

# Vanguard of Johnson's Staff Takes Posts in White House



SHIP STUCK FAST — Tug boats strain as they attempt to free the Norwegian ship Hermon which has been stuck since Nov. 24 on a sand bar about a mile out in Lake Michigan (UPI)

off Chicago. The ship was bound for Mediterranean ports when it slid into the sand bar in about 22 feet of water. The ship, with its 12,500 ton gross weight, was drawing 25 feet.

## MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1963

### European Newspapers Continue Criticism of Double Slayings

LONDON (UPI) — Newspapers in Western and Communist Europe today kept up their criticism of the Dallas police for their handling of the slayings of President Kennedy and his accused assassin, Lee H. Oswald.

A Portuguese newspaper, Diario de Lisboa, said the climate for murder was generated by American gangster movies. French and Italian newspapers speculated that Oswald had an accomplice.

There was renewed speculation on both sides of the Iron Curtain that the President's death, and possibly Oswald's, was the result of a plot.

Moscow Radio blamed Kennedy's assassination directly on ultra-conservatives in the United States. The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia said the "American system" shared the blame.

### Various Members Of Kennedy Crew Will Be Replaced

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The vanguard of President Johnson's staff has moved into the White House and more will follow, working with and ultimately replacing various members of the Kennedy crew.

One of Johnson's first acts upon being thrust into the presidency by the assassination of President Kennedy was to ask his predecessor's staff to stay on.

But as vice president, Johnson had a staff of his own—hardly as large as Kennedy's but sizable in its own right. Like Johnson, most of them are Texans.

No Job Hunting

Just as many of Kennedy's staff members were held to him by close personal ties and will not want to stay with their leader gone, Johnson's own loyal employees will not have to job hunt.

On higher policy levels, Johnson undoubtedly will want with him the aides he has known and trusted for years. Several already are at work in the White House, coordinating the new President's desires with the departed Chief Executive's personnel. These include:

—William Moyers, not quite 30, who is deputy director of the Peace Corps but is acting as a key liaison man at the White House between Johnson and the Kennedy staff. Moyers is a Fort Worth man who attended North Texas State College and worked for the Johnson radio station in Austin. Johnson holds him in the highest regard.

—Walter Jenkins, staff member longest in Johnson's Washington service, was his administrative assistant as vice president and senator. A University of Texas graduate, Jenkins began working for Johnson when the president was a House member. In his 40's, Jenkins is a native of Wichita Falls.

—Marie Fehmer and Mary Juanita Roberts, staff secretaries who have divided the main burden of personal secretarial work for Johnson in recent months. Miss Fehmer was with the Johnsons in Texas when Kennedy was assassinated.

Working on the sidelines with Kennedy-appointed White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger are:

—George E. Cheney, 46, burly grey-haired press chief for Johnson for 12 years. A Chicagoan who adopted Texas citizenship. Cheney went to Johnson from the Senate staff of United Press in 1951.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, another Texan, who began handling Mrs. Johnson's press affairs in 1960 and still is doing so, with time out to assist in some of the wittier veins of speechwriting for Johnson while he was vice president.

### Martin Sands Is Honored at Event Upon Retirement

Martin E. Sands, who retired last month as vice president and division manager of the California-Pacific Utilities Company after 33 years service with the firm, was honored recently at a retirement dinner at Rogue Valley Country Club.

E. K. Albert, San Francisco, president of California-Pacific Utilities, was speaker of the evening, addressing the 140 guests from various points in California and Oregon.

Albert also presented Sands with a retiring plaque to commemorate his years of service and a bound volume of congratulatory letters from the officers of the company, district managers and friends.

Murray S. Gardiner, Medford district manager, was toastmaster and presented Sands with gifts from his fellow employees.

District Represented

Operating districts of the company at Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Yreka and Dunsmuir represent families.

Special guests were L. E. Cooper, vice president and chief engineer, W. E. Hammer, secretary, both of San Francisco, and Mrs. Hammer, who is Mr. Sands' sister.

Medford guests introduced to the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Newman. Van Dyke is attorney for the company and Wilson, Miller and Newman are former employees.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Andres also were given recognition. Andres was formerly district manager at Ashland.

Musical Program

The musical program for the dinner was presented by Karen Paschke and Mrs. Margaret Brown.

Sands began his career with the California-Pacific Utilities Company as an auditor in San Francisco in 1930 and was elected secretary of the firm later that year. He was elected to the board of directors in 1938 and in January, 1939, was named vice president and division manager with headquarters in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Sands have made their home at 301 South Groveland Ave., Medford, for the past 25 years.

