

McDuffie Out as F. D. R. Valet

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Rumors which have persisted for the past two months to the effect that Irvin H. McDuffie is definitely out as valet to the President were confirmed Tuesday morning by Stephen Early, White House secretary.

Mr. McDuffie, Mr. Early told the AFRO, is no longer an employe of the White House, having been transferred to a messenger's post in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury. He took over his new duties, Friday, Mr. Early stated. This was further confirmed at the Treasury Department.

First reports of his departure from the Roosevelt employment were circulated early in October. At that time, both Mr. Early and Mrs. Elizabeth McDuffie, the valet's wife, denied that Mr. McDuffie was out as a presidential aide. Both insisted that he was "on leave" and recovering from a nervous breakdown in Atlanta, Ga.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McDuffie had been with the President throughout his administration, the former butler having made something of an impression on Mr. Roosevelt when the latter was in Warm Spring, Ga., convalescing after a paralysis attack.

Asked who, if anybody, had been named to succeed Mr. McDuffie, Mr. Early stated that the duties of the valet post are being shared by Arthur Prettyman and George Fields, both of whom have formerly served in that capacity.