



FLAMES ENVELOP ALLEN SCHOOL — Shortly after this picture was taken, flames, pictured here illuminating the ceiling, entirely enveloped Allen School. Two unidentified firemen are pictured shooting water into the flames licking their way over the roof of the one-story building. This picture was taken from the front of the building. A slight breeze from the southwest whipped the flames.

Memorandum demand made

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two Washington State congressmen demanded Monday that the Defense Department release a memorandum in which they said Air Force Secretary Eugene Zuckert had recommended continuation of the Dyna-Soar project.

The demand was made by Reps. Thomas M. Pelly and Bill Stinson, both Republicans from Seattle, in a letter to Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

McNamara last week announced cancellation of the Dyna-Soar manned space vehicle program for which the Seattle-based Boeing Co. was the prime contractor.

Pelly and Stinson said they had written to McNamara on Friday to demand release on the "in-house memorandum" from Zuckert to McNamara.

The congressmen said the memorandum, written either Dec. 5 or 6, had recommended continuance of the Dyna-Soar and had included rebuttal of recommendations to kill the program. The latter recommendation, they said, was made by Dr. Harold Brown, director of defense research and engineering.

In their letter, the two Republicans said Zuckert had refused to give them the document on grounds it was classified. They asked McNamara's "cooperation" in providing each with a copy.

"Because of the terrific economic impact which your cancellation of the Dyna-Soar project has had on the City of Seattle and Washington State, time is of the essence and an expeditious response to our request will be sincerely appreciated," they wrote.

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U.S. calls on NATO partners to carry greater share of Western defense burden

By Joseph W. Grigg
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PARIS (UPI) — The United States called on its NATO partners today to carry more of the Western defense burden and warned failure to do so would make the American Congress and people "increasingly restless."

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara repeated President Johnson's pledge that American forces will remain in Europe at their present strength of about six Army divisions even though they are draining

Agreement set on West Berlin wall crossings

BERLIN (UPI) — West Berlin today signed an agreement with Communist East Germany to permit West Berliners to cross through the Communist wall for Christmas visits in East Berlin.

A West Berlin government spokesman announced the agreement after long negotiations with the Communists.

It will be the first time West Berliners have been permitted in the Communist half of their city since the wall went up in August, 1961.

Since that time, visits to East Berlin have been permitted for residents of West Germany and foreigners, but barred to Germans resident in West Berlin.

The West Berlin government will issue passes for the visits, restricted to relatives of East Berliners.

The talks were stalled for several days on the issue of recognition of the Communist government. West Berlin negotiators did not want to conclude any agreement that could be construed as recognition that the Communists are the legal regime in the Soviet zone.

Half a million West Berliners were expected to take advantage of the opportunity to go to the Soviet sector.

off American gold.

But he warned the European members of the Atlantic Alliance they must bring their own military forces up to the same degree of strength as are the Americans, which are maintained on a ready-for-combat basis.

McNamara addressed the third session of a three-day meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) council.

Can Deter Attack
The NATO alliance, McNamara declared, has sufficient nuclear forces to deter a Soviet atomic attack. But Western conventional or non-nuclear forces must be strengthened to deal with possible limited Communist military attacks in Berlin, or on the southern or northern flanks of NATO's front, he insisted.

He indicated it is now up to America's allies to make these increases in non-nuclear strength, to match the tremendous effort of the United States since 1961.

McNamara said the picture in the public mind of a West hopelessly outnumbered and outgunned by hordes of Communists and, consequently, doomed to rely on immediate resort to nuclear weapons for every contingency, no matter how limited in character, is open to serious question.

In stressing this, McNamara spoke up for the United States policy of a "strategic pause" in case of Soviet attack in the West. The United States asserts that such an attack should be resisted at first by conventional forces until it is clear whether the Russians have launched all-

out war.

French President Charles de Gaulle insists on the policy of immediate massive nuclear retaliation against Russian cities.

McNamara scheduled a meeting this afternoon with French Defense Minister Pierre Messmer to try to iron out this dispute.

The meeting was arranged by West German Defense Minister Kai-Uwe Von Hassel, who also was to take part.

McNamara reiterated the pledge given by President Johnson in a message to NATO Monday that the United States remains committed to Europe's defense and will continue to maintain the equivalent of six U.S. Army divisions in Europe as long as they are needed.

He stressed that no change of presidents in the United States would weaken this basic policy. He said any man in the White House would be confronted by these two determining factors:

—The security of the United States depends on that of all members of the NATO alliance.

—Neither the United States nor any NATO member country alone can provide adequate security against Soviet threats.

McNamara warned that the fact the West now is militarily superior to the Soviets, as he claimed in a recent speech in New York, should not lead to any relaxation of the alliance's defense effort. He said there are deficiencies in the NATO setup but they are deficiencies which can be overcome.

McNamara reported at length on efforts by the United States to strengthen its own military position.

