

# Fast Rising Politico Chosen West German Defense Minister

**(Editor's note: This month Kai-Uwe von Hassel takes office as West German defense minister. He will be responsible for the European's largest NATO armed force. He inevitably will be a major figure in German politics and some see in him a possible future chancellor.)**

By **RICHARD H. GROWLAD**  
United Press International

Frankfurt, Germany—Uwe von Hassel, 47, was named today as West German defense minister, Kai-Uwe von Hassel joined some friends in Kiel to celebrate the occasion. He is a Rhine wine and a lot of talk. "When the country needs you, you got to go," said one friend jokingly.

"That's right," replied Hassel, not seeming the humor. "When the Fatherland calls, personal aspirations become secondary."

Close friends say Hassel's career—strict devotion to his country coupled with a sense of being a man chosen to play an important role.

This is a quality he shares with the man he is succeeding, Franz Josef Strauss. But there the likeness ends. The Bavarian, beer-drinking Strauss roars like a bull, ranges in speech-making emotions from belly laughter to biting sarcasm. Strauss can be and often has been facetious and this helped bring him down.

Hassel, clearly the product of a north German background, is a smoothie where Strauss might be called a toughie. He has served since 1954 as Prime Minister of the State of Schleswig-Holstein, that cold, windswept northern neck of Germany that leads to Denmark. Its people tend to be stiff upper lipped and the British, and deeply ingrained with the sternness of their Evangelical Lutheran church. This is not the Germany of carefree beer festivals and Lederhosen (leather breeches). Hassel is a land of hard work and few words.

Hassel is a rare man in Western politics who speaks Swabish. He was born April 21, 1913, at Gare, Tanganyika, a pre-World War I German colony. Educated in Schleswig-Holstein, where the names Kai and Uwe are not uncommon, he returned to East Africa in 1933 where his father had been a pioneer. He came home to Germany in an army signal corps lieutenant and was captured by the British in Italy at war's end. Upon release, he went back to Schleswig-Holstein to work as a clerk in an office that handled the refugees from Soviet-occupied Germany. He took an interest in

Hassel spends little time talking about the broad aspects of grand strategy, "but he makes damn sure no battle is lost for want of a nail," a colleague said.

A senior armed force officer who knows Hassel said, "The trouble is you can never tell what this man really thinks. I have seen him addressing a housewives' meeting at Neumünster a town halfway between Hamburg and Kiel, he was brilliant. The women were crazy about that good looking six foot tall man who spoke with such earnestness and sympathy about their problem."

"That same night I saw Hassel addressing officers at the Armed Force Staff college at Hamburg. He was speaking to West Germany's military brass. And again the man was brilliant. The officers did something they rarely do. They applauded wildly. Sometimes I think Hassel is awfully slick."

**Returns To Capital**

In 1954, after a brief stint as a rank-and-file CDU parliamentarian in Bonn, Hassel returned to the Schleswig-Holstein capital of Kiel as prime minister. His dark blue, gray and black suits, his plain tie, and his low-pitched voice suggest his conservatism. But they hide his energy and vigor like a boxer dog named "Gangster" completes the family.

Hassel, an avid camera fan, is famed for his flower photography in German botanical circles. He also has an expert's knowledge of the birds in bird-rich Schleswig-Holstein.

Like many north Germans, Hassel speaks excellent English. His colleagues predict harmony between Hassel and his Washington, London and Paris allies but some think he will tangle with Foreign Secretary Gerhard Schroeder.

"They share much," said one politician. "They both have brilliance, quiet but sure working manner, energy and both have ambitions to become chancellors."

Some called him a hatchet man for that speech.

A man of wide acquaintance but few close friends, Hassel breakfasts on a soft boiled egg, a piece of dark bread and a cup of coffee. "My wife has no trouble cooking for me," he says. "I prefer fish to most everything." A man of self-discipline, he gave up a pipe and cigars on a doctor's suggestion 10 years ago. He drinks only an occasional glass of wine or beer.

The new defense minister still lives in his family's home at Glücksburg. The house is furnished in the simple "Scandinavian modern" style. The Hassels have a son Joachim, 21, who plans an army career, and a daughter, Barbara, 19.

and rejoins it when the danger was ended."

