

Mystery Man To Be Central Figure in Internal Revenue Battle

Former Official Charges Political Reason for Firing

Washington — (U.P.) — A mystery man, alleged to be a top executive of the Internal Revenue Service, is expected to be a central figure in an ex-official's legal battle to prove he was fired for political reasons.

The ex-official, Edgar E. Hoppe, who formerly was chief policeman over Internal Revenue employees' behavior, has sued the government for almost \$27,000 in back pay.

His lawyer charged yesterday that Hoppe was dismissed from the tax service two years ago for refusing to "whitewash a critical, adverse report on a new political appointee," the man whose identity is still unknown.

Showed Disrespect

Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey immediately stepped into the fray with a sharp statement that Hoppe was fired for "incompetence . . . a belligerent attitude and disrespect for his superiors."

Humphrey ignored the talk of politics and whitewash. But Treasury sources denied Hoppe's allegations although they refused to permit use of their names.

While two congressional committees prepared full inquiries of the Hoppe case, and others similar to it, Rep. Herman P. Eberhart (D-Pa.), a member of the tax writing House Ways and Means Committee, said an investigation may be necessary to find out if the mysterious official is "as clean as a hound's tooth."

In High Position

Hoppe's lawyer, John P. Wittsil, said the official now holds "one of the highest ranking positions" in the tax service. His name will come out when Hoppe's salary suit reaches trial in the U.S. Court of Claims, Wittsil said. He told newsmen the case might not be tried for a full year. It was filed Aug. 19.

Hoppe was a 24-year career federal employee when he was dismissed from his \$14,000 a year post as assistant commissioner of Internal Revenue in 1953. Humphrey said it had been "hoped he might be transferred to a lesser position for which his ability might adequately fit him, but it soon became apparent that even this was impossible because of his belligerent attitude and disrespect for his superiors."

Hoppe now is a lawyer in Dallas, Tex.

Move by Industries Not From Town's Area

Ithaca, N.Y. — (U.P.) — A Cornell University study of commuters habits in 12 states indicates that while industries may be moving out of town, they're not quitting their particular areas.

The surveyors found that theories that industry is decentralizing may be out of line with geographic facts. While statistics show a trend toward expansion in smaller industrial areas, it is at a slower rate of growth than edge-of-town development in major centers.

"Future employment opportunities will be greatest in plants located outside city limits but close to established major industrial centers," said Prof. Leonard P. Adams and Dean of Agriculture Thomas W. Mackeisey.

Prof. Glenn H. Beyer, director of the Cornell's housing research center, said the study covered commuting patterns in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and West Virginia.

Dog Attends Church; Adopted by Members

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — A Canadian husky dog named Brownie probably goes to church more than most people do.

Brownie is owned by the Rev. Thomas A. Madden, an Episcopal minister.

Brownie hasn't missed a sermon, wedding or baptism in the past eight years at St. John's Episcopal Church. His master always takes Brownie to the services and lets him stay at the altar.

When he first picked up Brownie as a stray and adopted him, the minister was afraid the congregation might not approve of the dog's appearances in church. But the parishioners also adopted Brownie without question, and they bring him cookies and bags of bones.

Brownie remains quiet throughout the services, and nobody objects if he curls up for a snooze during the sermon.



STILL HONEYMOONING—Airman Daniel Schmidt and his wife, Una, continue their second honeymoon as they keep cool at Hollywood poolside as temperature soars into the 100's. While in Hollywood they appeared on a CBS-TV show. Schmidt returned after almost three years as a prisoner of the Chinese Communists to find Una had remarried. Reconciliation followed Schmidt's filing for divorce.

Shady Cove-Trail California Couple Visits

Shady Cove-Trail — Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Hohn, Long Beach, Calif., former residents of Trail, have spent several days up at their home near the Reinnings which they still own. They have the place listed for sale and also would like to sell some of the furnishings. Betty Mc Elrath, Trail, has a key and will show the furniture to anyone interested.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harmon and family, Ventura, Calif., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis, Trail.

