

Capt. J. J. Vaughan Assumes Command At Anacostia Station

Capt. James J. Vaughan, who was with a patrol bomber squadron at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked, yesterday assumed command of the Anacostia Naval Air Station.

His first official act was, on behalf of Korea, to present one of that nation's highest military decorations, the Korean Order of Military Merit, to an Air Station sailor, Paul N. Polley, for "incredible courage" during the Korean war.

Capt. Vaughan, former chief of staff to the commander, Fleet Air, at Quonset Point, R. I., suc-



ceeds Comdr. Robert W. Slye, state executive officer, who has been serving as temporary commanding officer.

The station's former skipper, Capt. Harmon T. Utter, has taken command of the Carrier Monterey at Pensacola.

Capt. Vaughan was aid officer aboard the small carrier Wright early in World War II, later was air controller for the Hawaiian Sea Frontier and was in command of the Suisun at the close of the war.

His presentation of the Korean award to Hospitalman Polley included a citation given by Son Won III, Korean minister of National Defense. Mr. Polley was wounded in action while serving with a Marine infantry company, but "courageously began moving about the devastated area to treat the numerous casualties."

While being evacuated because of his wounds, he refused to be taken further and remained with another group of wounded to help treat them.

Air Force Deserter Indicted in Murder

By the Associated Press
ELIZABETHTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 15.—James A. Call, an Air Force deserter stripped of his major's commission, was indicted today on a charge of first-degree murder in the gun-battle slaying of a Lake Placid policeman.

An Essex County grand jury named him also in six other indictments charging attempted first-degree robbery, burglary and petty larceny.

Call, 29, was arraigned before Justice Andrew W. Ryan of the State Supreme Court and pleaded not guilty. Justice Ryan ordered Call's trial on the murder charge to begin April 16.

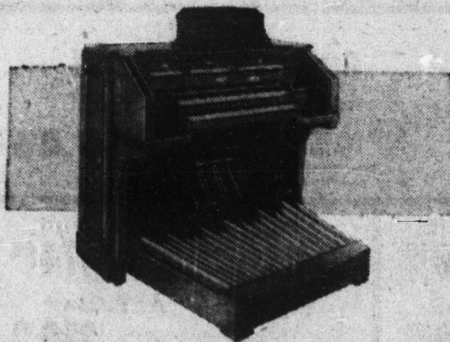
State police have said Call has signed a statement admitting he fatally shot Patrolman Richard Pelkey and "wounded two other policemen who had cornered him in a Lake Placid summer home last August 5. The shootings touched off a 104-day manhunt in the Adirondacks. The search was called off after Call was arrested in Reno, Nev., and waived extradition to New York.

Call, a native of Chicago, served with the Air Force in Great Britain, and flew 18 missions in the Korean war as a navigator-bombardier. He deserted last May from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and was stripped of his commission.

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Budget Chief Hughes Is Real 'Workhorse'

By Don Whitehead
Associated Press Staff Writer

In the last weeks of 1954, a huge man wearing a black patch over his right eye frequently strode into President Eisenhower's office for conferences affecting the future welfare of every man, woman and child in America. This same man turned up at Cabinet meetings, and at other gatherings of the administration inner circle.

But despite his 250-pound bulk, the unusual eye patch, and the importance of his place in the management of government, the big fellow succeeded in hiding himself in anonymity. Little was written about him and he remained (and still is) one of the least known men on the Eisenhower "team."

Buffer in Money Matters.
He is Rowland Hughes, 58-year-old director of the budget. It has been his task to put together the budget Mr. Eisenhower will send to Congress tomorrow.

Mr. Hughes is a buffer between the President and Congress in money matters. He polices the spending and management practices of all the Government departments, bureaus and agencies.

Mr. Hughes probably knows more about the budget than any other man, because he spends almost every waking hour with it. He's often in his office by 8 a.m. and almost always takes work home when he leaves around 7 p.m.

Before the budget was put into final form, Mr. Hughes had spent days conferring with the President and with each of the department and bureau heads. In every case but one, agreement was reached without taking the difference to Mr. Eisenhower for a final decision.

Mr. Hughes' influence in the administration doesn't stem primarily from the fact that he's the budget director. The reason for his stature is that Mr. Eisenhower has put heavy emphasis on budget controls. Old timers in the bureau say the effort at control is greater than it was in the Roosevelt and Truman administrations.

Keeps in Background.
Mr. Hughes' philosophy of government and his influence with the President are bound to have a strong imprint on the new budget, and yet he has kept himself so far in the background and so removed from contact with the press that few people in Washington know him except by name.

There is little doubt about one thing—that is Mr. Hughes' belief the Government should undertake for the citizens only those things which the people can't do for themselves, a philosophy which he identifies with the Eisenhower administration.

