

Norwegian Couple Are Wed Despite Involved Red Tape

DULUTH, Minn. (AP)—A young sea-going Norwegian couple finally said "I do" and was married in Trinity Lutheran Church here after international red tape had prevented their being wed in three other ports of call, including Vancouver.

Arvid Nesse, 24, a second mate on the Norwegian freighter Belline, and Ellen Tonnesen, a stewardess for the captain's table on the vessel, faced a short-lived honeymoon, however.

The ship left Duluth Saturday night headed for Montreal with a load of grain picked up here.

The couple was married in a 15-minute ceremony by Rev. Walter D. Lyndal. About 50 persons attended the simple ceremony, including two members of the congregation who served as matron of honor and best man for the couple.

The bride wore a floor-length wedding gown she purchased in Duluth. The groom wore a rented tuxedo.

Also on hand were the Belline's captain, E. Hansen, and six other officers of the ship.

CARRIED UP GANGPLANK

After the ceremony, the newlyweds returned to the ship, where Nesse carried his bride up the gangplank in her wedding dress. The ship staged a

dinner and celebration for the couple.

The couple met in 1963 at Fraasund, Norway, Ellen's home town.

They became engaged in September, 1964, but decided to work a while before marrying in order to have money to return to school.

Both got jobs working on a ship last September, but changed ships in March—deciding to join the Belline which was scheduled to make its maiden voyage to North America.

Nesse and Miss Tonnesen decided to get married, but met frustration three times before succeeding here.

In Vancouver and Tokyo, officials told them they would have to go outside international waters to be married. The couple decided they couldn't afford the costs of hiring a boat and minister.

At Hamburg, West Germany, there was a three-day waiting period and the ship didn't dock that long.

Finally, at Duluth, Norwegian Vice-Consul Mrs. Byrne Ostby and Capt. A. W. Kausch of the tourist office enlisted district Judge Sidney Kaner to waive Minnesota's five-day waiting period.

Cash Tips For Pension Fund Suggested In New Bulletin

OTTAWA (CP)—Waitresses, bellhops, taxi drivers and similar workers who receive cash tips from the public they serve will be able to contribute part of them to the Canada Pension Plan in addition to the required share of their regular salaries if they are too low to qualify for full pension benefits.

The revenue department said in a bulletin to hotel and restaurant operators and the like that employees who receive tips directly should treat them as self-employed earnings.

But service charges levied by an employer and distributed as gratuities to the staff should be treated as regular income.

The bulletin was issued to clarify the position of an employee who is on a basic salary of less than \$5,000, but who is working on a job in which tips form an important additional income.

For example, a person may be paid a salary of \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year but have an ad-

ditional \$1,000 or \$2,000 from gratuities.

INCOMES IMPORTANT

Under the Canada Pension Plan, the employer would contribute 1.8 per cent of income over \$600 and, through payroll deductions, the employee would contribute the same amount. But with less than \$5,000-a-year regular income, the waiter or bellhop would not qualify for the full-pension benefit paid to those whose incomes are \$5,000 and more.

The revenue department's plan is to let such employees

contribute 3.8 per cent of the tips they receive to bring their contributions together with the payments made by their employers and themselves on their basic salary, to the maximum \$156.40 a year.

This plan is to apply to what the department calls "direct gratuities," tips received directly by waitresses, porters, and taxi drivers in return for a service. Also treated as direct gratuities would be the amount a customer with a credit card may add to his bill, instructing the cashier to pay it directly to the waiter.

Such tips are supposed to be reported, of course, as income for income tax purposes. Now the worker has the choice of whether or not to make a payment from them to the Canada Pension Plan.

TIPS ARE DIFFERENT

The revenue department, which does the accounting for the pension plan along with tax returns and payments made by employers for payroll tax deductions, says tips other than direct gratuities will have to be treated differently.

These are so-called "controlled gratuities," amounts which are controlled by an employer and pass through his hands, such as a flat rate service charge in lieu of tips on a hotel bill, or a service charge on a banquet bill—amounts which are determined by the employer, collected and passed along to the employees.

Other "controlled gratuities" would be tips which are pooled and shared among a group of employees, or tips which are received directly from customers and turned over to employees as a condition of employment.

The revenue department says all these controlled gratuities should be treated as income by the employer, and the payout to workers should be treated as income to them.

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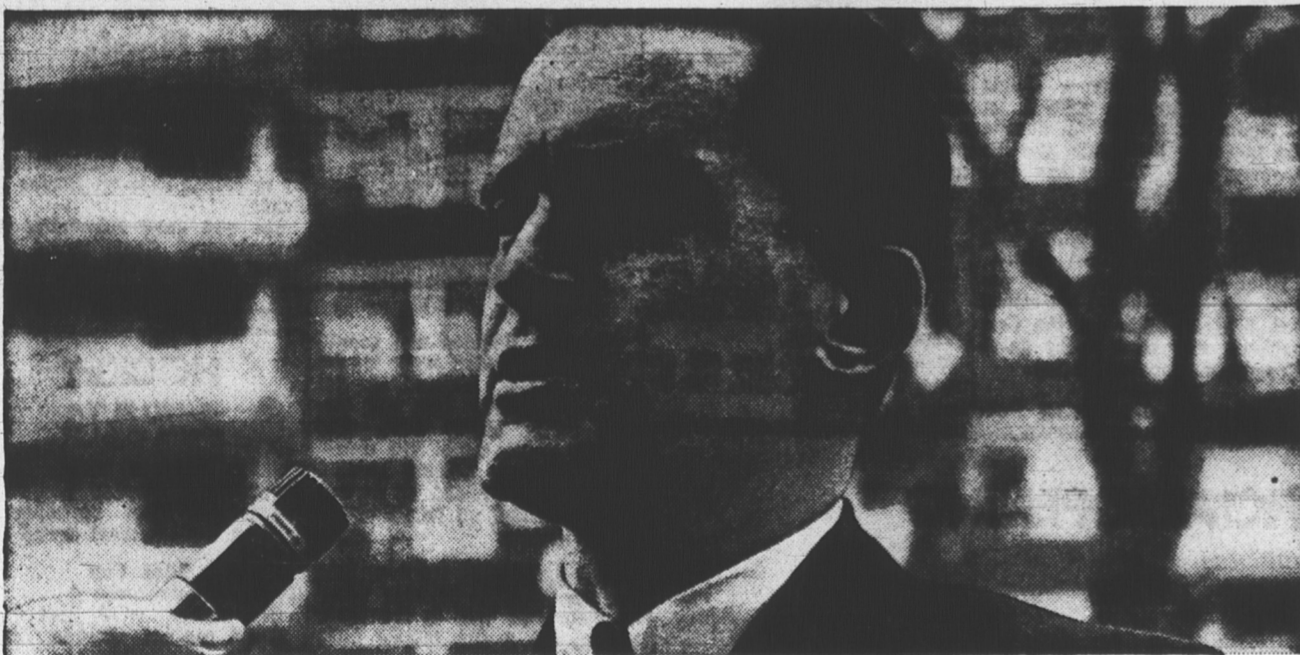
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