

So far as I am concerned, it would serve no useful purpose and be, in all likelihood, counterproductive, if my bad dealings with him were made known why in the hell he thought I was timing him--- accusing me of blackmailing him, having me followed by private detectives, I will never be able to understand. The only conclusion I can come to is that, in some way, he felt threatened by me and my, obvious to him, wider knowledge of the world and of people.

He just would not leave me alone. The more I did, the more he wanted. It is as simple as that and, like a trade union or a greedy manufacturer of a successful line of merchandise, he eventually priced himself right out of the bloody market.

I NEVER, so far as was possible, took my work home with me. I was, and still am a solid family man. My home, my life, my love was all with my wife and kids. So my eldest daughter can tell you little of my work with Joe. And if my wife was alive, she could also tell you little. True, I did at times, take work home with me, letters to answer, articles to be roughed out, but I tried to be with my family and spend all the time with them I could AND I DID.

It is true that at times, after a " HARD DAY AT THE OFFICE " I did come home, kick the cat, spit in the dogs food dish and beat up the wife, kids and neighbours. But when those started to become more than rare I said " ENOUGH " and the next day went in and told Joe to stuff it. My family was worth more to me than ANYTHING he had to offer.

I don't know what drove Joe, and I still don't. I have guessed, but my guess may be way out of line. My opinion is that he suffered so much from bigotry and poverty when a child, that he is now taking it out on all around him. I may be wrong here, but it is my opinion.

The one who was the closest to him was Vera. He has known her since she was an infant in arms, from 9 months of age. He has always been very affectionate to her and she has always called him JOE since a little child. This seemed to endear her to him. Again, why I don't know. but he has always thought a lot of her.

NOW HE RAISES ME! Now I don't need it, but I needed it then. If he had been a mite more lavish with praise, I MAY still be with him but I don't think so.

He has many qualities, but seems to thrust these under whenever he feels he is " GUILTY " of a kind thought. A remark he once made to Andy Jackson is revealing. When Jackson upbraided him over his conduct and told him he would have no friends if he continued on his course, he replied " I DONT WANT FRIENDS SO LONG AS I HAVE MY MONEY. " But all this is stuff that can hardly be denied. It consists of my private thoughts, my opinions about him and the way I was treated.

What a sad sad pity. I feel he has much in him to be a well liked man, but he is so filled with the need for recognition--- see his latest edition of MUSCLE AND FINESS. where arse kissing remarks are on almost every page that this not only sickens me but loads of others too. He NOW HAS HIMSELF responsible for Ted Arcidi's success in benching T15.

This does him a disservice, and others who have contributed as much as he, an injustice. He also does himself a disservice by allowing what can be described as sychophants, but only as arse kissers, to write such stuff.