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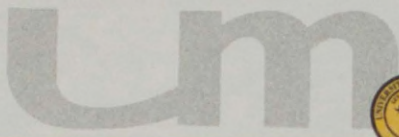
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RETIRING UM FACULTY MEMBER  
RECALLS MEETING WITH LBJ

MISSOULA, MONT.--

When Dr. Albert T. Helbing retires June 30 from the University of Montana he will take with him many nostalgic memories, including a chance meeting with Lt. Cmdr. Lyndon B. Johnson during World War II.

Dr. Helbing, 70, who has been a professor in the UM School of Business Administration over a period spanning 21 years, met the man who later was to become President while Dr. Helbing was serving a stint as assistant director of education at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, Calif., between 1941-43.

"I cooked breakfast at my home in Burbank when Mr. Johnson and Lockheed officials were visiting there about a government-business proposal," the UM professor recalls.

"Mr. Johnson had sent Lockheed a proposal to establish regional training centers through the combined efforts of private business and the Department of the Navy.

"We already were utilizing a similar program at Lockheed," Dr. Helbing continued, "but it was interesting visiting with Mr. Johnson about the project anyway."

The incident with the man from Texas is a vivid one for Dr. Helbing. "I remember it well," he said. "I recall cooking waffles and bacon and eggs for breakfast that day, and I also served fruit juice."

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Dr. Helbing was graduated from Waite High School there in 1918. He received a bachelor's degree at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, in 1923 and he went on to study at The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., where he was awarded a doctorate in political economy in 1929. He was named to Phi Beta Kappa national scholastic honorary while at Denison.

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Dr. Helbing has been at the University of Montana since 1948, except during a two-year leave of absence in 1959-60, when he resigned his second appointment as acting dean of the UM School of Business Administration to participate in the University of California Indonesian Economics Project at the University of Indonesia, Djakarta, through the Ford Foundation.

Since coming to UM, Dr. Helbing has specialized in management courses. His professional experience has included stints with the Illinois Department of Labor, Studebaker Corporation, the Kellogg Foundation, an oil firm in Texas and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Besides UM, Dr. Helbing also has taught at several other institutions of higher learning, including University of Tennessee, University of Illinois, University of Texas and Arizona State University.

He and the former Ruth Leisure of Omaha, Neb., were married at Las Vegas, Nev., in 1948. The couple met while Dr. Helbing was teaching and she was a student at Arizona State at Tempe.

The Helbings, who live at 1210 Vine St. Missoula, have made no definite plans for retirement, although they may go south for the winter and perhaps travel in Europe later on.

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