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## NATO High Command Set Up By Leaders

### 7-Member Group To Plan N-Policy

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PARIS (AP)—Leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization set up a new seven-nation high command Wednesday night that will manage the political and strategic use of their nuclear weapons resources.

The move by all NATO states, minus France, gave West Germany and smaller allied powers a share in the planning of nuclear policy but left the United States with the right to veto any proposal by its partners for use of U. S. nuclear weapons.

It also shelved indefinitely, if not for good, rival U. S. and British projects for a "hardware solution" to the problem of nuclear sharing within the alliance.

In this way it kept open the door for a treaty with the Soviet Union to stop the spread of nuclear weapons.

A DAY packed with diplomatic activity also brought several other developments:

—U. S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk spent nearly an hour with President Charles de Gaulle discussing Vietnam, U. S.-French affairs and improving East-West relations.

—Earlier, Rusk assured his partners: "There is no lessening of the U. S. commitment to the idea of collective security and no reduction of the need for security."

Signs of changing policies among the Russians and their East European friends must, he said, be encouraged but he cautioned that so far nothing basic had altered in Soviet aims. This led him to his main point—that NATO must be as ready for all out crisis as for all out peace.

THE AGREEMENT by 14 NATO defense ministers was an outgrowth of a plan to solve the problem of interallied crisis man-

agement and nuclear sharing first advanced by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara in 1965.

Highly conscious of national sensitivities on the issues, the ministers chose this method of resolving the tangled problem:

—They created a Nuclear Defense Affairs Committee made up of all member nations wanting to join. There were 11 of them—the United States, Britain, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, Denmark and Canada. France, Norway, Luxembourg and Iceland will be free to come in later if they wish.

—WITHIN THE committee they formed a nuclear planning group of seven countries whose experts still have the task of precisely defining the scope of their mission. Four nations will have permanent seats in the group—the United States, Britain, West Germany and Italy. The remaining seven members of the committee will share the three other places on a rotational basis of 18-month terms with Turkey, the Netherlands and Denmark going in first, according to British authorities.

### Snook, Somerville To Get Lectures On Atom Power

Atomic energy and its uses will be demonstrated at Somerville and Snook High Schools Dec. 20 and 21.

"This Atomic World," a demonstration lecture designed by the Atomic Energy Commission, will acquaint the two schools' students with basic principles of nuclear energy, its sources and role in industry, agriculture and medicine.

Charles McLemore manages the 40-minute assembly program sponsored by Texas A&M and Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

Using student terms, McLemore describes structure of atoms, radiation, reactors and fusion. Special equipment shows radiation sources, how nuclear energy is harnessed for electric power, diagnosis and treatment of diseases and life process studies using radioisotopes.



AGGIE SWEETHEART  
Kathi Austin and Her Santa.

### Kathi Asks Santa To Visit Aggies

Dear Santa,

Every year at this time I sit down to write you a nice long letter full of things I want for Christmas. This year, as I sit here writing, I can't think of anything I want or need. You see, Santa, my Christmas came early this year. In October, I received a big box wrapped with maroon paper and tied with a big white bow. Inside I found 8,000 Fightin' Texas Aggies. What more could any girl ask for?

So Santa, instead of asking for presents for me, I would like to give you a short list of things I want for them.

1. Shelby Metcalf, another Southwest Conference championship basketball team;
2. Reveille, a nice, thick, juicy Bevo steak (and an A-plus in obedience school);
3. "Pinkie" Downs, another fifty years of happiness with Mrs. Downs;
4. The Freshmen, wool-stocking caps for their bald heads;
5. The Sophomores, Junior privileges;
6. The Juniors, Senior boots;
7. The Seniors, the best possible Senior year;
8. The Singing Cadets, each one—his own individual Miss Teenage America;
9. Passing grades for everyone; and
10. A safe trip home for all my Aggies.

The Former Students Association doesn't need anything because they have their senior boots and rings, their memories, and their membership in the largest brotherhood in the world. The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band doesn't need anything either. With Col. E. V. Adams at the helm and their powerful lungs, they will remain the largest and finest band in the country.

Bring all Aggies everywhere the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years.

In closing, Santa, I just want to say that "somewhere in my youth or childhood, I must have done something good" because look at what I have to keep for a whole year.

Tell the Aggies how very proud I am of them, and tell them how very proud I am to represent them and be a part of the "Twelfth Man."

