he continued, "and I don't anticipate any. I just hope to do a good job for the people who sent me here."

Hays said he plans to fight for elimination of the Ohio Board of Regents and a prohibition against utilities passing emergency fuel procurement costs on to consumers.

He also said he will be "birdogging" a lot of bureaus of the state government, including the Department of Transportation to take a look at "some of the potholes down in my district that are so big you can break an axle in them."

Hays has purchased a condominium in suburban Upper Arlington, and may get a district office with his own staff.

University awarded HEW bilingual education grants

The U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare has awarded the University \$114,932 in Bilingual Teacher Training awards and \$128,070 in Bilingual Education fellowship awards for 1978-79.

The awards are part of 149 grants, totalling \$16 million, to colleges and universities, HEW's Office of Education announced yesterday.

Funds for the Teacher Training programs will be used to improve or expand faculty, strengthen administration of the program, provide instructional materials, and tuition,

books, fees, and maintenance costs of students in the program.

Students in the Teacher Training programs will be prepared as teachers, administrators, and counselors.

Fellows will concentrate on a particular educational area, such as administration, curriculum, reading, or evaluation. At the same time they will develop skills in training those who will work directly with children who speak that language.

Both programs may make awards on a multi-year basis.

—by Betsy Long

Judge denies Flood dismissal request

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A federal judge indicated yesterday he will reject a defense motion seeking dismissal of the bribery and conspiracy indictment against Rep. Daniel Flood, D-Pa., because he is "very reluctant" to postpone Flood's Jan. 15 trial.

U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch said, however, he would help defense attorneys get financial records they say might exonerate the 74-year-old congressman.

Flood, a 15th-term House member overwhelmingly re-elected in November despite a 13-count indictment against him, is accused of conspiring to accept \$65,000 in payoffs, 100 shares of bank stock and the promise of \$100,000 more.

His lawyer, Axel Kleiboemer, told Gasch financial records of Flood's former top aide, Stephen Elko, and Elko's wife, Patricia Brislin, were "at the core of this case."

"Where did the money go?" Kleiboemer asked. "I'm going to show to you that Mr. Elko put every penny in his pocket."

Elko, convicted in a 1977 kickback scheme involving West Coast trade schools, later cooperated with the government and will be a key witness against Flood.

"Give me a chance to get it (the records)," Kleiboemer pleaded with Gasch, asking at least for a delay until early February.

"I am very reluctant ... to grant a continuance," Gasch said, but told Kleiboemer he would try to help him get bank records and other documents in the next several days.

Kleiboemer and his associate, Walter Fleischer, sought to have the indictment dismissed on grounds it violates the "free speech and debate clause" protecting Flood's actions in Congress.

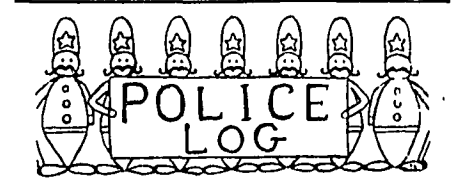
Nude spotted walking near bar

An unidentified nude male was seen walking outside Phyrst Inc., 111 1/2 E. Beaver Ave., at 4:05 a.m. Monday, State College police said. Police said the woman who reported the incident left the bar and got into her parked car when she saw the man approaching her. He got into another car and drove away, but the woman was unable to identify the car, police said.

Stereo equipment valued at \$1,160 was reported stolen from an apartment on Bellaire Drive sometime during Christmas break, State College police said.

A man was arraigned Dec. 30 before

Centre Hall District Magistrate Keith Bierly on charges of theft, unauthorized use of an automobile and receiving stolen property. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for today.



State College police said the man allegedly drove a 1979 Monte Carlo valued at \$6,373 from the Stocker Chevrolet Inc. lot on the Benner Pike

after 3:15 p.m. on Dec. 30. Police said the suspect was arrested soon afterward.

Rose Ann Thal, 207 Mineral Sciences Building, reported the theft Dec. 20 of a balance beam and two aspirator bottles, instruments used as a pump to move gases or liquids by suction, University Police Services said.

University police said an accident occurred Dec. 26 on N. Atherton Street when a car jumped the curb and landed on the ninth hole sand trap on the White Golf Course.

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