

# Defense Secretary Disputes Idea of Russian Military Advantage

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## Japanese Rescue Workers Seek Men Trapped in Mine

Yubari, Japan—UPI—Rescue workers braving fire and the threat of gas explosions today brought one of 43 miners trapped in a caved-in mine to the surface alive. They found 23 bodies.

The bodies were entombed more than two miles from the mine entrance, leaving 14 of the trapped miners unaccounted for.

Mine officials said the bodies were found 13,120 feet inside the mine. Some appeared to have been killed outright by the early morning explosion which triggered the cave-in while others appeared to have burned to death or suffocated.

**Efforts Hampered**  
The survivor was found "much closer to the entrance of the mine," the officials said.

Rescue work was hampered by a raging fire which broke out underground soon after the explosion. Foul air also threatened the lives of the trapped men, and air was pumped into the shaft in hopes of saving lives.

The explosion knocked out all lights and telephones in the mine, and no word from the trapped miners reached the surface.

"We are seeking ways of getting food and water to the men, but it is impossible to do so at present," an official of the mine said. "We don't even know what success the men are having now in fighting the fire."

Press reports said there was "no hope" for the rescue of the miners, but this report was not confirmed immediately by officials of the Hokkaido

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## No 'Deterrent Gap' in Strength, Gates Declares

Washington—UPI—Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates today disputed the idea that Russia has outdistanced or even overtaken the United States in military power.

Gates, testifying for the first time as defense secretary before the Senate military appropriations subcommittee, said emphatically there was no "deterrent gap" in American military strength.

He conceded that the Russians "may enjoy—at times—a moderate numerical superiority" of intercontinental ballistic and sea-launched missiles during the next three years.

But he said the "versatility and strength" of U. S. over-all retaliatory capability was much greater. As support of this claim, he cited powerful U. S. long-range bomber forces, a "clearly superior" navy and better air defense.

**U. S. Has Bombers**  
Gates, testifying on the administration's \$39,335,000,000 defense budget request, warned that it was "dangerous to our national security and our position in the world to allow a false impression to gain is second to the Soviet Union."

Gates said manned bombers "are still, for both ourselves and the U.S.S.R., the primary means of delivery of heavy nuclear weapons in the volume and with the accuracy needed to strike a decisive blow."

"In this category," he said, "the United States far exceeds the U.S.S.R."

Gates said the Russians would be inviting their "own destruction" if they attacked. Chairman Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.) said in opening the hearings that the country's defense was of "far greater" importance than a balanced budget.

**New Soviet Estimates**  
Gates, who was called to testify today along with Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, faced questioning on reports that intelligence experts have modified estimates on which he based his appraisal of U.S. military needs.

One of his sharpest critics, Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), was expected to join in the questioning.

The reports of revised intelligence estimates began to circulate last Friday after Central Intelligence Director Allen W. Dulles briefed the combined Senate Space Committee and Preparedness subcommittee.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) said that the briefing disclosed a "substantial" change in the estimates which Gates had been using to paint a "rosy" picture of U.S. defense.

**Accuracy Upgraded**  
From other sources it was learned that the modified estimates, in part at least, upgraded the accuracy of Russian missiles. The revisions were said to have been based on new information.

In a filmed TV interview with Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.) made public Sunday, Gates said Russia's advantage in missiles would be greatest about 1962 "after which the numbers will close."

## Two Rescued from Clackamas Island

Oregon City—UPI—Two Portland men, Kenneth N. Mills, 28, and Wayne Wilbur Rudy, 26, were rescued from a small island in the Clackamas river Sunday about 13 miles east of here.

The men had crossed over to the island Sunday morning during low water to fish. In the late afternoon when they attempted to get back to shore the river was too high.

Another fisherman, Doyle Barnes, Portland, saw the men and notified authorities. County authorities along with state police managed to get a rubber life raft to the men on the end of 100 feet of rope to allow them to get back to safety.

**LUMBER USE**  
Spokane—Lumber comprises 80 per cent of the construction material in the U.S.



**LEADER GIVES UP**—Pierre Lagillarde, 29, left, commander of the eight-day insurrection, evacuated his stronghold at Algiers in a bloodless end to the anti-Gaullist uprising. Lagillarde, followed by 500 of his armed men, passed through Army lines ringing the entrenched camp and boarded a 20-truck column for an unknown destination.—(UPI Telephoto)

## January Losers Top Stock List Advance

New York—UPI—Stocks met support today, starting off a month traders hope will be just the opposite of January. The list last month made the sharpest decline for any January on record.

Motors, electronics, steels and chemicals, the biggest losers last month, led the advance today.

A good January production report helped lift Chrysler more than a point. Ford and Studebaker-Packard rose around 1 each.

Youngstown rose about 2 and Republic more than 1 in a firm steel section.

Union Carbide paced chemicals with a rise of more than 3. DuPont tacked on about a point.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York—UPI—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 626.20, up 3.58; 30 railroads 151.27, off 0.33; 15 utilities 85.99, up 0.43, and 65 stocks 207.23, up 0.81. Sales today were about 2,820,000 shares compared with 3,060,000 shares Friday.