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Friends say Liz will divorce Eddie, marry Richard Burton soon

By T.M. Fagrell
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MEXICO CITY (UPI) — Friends predicted today Elizabeth Taylor will soon divorce Eddie Fisher to marry Richard Burton, whose wife Sybil got a Mexican divorce Monday.

"I don't think Liz and Burton are going to wait very long," one friend said. "It looks as if they will be married soon."

Burton and Mrs. Burton arranged details of a property settlement and custody of their two children before she filed for divorce in Puerto Vallarta, the tiny Mexican fishing village where he recently completed work on a movie.

Miss Taylor had no part in the movie, but she accompanied Burton to Puerto Vallarta and was on the set almost every day, keeping him company. They shared a villa.

Went to Village

Burton's lawyer, Aaron Frosch, of New York, went to the village to represent him in civil court when the divorce was granted. Burton also was represented by a Mexican attorney, as was Mrs. Burton.

Frosch said Mrs. Burton charged that her husband treated her "cruelly and inhumanly" and said he was "in the constant custody of another

woman." Miss Taylor was not mentioned by name in the court proceedings.

The decree gives Mrs. Burton custody of the two children, Katherine, 6, and Jessica, 4, but assures the father of free visiting rights "at all times."

Mrs. Burton also received the Burton home in Geneva, Switzerland, a trust fund for the two

children and a substantial settlement for herself. The attorney said Burton retained "a fund out of their community property."

"There was no difficulty in formulating the property settlement," Frosch said.

He said he prepared the divorce settlement, but that both parties consulted other attor-

neys at his insistence. Mrs. Burton, who has been living in New York, is expected to leave soon for Geneva.

Miss Taylor has said on several occasions that she wants to marry Burton, but he has refused to state positively what his intentions are in the matter.

Friends said Burton and Miss Taylor plan to stay in their Vallarta villa until the end of January. He is scheduled to open Feb. 8 in a Broadway production of "Hamlet."

Boeing receives all documents

SEATTLE (UPI)—The Boeing Co. Monday received all documents relevant to the lease of 100,000 acres of land near

Boardman, Ore. for a space age industrial park.

A spokesman for the firm said the material is now under review, with final determination expected in the next several days.

The board of directors had been expected to appropriate funds for initial development of the project at their meeting here Monday but no action was announced.

Boeing had signed a 77 year, \$4.6 million lease of the property with the State of Oregon earlier this year, but legal entanglements postponed exercise of the lease.

Boeing is expected to develop a rocket testing facility at Boardman.

Ruling issued

SALEM (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said today that Oregon law does not provide for removal of a precinct committeeman by a political party's county central committee for supporting the nomination of a person of his own party in a primary election.

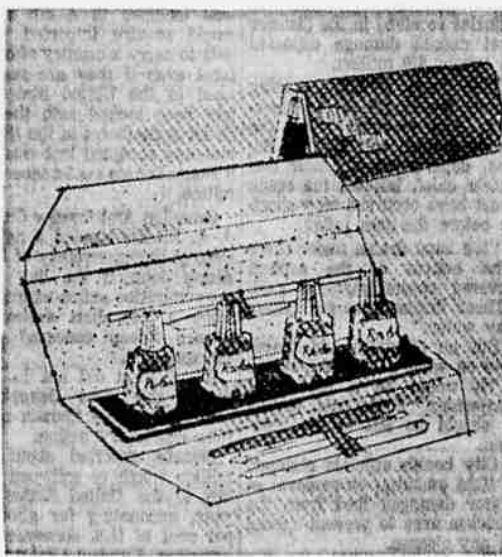
The idea behind the political party law is to permit the voters to construct the organization from the bottom upwards, Thornton said.

Women injured in accident

Two Boise, Idaho women were in St. Charles Memorial Hospital today waiting examination by x-ray following a cow-auto accident early this morning 23 miles east of Bend.

According to Oregon State Police and hospital personnel, Mrs. Ethena Deming, 43, and daughter, Clara Deming, 20, were in an auto that collided with a cow on Highway 20 just east of Horse Ridge.

It happened at 2:30 a.m. The cow was killed, police said. Mrs. Deming and her daughter were listed as "not critical."

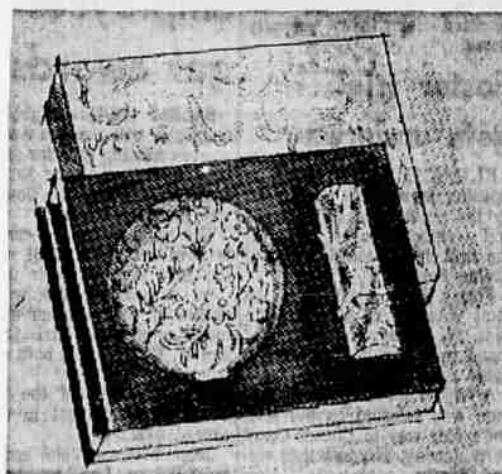


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