

Hugh Atlantic City Pier Burns—Main ballroom on Atlantic City's "million dollar pier" lies in ruins after a \$200,000 fire ripped through 300 feet of the famed 1900-foot landmark. (Acme Telephoto)

No One Is Closer to Chief Executive Than His Aide

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(United Press White House Reporter)

Washington, Sept. 15 (U.P.)—The influential role of Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan in the Truman administration is nothing new for military aides to presidents. Vaughan has been hot front page material in recent weeks because of his friendship for and assistance to key figures in the current senate investigation of so-called "five percenters."

Probably no one in government today is closer to the president than Vaughan, a reserve officer who first met Mr. Truman in the Missouri National Guard after World War I in which both served as artillerymen.

Vaughan has the president's ear whenever he wants it. His duties, according to his own testimony before the senate investigators, go far beyond the simple liaison functions of one of three armed services aides at the White House. He does, to put it simply, what the president asks, and sometimes more. He is paid a major general's salary of \$10,744 a year.

The historical fact is that this has been going on for years. Military aides in a number of administrations have occupied powerful roles of influence. Several became ambassadors. Many served as presidential secretaries concurrently with their duties as aides.

Brig. Gen. Horace Porter, for example, served as aide and private secretary to President Grant. He became so popular for finding the grave of John Paul Jones in France that congress gave him the privilege of the floor of both houses for life. Maj. Archibald Butt, aide to Presidents Taft and Theodore

Roosevelt, was noted in Washington for his influence, particularly in the administration of "T. R."

Vaughan's rank as a major general is not without precedent. The army aide to the late Franklin D. Roosevelt was Maj. Gen. Edwin M. (Pa) Watson who also served for several years as the president's appointment secretary.

Watson's secretarial role was one of considerable power because to a large extent, he exercised control over Mr. Roosevelt's daily list of callers. Watson was at the side of FDR at all the important wartime conferences and died en route home from Yalta in 1945.

A number of presidents gave their military aides a choice plum on the side—the job of superintendent of public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia. As a matter of fact, this was the custom rather than an exception from the early nineties until the time of President Coolidge.

Lodge Resumes Work

Brooks — Harmony Rebekah lodge No. 75 held its first regular meeting of the fall season in the lodge hall with Mrs. Mable Long, noble grand, and Mrs. Margaret Jones, vice grand, presiding.

Mrs. Sturgis Away

Brooks — Mrs. Katie Sturgis left for Hillsboro, where she will visit her son Francis Sturgis and family for a week. She will then accompany her son and

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Treasury in Red \$3,304,000,000

Washington, Sept. 15 (U.P.) — The treasury has struck a balance for the first 10 weeks of the new fiscal year and reports itself in the red for \$3,304,000,000.

There were years during the Coolidge and Hoover administrations when that sum would have paid all government expenses for 12 months.

On a weekly basis since fiscal 1950 began on July 1, the treasury has been spending beyond its income at an average rate of \$330,478,000. Weekly income in the same period averaged \$507,137,000 and the weekly average of spending was close to \$1,000,000,000. The actual spending figure was \$837,618,000 every seven days.

The most significant figure in the daily treasury report which covered the first 10 weeks of the fiscal year was on spending. It cost the taxpayers nearly \$2,000,000,000 more to run the federal government during the first 10 weeks of this fiscal year than it cost during the same period a year ago. That is a big increase.

These spending figures from the background of a growing dispute between President Truman and an economy group in congress for which the democratic spokesman is Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia. Sen. Robert A. Taft, (R., O.), and many other republicans also have been hammering at government costs and they recently were joined by former president Hoover.

Spawning among oysters occurs when the water in which they live reaches a temperature of 68 to 70 degrees F.

Training Period Set For Linn Extension

Lebanon—The annual officers' training meeting for heads of the Linn county extension units will be held September 16 in the Lebanon city hall at 10:30

o'clock. This year's program will be outlined by Linn county's home extension agent, Miss Viola Hansen.

The afternoon session will be devoted to a discussion of what constitutes a good business meeting. Yearbooks for the coming year will be distributed and officers' handbooks brought up to date.



Naval Support — Captain John G. Crommelin (above), navy flyer who accused the army and air force of trying to take over the national military establishment, has been flooded with telephone calls from navy officers supporting his stand. Retired Admiral William F. Halsey, attending a private luncheon with several other navy officers at Crommelin's home in Washington, called on "all navy officers" to support Capt. Crommelin. (Acme Telephoto)

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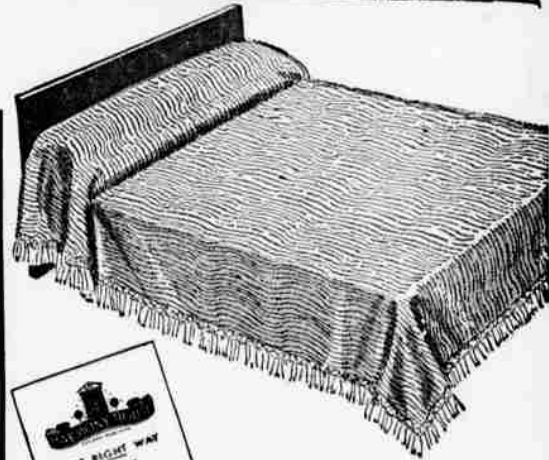
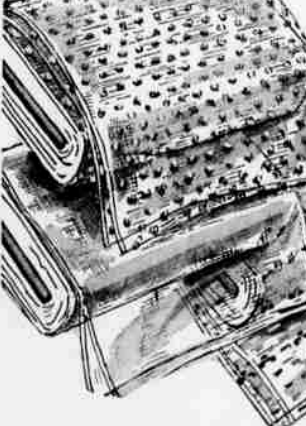
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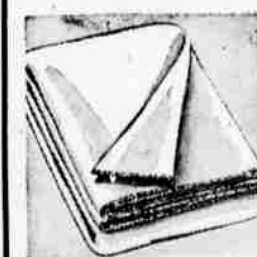


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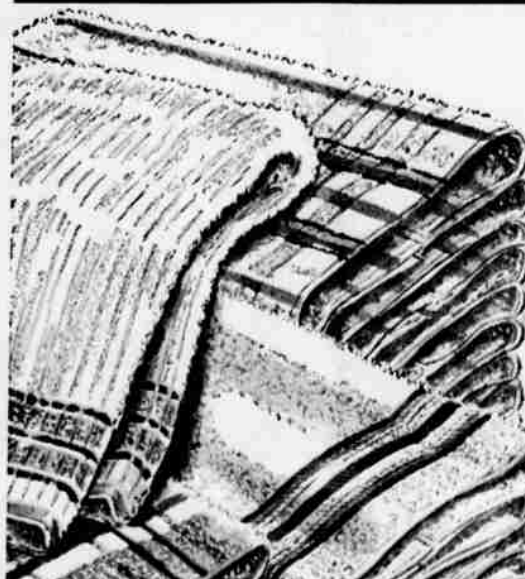
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