

Friends And Foes Alike Ask: What Is Grady Really Like?

WHAT IS J. Harold Grady really like?

That question is asked by everyone I know.

It is even asked by members of his administration.

His friends ask because they are upset over a

variety of things.

These include some of his appointments, his hesitancy at throwing his weight around, his slowness in ousting Pollack people in the city solicitor's office and his not consulting with allies on major matters.

His enemies make such remarks as there is no craftsmanship to his statesmanship.

When Grady went to the State House to enlist support for the removal of Del. Marvin Mandel, city delegation chairman, one observer, noting Pollack and D'Alesandro at one end of the hall and Grady—with his entourage—

at the other remarked (looking at Grady): Here come the College All-Stars to play the Colts.

Grady lost that test, 17-8. The loss in itself wasn't so bad. It showed courage.

But it also showed—behind the scenes—poor organization.

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ONE OF Grady's allies told me: The one vote Grady got in the 1st District is terrible.

"He should have called in State Sen. Joseph A. Bertorelli, who draws over \$5,000 a year as a member of Grady's staff, and told him to deliver some votes or else."

In other words, a common complaint of Grady friends is that he is not getting top political advice.

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NOW THEN: what is he like?

I think he is intelligent, amiable and easy-going.

I think he is naturally a delayer.

His training as an FBI agent and as a lawyer both strengthen his powers of hesitancy.

He takes plenty of time to make up his mind and then is immovable from his decision.

There is little question that the earnings tax try was politically amateurish.

There is also little doubt that the Mandel business could have been handled better.

One thing people don't realize is that Grady was elected in an anti-D'Alesandro wave.

There are many delegates and senators in the Legislature who are loyal to Jack Pollack and D'Alesandro.

Many others are tied to the Coggins-Ommaley and Della-Wyatt political factions which supported Tommy against Harold in the primary.

In other words, Harold's political power is woefully weak at the state level.



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