

Move To Retain Gen. Gavin on Job Gets Support in Congress

Washington — Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, Army missile chief, told Senate investigators today his decision to retire "is final."

Washington — Congressional support rolled up today behind a move to hold on to Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, who is threatening to quit as Army missile chief in a fight for freedom to criticize the nation's defense effort.

Members of the Senate Preparedness subcommittee expressed hope the World War II hero would take up Army Secretary Wilbur M. Brucker's plea to remain in the

Army. Brucker all but promised him four stars to stay on.

Type of Man Needed

They were expected to urge Gavin personally when he went before a closed-door session of the subcommittee to pursue his demands for a big increase in Army funds.

"Gen. Gavin is a good soldier and the type of man we need in the Army," said Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.). "I hope he will stay in the Army."

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), also said he hoped that the jobs offered Gavin would make the best use of his ability.

Army sources said some of Gavin's trouble may have stemmed from the fact that he rose rapidly in the ranks. He was a two-star major general in command of the 82nd Airborne Division in World War II when he was 37. He is idolized by junior officers but not necessarily by his superiors, the sources said.

Wants Boost in Funds

Gavin wants a boost in Army funds to aid his Research and Development command and to increase the Army to 28 divisions, almost twice its present size.

In other defense developments:

—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, preparedness chairman, declared "50,000 airplanes produced a year before Pearl Harbor saved our necks . . . a thousand missiles produced in the coming year may save our lives."

—Chairman Melvin Price (D-Ill.), of the congressional atomic energy research and development subcommittee charged "senseless" Navy-Air Force rivalry may allow Russia to win the race to put an atom-powered airplane into flight. He urged giving the Air Force a green light without waiting for a Navy study.

—Defense Secretary Neil M. McElroy appeared before the House military appropriations subcommittee to explain President Eisenhower's \$1,260,000,000 emergency fund request for missiles and space research. Subcommittee Chairman George H. Mahon (D-Tex.), emphasizing the urgency of the request, said the House would get the money bill in 10 days to two weeks.



ANGRY SEA—Sixteen-foot waves pound the seawall along the famed Malecon in Havana, Cuba, as the worst winter storm in 45 years battered the Caribbean island.

CENTRAL POINT Legion Auxiliary Meets

By DORIS HUGHES

Central Point — A special American Legion auxiliary conference meeting was held Tuesday evening at Myers Holland Post 129 in Central Point.

Mrs. Edith Gettling, district president was present as well as units from Grants Pass, Ashland, Medford and Central Point and four women from Portland. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served.

Guests New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Downing of Central Point were Mr. and Mrs. Chet Lengle of Phoenix.

The Rev. Al Motes, Mrs. Motes and children, Sally and Clifford, left Central Point Saturday for Aberdeen, Wash. Motes has accepted the pastorage of the Missionary Alliance church.

Billy Evans returned to San Diego recently after spending a ten day leave at the home of his mother, Mrs. Daisy Bianconi. Evans, who is a former Crater High school student, is now in the Navy.

Luncheon guests Monday at the home of Mrs. Ruby Colgan were Mrs. Frank Quigley of Medford and Mrs. Alice Lopez of Central Point.

The Rev. Donald Collins and Mrs. Collins left Central Point Thursday morning for their home in Eastend, Saskatchewan, Canada. They had been visiting Collins' parents, the Rev. Lewis Collins and Mrs. Collins of this city.

The Central Point Junior High school basketball teams

will go to Grants Pass Friday to play two games. One game will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the other will be played at 4:30 p.m.

Rep. Robert Duncan will speak on the subject of "legislation as it affects the schools" on Jan. 16 at the Central Point junior high school library.

The occasion will be Dad's night at the PTA meeting, which will begin at 8 p.m. Third grade mothers will be the hostesses for the affair and the junior high pep band will perform.

Mrs. Charles L. Ghelardi, president of the Central Point elementary and junior high school Parent Teachers association, announced the sum of \$262.55 was made from the chili feed held Dec. 5. Besides special projects for school, the PTA this year is planning to sponsor a full scholarship for a deserving high school senior who wishes to make a career of teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ricks Sr. of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterson of Ross Lane were guests Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ricks of Beal lane. The Ricks showed home movies and served cake and coffee during the evening.

A meeting will be held by the American Legion and auxiliary Thursday evening at the Myers Holland Post 129 on Pine st. in Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Morgan of Davis, Calif., visited over the holidays at the home of Morgan's mother, Mrs. Gladys Blackford, Morgan is a student at the veterinary school at Davis.

New Years dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Ruby Colgan were Mrs. Addie Walker, Bill Land and Mr. and Mrs. John Blackford.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Johnson of Eureka, Calif., returned home Saturday after visiting for a week with friends and relatives in Central Point and Medford.

Irrigation Water Outlook Good, Report Reveals

Portland — A cheerful prediction of irrigation water supplies was issued here today by the Federal Soil Conservation Service which reported a snow cover of 120 per cent of normal in mountain watersheds.

The Service said that in normal years about 39 per cent of the total winter's snow is accumulated by Jan. 1. But this year on that date there was 47 per cent of the normal accumulation. At this date last year the snow cover was only one-half of the amount normally measured over the state. Harney basin reports snow about 85 per cent of normal but other areas were in better shape.

The Soil Conservation Service also reported that stored water in 18 important Oregon reservoirs is now 124 per cent of the average and 107 per cent of this date last year. Only Agency Valley reservoir on the Burnt and McKay on the Umatilla are below average in storage.

