

Drastic Changes in Military Seen By Leadership Shifts

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy's overhauling of the nation's military leadership raised the possibility today of drastic changes in organization, command and traditional war roles of the armed forces.

It also opened the prospect of new controversies over the

size of the forces and the relative weight to be given conventional and nuclear arms.

General Maxwell D. Taylor, controversial Army officer selected for chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is on record with a firm proposal to abolish the joint chiefs system and replace it with a single "defense chief of staff" with "great authority."

That idea always has been anathema in Congress and Taylor seems assured to be questioned on it when he appears before congressional committees.

Forecasts Military Merger

Kennedy himself is on record with a forecast that the mid 1960s may bring a merger of the Army, Navy and Air Force into a single service "dominated by a single command." That prophesy, in his 1960 book, "The Strategy of Peace" may have new significance now that the President has a slate of military leaders who are, with the exception of the Marine commandant, of his own choosing.

Announcement of the U.S. high command shakeup came swiftly Friday after word leaked out in Paris that U.S. Air Force Gen. Lauris Norstad would resign effective Nov. 1 as supreme Allied commander in Europe and commander of the American forces in Europe.

The dynamic general is 55 and has been a general officer for 19 of his 35 year service. He has commanded NATO forces for the past six years and held high NATO assignments for six years before that. No one is more closely

identified with the formulation and articulation of NATO strategy. He has had differences with the Kennedy administration on aspects of strategy but there was a warm exchange of letters in connection with

his retirement. Kennedy called him "a living symbol" of NATO's strength. **Announces Other Shifts**
A few hours after confirming Norstad's retirement, Kennedy announced these shifts: Army Gen. Lyman L. Lem-

nitzer, 62, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, will succeed Norstad as U.S. commander in Europe. NATO is certain to select him also as supreme Allied commander. His two-year term as Joint Chiefs chairman expires Sept. 30.

Taylor, 60, who retired as Army chief of staff in 1959 in disagreement on strategy with President Eisenhower and his joint chief colleagues, will succeed Lemnitzer. Kennedy recalled him to active duty last year as his personal military adviser.

Army Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, 54, deputy U.S. commander in Europe and a rising star, will succeed Gen. George H. Decker as Army chief on Oct. 1. Decker will retire. Wheeler took up his post in Europe only last March and his elevation to Army chief was seen as a boost towards future chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs or NATO commander.

Both the Lemnitzer and Taylor appointments could be for short terms. Both are beyond normal retirement age.

The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, and the chief of naval operations, Adm. George W. Anderson, are Kennedy appointees. Only the Marine commandant, Gen. David M. Shoup, is a holdover from the Eisenhower administration Joint Chiefs.

High Altitude Test Scheduled

Honolulu—(UPI)—The United States plans to fire another high altitude test up to 82 miles over Johnston Island early Tuesday.

Even though the test will be a relatively small one in the sub-megaton range, scientists warn that it could disrupt all Pacific area radio communications up to 10 minutes.

The weatherman predicted generally fair weather for the test, which is scheduled to take place between midnight and 6 a.m. (PST).

The test is a rescheduling of a June 3 one which fizzled when the Thor rocket booster and its nuclear payload were destroyed in flight after the tracking system failed to function properly.

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Demos Will Hear Kennedy's Aide

Portland—(UPI)—Theodore Sorenson, President Kennedy's closest personal aide, will be main speaker at the Western States Democratic conference in Seattle Aug. 5-8, chairman C. Girard Davidson announced here today.

Davidson said Sorenson accepted the invitation at the last moment by telephone from the White House, after clearing it with the president.

Others slated to appear at the conference, in addition to leading western Democrats, include Democratic national chairman John Bailey, vice chairman Margaret Price, and Small Business Administrator John Horne.

Theme of the conference, held against the background of the Seattle World's Fair, will be the 21st century. Discussion, open to the public and press, will cover youth employment, civil liberties, foreign trade, natural resources, small business, and the roles of state and local governments.

Medford Man Held For Arizona Police

Chester Ashley Wise, 56, of 1815 Barnett rd. was arrested by Medford police Friday night on a second degree rape felony warrant held by police in Phoenix, Ariz.

Police in the Arizona city advised the Medford department of the warrant by teletype, stating Wise was believed to be at the Barnett rd. address. Wise was lodged in county jail pending further action by Arizona authorities.

Encounters Trouble

New York—(UPI)—A KLM Royal Dutch Airlines plane carrying 25 persons made a safe landing early today with one of its engines feathered. The four-engine DC7C was on a transatlantic flight when it developed a short circuit in one of its engines near Sydney, Nova Scotia, an airlines spokesman said.

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