

Priest operates cafe on Skid Road

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In a day of hyphenated priests — priest - economist, priest - sociologist, priest - politician — the Rev. Gilbert Lulay may well be the first priest-restaurateur in Oregon. He opened the Cardinal Cafe, 415 W. Burnside St. on Skid Road in April this year. Started as a workshop and rehabilitation center for alcoholics, it is paying its way and is incorporated as an Oregon non-profit corporation under Burnside Projects, Inc.

Father Lulay, the Rev. Louis Weis, pastor of the Downtown Chapel, where Father Lulay serves as assistant, and three lay people make up the board.

Menu listed

The Cardinal Cafe, a grade - A restaurant, which offers ham and eggs, potatoes, toast and jelly for \$1.15 sprouted from another Downtown Chapel project, the Burnside Hotel, 208 NW Couch St. The hotel offers room and board on an ability-to-pay basis to alcoholics.

Father Lulay pointed to a sign in his room which he said explains his approach. "The greatest good we can do for others is not just to share our riches with them but to reveal theirs to themselves."

Ralph Sheffert, head cook at the Cardinal Cafe, said he believed he was some inspiration for the project. Sheffert, who had been living and cooking at the Burnside Hotel, thought men from the hotel who were trying to get started again could operate a cafe.

The 28-bed hotel offers accommodations to men who abide by the rules of no drinking while staying there and who are willing to work to keep the place going and in order. The hotel's sleek front door, decidedly a distinguishing characteristic in the decrepit surroundings, was the work of a skilled carpenter who was once a guest.

The cafe draws its crew of six to eight from the hotel's residents. Wages are on a profit basis and range from \$14 to \$40 per week, plus room and board.

Stable crew needed

A waitress from out of the area has been added during the past week. "We needed a stable crew and she, along with Mr. Sheffert, will provide a nucleus," Father Lulay said, "so opening on



CUSTOMERS — The four-months old Cardinal Cafe has tripled volume since opening in April. A brisk turnover of

customers at counter and tables keeps Dianne Poppino, waitress, busy. She is only employe not from Skid Road area.



PRIEST-RESTAURATEUR — The Rev. Gilbert Lulay supervises operation of the Cardinal Cafe, 415 W. Burnside. The restaurant serves as a rehabilitation project for alcoholics who reside at Burnside Hotel.

Monday morning will not be a constant traumatic experience."

Some of the men have a problem with handling money, the priest explained. They may or may not be alcoholics in the scientific sense, but if they have money, they drink.

This is the current prob-

lem Father Lulay is tackling. "We're attempting to make them responsible for handling money. If they can't handle it we ask them to let us manage it for them until they can."

The cafe provides an opportunity for the men to work. If they cannot make a significant contribution, they do not remain a part of the program.

"There is so much that tells them how useless they are and the place they want to be is to experience that they can be useful and responsible," the priest explained.

When Father Lulay discovered the cafe, it had been closed for some time. The men rejuvenated it and added a steam table. Dishwashing facilities were brought to the city's "Grade-A" standards for sanitation.

The name Cardinal Cafe does not reflect the young priest's ecclesiastical ambitions, but was suggested by one of the men at the hotel. It seemed good and it stuck.



COOK — Ralph Sheffert a cook by profession, plans menu, prepares foods at the Grade A restaurant. Sheffert urged Father Lulay to start the project.

Business is growing and has nearly tripled since the cafe was opened, Father Lulay said.

Envoy flies to capital

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker flew to Washington on Sunday to confer with President Nixon and other top officials on Vietnam.

Accompanying Bunker was his wife, Carol Laise, the U.S. Ambassador to Nepal.

Bunker is expected to remain in Washington about a week. South Vietnam's presidential election on Oct. 3 is one of the main subjects he will discuss with Nixon and other White House and State Department officials.

Nader urges review of federal posts

LA Times-Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Ralph Nader Sunday urged the adoption of new federal procedures by which high-level government officials — including departmental secretaries — can be dismissed or demoted for failing to enforce the nation's laws.

Accusing Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans of failing to enforce the Air Quality Act of 1970, Nader said processes must be developed so that any citizen with evidence of inaction or "willful non-enforcement of the laws by government officials" can secure a civil service hearing "to determine whether the official should be retained in office or whether he or she should be demoted."

Nader charged that Stans "is not a public official by any sense of the term," suggesting that Stans "should resign immediately from his position."

He so clearly, unabashedly represents a special, narrow business interest viewpoint, as his statements and speeches show so clearly," Nader said of Stans, "that he really shouldn't have to be paid by the taxpayer."

Nader said that in the last few weeks the White House, under the "growing influence of White House assistant Peter Flaminio and Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans," has delayed "the

promulgation of their air quality guidelines to the states, which is the first step toward the implementation of the Air Quality Act of 1970.

"They in effect have failed to comply with the law in the administration because these guidelines were supposed to be out exactly 10 days ago and they are stacked somewhere in the White House in the office of Management and Budget. This again is due to Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans," Nader said.

The White House said Sunday night there would be no immediate statement on Nader's remarks.