### Widower Sobs as Carol Thompson's Killing Described

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) — Three double vodkas for breakfast and a few benzdrine pills for your nerves... a quick shave, a clean suit and a borrowed hat. That's the way the day starts for a murderer.

It ends with a piece of rubber hose, a paring knife and a German Luger that won't fire. And a helpless woman screaming for mercy. All in a day's work.

Dick W. C. Anderson, 35, a hard-drinking Korean War veteran, sat in a crowded courtroom Tuesday and quietly told how he beat, bludgeoned and stabbed to death heiress Carol Thompson, 34.

"Oh, God help you!" sobbed dimple-cheeked criminal attorney T. Eugene Thompson — Carol's husband and himself charged with master-minding the slaying — when Anderson told how he broke off a paring knife in the woman's throat and left her dying.

In a slow, careful voice, Anderson recounted the events of last March 6, that bitter-cold day when Carol Thompson staggered bleeding and unrecognizable from her home only to die in a hospital hours later.

He said he woke up at 5 a.m., put on his slippers and "went directly to the refrigerator and mixed a double shot of vodka." He drank it and then drank another.

He walked to the bathroom, where he shaved, put on a white shirt, clean suit and adjusted his tie. Another double shot of vodka and a couple of benzdrine pills and he was ready.

On his way out, he put on a hat borrowed—he said—from Norman J. Mastrian, an ex-prizefighter who has been named as the middleman in the slaying — the man with the \$3,000 payoff.

Anderson said he arrived at the Thompson's fashionable home at 5:30 a.m., ducked in an open door and waited patiently in the darkened basement while Carol Thompson got her four children off to school.

When the children were gone, and Carol was back in bed reading a magazine, Anderson said he crept upstairs and into her room.

As Anderson told of the killing Thompson began to shudder. His jaw quivered convulsively, his shoulders shook. "Oh, God help you," he cried, stared at Anderson and collapsed sobbing on a table.

Thompson regained his composure after a recess, but his face was ashen. The state says he masterminded the plot to collect the more than \$1 million insurance he had taken out on Carol's life and to take up with his paramour.

### Beatty Man Found Guilty of Murder

KLAMATH FALLS (UPI) — William Unsworth, 53, Beatty, has been convicted of second degree murder by a Circuit Court jury here.

Unsworth was charged with the fatal shooting of Tony Moore at Unsworth's home in April of 1962.

The jury returned a 10 to 2 verdict after 2½ hours of deliberation Saturday night. The trial began Wednesday.

It was the second time Unsworth was convicted of second degree murder here.

The Oregon Supreme Court reversed the first decision last July.

### Portland Woman Killed in Collision

PORTLAND (UPI) — Mrs. Olive Davis, 39, Portland, was injured fatally in a two-car collision here Tuesday.

She died 5½ hours after the accident at a Portland hospital.

### Mrs. Kennedy Keeping Busy With Future Plans

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy made plans today for a Thanksgiving gathering at Hyannis Port, Mass., and a future life away from the White House.

The 34-year-old widow of the late President Kennedy has maintained a busy pace to keep her mind occupied in these days of sorrow following her husband's assassination.

Tuesday night she and Caroline got into a station wagon and drove off, returning to the White House around 7:20 p.m. There were reports Mrs. Kennedy took Caroline to see the grave of her father in Arlington Cemetery for the first time. Carolyn did not attend grave-

### Kennedy Family Making Plans for Holiday Reunion

Entire Clan Will Be Present

HYANNIS PORT, Mass. (UPI) — The grief-stricken Kennedy family today made plans for its saddest Thanksgiving reunion.

Within the last four months death has struck twice. First the newborn son of the President and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy died shortly after birth. Last Friday the President, victim of an assassin's bullet, joined his son in death.

The President's widow was expected to fly here Thursday with her two children aboard the family plane, the Caroline.

Little John John turned three on Monday, the day his father was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Caroline was six today.

All 11 adults and 20 children of the mourning family were expected to be present. At the head of the table will be former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy. The 75-year-old head of the clan has been paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair since a stroke in December, 1961. He says clearly only one word—"no."

### Laughter To Be Absent

It will mark the first time Jacqueline and Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy will have seen the former ambassador since the President's assassination. The attorney general's wife, Ethel, Sen. and Mrs. Edward Kennedy, Sargent Shriver and his wife, Eunice, Stephen and Jean Smith and the Peter Lawford also will be present.

Laughter and joy—usual ingredients of any Kennedy clan meeting—will be absent. So will the traditional touch football game.

