

Capital Associates Believe Stassen Off Ike's Team for Good

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Washington—AP—Some of Eisenhower's close White House associates hoped and believed today that Disarmament Counselor Harold E. Stassen has left the administration team for good.

The announcement came two weeks after Stassen called on Vice President Richard M. Nixon to withdraw his candidacy for renomination. Stassen also criticized Nixon's impact on the voters and to reconsider his willingness to run with him.

Not Given Prize
Announcement of the leave came a few hours after a 20-month conference with the President which had been sought by Stassen.

Stassen was asked, "Oh no, the other way 'round," he replied. Stassen said he was not now actually outside the official Eisenhower family, but merely would not be drawing a government salary until Aug. 27, four days after the Republican National Convention is scheduled to end.

Mr. Eisenhower's grant of leave to Stassen appeared to be a compromise action. Some administration intimates, among them Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr., are understood to have urged Stassen's public execution on the White House lawn. Others argued against direct action, but conceded the need for disassociating the cabinet circle with an active campaign against Nixon. Stassen is a cabinet member by invitation, although not by precedent.

The White House gang today is aflame with suspicion and dislike of Stassen. Some of them are confident that Mr. Eisenhower will find means after Stassen's leave at least to ease him away from the White House area toward some less prominent spot. Stassen may, of course, return to his desk and the payroll on Aug. 27, but the word today was that his number is up for ultimate action.

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Ernest Pool, A. H. Schneider, Harold E. Siegrist and M. D. Schneider, Grants Pass, have filed a location notice for a mine named Copper Quartz. The claim is located in northwest Jackson county south of the Douglas county line, in the Graves Creek mining district.

An advantage of the loose system of dairy housing is there is less damage to legs and udders of the cows, according to the North Dakota Agricultural College Extension Service.

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Brookings Man Named Curry County Attorney
Salem—UP—Ed F. Aekley, Brookings attorney, was appointed by Gov. Elmo Smith today as district attorney of Curry county.

Aekley, for the past three years city attorney of Brookings, succeeds Samuel A. Hall who resigned. Hall is the Republican nominee for joint representative from Coos and Curry counties.

Evidence Ties Hodge With Illinois Gang; Investigators Claim

Springfield, Ill.—AP—Evidence linking a state Auditor Orville E. Hodge with reputed racketeers in downstate Illinois was uncovered by investigators. It was disclosed Monday night.

State investigators found a note showing Hodge paid \$20,000 "on account of enterprise" to Thomas J. Berry on Jan. 30, 1954. Berry was described as a contact man for the Frank Buster Wortman gang in the downstate region.

Meanwhile, Sangamon county authorities planned to ask a grand jury today to indict Hodge's office manager, Edward A. Epping, on 46 indictments. Each indictment covered a fraudulent state check in a scandal which revolves around at least \$1,000,000 worth of phony state checks. Hodge is under federal and state indictments in the scandal.

The note received by Hodge from Berry was found during a search of Hodge's former Granite City office for names of persons who backed the ex-auditor's political career. According to the note, Hodge received the money from Berry "on account of enterprise."

Authorities, however, believed the money represented a campaign gift for which Hodge promised to give gambling elements downstate a green light. Earlier, Hodge admitted knowing some of the alleged racketeers in the area, but denied receiving help from them in financing his career. Hodge's political ambitions and how he paid for them became a key factor in the probe after he admitted raiding the state treasury to help himself to high political office.

The former Bear creek diversion dam was washed out in floods in December and February last winter. The dam is located between the Jackson of and the McAndrews rd. bridges off Biddle rd.

The present dam, Sexton said, is a cantilever structure, constructed into a five-foot foundation of well cemented gravel. About \$13,000 worth of repairs were done on the dam, Sexton pointed out that a major portion of the costs were paid by the disaster relief fund administered under the civil defense.

Repairs Remain
He said about \$1,500 worth of repairs remain to be done on the dam. Repairs will be completed on the dam in the fall when most of the water is out, he added.

In reconstructing the dam, Sexton said, the crews found a porous layer of gravel situated on top of the hard-pan layer, in which the foundation was constructed, enabling more effective sealing of the foundation to save about two cubic feet of water per second. That amount will irrigate from 10 to 15 acres a day, he said.

