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## Roosevelt "Wore Him Out," ex-Valet Admits

McDuffie Says He Had Breakdown,  
but Still Favors Fourth Term

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Living a quiet and obscure life in Washington, apart from the glamour and prominence that once was his, is Irvin H. McDuffie.



IRVIN H. McDUFFIE

Irvin H. McDuffie, 161 Seaton Place, Northwest, former valet to President Roosevelt.

Mr. McDuffie is like many others who started out with the supposedly sick President but were worn out while Roosevelt is still going strong.

### Endorses Fourth Term

The former valet heartily endorses the President for a fourth term, however, and says they are great friends.

Mr. McDuffie, now a messenger in the Treasury Department, left the employ of the President in

1939 because of a nervous breakdown. Following recovery in his home town, Atlanta, Ga., he returned to Washington and was transferred to his present post.

### Enjoyed Work

A handsome stockily built man with mixed gray hair, Mr. McDuffie said that he enjoyed his ten years' work with the President, but had no regrets about leaving the White House because the task of keeping up with the President was too strenuous for him.

He said he had been suffering from varicose veins, and pulled up a trouser leg to show an elastic stocking he was wearing to help reduce the swollen veins. This hose, he added, was a gift from the President.

### Former Barber

A former barber and co-partner in the shop of McDuffie and Herndon in Atlanta, Mr. McDuffie first went with the President as his valet in 1929 when he was the Governor of New York State.

He said that he got the job through a "tip" from a white customer who knew the Governor through his business association with him at the infantile paralysis hospital in Warm Springs, Ga.

The ex-valet's wife, Mrs. Elizabeth McDuffie, to whom he has been married for thirty-one years, is employed as a maid in the White House.

Mr. McDuffie spends his leisure time barbering and going to ball games. Both he and his wife expect to return to Atlanta to live when they finally leave the government service.