

### Back Stairs: A New Career at Age 78

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UPI White House Reporter  
Augusta, Ga. — (UPI) — Back stairs at the White House. William D. Hassett, who was a secretary to both presidents Roosevelt and Truman, has embarked on an entirely new career at the ripe young age of 78.

Hassett has been in Washington recently recording some of his more historic memories for a series of radio broadcasts. Which has led some of his more raffish friends to label him as the disc jockey of the serutan crowd.

The venerable Hassett, who looks somewhat like Carl Sandburg, takes such kidding in stride. He's just signed contracts for newspaper serializations of his new book, "F.D.R. Off The Record" and for book publication in England.

**No Hesitation**

One of President Eisenhower's close advisers pointed out the other day just why he did not hesitate in predicting with sonorous finality that there will be no all-out war between the United States and Russia.

"Should such a war come about," he quoted the Presi-

dent as saying, "in the few moments of life left for most of the civilized world, I assure you that none of my friends will waste that time trying to remember whether I was right or wrong."

**Castro in Washington**

Should the President decide to remain here at the Augusta National Golf Club through next week — and the educated betting is that he will — there are bound to be those who attribute this to the presence in the nation's capital of Fidel Castro.

Castro is scheduled to address the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington late next week; then visit New York and Boston for other speaking engagements.

Castro will not be making an official or state visit. The U.S. government has not invited him, but has said he'd be welcome.

The betting is that the President will fly back to Washington to fill speaking engagements on the night of April 13 and the morning of April 14, then hustle back to Augusta for the rest of the week.

Actually, if the Eisenhower schedule takes this form, it will not of necessity be a case of his leaving town to avoid a meeting with the mercurial Cuban leader. Eisenhower long ago expressed a desire to take a long vacation this spring because the rest of the

spring and summer shape up as a busy time for him.

What seems to be significant, however, is that he is not expected to make a strenuous effort to get back to Washington before Castro leaves town.

### Russian Seaman in Critical Condition

Anchorage, Alaska — (UPI) — An unconscious Russian seaman was in critical condition at an Air Force hospital here today following a dramatic three-day rescue effort off the Aleutian islands.

Evgeniy Ivanovich Gneushev, 23, Vladivostok, was rushed to the hospital at Elmendorf Air Force base Thursday from Cold Bay in the Aleutians by a Coast Guard plane.

A medical bulletin said he was suffering from flaccid paralysis of the right arm and both legs. He was being fed intravenously. There was no indication of active hemorrhage.

Gneushev was injured several days ago when he fell into a hold on the Russian refrigerator ship Pischavaya Industriya which was with the Russian fishing fleet in the Bering sea. The Coast Guard cutter Storistok took the injured seaman off the Russian ship at Akun bay and rushed him to Cold Bay where he was picked up by the plane and brought here.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Salem, the highway committee of the house of representatives approves an increase of one cent in the Oregon gasoline tax. The present tax is six cents per gallon. If the legislature approves the house highway committee's proposal and the governor signs it into law, the tax would be raised to seven cents per gallon.

It is estimated that the one-cent increase in the tax will bring in six million dollars a year. Of this amount, the state will get about \$4,200,000. The rest will go to the cities and the counties.

**WHY the increase?**

It's needed to match the approximately 56 million dollars in federal highway funds now apportioned to Oregon — if Oregon MATCHES THE FEDERAL GRANT.

Oregon, of course, wants and NEEDS the roads. That is the nub of the situation. If Oregon didn't need the roads, it would be a horse of another color. In that event, we would be money ahead if we declined to match the federal grant in full.

**SINCE** Oregon does want and needs the roads, the house highway committee's proposal boils down to this simple question:

**HOW WOULD YOU RATHER PAY YOUR SHARE?**

Personally, I'd rather pay my share of it at the rate of a penny for every gallon of gasoline purchased and poured into my tank than to dig it all up at once in one lump sum.

That's about the long and the short of it.

**AT THIS** point, let's take a look at these federal grants.

They aren't manna from heaven.

They come out of money levied in the form of taxes by the federal government upon the people of the United States. The people of the states, the counties and the cities who ask for and receive these grants PAY THEIR SHARE OF THE FEDERAL TAXES THAT PRODUCE THE MONEY.

It's as if a child should say to its father: "Daddy, I want \$100 to buy me a pony. If you'll give me the money, I'll break open my piggy bank and give you \$90 so that you can give me the \$100."

It's just that simple.

**AS A MATTER** of fact, in Oregon's case, it's even simpler.

According to figures compiled recently by Tax Foundation, Inc., a non-political, non-partisan private organization devoted to tax research, for every dollar Oregon GETS from the federal government it PAYS BACK to the federal government 96 cents in federal taxes.

That is to say:

Out of this 56 million dollars granted by Uncle Sam to his children in Oregon he will TAKE BACK from them in the form of federal taxes the sum of \$53,760,000. All they will get from their kind old uncle, when the books are balanced, will be the sum of \$2,240,000.

Well —

If Oregon NEEDS THE ROADS, even that gift will be welcome. But if Oregon DIDN'T need the roads, it would be a gift horse that should be looked in the mouth.

