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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

White House Pace Has Quickened

While Drew Pearson is in Russia to cover the current crisis, his associate, Jack Anderson, is covering the Washington front.

By Jack Anderson

The stately White House, a place of precept and protocol under Dwight D. Eisenhower, has changed dramatically during the seven months since

John F. Kennedy moved in. Ike conducted affairs of state not only by the book but by the clock. All papers were processed through channels, were never passed up to the President without the proper endorsements.



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Briefings were punctual and punctilious. Even Cabinet meetings were rehearsed and timed in advance. The speaker's rostrum was fitted with a three-minutes-to-go light and a time's up signal.

Kennedy has junked most of Ike's formality. He prefers to work with small, informal groups kicking ideas around. Restless as a hungry cat, he also prowls around the White House and holds spontaneous, unscheduled conferences in the corridors.

Nobody knows when the President will poke his shock-head into an office. If the

aide is out, Kennedy may riffle through the paperwork on the desk—a habit he developed in his Senate office, not so much to pry as to keep tabs on his output.

Once he wandered into the White House's back offices where the secretaries (many of them holdovers from as far back as the Roosevelt regime) had never seen a President at close quarters.

One of them, Lucille Tutt, looked up from her typewriter to see JFK framed in the doorway.

"Oh! Good morning, Mr. President," she gasped, although the time was 6 p. m. Now her colleagues always greet her with an elaborate "good morning," no matter what time of day it is.

Powers Bows

Another time, a reporter for this column was chatting with Dave Powers, official greeter, whose Irish humor has made him the new court jester. Suddenly the President thrust his head through the open door and called "Dave!"

Powers bounded to his feet, tripped over an ash tray, and ended up doing a deep, involuntary salaam. Without even meaning to be funny, he got a presidential belly-chuckle.

Kennedy has surrounded himself with brainy young men, most of them Ivy Leaguers of the pipe-and-sweater look. Like their chief, most are in-

tense, yet appear to be casual. They work long, irregular hours, usually in their shirt sleeves.

They seldom are too busy, however, for a little sophisticated horseplay.

Lanky, likeable Mike Feldman, who was abandoned as a child to an orphanage but now has a suite of offices in the White House, came in for some kidding for his work on the President's message to Congress on the highway program.

"This must be a crash program," Feldman wrote earnestly. But Ted Sorensen, the No. 1 aide, suggested dryly that it might be poor politics for the President to advocate a "crash" program for highways.

White House Verse

The President, whose own sense of humor is dry as a martini, likes to join in the backstage banter. But his humor shows up more often in the quick postscripts he scribbles on personal letters.

To ease the tension, some aides exchange comic notes and verses. Most prolific is the bland, brilliant Sorensen who can dash off doggerel like an amateur Hammerstein.

In a poetic tribute to his deputy, he ribbed Feldman recently about his illegible handwriting. Wrote Sorensen:

"Whose works are illegible—
or does this say illegal?
Who has the sense of a hare
and the strength of an eagle?"

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Or does that say an absence of
hair and the stench of
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Anyway—it's the deputy

"Who works on food drains—
or does this say feed
grains?

Who is our backbone, our
head, and a mass of
brains?

Or does this say backache, a
headache, and a mess of
pains?

Anyway—it's the deputy."

Back came Feldman with a
parody, written to a tune from
"H. M. S. Pinafore":

"Ted Sorensen was first in his
class at school,

Yet declined legal offers; he
was no fool.

Instead he learned to play the
piano with ease;

He studied all his chords and
scales until they were a
breeze.

And now that Harry Truman
has retired (with his
spouse),

We needed a pianist to cheer
up the White House.

So it was simple as it could be:
Ted became special counsel to
John F. Kennedy."

Such is life inside the White
House during these days of
crisis, as the whole world
walks the razor edge of Berlin.
It is an extraordinary mixture
of devotion, humanity, and the
spices of wry, dry wit, but as
wholesome a mixture as ever
went into one of grandmoth-
er's cakes.