Otherwise the Thanksgiving observance was expected to follow the traditional pattern. The children will have their dinner in the afternoon at Robert Kennedy's home. The adults will eat in the evening at Joseph Kennedy's house.

government, and if you were lucky enough to get to really know him as a friend instead of just a president, you would realize I'm sure what a great man he really was. And this is how the people of the United States feel, even if we didn't get to know him as well as the people he loved did.

Mr. Kennedy's smile was one that brought a great deal of warmth and admiration, that no one man could receive more of. Then came the day in November of 1963, 22nd day of the month when we lost the great man, President Kennedy, for a foolish shot was fired by one man. The firing of this shot was heard all over the world and that the people felt with deep sorrow.

John F. Kennedy's name will go down in history not as the man that was shot to death, but as the man who tried to make a wish come true, and as a man that died serving his country the best way he could. There's not anything that anyone could write or even say that would give this man the credit due to him and to the family survivors.

The only thing the American people and people all over the world can do now is pray that the new President will be able to carry on his shoulders the responsibility that John F. Kennedy died trying to do, and that he will carry on with all the other members of the government the last wishes and the final wishes of the late President, to have peace not only to this nation but in all the nations all over the world.

Let's hope his great speech will be remembered in the hearts of the people:

"Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country."

May God be with you, John F. Kennedy, as you rest in peace. And you, Mrs. Jackie Kennedy, with all the deepest sympathy, and to you President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Sherrie Keene (MHS student) 528 Fairmount Medford

### Disapproves Methods

To the Editor: I wish to make it known that I have resigned as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for School District 549C.

While I believe in educational advantages being made available to the children of this District, I cannot, in good conscience, accept the methods by which the Citizens Committees are reaching their conclusions. I have therefore asked that my name be removed from the membership list.

Rita B. Shogren 1705 S. Columbus Ave. Medford

### Weep For Yourself

To the Editor: We have buried our president. The jeering, sneering, sick humor is stilled. The coup de grace has been administered and the haters and liars are looking for a new victim. We cowards are now coming forward to say what we already knew. "He was a sincere, patriotic and good man."

Let's hope we haven't buried with him the true interpretation and just enforcement of our nation's constitution. For if we have, we would do well to recall the warning of another innocent Marjory, who was also murdered on a Friday:

"Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children."

Margarete Roseborough 610 Oakdale Dr. Medford

### Tribute

To the Editor: John F. Kennedy was the kind of man you would want to protect your

### American Army Colonel Kidnaped In Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (UPI) — Four pro-Castro terrorists armed with sub-machine guns kidnaped U.S. Army Col. James K. Chenault, 45, Sherman, Tex., today in front of his home.

The young assailants overpowered a Venezuelan army soldier who was Chenault's chauffeur to kidnap the deputy chief of the U. S. Army Mission in Venezuela.

The kidnaping was carried out at 6:30 a.m. Two hours later, the American Embassy received an anonymous telephone call in which it was told "Col. Chenault will not be harmed."

"We only want him for propaganda purposes," the caller said.

No Witnesses

There apparently were no witnesses to the kidnaping other than the driver of the U. S. Army Mission car. He told police Col. Chenault, who was not armed, did not resist his captors. The four men drove him away in a 1952 car, found abandoned a short time later.

Chenault's wife, Ruth, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and his three children were at home when Chenault was kidnaped. The family home is in the eastern end of the city, near the Central University, hotbed of student anti-government activities.

### Johnson Signs Debt Ceiling

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson today signed a bill to extend the temporary debt limit to \$315 billion. It was the first legislation signed into law by the new President.

The bill raising the debt ceiling from \$309 billion, effective Friday, was vitally needed because the legal debt limit would otherwise drop to the \$285 billion "permanent" level on Sunday, Nov. 30.

The debt balance is currently running approximately \$308 billion and it would be impossible for the Treasury to reduce the debt to the \$285 billion level when the legislation extending the authorized limit to \$309 billion expires Saturday.

This is the third "temporary" increase in the last three months.

The new \$315 billion limit—in effect for the remainder of this fiscal year—was endorsed reluctantly by Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon and Budget Director Kermit Gordon.

Dillon said he would have preferred a slightly higher ceiling—approximately \$317 billion—to give the Treasury a little more flexibility in its borrowing policies.

### Johnson Signs Debt Ceiling

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson today signed a bill to extend the temporary debt limit to \$315 billion. It was the first legislation signed into law by the new President.

The bill raising the debt ceiling from \$309 billion, effective Friday, was vitally needed because the legal debt limit would otherwise drop to the \$285 billion "permanent" level on Sunday, Nov. 30.