**AS A FINAL** thought, let's add this:

In the case of our neighbors in California, it IS Different. According to the Tax Foundation figures, for every dollar California gets from the federal government it pays back \$1.04 in federal taxes.

That changes the California picture.

**Eastwood Baptist** Announces Sermon

"Believe and Behave" is the title of the sermon to be given by the Rev. Richard M. Jones, at the 11 a.m. service at Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway ave. Sunday. The chancel choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jones, will sing. Nursery care is provided.

The young people of the church will meet at 6 p.m. for Dine-A-Mite, and their fellowship programs. The worship service begins at 7:30 p.m.

Eastwood Baptist church is located north of Hedrick Junior High school and is affiliated with the American Baptist convention. Visitors are always welcome to its services.

**DIPLOMAT DIES**

Lima, Peru — (UPI) — Dr. Alberto Salomon, 74, noted diplomat and former Peruvian foreign minister, died Wednesday.

### College Closed As Result of Fire

Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y. — Bard college was closed today by a fire which knocked out of the school's heating plant and destroyed Orient hall, a studio building for the arts.

No one was injured in the two-hour blaze which occurred Thursday night when the hall was empty.

It was the second fire at the college within 24 hours and an investigation into possible arson was started.

Bard officials said that the school would be closed for about 10 days.

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### The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Evelyn K. — Dick needs things to give him confidence.**

Victor K. — But sports would be better than music.

**Evelyn K. — My husband and I are having a serious disagreement about our oldest boy, Richard.**

Dick is now 11 and is the size of the average 8-year-old. As a matter of fact, his 8-year-old sister is two inches taller than he is. We have been saying for years that he'll shoot up suddenly, but we have good reason to doubt this. There are very short people in both our families and the doctor says that Dick's bone structure leads him to think the boy will never reach average height.

I feel that Dick needs things to help give him confidence. He is not up to par in sports, so I am trying to get him to study a musical instrument. His teachers say he is quite musical, but he refuses to practice. This is partly because of my husband's attitude. He laughs at the whole thing and says I'll only give Dick worse problems if I try to make a long-hair out of him too.

**Victor K. — I have nothing against Dick's studying music if Evelyn didn't make such a production out of it.** She wouldn't let him go to the ordinary music school that all the kids in our community attend. She started him with one of the top teachers in a nearby city. This man didn't even want to take Dick because he mainly teaches advanced students but Evelyn talked him into it.

In my opinion this man gives Dick too tough a workout and that's why the kid doesn't want to practice. He doesn't like the exercises he is given, but he does enjoy popular music and can pick this up by ear. Why make him be a longhair if he doesn't want to be?

**The Council — Evelyn and Victor are making the same basic mistake.** They want to stuff their boy with confidence because they feel he has a serious shortcoming.

But confidence cannot be put into anyone. It has to come from within. And one way it grows from within is as a result of the parents' attitude. To a great extent the child's attitude toward himself is a reflection of his parents' attitude — or what he believes is his parents' attitude.

The world is full of stories about short men who made history, but what is lacking is the story of their home life. If their parents had regarded them as defective, it is doubtful that many would have had the courage to go into the world and prove themselves. Surely, behind all of those men were parents or other relatives who thought of them as capable, clever, persistent or endowed with other virtues.

**Evelyn and Victor need to show their boy that they have confidence in his qualities.** These are the qualities that will help him deal with the world. They should not make him feel that he needs various props to have him from his inadequacies. He may feel this himself and he will find his own props with a little encouragement from his parents, but he'll balk if he is made to feel that his parents expect him to put forth a particularly big effort to make up for a particular defect.

Evelyn and Victor should try to set aside their fears

### Olga Duncan's Killer To Die

Ventura, Calif. — (UPI) — Augustine Baldonado, 25, will be formally sentenced Tuesday to die in the gas chamber for his part in the "for hire" murder of 30-year-old Olga Duncan.

The ex-convict was condemned by a Superior court jury of seven women and five men Thursday after one hour and 50 minutes of deliberation at the conclusion of his sentencing hearing.

Balonado became the second person sentenced to death in the bizarre murder case of the attractive, pregnant victim, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan,

about Dick and learn to enjoy and appreciate the fine qualities that are undoubtedly in him.

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**Jubilee Association To Meet April 20**

Cave Junction-The Illinois Valley Jubilee association will hold a town meeting April 20, at 8 p.m., in the World War I veterans' building on Caves Highway.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear suggestions and ideas to help make this year's Jubilee a success. All ideas and suggestions will be taken under consideration.

54, Olga's mother-in-law, previously was condemned to death and a third defendant, Luis Moya, 22, awaits trial on a plea of innocent by reason of insanity for the Nov. 17 murder.

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The monthly fellowship meeting for Assembly of God churches in the Rogue valley section will be held on Monday, April 13, at the Assembly of God church, Phoenix, according to the Rev. Robert E. Cull, sectional presbyter.

The service will start at 2:30 p.m. with an evening service scheduled for 7:30. The Rev. Silas Jones, pastor of Klamath Falls Assembly of God, will be guest speaker for the evening service. The general public is invited to attend.

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