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WORLD NEWS SECTION

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Army-Navy Merger Set

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—A compromise plan designed to unify the armed services while retaining their separate administration and military leadership was announced Thursday night by President Truman with the blessing of both the army and navy.

It would create a separate air force and place a new secretary of national defense in over-all charge of it, the army and navy. Each of the three services would have secretaries, too, who may be cabinet members.

The expected unification would be achieved by vesting the secretary of national defense with authority to lay down common policies and programs for the three arms. But each department would be administered as a unit.

Tax Bill Faces House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—A bill to continue high wartime excise taxes at the present rate indefinitely was introduced in the house Thursday and Republican tax managers moved to push it through quickly.

Weather Forecast

Oregon: cloudy north, partly cloudy south portions Friday and Saturday.

Occasional light rain along coast north and few snow flurries in mountains north. Little change in temperatures west portion.

WIRE STAFF

Bert Moore
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President Harry K. Newburn spent Thursday in Portland where he addressed the Portland Mothers club.

Uncertainty Marks Governor Dispute

ATLANTA, Jan. 16 (AP)—Elis Arnall's contest for the Georgia governorship Thursday night appeared certain of being prolonged at least until Monday, although the rival claimant, Herman Talmadge, held possession of the gubernatorial chambers at the capitol and the executive mansion in fashionable Ansley park.

As the dual state administrations neared the close of their second business day, the capitol was thrown briefly into turmoil by the explosion of a firecracker high up in the rotunda above the spot where Arnall established his temporary "office" this morning.

Apparently tossed from an upper floor, the firecracker burst with a terrific report that reverberated through the dome and sent capitol workers scurrying into the corridors.

Truman, 'Big Six' Meet

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—President Truman's first meeting with his "big six" congressional committee side-stepped partisan politics Thursday, participants reported, and achieved "harmony" on the prospect of cooperation between the White House and the GOP-dominated congress.

Air Safety Board Asked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—A proposal to establish a special government board on air safety will get immediate consideration from the senate interstate commerce committee, it was announced Thursday.

Tariff-Cut Fight Begins

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The first move in the dominantly-Republican congress against the Democratic administration's tariff-cutting powers—a cornerstone of

its foreign policy—was started Thursday by Rep. Jenkins, R., Ohio.

He filed a resolution calling upon President Truman to postpone a scheduled 18-national conference at Geneva in March to conclude reciprocal trade pacts.

Plane Search Begins

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 16 (AP)—Civil Aeronautics Administration officials headed into the Wood River valley 40 miles north of here Thursday in the hope of locating a missing plane.

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