

New Defense Secretary Faces Battle With Congress Over Missile Program

Washington — (UPI) — Thomas S. Gates Jr. took over as defense secretary today and prepared for a new congressional fight over the threatened gap between American and Russian missile strength.

The 53-year-old Philadelphia was sworn in as Neil H. McElroy's successor at a White House ceremony, becoming top director of the administration's embattled military program.

Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas, a Chicago attorney, was reported to be a front-running possibility for deputy defense secretary, the post Gates held for the past seven months after a two-year stint as Navy secretary.

To Direct Budget

The new defense chief has his work cut out for him, as McElroy demonstrated in spelling out military policies and budget plans at a farewell news conference late Tuesday.

For much of the first half of next year, Gates will direct the Pentagon's presentation to Congress of a new \$41 billion military budget that honestly could be said to please hardly anybody.

A priority task will be to try to convince a skeptical Congress that America has such diversified and large quantities of other weapons that it can afford to let Russia build up a superiority in long-range ballistic missiles during the early 1960s.

Says Minuteman Superior

McElroy brought the controversial "missile gap" back into the news Tuesday when asked if Russia would have more of the globe-spanning nuclear weapons than America.

"If they built what they could build and if we build what we intend to build, we think they will have more missile capability for the

period 1961 through 1962 and maybe into 1963 than we would have," McElroy said.

At that time the solid-fueled, rapid-firing American Minuteman ballistic missile will come into service, he said. He described it as so superior to current ballistic missiles that no more of the present missiles should be built than are "absolutely required."

Americans' Fate Rests in Hands Of Cuban Jurists

Havana — (UPI) — The lives of two Americans, one of whom was carried into court on a stretcher, rested today in the hands of revolutionary tribunals that were asked to sentence them to death by a firing squad.

A five-man court martial in the western province of Pinar del Rio was expected to announce a verdict today in the case of Austin Young, of Miami, one of the Americans for whom the government demands death.

Death Penalty Asked

The prosecution also has asked the death penalty for Fernando Pruna, a Cuban co-defendant in the Young case. Peter J. Lambton, a British-born American from the Bahamas who is also on trial in Pinar del Rio, faces a possible 30 years in prison.

The three men, with 36 Cuban companions, have been charged with membership in an anti-government guerrilla band and with the murder of a soldier killed in a clash shortly before their arrest.

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Industrials Lower; Rails Move Higher

New York — (UPI) — Industrial shares slipped lower today after an early attempt to rise. Railroads moved higher.

Trading in the general market slipped off as selling for profits brought some of the chemicals, oils, motors, electronics and special issues down.

The market for industrials had risen in the previous ten sessions during which nearly 30 points had been added to the average.

There were many individual bright spots in all groups. In the chemicals, Allied Laboratories and American Cyanamid advanced while DuPont, Allied Chemical, Eastman Kodak and Union Carbide declined.

Today's prices on selected stocks:

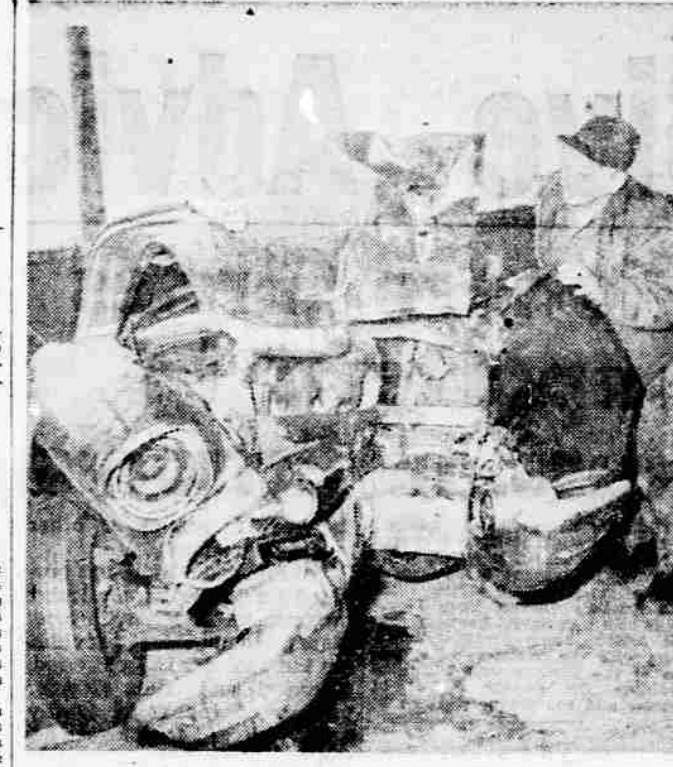
Allied Chemical	119
Alum. Co. Am.	107 1/2
American Can	41 1/2
American Motors	83 1/2
A. T. & T.	78 1/2
Anaconda Copper	62 1/2
Armco Steel	72 1/2
Bendix Aviation	77 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	54 1/2
Boeing Air	32 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	31 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	64
Continental Can	48
Crown Zellerbach	54 1/2
Curtis Wright	33 1/2
Dow Chemical	25 3/4
Eastman Kodak	108 1/2
Firestone	132 1/2
General Electric	91 1/2
General Foods	102
General Motors	51 1/2
Georgia Pacific	48 1/2
Graham Paige	25 1/2
Greystone	20 1/2
Gulf Oil	110
Homesite Mining	42 1/2
Idaho Power	48 1/2
I. B. M.	44 1/2
Int. Paper	136 1/2

Johns Manville	51 1/2
Kennecott Copper	93 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	30 1/2
Montana Power Co.	26 1/2
Montgomery Ward	50 1/2
Natl. Biscuit	52 1/2
New York Central	28 1/2
Gas & Elec	61 1/2
Penney, J. C.	122
Penn. RR	15 1/2
Radio Corporation	70 1/2
Richfield Oil	78 1/2
Safeway	35 1/2
Sears	48 1/2
Shell Oil	77 1/2
Soco Mobil Oil	40 1/2
South Co.	37 1/2
Southern Pacific	22 1/2
Standard California	47 1/2
Standard Indiana	41 1/2
Standard N.J.	48 1/2
Sun Mines	6 1/2
Texas Co.	83 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	17 1/2
Tex. Pac. Land Trust	19 1/2
Transamerica	51
Trans World Air	29 1/2
Tri-Continental	36
Union Carbide	113
Union Pacific	39 1/2
United Aircraft	32 1/2
United Air Lines	36 1/2
U. S. Rubber	68 1/2
U. S. Steel	98 1/2
Youngstown S & T	126

MUSIC TO BURN BY

New York — (UPI) — Patrons of the Harbor Inn restaurant held their tempers while the juke box played "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," over and over for 30 minutes. Finally, the customer who kept playing it left. Another customer put his coin in the machine and punched his selection — "There'll Be A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." The juke box then caught fire.

The expense of locating Oregon's territorial roads ("internal improvements") was, after 1857, shifted to the various counties.



ROSETTA DUNCAN HURT—Stan Ziobrow views the wrecked auto driven by Rosetta Duncan, 58, one of the famous Duncan Sisters vaudeville team, after it smashed into a guard rail on the approach to an overpass in Chicago Tuesday. Miss Duncan is in serious condition at a Chicago hospital. —(UPI Telephoto)

Improvement Plan for Ashland Plaza Outlined

Ashland — A plan to improve the appearance of a section of the Ashland business district and to strengthen the city's business economy was discussed yesterday by John Weisbrod, Medford businessman, with representatives of the city's economic development commission and park commission.

Weisbrod's plan is to change the fronts of stores in the Ashland plaza to Old English style in keeping with the theme of the Shakespearean Festival theater in Ashland.

Weisbrod estimated that the stores' improved appearance and unique design would draw more tourists and shoppers. Residents living nearby might want to change the

general appearance of their homes to the Old English architecture, too, he added.

Plans for the proposed remodeling, designed by a local architect, should be ready by the first of the year, Weisbrod said. Different possibilities for financing the remodeling are being worked out, he said. The plans will be presented to the merchants of the Plaza area for their approval, Weisbrod added.