THESE ADVISERS TO KENNEDY MAY GO

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From the Herald Tribune Bureau
WASHINGTON.

A President's relationship with his immediate official family is not only a factor affecting national policy, it is also a close personal matter.

With a new man in the White House now, Washington observers are wondering which of the late President Kennedy's immediate advisers will elect to stay if they are asked, or will not be asked to stay on into the Johnson administration.

President Kennedy, in addition to Cabinet members and especially his brother, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, depended greatly on a relatively small circle of advisers and functionaries, several of them with Massachusetts or Harvard backgrounds.

Not all of these men have been well-known, in terms of headlines. But their advice to Mr. Kennedy, in times of crisis such as the Cuban missile showdown, or simply

in terms of long-range planning, frequently have helped to make the headlines.

The Presidential aids run to young men who look even younger than their years. These are some of them:

Theodore C. Sorensen, a 35-year-old Nebraskan, has been by title—Special Counsel to the President—and by influence and position, No. 1 White House aid in the fields of ideas and policies. A man with sharpness and drive, and a brilliant flair for speech writing, Mr. Sorensen joined the Kennedy staff in 1952 and grew in importance as the Senator from Massachusetts became President. He is a retiring man with a dry sense of humor who abstains from coffee and tobacco and, usually, alcohol.

McGeorge Bundy, 44, Special Assistant to the President, has been supervising national security affairs from a White House office. A former dean of Harvard's Faculty of Arts

and Sciences, despite the fact that he is a Yale man, Mr. Bundy had been in the habit of conferring with the President perhaps half a dozen times a day and screening for him a vast amount of material on national security.

LIAISON POST

Lawrence F. O'Brien, 46, a personable, tough-minded, practical politician from Massachusetts, has been the top Presidential aid on Capitol Hill—the important liaison between the White House and Congress. With a large staff to help him, he has been devoting most of his personal time to Democratic leaders and key committee chairmen, all with the object of furthering Presidential aims in the House and Senate. Mr. O'Brien's acquaintance with the late President goes back a number of years.

Kenneth O'Donnell, 39, the Presidential appointments

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secretary has a rugged background. He flew 30 bombing missions over Europe in World War II, then went to Harvard, where he studied political science and became quarterback and captain of the football team. Mr. O'Donnell came to his position through friendship with an old Harvard football colleague—Robert F. Kennedy.

Pierre Salinger, 38, the Presidential press secretary, has been perhaps the best known of the White House family of young advisers. A San Francisco-born former newspaper man, Mr. Salinger is a cigar-smoking, child-prodigy pianist, who for nearly three years had been Mr. Kennedy's main representative to the press of the nation and the world. He is a casual, well liked man in a position of extreme importance to the White House.

Arthur M. Schlesinger jr., 46, former Harvard history professor and a Pulitzer Prize

winner when he ~~was 26~~, has been a special assistant to the President.

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ADD 9 JOHNSON, WASHINGTON
 SALINGER SAID HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY KENNEDY STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAD MADE A FIRM DECISION AGAINST REMAINING ON WITH JOHNSON. THE NEW PRESIDENT, IN ASKING THE STAFF TO STAY FOR THE TIME BEING, HAD LEFT IT UP TO THEIR OWN JUDGMENTS TO DECIDE.

POWERS, WHO WAS NOT AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE EARLY MORNING, ARRIVED AT ABOUT 11 A.M. TO HELP IN THE RECEPTION OF VISITING FOREIGN LEADERS WITH WHOM JOHNSON WAS MEETING.

OTHERS WHO WERE AT THEIR DESKS WERE SPECIAL COUNCIL THEODORE C. SORENSON, AND SPECIAL ASSISTANTS RALPH DUNGAN AND LAWRENCE F. O'BRIEN. JOHNSON MET WITH O'BRIEN, CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON AID, TO CALL FOR CONTINUANCE OF EFFORTS FOR ENACTMENT OF THE KENNEDY LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM.