Streamflows through the April-September period this year will be about normal, according to a Service prediction. Flow of the Owyhee river in December was the lowest for the state, being about 84 per cent of normal. Inflow to upper Klamath lake was the highest with 153 per cent of normal.

Negro Sought In Girl's Death

Louisville, Ky. — Police continued a widespread search today for a slender young Negro man in connection with the fatal bludgeoning of Mildred Jean Simpson, 14, whose body was found in a suburban wooded area Tuesday.

The girl was the fourth fatal beating victim here since New Year's Eve.

A woman who requested that her name be withheld told police she heard a scream about 9 p.m. and saw a Negro man forcing a girl in blue jeans into an old car.

The girl's body was found some eight hours later alongside a dirt road. Her legs were scratched but her clothing was not disarranged and it did not appear that she had been attacked sexually.

The body was found less than a mile from a cornfield where the beaten and frozen body of Mrs. Carmelita Mitchell, 43, was discovered Monday.

On New Year's Day the beaten bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tarbis were found in the rear of their shoe store here. Police thus far have not established any connection between the four murders.

Klamath Dispute Under Discussion

Klamath Falls — The labor dispute that has idled 250 to 300 workers at the new Johns-Manville fibreboard plant near here today was taken to national headquarters of the construction workers union and of the JM firm.

Construction workers completed the \$12 million plant in northern Klamath county walked off their jobs in protest over the hiring of four non-union men to boil out a boiler plant before it was put in operation.

Johns-Manville officials have contended that union affiliation should not be required until the plant is completed and an NLRB election can be held.

Jayne Mansfield Tells Plans for Marriage

Hollywood — Actress Jayne Mansfield announced today that she will wed Mickey Hargitay Monday in the Wayfarer's Chapel at Palos Verdes Estates.

After the ceremony the couple will fly to Dallas for a reception and vacation in Florida.

"The excitement of shopping for my trousseau and the waiting is too great," the star exclaimed.

Oregon State Fair To Play 10 Days

Salem — Oregon's eight-day State Fair was stretched to 10 days by the Oregon State Fair commission here Tuesday.

The longer fair will open Aug. 29 and continue through Sept. 6.

The State Racing commission agreed to go along with the 10 days with races nine of the days.

In other action the board retained Earl Heims of Portland for both publicity and advertising at the fair and gave Paul Ale the concessions and programs contract for the racing and horse show.

Optimism Seen On Farm Income In State in '58

Corvallis — A mildly optimistic forecast of farm income for Oregon was made here today by Marion D. Thomas, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State College.

He said farm income in the state has gained a little in each of the past three years, and has a fairly good chance of moving up again in the year ahead.

But Thomas warned that Oregon is almost certain to see a larger production and lower prices for its number one cash-producing farm crop — wheat. Fall plantings in the state were up 13 per cent over a year earlier. Prices for hay crops may be up the coming year, particularly if mouse damage is as great as now feared.

Thomas said cattle prices in the state held high at the end of the year, but "it is doubtful if they will stay at that level through 1958."

In other agricultural areas, Thomas predicted: Poultrymen should have a better year; dairy returns probably will be about the same; fruits and vegetables should recover part of the ground lost during the past year; potatoes now in storage should enjoy steady-to-rising prices.

Chocolate Milk Record

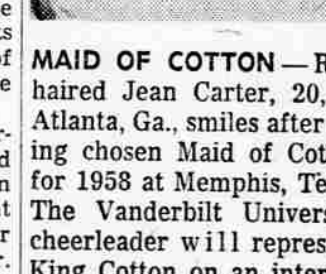
Chicago — The Chocolate Milk foundation reports Americans drank a record 760 million quarts of dairy-prepared chocolate milk in 1957 valued at 190 million dollars.



'NEXT . . . ?' — Radioman R. R. Semington of Crosby, N. D., sports the latest South Pole hairdo, the "McMurdo Clip." Semington, a member of Operation Deepfreeze at McMurdo Sound, Antarctic, claims this tonsorial treatment is great with heavy, fur-lined parkas.

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State Judges Get Increase in Pay

Chicago — State judges in six states have received pay boosts this year, according to the American Judicature Society.

The Public Administration Bulletin, a joint publication of the society and seven like groups, said the biggest raises were in Minnesota and Texas, where annual boosts of \$4,000 were voted.

Minnesota's chief justice was raised from \$16,000 to \$20,000 and the associate justices from \$15,000 to \$19,000. There were smaller raises for district and municipal judges.

Civil appeals judges in Texas drew raises from \$12,000 to \$16,000, and the salaries of district judges went up \$3,000 a year to \$12,000.

In Wisconsin, the salary of the chief justice went from \$14,500 to \$18,000 and the salaries of the associate justices from \$14,000 to \$17,500.

There were corresponding smaller increases for the judiciary in Alabama, Wyoming and West Virginia.

Clatsop National Memorial Seen

Washington — Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) announced today that the Secretary of Interior, the White House and the Bureau of the Budget will recommend to Congress Thursday establishment of a national memorial park at Fort Clatsop, Ore.

Norblad said the proposal calls for an expenditure of \$280,000 to acquire 93 additional acres at the six-acre site and to build an administration building and visitors' facilities.

The Congressman said he was "inclined to think Congress will approve the plan this session."

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