"A small section would be remodelled first with possibility that the design could be carried into the stores' interiors and to other stores," Weisbrod explained.

The source of the Columbia River is 2,700 feet above sea level.

Synthetic Drug Used to Fatten Stock Due to Get 'New Study'

Washington — (UPI) — The government is about to take a "new look" at the widespread use of a synthetic female sex hormone to fatten up cattle and poultry, it was learned today.

The hormone drug, diethylstilbestrol or more commonly called "stilbestrol," is known to cause cancer of the breast in man when taken in large doses, Food and Drug

Commissioner George P. Larrick said.

Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of health, education and welfare, will announce the new study of the scientific and legal aspects involved in its use in animal feeding at a news conference Thursday.

Flemming kicked off the recent cranberry controversy by announcing that some of the crop had been contaminated by weed-killer that has caused cancer in rats.

The FDA stopped issuing any new permits for use of stilbestrol after the last session of Congress passed the so-called Delaney Amendment which bans food additives found to induce cancer.

However, the law makes no provision for rescinding permits of those with prior sanction to use stilbestrol.

Larrick said there was no cause for alarm. He said he was still eating meat and chicken, and "feeding it to my children and grandchildren."

Conflicting Evidence

The FDA chief said there still was much "conflicting evidence" on the effects of stilbestrol. He said FDA planned to "marshal the world's literature" on the subject and the agency's experts have started a new investigation "to find out where we stand."

He reported that about 80 per cent of the livestock raised today are fed stilbestrol.

Larrick said that recent scientific tests have turned up minute quantities of stilbestrol residue in the skin and liver of the chicken. He said no such residue has been found in meat tissue. Cattlemen usually stop using stilbestrol up to 48 hours before slaughter.

U.S. To Outline Concessions in Canal Zone Tiff

Washington — (UPI) — The United States was to formally notify Panama today it is willing to make concessions in connection with the operation of the Panama Canal which has stirred anti-American feeling in the Central American nation.

A note, detailing the U.S. position was to be delivered later in the day by the U.S. Ambassador to Panama Julian Harrington to Panamanian Foreign Minister Miguel Moreno.

Hope, To Break Deadlock

Officials here expressed hope the concessions would break the long-standing deadlock over the interpretation of 1955 treaty provisions concerning wages in the Canal Zone and help restore traditionally friendly relations between the two countries.

U.S. sources said that in addition to promising Panama priority in purchasing supplies for the zone and taking steps to improve wages for Panamanian workers, the U.S. may contemplate financing the construction of housing in the Republic of Panama to be used by canal employees.

No Progress Made In Paper Strike

Portland — (UPI) — A federal mediator met again today with representatives of the Stereotypers Union and Portland's two daily newspapers in an effort to settle the 23-day old strike against the Oregon Journal and the Oregonian.

Mediator Elmer Williams met in two sessions with both sides Tuesday and reported, "we discussed several issues thoroughly, but unfortunately no progress was made."

James H. Sampson, international president of the Stereotypers Union, and Perry Badgley, international representative of the union, took part in the sessions.

BLOWN TO BITS

Tottori, Japan — (UPI) — A burglar suspect being taken to headquarters in a police jeep for questioning Tuesday blew himself to bits with a stick of dynamite, police reported today. Four police officers accompanying Katsumi Ota, 33, jumped to safety when they saw the prisoner lighting the fuse of a stick of dynamite hidden under his shirt.

Flynn Estate To Be Sued for Statue

Miami — (UPI) — The late Errol Flynn commissioned a gold-plated nude statue of his 17-year-old protegee, Beverly Aadland, to put on the mantle at his Jamaica estate, a sculptor said today.

Sepi Dubroyni said Flynn commissioned him to sculpt the reclining figure shortly before the actor died last month of a heart attack.

Dubroyni, who has done Ava Gardner, Jayne Mansfield and Linda Christian in brass, said he wants \$5,000 from Flynn's estate for the Aadland in gold and will sue for payment.

He also had done Anita Eckberg in gold and recently finished Brigitte Bardot.

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