The debt balance is currently running approximately \$308 billion and it would be impossible for the Treasury to reduce the debt to the \$285 billion level when the legislation extending the authorized limit to \$309 billion expires Saturday.

This is the third "temporary" increase in the last three months.

The new \$315 billion limit—in effect for the remainder of this fiscal year—was endorsed reluctantly by Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon and Budget Director Kermit Gordon.

Dillon said he would have preferred a slightly higher ceiling—approximately \$317 billion—to give the Treasury a little more flexibility in its borrowing policies.

The Jackson County Pharmaceutical Association Association W. L. Perryman Secretary Medford

Disrespect To the Editor: Just a line in defense of the so called teenagers.

### Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

DALLAS — District Atty. Henry Wade on why nightclub owner Jack Ruby shot to death accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald:

"It may have been a desire for publicity, or it may have involved something far deeper."

WASHINGTON — Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., on his hopes for passage of legislation he introduced last summer to curb the sale of mail-order guns:

"This tragedy (the assassination of President Kennedy) gives us a tragic opportunity to do what I wanted to do then (last summer)."

LONDON — The London Daily Mail on President Johnson taking office after the assassination of President Kennedy:

"He takes with him the sincere good wishes of the British people."

DALLAS — A card on a wreath placed near the scene of the assassination of President Kennedy:

"God forgive us all."

### ... Communications ...

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

### Protest

To the Editor: This letter has gone to Andrew Juras, Administrator, Oregon State Public Welfare Commission, Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir: The Jackson County Pharmaceutical Association wishes to bring to your attention the following as concerns the recent action in pro-rating the cost of formulary prescriptions to welfare recipients.

The idea of economy in the use of taxpayers' money is very commendable and is highly approved by this body. However the action as taken in this case appears to be pointed only towards medical requirements. We are critical of this action for the following reasons:

1. Why is pro-rating only directed towards medical needs and not spread over the full spectrum of costs of operation?

2. The formulary prescriptions costs as set up by the Oregon State Welfare Board are minimal at best, and contrary to information advanced in the press is not calculated at cost of drugs plus 50 per cent plus a professional fee of 85c. This is borne out by prescription costs in the State Welfare pricing chart starting at 85c, 90c, 95c, \$1.00, \$1.10, and hence allows for no pro-rating without a loss by the individual operator who then is called on to subsidize the welfare program.

3. We are reliably informed that the Jackson County budget for formulary prescriptions is set at less than \$1500 per month. Further that the overage during the pro-rating period for this county amounted to approximately 6 per cent. Why then must this county and those cooperating under this welfare program be penalized up to 35 per cent and what happens to the surplus funds during the months that this county has not exceeded the budget?

4. It is our feeling that since we are operating under minimum set fees that this price should be guaranteed as we have no control over the number of welfare recipients, the number of prescriptions written or the amount and type of medications used.

Hence we protest the pro-rating of all payments under the fee schedule as established by the Welfare Commission. We do not feel the welfare recipient should be penalized by inadequate budgeting which could result in a discontinuance of medical services.

The Jackson County Pharmaceutical Association Association W. L. Perryman Secretary Medford

### False Witness

To the Editor: I would like to see you editorialize with the following theme because I feel as strongly as Chief Justice Earl Warren when he summed the cause of the terrible tragedy Nov. 22 by saying: "The poisonous hatred that has been injected into the thinking of people by bigots, is responsible for the death of President Kennedy."

To disagree is American—it's healthy; but to persist with malicious, false, derogatory innuendoes on the level that has prevailed the past three years, is against everything that is patriotic! Bigotry is the most basic kind of psychic cancer, and like physical cancer, leaves the person totally unaware of its presence until the terminal stage which is, of course, too late. Letters have been printed which have left me aghast. Officials at the White House have been deeply concerned over the volume of derogatory mail received for the President. Baseless, hateful accusations, word of mouth implications; all these things poison and grow until one man pulls a trigger. But who has helped aim the gun?

I am truly ashamed for my country. I only hope and pray that this terrible deed will impress on all people the wisdom of God when he gave us a moral code. There are ten, but the eighth one is: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor!

Ken Corliss 1564 Myers Lane Medford

### Thanksgiving

To the Editor: Thanksgiving so close at hand, it seems fitting to write a few lines on the subject. Allow me to preface by the remark that as one who embraces the privilege of writing in the Communications of our daily, I scarce ever take my pen in hand to thus write without feeling a sense of gratitude to the editor, and to the paper for the privileges afforded its readers to write public letters to the editor and other readers.