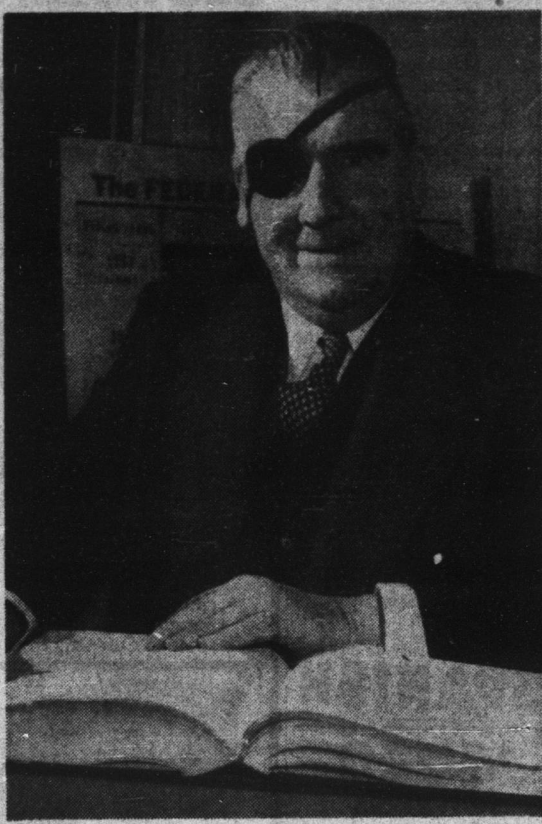
Mr. Hughes believes private industry should be encouraged to take over a good many of the activities now in the hands of the Government. His thinking along this line was well illustrated in the controversial Dixon-Yates power contract, which he encouraged and advocated.

Mr. Hughes' appearance on the Washington scene isn't so recent as most people have thought—nor is he a newcomer at trying to cut Government spending and to shift the direction of Government toward less competition with private industry.

Shortly after the end of World War II, a group of New York bankers and executives began meeting informally to discuss ways and means of curbing inflation and bringing about a change in the relationship between government and business.

Firms Paid Expenses.
One member of the group said in an interview: "We arranged for a task force of 40 men—experts in taxes, accounting, economics and business—to come to Washington to work on the problem. There was no expense to the Government. The expenses of these men were paid by their firms. And Mr. Hughes was one of the group."

Previously, Mr. Hughes had earned a reputation in the banking world as a tax expert at



BOSS OF THE BUDGET—Rowland Hughes, director of the Bureau of the Budget, appears happy that the tough task of compiling the huge chronicle of governmental financial needs has been completed. The document, which he has before him, now is ready for presentation to Congress by the President.

the National City Bank, in New York, which he had joined when he was graduated from Brown University in 1917. He worked his way up the ladder to become the bank's comptroller, a job in which he rode herd on some \$6 billion worth of properties and investments around the world.

Mr. Eisenhower's election set the stage for Mr. Hughes to enter the Government officially. When Joseph Dodge, Detroit banker and former president of the American Bankers Association, was named budget director, Mr. Hughes was suggested as one of his assistants. Mr. Hughes took over as director after Mr. Dodge resigned in April, 1954.

Mr. Hughes has discovered that since the management of \$6 billion worth of properties is "just peanuts" compared with keeping tab on the Government's spending program.

Too Many Drones.
As for career Government workers, he says there are too many drones—but that the majority are "a very fine corps who are thoroughly experienced and devoted" and "we couldn't hope to do the job without them."

Mr. Hughes has built up a reputation as a man who "can't be seen" by the press except twice a year—once when he holds his January seminar on the budget and again when he sits with Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey for a mid-year budget review. Once he is reached, Mr.

Hughes is neither as austere nor as uncommunicative as he might seem, and he gives the impression he is enjoying one of the toughest jobs in the Government.

Mr. Hughes was born at Oakhurst, N. J., March 8, 1896. He was studying to become a lawyer when the National City Bank began recruiting college youths for its foreign service. He was one of 40 students accepted from more than 600 who applied for training.

The bank sent him to London and then to the Orient, where he lived for 10 years in China, Japan and India. While in Shanghai he met and fell in love with Dorothy Cowen, daughter of the publisher of the famous old Shanghai paper, Millard's Weekly.

Mr. Hughes left Tokyo in 1927 for Europe and then came back to New York to work his way up in the banking fraternity. He began wearing the patch in recent years to cover an eye injury.

The Hughes attend official affairs but duck Washington social life. Mr. Hughes is a Christian Scientist and neither smokes nor drinks.

Even at home, the Hughes have a budget. Mrs. Hughes recently confided to a reporter that when she was first married she had a tough time of it keeping her budget balanced.

"But now I wouldn't keep house without one," she said.

Budget Simplification Proposed in Move to Clarify Services

By Francis P. Douglas

The Committee for Economic Development came out yesterday for simplification of the budget to make clear the services the Government performs, and their cost, unobscured by great amounts of detail.

The committee urged adoption of a "program budget," grouping expenditures by functions and activities directed toward the same goal rather than by organization units.