As CDU campaign manager in last year's general election, Hassel severely attacked West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt, the Socialist standard bearer and a man who joined the Norwegian underground during the war against the Nazis. "I am calling myself a German and I am ready to share and carry the fate of the German people and the Fatherland," Hassel said. "I am bound to this vow in good and in bad days. I am not renouncing my people or my nationality for personal and other advantages (as, he implied, Brandt did). I could not leave the German 'Schicksal' (fate) common fate) if it seemed to hold personal dangers for me."

# Traffic Increase Noted in Region

Traffic on state highways showed a pronounced increase during November compared to the same month the previous year, according to the Oregon state highway department's monthly traffic report.

Rural highway traffic increased 2.8 per cent compared to November, 1961. In Jackson and Josephine counties, a sharp increase in travel on Highway 99 was noted. Recorded at a point two miles south of Talent, traffic increased by 20.6 per cent while in Josephine county at a point seven miles north of Grants Pass at Grave Creek, traffic increased by 14.2 per cent.

Rural traffic increases were noted on Highway 238 one mile west of Ruch, up 4.5 per cent and Highway 62 four miles south of Shady Cove, up 6.9 per cent.

Drops in traffic were recorded on Highway 66 five miles east of Ashland, down 4 per cent and on the Jump Off Joe county road nine miles north of Grants Pass, off 12.6 per cent.

City traffic in Medford on Main at east of Geneva street while in Josephine county at a point seven miles north of Grants Pass at Grave Creek, traffic increased by 14.2 per cent.

# Cupid Is Threat to Nursing Employment

New York—UP—Cupid takes more good nurses away from the bedside and keeps them in retirement, contributing to the nursing shortage.

But the creation of jobs for part-time nurses is helping to offset cupid, according to a report in the American Journal of Nursing. More and more of the married nurses are signing up for the part-time jobs, working week-ends and at night.

the month, it was reported. Maximum daily traffic in November occurred during the Thanksgiving week end, it was noted.

# Bank Guard Symbol Of Political Unrest, Need For Protection

By **DAVID NOTT**  
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Caracas, Venezuela—400 in the glass and chrome banks of Caracas policemen sit at their desks, a bandolier of bullets, and a sub-machine gun across their knees.

Banks here have been raided to the tune of over \$18 million this year. Some of the bandits are common gangsters. Others, police say, are young Communist fanatics ready to risk their lives and the lives of passers-by to swell party funds by armed robbery.

The policeman is thus more than a guard; he is a symbol of political warfare, an obstinately visible combatant in Venezuela's own battle against international Communism.

**Mortality Rate**

The battle has raged for almost the whole of the four years of Romulo Betancourt's presidency. It is a history of violent propaganda, bombings, shootings, guerrilla activities, street riots, and the rebellions in May and June of two Marine garrisons in which tanks and rocket-firing jets took part.

This year alone, 47 died in three months, 31 policemen were murdered, often machine-gunned in the back from moving cars, 40 persons were killed in guerrilla fighting and at least 120 persons were killed in the abortive military uprising.

Nonetheless, the government contends this battle is one that the Communists have lost.

The director of the counter-terrorist campaign is the minister of the interior, Dr. Carlos Andres Perez, the most powerful man in the cabinet, a prodigious worker, and the radical opposition's most hated enemy. He says: "We have attacked the extremists with every weapon available. The Communists have been demoralized. Small incidents will continue to occur, but they can no longer mount disturbances on a scale to threaten the stability of the government."

**Leftists Suspended**

The extreme left parties—the Communists and the Marxist-Leninist movement of the revolutionary left (RLE)—have been suspended from all political activity, their publications banned, their offices closed down.

Last week 91 captured guerrillas, among them MIB congressional deputy Fabricio Ojeda, were sentenced by a military court to a total of 1,334 years in prison.

Dr. Gustavo Machado, the urban secretary—general of this country's most aggressive Communist party, accepts these facts with a shrug.

Says he: "Our morale has never been higher. We will fight the government on every front. We shall never relinquish our belief that Marxism is the solution to the stagnation in Venezuela's progress."

"The most telling factor in this struggle is that the party for the first time in its 30-year history, has established solid contacts with the 30 elements in the armed forces. We, and the radical wings of all the opposition parties are far from being alone in our determination to oust Betancourt and his disastrous regime."

**Open War Policy**

Hardly for not, the extreme left maintains its policy of open war against the government. So far in Betancourt's four years in office the government has won every battle. But from now until the general elections of November, 1963, the political struggle will become increasingly bitter.

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**LAW-PASSERS**

Chicago—UP—The 87th Congress enacted 685 public laws during its 1961-62 session, the Commerce Clearing House reports.

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