



# HOT POTATO

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## “Al Haig” takes Over President Don’s Last Meeting

Little by little, attendance inched up to thirteen members and one guest (Rev. George’s lovely wife Jo Ann). Don had an emergency, and president elect Pat was five minutes late, which gave Tom Didas (Al Haig, “- I’m in charge here”) a chance to grab the club again. Once in his hand, he wasn’t going to give it up, not even for Don when he arrived. We were in for a rough ride.

Reverend George brought his wife Joann as a guest. She picked a bad evening to tag along. Take for example the painful execution of the song that the members committed to Pat and Bo when they arrived a trifle late. Tom still had the gall to charge them a collective dollar.

Bud StGeorge must have heard the miserable performance from the bar area, and perhaps made it clear to Tom that he wanted the “killing” to stop when he arrived a little later. No fine, I think.

The Miller House served another of those hard to describe meals. It was some kind of barbecue rendition of ground beef, shaped to look like ribs. It wasn’t doing much to raise the sinking spirits of the members under Tom’s rule. The chocolate covered ice cream for dessert helped somewhat, however.

Just as Tom started to solicit fines, Don arrived. He had to make an emergency trip to patch an ear on one of his goats, which his dog had bitten off. I think Wayne Hunt

suggested that Don “shouldn’t let the dog get his goat.” It’s unclear whether there was an allusion to Tom in there, but that’s how I took it!

There were two owners of new cars around the table. Optimistically, reverend George offered a happy dollar for his, but he was quickly taken out of that delusion. “There is a standard five for it,” informed acting president Tom.

Tom Quinlan’s “station wagon with an attitude” had developed a bad one, now shedding pieces of its transmission. He must have liked the Pacifica’s other attitudes, because he picked another one to replace the old, when he heard of the cost of replacing the transmission.

Perhaps because of Pat’s and Bo’s participation, the song for Don’s late arrival sounded much better, but the attempt to fine backfired on Tom. It reminded Don that Tom had not paid for the last two disruptive phone calls last meeting. He simply sneaked out. They evened the situation with an extra dollar from Tom.

No meeting on July 4, so instead we gather on July 11, this time under President Pat’s leadership. A commemorative change over dinner will be held at a future date.

Bob Oswald had once again rubbed tickets with George Smith, and thus had the winning 50/50.