The present dam is designed to carry 35 cubic feet per second, he said.

State Files Suit Following Accident

The state of Oregon, by and through the state highway commission, has filed a complaint in circuit court here against Vern V. Helbig, Velma Helbig and Raymond Leigh McComb Jr., as the result of a two-vehicle collision on May 10, 1955.

The state charges in the complaint that a sedan owned by the Helbigs had been furnished to McComb for purposes of pleasure and family convenience. The plaintiff further charges that McComb was known by the owners of the car to be a negligent and careless driver.

On May 10, 1955, the complaint states, Fred W. Haven, an employee of the state highway commission, was driving a truck west on Sam's Valley Highway 234 and McComb was driving the Helbig car west on the same highway behind the truck. It further states that Haven signaled for a left turn and proceeded in a southerly direction to the left across the center line when the defendant drove the car into the truck.

The state charges the Helbigs with negligence in permitting McComb to drive the car, knowing he was a negligent and careless driver. The state also charges McComb with negligence in traveling at an excessive rate of speed, failing to keep proper lookout or any lookout at all and following too close.

The state asks \$703.23 for repairs to the truck and \$250 for attorney's fees. Representing the plaintiff are Robert Y. Thornbush, attorney general for the state of Oregon; C. W. Enfield, assistant attorney general and counsel for the highway commission; and Robert L. May Jr., assistant attorney general and counsel for the highway commission.

Woman Attempts Murder, Suicide
Portland—AP—A Portland woman yesterday shot her two sons in a closet with a cyanide bomb and then attempted to commit suicide by slashing her wrists with a razor, according to the county sheriff's office.

Mrs. Glen Richards, 27, was placed under police guard at Providence hospital here. Neighbors found the two boys, Joey, 9, and Arnie, 7, lying in the driveway of their home crying "Help, murder!" They said their mother and told them she had sparklers for them but that they would have to go into the closet in order to see them.

They said she then placed the cyanide bomb, used to kill gophers, on a tin plate on the closet floor and lighted it. Then she shut the boys in. As smoke filled the room they ran; god to force their way out. Mrs. Richards was found in the bathroom of the home with her wrists slashed. She told officers she had also drunk some weed killer.

The boys were in fair condition at a hospital. Mrs. Richards was described in good condition.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Damage Suit Filed In Circuit Court

Red Blanket Lumber company located in White City, has been named defendant in a \$63,600 damage suit by a former employee, Houston J. Click, according to records in circuit court here.

Click is seeking \$30,000 general damages and \$1,800 special damages in each of two separate causes of action.

In the first cause of action, the plaintiff states he was working for the company as an edger man on Nov. 8, 1955. In the course of his job, he claims his feet slipped, he was struck on the side by a board and he fell striking his back and sustaining multiple injuries.

Click charges the company with negligence on several counts, including failure to provide a safe place for him to work and failure to provide an air hose or similar device to keep the area free of debris.

In his second cause of action, the plaintiff states he was employed by the company on Nov. 30, 1955 as an edger operator and was required to sharpen saw teeth. He claims he was also required to place a 100 pound sheet iron on top of the edger frame. The complaint states the guard fell off the frame and struck him on the head causing severe and permanent injuries.

Representing the plaintiff are Attorneys Bailey, Lezak and Swink of Portland.

Michigan's ordinance of 1787, taken from the Articles of Confederation of the Continental Congress, states three necessary things for good government—religion; morality and knowledge.

Miss Universe Cold In Bathing Suit Pose
New York—UP—The new Miss Universe, 20-year-old Carol Morris, shivered bravely on a cool Manhattan rooftop today in a bathing suit and Indian feather headdress and commented, "I would rather pose in dresses."

Miss Morris came here from California Monday on her first assignment as the international beauty title winner. She is helping promote a new movie about Indians.

"If I'm not a success in movies, I'll go back to college," she said. Miss Morris, who revealed three days ago that she was adopted at the age of three

ANTI-SIGN CAMPAIGNER
Montgomery, Ala.—(AP)—City Traffic Engineer W. O. Shrader would like to remove "about half of the 2,700 traffic signs in town." He says it would not affect public safety one bit. Shrader claims city drivers are suffering from "signitis" and that most traffic signs, including numerous speed limit markers, just confuse and irritate the average motorist.

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