

Connally Will Fly To Capital Today

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, Connally 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 voice in the war.



"Mom fainted when she saw this during th' holidays—before I could tell her it wasn't a real tattoo!"

Twelve Air Force Juniors Tour NORAD Command Post

A professional development survey 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 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, Texas; 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 S. Spitzer, Oklahoma City.

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

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 Dec. 1.

"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 painters.

AUSTIN AP - Gov. John Connally, mentioned as a possible successor to Robert S. McNamara as secretary of defense, will fly to Washington Wednesday, it was announced Tuesday night.

Bill Carter, press aide to the 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, Texas.

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

"THE GOVERNOR told me the only purpose of his trip to Washington and to Paris is in connection with HemisFair," Carter said. Carter repeated the statement when asked if Connally would confer in Washington with his longtime personal and political friend, President Lyndon B. Johnson.

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

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