Mac Steps Down, Who Can Step In?

The American people have been slow to change leaders in the middle of a war. But Tuesday a leader in a long and frustrating war decided to resign.

Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, for seven years the guiding voice in the Pentagon and of the world's largest military establishment decided to step down in favor of heading the World Bank.

President Johnson has apparently known for some time that McNamara wished to resign the backbreaking job. The President does not seem too happy with the idea and has not hurried to name a successor.

McNamara had not only tightened monetary controls over the military but more firmly established it in the hands of the civilians, while earning the confidence of the President in more than military matters.

McNamara's resignation is heralded as a victory for the Vietnam war "hawks". The defense secretary had been one of the last and strongest voices of moderation and restraint in war policies.

While the generals wanted more air power used, McNamara was quick to consider the political implications of increased bombing in North Vietnam. The bombing was, nevertheless, escalated, probably against McNamara's personal objections.

The fact that McNamara is resigning does not necessarily mean that there is a rift between him and the President, or the Chiefs of Staff. To be sure, there have been much publicized disagreements.

But it appears that after seven years at a job which requires the full energies and responsibilities of a man for a nation's security, McNamara feels he can no longer lead with self-satisfying and nationally satisfying results.

But who can replace such a dynamic and able secretary of defense?

The timing between Texas Governor John Connally's announcement that he would not seek another term in that office and now this announcement of the secretary's resignation seem almost too coincidental. At present, Conally denies any of the rumors that he may be the chosen replacement for the job.

Another name in the Washington air is Cyrus Vance, former deputy secretary under McNamara. Vance is now trouble-shooting for the President in Cyprus and has apparently been successful in securing a partial settlement between Greeks and Turks.

Any increased success in the Vietnam war now that McNamara is leaving is doubtful. True, the bombing may increase to the satisfaction of the generals, but the political considerations possibly thrown by the wayside might minimize any military advantage.

With McNamara goes a strong, able and moderate



The Battalion:

The trend today is to plan for the future; but to do so without consideration of the past is dangerous - Why do we study history ?

A&M is changing each year and I hope that each change is for of Texas A&M ARE the largest the better — I think some people want change just for change sake! "We must increase enrollment, take in coeds, and drop the military requirement in order to become a greater university."

A&M has had a great past and everyone in the Corps knows it.

What will happen when the civilian students take over — who will remember yell practices, Sully, free weekends, maybe even the War Hymn and the Spirit! The civilians wanted fraternities at A&M - don't they know that the students and former students

fraternity in the world? Former students, these are just my opinions — be sure that you know the opinions of your candidates when you vote for the new Former Students Association

Lt. Louis K. Obdyke '67 painters.



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Twelve Air Force Juniors Tour NORAD Command Post

vey of a Colorado Air Force installation has given 12 Texas A&M AFROTC juniors a close-up picture of their service careers.

The Aggies discussed their first year of active duty as Air Force second lieutenants, toured the North American Air Defense (NORAD) command post in Cheyenne Mountain and visited the

Inness Landscapes Displayed In MSC

An exhibit of 16 paintings by George Inness, an acknowledged American master of landscape, is on display in the Memorial Student Center.

Michael Peterson, exhibits chairman of the MSC Contemporary Arts Committee, said the Houston Galleries loaned the paintings for display through

"Inness' concern for the atmospheric effects with light and the forms of nature was completely original in every respect," Peterson commented. "These paintings cover virtually every important phase of Inness' career with exception of the paintings he did in Europe and Italy."

Peterson said the exhibit clearly illustrates that Inness was an individual giant among American

A professional development sur- Air Force Academy prep school and complex.

Two former A&M students, 2nd Lts. Frank Watson and Tom Ross, talked with the cadets. Watson was escort officer for the Cheyenne Mountain complex tour. Both are 1966 A&M graduates.

The AFACAD prep school commandant, Col. Lee C. Black, and the ADC special arrangements officer, Capt. Larry A. Biddison, conducted other tours.

A&M students on the three-day tour were Walter R. Coble, College Station; Quinter P. Gerhart and John L. Williams, San Antonio; Richard W. Gibson, Texarkana; Clyde E. Herzog, Meridian; Richard I. Jacobsen, Waco.

Also Don Kilfoyle, Longview; Larry B. McNeese, Corpus Christi; Larry G. Parsons, Smithville; Robert D. Schwartz and Robin A. Young, Houston, and Joseph Spitzer, Oklahoma City.

The trip was by C-47. Aircraft commander was Maj. Leopold J. Magers; pilot, Maj. Deward Johnson, and navigator, Capt. Phillip

by Jim Earle Connally Will Fly To Capital Today

nally, mentioned as a possible suc- said. Carter repeated the statecessor to Robert S. McNamara as ment when asked if Connally secretary of defense, will fly to would confer in Washington with Washington Wednesday, it was announced Tuesday night.

Bill Carter, press aide to the Johnson. Texas governor, said Connally's only purpose in making the trip was to promote HemisFair '68, an international exposition planned for next year in San Antonio,

Carter said Connally will leave Austin at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and stay in Washington until Thursday, when he was to fly to

"THE GOVERNOR told me the only purpose of his trip to Washington and to Paris is in connec-

Bulletin Board

WEDNESDAY The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The Finance Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of Francis Hall.

THURSDAY

The Galveston Island Hometown Club at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the Memorial Student

The Dewitt-Lavaca County Hometown Club will make plans for a Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203 of the Academic Building.

The Port Arthur Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Cashion Room of the YMCA.

The Falls County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 145 of the Physics Building.

The Marshall Hometown Club will have pictures made for the Aggieland at 7:15 p.m. in the Lobby of the Memorial Student Cen-

SATURDAY

The Aerospace Engineering Wives Club will have a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA. Faculty and husbands are invited.

Civilians Sought To Plan Jr. Ball

The Junior Council will begin laying ground work for the Junior Ball Monday night in the Memorial Student Center.

Vice-President Early Davis stressed the importance of all interested civilian juniors attending to help plan this and other class

AUSTIN AP - Cov. John Con- tion with HemisFair," Carter his longtime personal and political friend, President Lyndon B.

> Carter said there would be an elaboration Wednesday on the purpose of Connally's trip.

> Connally held fast Tuesday to his original comment that there was "not a word of truth" in the rumor that he would succeed McNamara in the defense post.

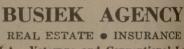
IT WAS announced in Nevers, France Tuesday that Connally was expected there Sunday to receive a Charolais bull from French breeders. The U.S. Embassy in Paris said it had no official word of Connally's trip. Connally has announced he will in Washington by virtue of term under President Kennedy secretary of the Navy.

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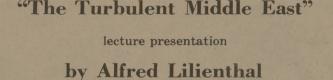
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