

[June 20, 1951]

[Upon being asked to give a recommendation for the appointment of Joseph G. Jeppson to the Utah Supreme Court:] At Pres. Clark's request, told him that he was carefully refraining from making recommendations on appointments, and has not done for anybody.

[June 21, 1951]

Mr. F. B. Whitman, President of the Western Pacific Railroad, came in by appointment at 8 o'clock this morning. He had received my letter. When he started to talk I told him I had written the letter and presumed he had not received it. He said, yes, he had. He then said that because of my earlier suggestions he had been considering the matter of releasing me and had cast about for somebody to take my place and had thought he would like Orval Adams ...

Mr. Whitman said he had cast about and had considered in his mind two other men, John Wallace and George Eccles, the latter apparently was suggested to him by Bro. Coulam.

I pointed out that I was very sure that Mr. Elsey had appointed me to the Board of Directors because of my Church position, because, he, Mr. Elsey, knew that I knew nothing about railroads, and Mr. Whitman said he had not talked about it with Mr. Elsey, but he had assumed that was the case. I pointed out that neither Mr. Wallace nor Mr. Eccles would have that element and he readily assented to that. ...

He then told me about the Foundation which Mr. Coulson represents (James Foundation of New York). They were desirous of selling their shares and he was trying to form a syndicate to purchase the shares and wondered if the Church would care to join. I told him that John Evans had tried to get us to purchase from Rio Grande stock and that if we had done so it would have made the Church several thousands of dollars if not hundreds of thousands, but that we had declined because we did not consider that we ought to be speculating in stocks or bonds; that we owned none except a very few shares acquired years ago. I said we had had a change in our Presidency and if he wished he might write a memorandum giving the facts about the stock, and I could take it up with the President of the Church, and if the President of the Church should decline that he wished to change our policy he could get in touch with him.

I said that between us, I thought it might be a good thing to get Mr. Coulson out of the situation because he knew too much ...

[July 9, 1951]

Asked Bro. Wonnacott if the LDS Hospital had its own blood bank; he said that they did, and they have no difficulty doing it; they do not have to buy it; they require one more pint than the patient uses from donors; they have been charging a service charge for the processing of Veterans; they screen the donors very thoroughly; they use no colored blood; Dr. Madsen is no longer with them; the girl who had been with the Hospital for 25 years is directing the Bank; Pres. Clark referred to his conversation with Dr. Madsen. Mr. Wonnacott confirmed Pres. Clark's understanding of what he thought he got from Dr. Madsen, that there were ways of tracing family relationships through blood; he did not remember that the question of negro blood was discussed. Bro. Wonnacott reiterated that they never give negro blood to a white patient; that now they claim it does not make a bit of difference from whom the blood comes; the blood changes over a certain period of time.

[July 16, 1951]

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and

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