KENNEDY'S PERSONAL SECRETARY, MRS. EVELYN LINCOLN, HAD MOVED TO AN OFFICE ACROSS THE STREET IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING WHERE SHE WAS WORKING ON SORTING THE LATE PRESIDENT'S PAPERS FOR PLACEMENT IN THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY WHICH IS BEING ESTABLISHED AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

THREE OF JOHNSON'S OWN SECRETARIES HAD MOVED INTO THE PRESIDENT'S OUTER OFFICE WHERE MRS. LINCOLN USED TO WORK. SO HAD WILLIAM MOYERS, DEPUTY PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR, AND ONE OF THE CHIEF JOHNSON AIDES HANDLING THE TRANSITION FROM ONE ADMINISTRATION TO ANOTHER.

ANOTHER OF THOSE AIDES, JOHNSON'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, WALTER JENKINS, WAS WORKING FROM DUNGAN'S OFFICE.

SALINGER, MEANTIME, KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH JOHNSON'S PRESS AIDE, GEORGE REEDY. AND MRS. ELIZABETH CARPENTER WHO HAD BEEN HANDLING MRS. LADY BIRD JOHNSON'S PRESS RELATIONS FOR SOME TIME, STEPPED INTO THE SAME ROLE AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

"THEY ARE ALL PLAYING AN INTEGRAL PART IN THE OPERATION HERE," SALINGER SAID WITH REFERENCE TO THE JOHNSON STAFF.

AND MEANTIME, A KENNEDY APPOINTEE WHO HAD BEEN A MAJOR ASSISTANT IN LATIN AMERICAN MATTERS, RICHARD GOODWIN, WAS WORKING WITH JOHNSON ON HIS REMARKS FOR A 4 P.M. EST MEETING WITH HEADS OF SPECIAL DELEGATIONS FROM THAT AREA TO THE KENNEDY FUNERAL.

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WASHINGTON--THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S "INNER CIRCLE" STAFF WILL CONTINUE AS TOP AIDES TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

PRESS SECRETARY PIERRE SALINGER, SPECIAL COUNSEL THEODORE SORSENSEN, APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY DONALD BONNELL, AND LAWYER O'BRIEN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS, HAVE AGREED TO REMAIN ON JOHNSON'S STAFF.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY SALINGER, WHO SAID, ALL WOULD SERVE AT THE "PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT."

IT WAS SORSENSEN, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE LATE PRESIDENT'S "ALTER EGO," WHO DRAFTED JOHNSON'S MOVING SPEECH TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS LAST WEEK. SORSENSEN ALSO DRAFTED MOST OF KENNEDY'S MAJOR SPEECHES WHILE SERVING AS HIS CONFIDANTE.

ONE OF KENNEDY'S CHIEF ASSISTANTS AND CLOSEST ASSOCIATES WAS O'BONNELL, WHO SCREENS THOSE WISHING TO CONFER WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE. OVERWHELMED WITH GRIEF, O'BONNELL STAYED AWAY FROM HIS WHITE HOUSE DESK MOST OF LAST WEEK.

O'BRIEN WAS KENNEDY'S MAN ON CAPITOL HILL. HE STARTED WITH KENNEDY AS A MASSACHUSETTS POLITICAL ADVISER, AND STAYED ON TO AID MAJOR LEGISLATIVE MOVES IN CONGRESS.

SALINGER, A VETERAN NEWSPAPERMAN AND MAGAZINE WRITER, STARTED HIS CAREER WITH THE KENNEDYS AS A SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR FOR A SENATE PROBE INTO CORRUPT LABOR PRACTICES.

SALINGER SAID CHAIRMAN WALTER HELLER OF THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS WOULD ALSO REMAIN ON THE JOB.

THE PLUMP PRESS SECRETARY SHRUGGED OFF SPECULATION THAT HE MIGHT SEEK THE CONGRESSIONAL SEAT OF REP. JOHN SHELLEY, D-CALIF., WHO IS NOW MAYOR-ELECT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

"I'M HERE AND I'M GOING TO STAY HERE," SALINGER SAID.