While conceding on the CBS television show "Face the Nation" that the President has the right to appoint his cabinet, Nader said he wants "a more orderly, systematic form for the evaluation of the cabinet secreta-

ries as well as, of course, for lower echelon civil servants.

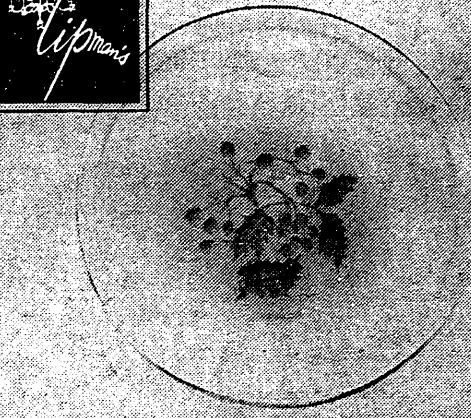
"There has to be a way where citizens can have an opportunity to compel an evaluation . . . of even a cabinet secretary's performance," Nader said.

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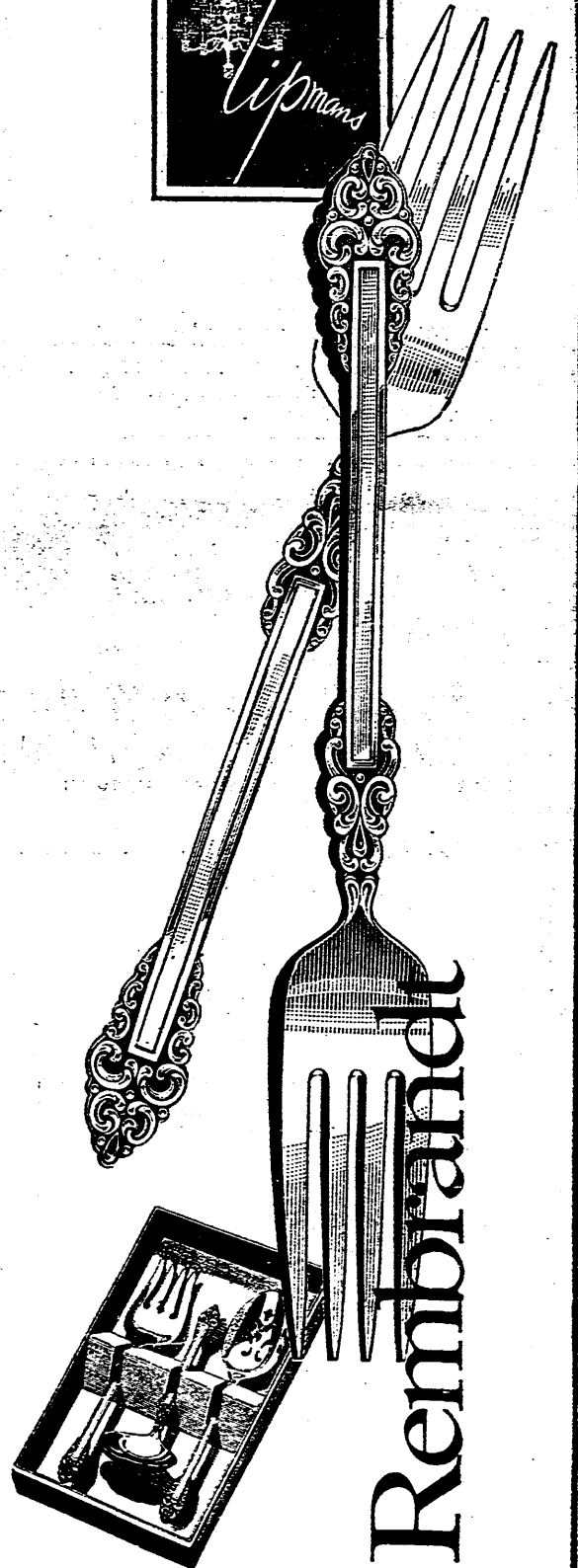
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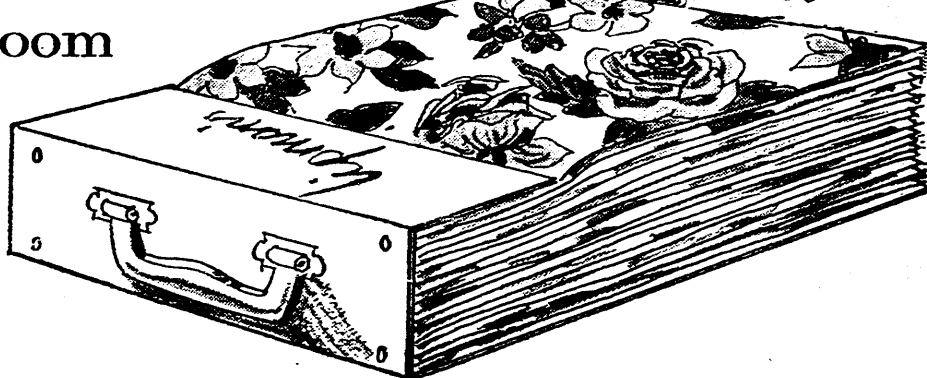
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