Finally, tell them that I remain...  
Always theirs,  
Kathi Austin



DORM DECORATIONS SHOW CHRISTMAS SPIRIT  
Door decorations and dorm Christmas trees show Aggie spirit.

### Traveling Conditions Good

Texas A&M's 10,500 students taking to the highways this weekend for Christmas holidays will find generally favorable travel conditions within the state.

Continued clear and cool weather is the picture in a long-range forecast prepared by the university weather station, in the Meteorology Department.

Students' Christmas leave officially begins at noon Saturday and ends at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.

A&M faculty-staff members will observe Christmas holidays Dec. 23 through Jan. 1.

"For the state, Friday will hold generally clear skies with some coastal stratus, winds northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots and temperatures, at College Station, from a minimum of 27 to 55 maximum," predicted Weather Station Manager Jim Lightfoot from five-day outlook maps.

Continued clear is forecast Saturday with 10 to 15 knot winds shifting more to the east. The

B-CS temperature range is forecast from 30 to 58, Lightfoot went on.

"There will be increasing cloudiness Saturday night," he estimated. "It should turn colder Sunday morning under partly cloudy to cloudy skies."

Students traveling outside the

state this weekend may encounter more difficult conditions," he added. Snowstorms in the Midwest are forecast to move into the Great Lakes region. Snow showers are feasible in the Kentucky-Tennessee area. Driving in the Southeast United States may also be hazardous due to rain.

### Award Program Announced For Highway Employees

An annual program to honor two outstanding Texas Highway Department employees with \$1,000 cash awards was announced by Lufkin attorney John S. Redditt at the 40th Annual Highway Short Course now in progress at Texas A&M University.

Redditt, former chairman of the Texas Highway Commission and a past president of the Texas Good Roads Assn., requested the two awards be made each year in commemoration of State Highway Engineer Dewitt C. Greer and his predecessor, Gibb Gilchrist.

Greer has been the department's top administrator the past 26 years and Gilchrist held the position 11 years.

Redditt requested that Charles E. Simons of Dallas, executive vice president of Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, be appointed chairman of a three-member selection committee. Other members would be Dr. M. T. Harrington of College Station, former A&M chancellor, and Sterling C. Evans of Houston, Texas A&M director.

Redditt presented a \$2,000 check for the 1967 awards and said he soon would complete arrangements for a \$20,000 permanent endowment or trust fund for future awards.

Gilchrist is a former president and chancellor of A&M and also was instrumental in the organization of TTI.

### Battmen To Take Holiday Batt-break

This will be the last edition of The Battalion for 1966. So until next year, may we wish you all a Merry Christmas. Ho, ho, ho.

### Architects Entertain Children In Cardboard Fantasyland

By PATRICIA ANNE HILL

An architect's home is his castle. . . . At least this week it is! The architecture students constructed a child-size castle on the first floor of the elaborately decorated Architecture Building.

This afternoon the architecture students and faculty played Santa to about 40 eager youngsters who belong to the students, professors, and children from the rehabilitation center in Bryan. If one wanted to get a month's exercise in about 10 minutes, all he had to do was to take one good tour of the castle, which wove around the lobby in a tunnel all over the lobby area.

This was the fifth consecutive year for the architecture students to play host to the kids. Although it's suppose to be a kid's heaven, the students had quite a time putting it all together. In fact, exactly who had the most fun at the party is a question to which we'll never know the answer.

Each division of the department was responsible for one project. The first-year students made hundreds of the wildest colored birds around. They hung in a giant mobile in the lobby until they were "removed" from their perch.

Second year students created a South American village which included a wide-eyed clown with big floppy red ears and rolling eyes, and a puppet show with puppets that talked to the children and tried to talk them into giving up their colored birds.

A French shopping village made (See Architects, Page 2)

### Senate Shorts

By BARNEY FUDGE

Student Senate President The weather finally decided to go ahead and get Christmasy. There was some doubt for a while whether the good old Aggie gas was going to get a chance to set in before the holidays this year. The profs are still trying to delay what has already occurred by giving quizzes. Some of them are succeeding, partially because a few people are studying.

As the holidays approach and everyone gets ready to relax from the rigors of scholastic pursuit, there are a few things the Student Senate must continue to think about. One is the winter meeting of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee, Dec. 29-31 in Dallas. The committee members decide who will win the sportsmanship trophy. Balloting of last year's basketball games and this year's football games will decide which school is the lucky one.

### Civilians And Corps Enjoy Christmas Meal Wednesday Night



Aggies' Shout: 'One More Day And We'll Be Out!'