SALINGER'S ANNOUNCEMENT ENDED WHITE HOUSE REUMORS ABOUT WHAT WOULD BECOME OF SOME OF THE LATE PRESIDENT'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATES.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED A 40-MINUTE MEETING BETWEEN THE FOUR MEN AND THE PRESIDENT, WHO HAD EXTENDED A BLANKET INVITATION TO STAY.

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Inside Report... By Richard Evans and Robert Novak

LBJ's Word Gap

THE NEED at the White House for a resident speech writer who can produce eloquence on command is nearing crisis proportions.

In the world of the 1960s, a talented wordsmith is every bit as essential to a President as a Secretary of State. President Johnson has none. Indeed, a priority task at the White House is to find some speech writers to close the President's word gap.

The gap was opened Feb. 13 when Theodore Sorensen left to write his memoirs of the Kennedy Administration. Though he carried the title of White House special counsel, Sorensen was primarily a speech writer — perhaps the best in White House history. He performed the same chore in the early weeks of the Johnson Administration, writing Mr. Johnson's moving address to Congress shortly after the assassination.

THE IMPACT of Sorensen's departure is compounded by the fact that Horace Busby is not now writing speeches for Mr. Johnson. Busby, a Texan who writes a Washington-based newsletter for businessmen, frequently produced Johnson speeches during the President's Senate days. "Whatever eloquence you find in Johnson's speeches then was put there by Busby," says an old friend of the President's.

Busby was called in during the confused transition period after the assassination, preparing the President's Thanksgiving Day message. But a presidential speech writer cannot function from outside the White House.

As a result, speech-writing duties have fallen chiefly on Mr. Johnson's two highly competent personal assistants: Texans Bill D. Moyers and Jack Valenti, who have more than they can handle without trying to fill Sorensen's shoes. Valenti managed to get away from the President long enough one day this week to lock himself up with a



Novak Evans

typewriter for a few hours. Usually that is impossible. Occasional help comes from other White House officials — notably Kennedy holdovers McGeorge Bundy, special assistant for national security affairs, and Walter Heller, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. Mr. Johnson has even tapped talented controversial Richard Goodwin, once enfant terrible of the New Frontier and now an anonymous Peace Corps official.

MORE OFTEN than not this makeshift arrangement results in sodden, earth-bound oratory. Thousands of Democrats paid \$100 a head to eat filet mignon and cheer the President last week at Washington's National Guard Armory. But diners who didn't reinforce themselves with liquid stimulation ahead of time found little in Mr. Johnson's speech to separate them.

A political speech that fizzles is not the end of the world. But speeches are more than weapons of partisan politics today. They are instruments of national

That is why there was so much concern within the Administration over Mr. Johnson's March 16 speech to Latin American ambassadors assembled here for the third anniversary of the Alliance for Progress. Quite apart from the President's much-criticized interpolation of the Panamanian issue into the speech, it was a dud. Latin Ambassadors who came to be inspired left disappointed. What the White House was trying to do was to bring down President Kennedy's idealism in Latin American affairs to a level

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~~of reality~~ after ~~three years~~ of extremely limited success. This was laudable. But the speech (written at the White House, not the State Department) had as much grace as a college freshman's theme on Brazilian geography.

ACTUALLY, White House talent scouts have been looking for a new chief writer ever since Sorensen's exit. But this slot can't be filled merely by consulting the help-wanted columns.

Top Washington journalists and bureaucrats have been under consideration. James Sundquist, once a Truman speech writer and now Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture, is a prospect. Horace Busby may be brought back as a full-time White House aide.

Whoever is chosen, Lyndon B. Johnson needs an accomplished speech writer far more than did John F. Kennedy. Because Mr. Johnson is not a naturally eloquent orator and eloquence seems to have become a requirement of the Presidency, a writer-in-residence is a necessity for him.