Harry Goode, Shady Cove, left this past week end for Granite Falls, Wash., where he will be working for Jimmy Davis, Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd French and children, Lee, Dee and Stevie, and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Copeland, all Buena Park, Calif., have spent the past two weeks visiting with the Copelands' son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Copeland, Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Saltee and children of Glendale, Ore., spent the Labor day week end visiting with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shepard, Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Athel Dudley accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quail and son, Allen, spent the Labor day holidays at Taft, Ore., visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Eastgate and sons moved to Medford last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Hotchkiss, Bell Gardens, Calif., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hicks and family, Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brunson and daughters, Charolyn and Barbara, Pasadena, Calif., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smallwood, Shady Cove. Brunson is Mrs. Smallwood's son. Other visitors of the Smallwoods have been Mrs. B. Tassey and Mrs. Margaret McQuire, Fallbrook, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Segessenman, Shady Cove, have returned from a 10 day trip to Reno, Nev., where they visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pfluke. While there they took a number of sightseeing trips to Virginia City, Carson City and Lake Tahoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller, Shady Cove, have bought the property next to the Max Hawks' residence on the River road from Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peebles, Medford. Miller started excavating for the basement last week end and the Millers are planning to build a pumny block ranch style house.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wright, Tillamook, Ore., spent the Labor day week end visiting with Mrs. Wright's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Elic Oliver, Trail. Harry Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. Harl White and family, Trail, made a fishing trip to Brookings Labor day week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley and Mrs. Pearl Adair, Shady Cove, left Labor day week end for the California and Oregon beaches, first to Crescent City and White Rock, Calif., near Smith River and up the Oregon coast to Bandon, then to Roseburg and home. On their trip they collected shells and rock plants.

Charles Chubb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chubb, Shady Cove, has leased the Bob Lewellen service station in Shady Cove. Chubb left Wednesday for Glendale and Charles will accompany him back and open the station as soon as he arrives. The Charles Chubb family will remain down in California until a place for

Political Scientists Win Wilson Award

Boulder, Colo. — (U.P.) — Three University of California faculty members who co-authored "Prejudice, War and the Constitution," received the \$1,000 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award last night at the convention of the American Political Science Association here.

The book by the California political scientists was judged the best of the year "in the field of government and democracy" by the award committee. It was a scholarly description of the internment of Japanese on the West Coast during World War II. The principal speaker at the convention Wednesday, Paul G. Willis of Washington, predicted that the Democratic candidate will win the 1956 presidential election. Willis is administrative assistant to Paul Butler, Democratic national chairman.

Motor Courts Now Twice Number Ten Years Ago

Chicago — (U.P.) — There are now 50,000 motor courts, nearly twice the number of 10 years ago, the Chicago Motor Club reports.

The club said the number of places offering overnight accommodations to motorists is increasing by about 1,500 a year.

In addition, hundreds of hotels have remodeled lobbies, basements and adjoining property to provide motorists with more convenient entry and parking.

The motor club said most new hotels have built-in motor lobbies.

MAGIC STORY FAILS

Orlando, Fla. — (U.P.) — Clarence Hickey, 25, a Negro, today faced trial on forgery charges despite his claim that figures on a check increased by "magic." Hickey, of Apopka, Fla., said a fortune teller sprinkled a white powder on a check and magically increased its value from \$3.25 to \$40.25.

Wolves Still Plague Farmers in Michigan

Lansing, Mich. — (U.P.) — Although Michigan is known as the nation's automobile "capital," state conservation officials point out that from 40 to 100 timber wolves still roam its wild upper peninsula.

Conservationists said they expect the wolf soon will become extinct in Michigan, but they pointed out the animals have continued to plague farmers although a wolf bounty has been in existence since 1837.

Wildlife experts said the Huron Mountain area of northern Baraga and Marquette Counties is the home of the largest colony of Michigan wolves, with several other large packs in adjacent areas.

WOMEN RESENTED

Waterbury, Conn. — (U.P.) — Male cadets of the Civil Air Patrol squadron were asked to state their gripes. First on the list: being ordered by woman officers.



COMPLETE investigation of slaying by Korean guard of Airman Martin L. Drach (above), 22, is demanded by his mother.

The size of some truck and bus mufflers has been increased three and one-half times to lower the amount of exhaust noise.

Construction Starts On Natural Gas Line

Ontario — (U.P.) — Construction was started this week on the Ontario-Hermiston segment of a natural gas pipeline, following settlement of four easement cases in court.

Bulldozers were at work clearing a right of way two miles north of Ontario for the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp., transmission line.

The four easements had held up work all along the line. One was settled Monday in Portland's Federal Court, and the others were settled in Malheur County Circuit Court last week.

Fulghum Contracting Company subcontracted work on the segment from Fish Construction Company.

Portland — (U.P.) — The General Services Administration yesterday announced that Portland's Pioneer postoffice building would be sold to the highest bidder.

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