



SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE—By the middle of August, 1863, Jefferson Davis faced up to the fact that something had to be done quickly for the Confederate war effort. He had been engrossed with Lee's invasion of the north and the plight of Vicksburg. But now Gen. Braxton Bragg's Confederate Army of Tennessee and the key city of Chattanooga were threatened. On Aug. 16 Union Maj. Gen. William S. Rosen-

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had the utmost confidence in him. But Bragg lacked the extra something which successful generals have. His men disliked him, often to the point of hatred. His subordinates were critical of him and eventually demanded that he be relieved. Lt. Gen. D. H. Hill who came to the Army of Tennessee about this time from Richmond, described Bragg as "silent, reserved, gloomy and despondent." Selected for Corps Hill was sent to Bragg's army to replace Maj. Gen. William J. Hardee who had gone to another command. Hill looked forward to the assignment because he had been one of Bragg's lieutenants in the Mexican War. The others were John F. Reynolds, a Union general killed at Gettysburg, and George H. Thomas, now a corps commander in the Union army facing Bragg. Davis personally selected Hill for Hardee's corps. Years later Hill wrote: "I was seated in the yard of a house in the suburbs of Richmond... when President Davis, dressed in a plain suit of gray and attended by a small escort in brilliant uniform, galloped up and said: "Rosecrans is about to advance on Bragg; I have found it necessary to detail Hardee to defend Mississippi and Alabama. His corps is without a commander. I wish you to command it." "I cannot do that," I replied, "as (Maj.) Gen. (Alexander P.) Stewart (a division commander in the corps) outranks me." "I can cure that," answered Mr. Davis, "by making you a lieutenant general. Your papers will be ready tomorrow." Hill noted that Davis' "cheerfulness was a mystery to me. Within a fortnight the Pennsylvania campaign had proved abortive. Vicksburg and Port Hudson had fallen... the end of our glorious dream could not be far off. But I was as cheerful at that interview as was Mr. Davis himself." Began To Close In Soon after Hill arrived Rosecrans began to close in on Chattanooga from the northwest. The movement started Aug. 16. The going was rough. Part of his army of about 50,000 men moved as if to cross the Tennessee river north of Chattanooga. The main body moved toward the Tennessee south of the city. The country was rugged and the roads mere country lanes. The territory was barren of supplies. Cavalry guarded both flanks but Rosecrans' army was spread on a front about 50 miles long and hence vulnerable. Bragg's information about Rosecrans' move was scanty but even so he seemed unaware of the gathering assault forces and at first held his army where it was. By August 21 Bragg began to appreciate his dangerous position and appealed to Johnston for troops. Johnston sent two divisions about 9,000 men. Meantime from the north Union Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside started his IX Corps from Lexington, Ky., southward toward Knoxville. Bragg could not afford to reinforce Buckner at Knoxville and ordered him to abandon the city and move southward to a point about 30 miles north of Chattanooga where his troops could be on hand for the battle which seemed to be shaping. Back in Richmond Bragg's plight caused more action. Davis began to consider detaching Lt. Gen. James Longstreet's corps from the Army of Northern Virginia to reinforce Bragg. Then, Davis reasoned, Rosecrans could be crushed when the trap was sprung. Lee agreed to the detachment of Longstreet's corps, although the reduction of his forces appeared grave for he faced the Army of the Potomac, half again as big as his.

Federals Move on Chattanooga

By MERTON T. AKERS UPI Correspondent By the middle of August 1863 President Jefferson Davis faced up to the fact that something must be done for the Confederate war effort in the West — and soon. He had been engrossed with Gen. Robert E. Lee's invasion of the North and with the South's last defense post on the Mississippi river. Now both had been lost and Gen. Braxton Bragg's Confederate Army of Tennessee was threatened along with the key city of Chattanooga, Tenn. The Confederate President faced not only a military crisis but a political one as well. Politicians in the Confederate Congress were sniping at him along with the southern governors and just plain citizens. Two had defected in the same week gave Davis' political opponents — always vocal — a chance to increase the sniping. Davis had three armies in the West between the Mississippi river and the eastern mountains. One under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston had lingered on the fringes of the Vicksburg fight without being able to do anything to relieve the city. Now it had retreated east, abandoning Jackson, Miss., the state capital, to the Federals for the second time that summer. Johnston had about 22,000 men. An army of about 6,000 men under Maj. Gen. Simon Buckner, who had surrendered Fort Donelson to Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant some months earlier, occupied Knoxville in eastern Tennessee. Other smaller forces guarded the mountain passes in the area. Bragg's Army of Tennessee, the largest of the three, had been maneuvered out of the state by Union Maj. Gen. William S. Rosecrans and lay south and east of Chattanooga. Bragg mustered about 50,000. Rosecrans several thousand more. Neither Bragg nor Johnston seemed to know what to do and each appeared incapable of communicating their ideas to each other. About the middle of July, Bragg suggested to Johnston, who was in overall command in the West, that they combine their forces and strike at General Grant's army in western Mississippi. "Too late," Johnston replied, "such a combination might have been advantageous before or during the siege of Vicksburg, but not after its disastrous termination." By Aug. 1, Gen. Samuel Cooper, Confederate adjutant and inspector general, suggested to Bragg from Richmond that "if we can spare most of Johnston's army temporarily and reinforce you, can you attack the enemy?" Second Thought First Bragg thought he could. But then he had a second thought. Even if he had Johnston's army and Buckner's, too, he thought "it would be unsafe to seek the enemy." Bragg was an experienced soldier and a close friend of the Confederate President. They had fought together in the Mexican War and Davis

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

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Gemini	11-17-25-33	51-76-81-88
Cancer	6-18-21-28	42-50-66
Leo	23-30-34	43-70-74
Virgo	3-7-26-32	37-47-71
Libra	16-22-29	45-52-60
Scorpio	12-27-30	44-60-83-84
Sagittarius	8-19-22-28	67-77-86-90
Capricorn	2-10-15-20	44-60-83-84
Jan. 23	8-19-22-28	67-77-86-90
Feb. 20	26-45-46-59	65-72-78

Man on Moon in 1968 Predicted

Houston, Tex. — (UPI) — The United States may try to put a man on the moon in 1968, two years before the 1970 date set by President Kennedy, the Houston Chronicle said Sunday. The Chronicle said in a copyrighted story that it requested for study of equipment needed to keep men on the moon indicated plans to step up the manned moon shot. Chronicle science writer Warren Burkett said the study requests involved three items that indicated a shot in 1968. The first was for life-support equipment to be available for landing men on the moon by 1968, and the second advised contractors of aerospace hardware that the space agency would want a permanent moon station by 1970. The third part of the study called for a moon station that would support up to 18 men to six months without new supplies sent from earth.

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