The Committee further recommended that Congress make provisions to co-ordinate its decisions on spending and money raising and get away from its present "splintered" consideration of budget requests. It said decisions on spending now tend to be made one by one "without considering the burden of the total."

Offers Specific Vetoes.

In carrying out these and other aims the committee recommendations would:

1. Give the President an item veto over specific sections of appropriation bills without forcing him to veto a whole bill.
2. Set up a Joint Budget Policy Conference. This would be made up of "several members of the congressional leadership" and both majority and minority representatives of the Appropriations and Tax Writing Committees and the Joint Committee on the Economic Report.

This conference would consider the relations between spending and revenues and the effects of the budget on the country's economy. It may issue advisory reports.

3. Set up a system of annual performance reports and management audits of the executive departments and larger independent agencies.

4. Strengthen the management staffs of the department secretaries.

The CED is a non-partisan organization of businessmen devoted to economic research and education.

The Committee's program was disclosed on the eve of the submission of the budget for fiscal 1956. President Eisenhower is to send his annual budget message to Congress at noon tomorrow.

Committee spokesmen made it clear the committee is not critical of any present or former budget director but is critical of budget procedures. Two former budget directors advised the side the relations between spending and revenues and the effects of the budget on the group in the preparation of its report.

The committee said that the Government is absorbing approximately one-sixth of all goods and services produced in the Nation. It pointed out that the more the Government spends the fewer consumer goods can be acquired by the taxpayers.

A start already has been made toward a program budget, the committee said. It explained the President has authority to group expenditures into programs, such as for veterans' benefits and services, which may involve more

Mother Holding Baby in Arms Robs Store to Aid Husband

By the Associated Press

HOUSTON, Jan. 15.—A 22-year-old mother, her 16-month-old baby in her arms, stuck up a liquor store late last night, but was arrested soon afterward as she tried to get her husband out of jail with the money.

Mrs. Ada Elizabeth Benear huddled in a corner of her cell today and sobbed: "I didn't care what happened to me. I didn't think of myself. Only my husband and baby."

The robbery netted \$54. Mrs. Benear's husband, James L. Benear, 27, an unemployed auto painter and partially disabled World War II veteran, is serving out a \$50 fine on the city work farm for speeding and driv-

ing without an operator's license. Mrs. Benear said she tucked the gun under the baby's dress before entering the liquor store. "The baby all the time was in my arms. She didn't cry or whimper."

Detectives immediately recognized her from a description called in by the liquor store proprietor when Mrs. Benear tried to pay her husband's fine.

Her purse turned up \$105, of which \$51 belonged to her. Even without the \$24 she spent for the gun, she had enough to pay her husband's fine.

"They told me earlier it was \$95," she cried, "Why did they tell me that?"

U. S. Boy Stricken on Ship Recovering From Polio

Daughter of Professor Reunited With Family

By the Associated Press

SWINDON, England, Jan. 15.—David Lee Oliver, 4-year-old American boy stricken with polio last fall while aboard ship bound for Europe, left the hospital today, well on the road to recovery.

His parents, S/Sgt. David Oliver and Mrs. Oliver, of Springfield, Ill., took him by boat and train to Mannheim, Germany, where Sgt. Oliver is stationed.

David was brought to a United States Air Force hospital here last September 9 after a helicopter dropped an iron lung to the United States transport Gen. Maurice Rose, on which he was traveling to Germany with his mother and 13-year-old sister Caroline Jean.

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 15.—Runaway Joyce Grant and her parents had a tearful reunion today at the home of Juvenile Judge Mrs. Eva Warner Gibson. The pretty 17-year-old's father is Harold S. Grant, a professor at Rutgers University.

Joyce and two high school companions, Alan Knight and Robert Ballou, all of Highland Park, N. J., ran away from home Monday night and drove to Key West. Police picked them up Thursday night.

Parents of the boys, who were being kept at the Key West jail, were awaited here. The youngsters said they came to Key West to find jobs.

than one Government organization.

Also in line with this development, the Budget Bureau has reduced the number of separate budget requests from more than 1,500 to about 400. This number could be reduced further, the committee said.

Major budget issues would be clearer, the committee said, if a great amount of detail were deleted. This material, it continued, could be presented Congress as part of the yearly performance report.

But the committee also found too brief explanations for some extremely large budget requests which did not disclose the program adequately.

It cited as an example the fewer than 200 words in the current budget to explain \$6.7 billion for "Aircraft and Related Procurement." This is at the rate of \$33.5 million per word.

The CED report was made public here by Frazar B. Wilde, chairman of the organization's research and policy committee and president of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., and subcommittee chairman J. Cameron Thompson, president of the Northwest Bancorporation, Minneapolis, and S. Bayard Colgate, honorary board chairman of the Colgate-Palmolive, Co., New York.



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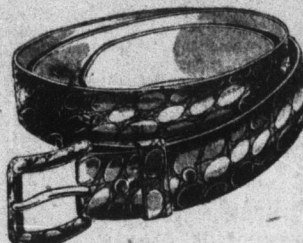
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