Today's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	91
Alum. Co. Am.	92 1/2
American Can	41 3/4
American Motors	78 3/4
A. T. & T.	80 1/2
Anaconda Copper	60 1/2
Armco Steel (ad)	68 1/2
Bendix Aviation	68 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	50 3/4
Boeing Air	59 1/2
Caterpillar Corp	30 1/2
Chrysler Corp	63 1/2
Continental Can	42
Crown Zellerbach	47 1/2
Curtiss Wright	28 3/4
Dow Chemical	52 1/2
Du Pont	23 1/2
Eastman Kodak	95 1/2
Firestone	124 3/4
General Electric	27 1/2
General Motors	48 1/2
Georgia Pacific	45 1/2

## Creation of Missile 'Czar' Likely

Washington—UPI—A new move for creation of a missile "czar" appeared likely today in the wake of statements by two military leaders on the short and long term dangers to the United States.

The short-term danger, according to Air Force Gen. Thomas S. Power, is that in two years Russia may have enough intercontinental missiles to launch a massive nuclear attack on this country.

The long-term hazard, retiring Army Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris said, is that at the present rates of progress Russia may completely dominate space within 10 years.

**Brooks Disagrees**  
Medaris, whose retirement from the Army became effective Sunday, said in a farewell statement that all missile and space activities should be placed under a joint military command.

Chairman Overton Brooks (D-La.) of the House Space Committee disagreed with Medaris, but said: "We've got to have more one-man control. I don't want dictatorship—but something's got to be done about this bickering and back-biting that is still going on."

Rep. Chet Hollifield (D-Calif.), chairman of the congressional subcommittee on radiation, said figures developed by his group last year take on a new significance in the present situation.

**Views Striking Power**  
Hollifield said that if Russia launched 260 missiles with H-bomb warheads at 224 American targets, 50 million Americans would be killed and 20 million injured.

The 260 missiles is approximately the number that Power, chief of the Strategic Air Command, believes the Russians could have sometime in 1962.

By coincidence, 260, is also the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles that America has "programmed" so far. But there is no chance that they could all be replaced before late 1963 or 1964.

## Democrats Proclaim State Convention 'Very Successful'

Salem—UPI—Democratic party officials proclaimed the two-day state convention here which ended Saturday harmonious and very successful. More than 500 attended.

It was the first full-scale Oregon Democratic convention in state history. One was attempted 66 years ago.

The 297 official delegates from 29 counties adopted a resolution calling for another state-wide conclave in 1962, the date and site to be chosen later.

"It was a tremendous success," according to Chairman Robert Straub, Springfield. "It's going to give depth to politics in 1960."

National Democratic Chairman Paul Butler addressed the convention twice, once briefly Saturday afternoon and at the Saturday night banquet.

He termed it a "wonderful demonstration of Democracy at work in the grassroots." Keynote Sen. Wayne Morse hailed it as healthy.

Oregon Democratic National Committee Chairman C. Girard Davidson challenged the state GOP to have a convention of its own, "to see if the Republicans will debate the issues publicly as the Democrats have done."

**Hot Debate on Some**  
The convention adopted a liberal and broad platform built on planks of taxes, labor, power, agriculture, governmental reorganization, civil rights, education, natural resources, economic development, health and welfare and veterans affairs.

Receiving hot debate before passage were abolishment of the Board of Control and death penalty, and trade with Red China—except for strategic goods.

Recommendations which failed after hot debate included electing Oregon house members on the basis of population rather than the present district system, and a thorough rewrite of the state constitution.

Repeal of the Taft-Hartley law was called for, along with repeal of "any anti-labor provisions passed by the 1959 Congress."

Traditionally, a sales tax was opposed. Among resolutions, one was passed unanimously on the Portland newspaper strike.

**Abhor Strikebreakers**  
It said "the Democratic party of Oregon strongly recommends that a fact-finding committee be accepted by both labor and management . . . in order to settle the strike in an honorable and equitable manner, fair to both the publishers and the union involved."

It said the party "abhors professional strikebreakers to work in plants that are under strike conditions . . . we also strongly disapprove the refusal of the publishers of the Oregonian and the Oregon Journal to submit to an impartial public body the issues in this unfortunate situation."

Convention officials at the outset thought all of Oregon's 36 counties were represented. The final tally showed that counties without delegations were Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Wallowa and Wheeler. The largest delegation, 77, came from Multnomah county.

There is a definite interest on the part of newspaper readers in advertising placed by local merchants. The Continuing Study of Newspaper Reading shows that throughout the year, the median readership of one or more local ads by women is 94 per cent; by men, 74 per cent.

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## Japanese Accused Of Reckless Fishing

Tokyo—UPI—Radio Moscow accused the Japanese Sunday night of reckless fishing which threatens salmon, trout, crab and herring resources in the North Pacific.

The Russian radio made the attack in a broadcast beamed to Japanese listeners on the eve of the opening in Moscow of talks intended to set Japanese salmon, crab and herring quotas for 1960 in waters of Soviet Kamchatka.

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