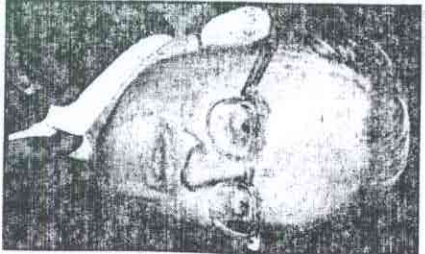


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McGeorge Bundy, 77, Adviser to Kennedy, Johnson



McGeorge Bundy

THE WASHINGTON POST

McGeorge Bundy, 77, the White House national security adviser in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations who was one of the primary architects of the U.S. military buildup and commitment to the war in Vietnam, died yesterday at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a heart attack. He was stricken over the weekend at his home in Manchester-by-the-Sea, north of Boston.

Mr. Bundy, a former dean of the faculty of arts and sciences at Harvard University, came to Washington in 1961 at the beginning of John F. Kennedy's presidency, and he soon became the primary White House foreign affairs adviser, a position he held throughout the Kennedy administration and into the presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson.

He was one of the leading men in a corps of academics and intellectuals Kennedy brought to Washington. When he left the White House staff in 1966 to become president of the Ford Foundation, he was the last member of the Kennedy White House to go.

"He was the brightest light in that glittering constellation around the president," David Halberstam wrote in "The Best and the Brightest," his book about the policy-makers who led

the United States into the war in Vietnam.

"Keeping the papers moving, reminding the President when a decision was coming up . . . protecting the President against people who wanted his time but were not worthy of it, making sure that people who needed his time got it . . . At meetings the President would ask him to sum up, and then, looking for all the world as if he had not even paid attention, Bundy would instantly give the quickest, most incisive, most complete summing up imaginable."

At the White House, Mr. Bundy operated out of a tiny basement room in the West Wing that was so dreary that Kennedy once suggested to Mr. Bundy's wife that she find some pictures to brighten the walls. But from that setting, Mr. Bundy was said to have presided over a miniature State Department, complete with its own regional assistant secretaries and an international economic expert. In the Kennedy administration, he was one of a triumvirate — the others being Defense Secretary Robert McNamara and Secretary of State Dean Rusk — who lunched weekly with the president.

From 1979 to 1989, Mr. Bundy was a professor of history at New York University. From 1990 to 1993, he worked at the Carnegie Corp. of New York.

Andrew Tracy, Truck Mechanic

By Andrew Smith

STAFF WRITER

Andrew Tracy, a longtime truck mechanic from Babylon, died after a lengthy illness Sept. 6 in a Naples, Fla., hospital. He was 83.

Mr. Tracy lived in Babylon for 60 years, working as a mechanic for One Oak Dairy there for half of those years. He loved to fish in the Babylon area and served as a volunteer firefighter with the Babylon Fire Department. He was known in his neighborhood as "Pop."

He retired to Naples in 1972 with his wife, Pauline, who later died.

"He was a wonderful guy," said his daughter-in-law, Shirley Tracy of North Babylon. "He was a per-

sonable, tell-it-like-it-is guy."

Mr. Tracy was an Army veteran of World War II. He was shot twice while on patrol after the Allied invasion of Normandy and received two Purple Heart medals.

He is survived by a son, Eugene of North Babylon; three stepdaughters, Eileen Carplink of Southold, Nancy Cattell of Kissimmee, Fla., and Carol Griffith of Naples, Fla.; three stepsons, Donald Verly of Colorado, Raymond Verly of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Thomas Verly of Florida; and 17 grandchildren.

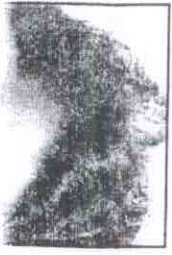
Mr. Tracy was cremated and his remains buried in Naples Memorial mass, 10 a.m., Saturday, Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church, West Babylon.

Joseph Cutajar, 69, WWII Veteran

By Sid Cassese

STAFF WRITER

Guard, and was a member of the American Legion.



Joseph Cutajar

Jane Baxter, 87, British Actress Of Stage, Screen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London — Actress Jane Baxter, who starred in the first stage production of the popular thriller "Dial M for Murder" during a career that spanned 53 years, died Friday, a family friend said yesterday. She was 87. She died of stomach cancer at her south London home, Michael Thornton said.

Miss Baxter occasionally appeared in the TV sitcom "Upstairs, Downstairs" in the 1970s, playing a mischievous viscountess. She made her stage debut at 15 and went on to perform in dozens of plays and 90 films. Her co-stars