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Rockwell Says U.S. Already Has Slipped

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Willard F. Rockwell Jr., board chairman of North American Rockwell, said Thursday the United States had slipped to No. 2 in national defense and the time had passed to speak softly about it.

Rockwell, addressing the World Affairs Council, said American business leaders have a duty to speak out on the danger of the Soviet Union surpassing this country in military might.

For years industry tried "quietly" to warn about the nation's declining world position in textile machinery, sewing machines, photography tape recorders, radios and TV sets and automobiles, Rockwell said.

Now, 10 years later, foreign plants make 51 per cent of the radios sold in the United States, 51 per cent of the black and white TV sets, 18 per



cent of color TV sets and 1,000,000 foreign cars that "represent 400,000 non-existent American jobs," Rockwell added.

"If we follow the admission not to upset the people with depressing statistics on Soviet military might, then I do admit the day will come when we'll be standing on the docks of San Francisco waiting for our latest shipment of military fighter craft inbound from Japan.

"We were challenged once — in 1942 — and we won the showdown of military might, the final, decisive word is foreign policy," he said. "That's no longer true. Our military establishment is deteriorating and the situation is getting worse."

'Lemon' Car Owner Has Embarked on New Protest

WHITTIER (UPI)—An angry car owner who set his 1970 Lincoln Continental afire in front of a Ford Motor Co. assembly plant has planted another protest.

Eddie Campos, 48, paid \$82 to retrieve the hulk from an impound lot and hauled it to the yard in front of his office here, where he runs a small plastering business.

Eddie Campos has a better idea, he says, of how to get the car home. Campos said his wife pulled the key from the ignition and the whole assembly came off. From there, it was all downhill.

Western News Wrapup

GUARDS' SOLUTION
SACRAMENTO (UPI)—Top California correctional officers Thursday sanctioned a recommendation by their attorney that "radical" revolutionary prisoners be allowed to leave the country if they want.

The recommendation by attorney William Henken of Sacramento will be presented Monday at a special meeting of the board of directors of the California Correctional Officers Association.

Henken described the transportation of these inmates to countries such as North Vietnam, Algeria and the Republic of the Congo — "if that's what they want" — as "the obvious best solution from the standpoint of correctional officer safety."

He added any such action would only come with approval of federal authorities after requests from the state and the convicts themselves.

ALIOTO ON LOOK
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Mayor Joseph Alioto, who has a \$12.5 million libel suit pending against Look Magazine, said Thursday he would not fight "but cannot grieve much" about the magazine's demise.

The mayor said Look after it published in September, 1969, an article accusing him of having links with the Mafia.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK (UPI)—Uncertainty continued to clog investment pipelines on Wall Street Thursday and the stock market bucked for the third time this week.

While investors generally appeared to be marking time until President Nixon declines the measure to follow the wage-price freeze which expires on Nov. 1, concern about world monetary conditions also prompted caution.

Finance ministers of the ten wealthiest non-communist nations called for a realignment of world currencies and other measures "on a wide front" to end the month-old dollar crisis. The "Group of Ten" concluded two days of talks in London by agreeing to meet again in 14 days in Washington.

Robert B. Johnson, partner of Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis, said that over the long range the effect of such a trade war almost certainly would result in worldwide recession.

On the New York Stock Exchange, declines outnumbered advances, 770 to 377 among 1,677 issues crossing the tape. The average price of a NYSE common share fell seven cents. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped to 802.11. Standard & Poor's 500 stock index showed a loss of 0.11 to 99.86.

Turnover aggregated 14,500,000 shares, down from 11,000,000 shares traded Wednesday.

Electronics were mostly lower, while Superior Oil fell 1/2 points in the otherwise narrowly mixed oil group.

Cowles Communications, which said it will cease publication of Look Magazine with its Oct. 19 issue, edged up 1/4. Time Inc., which agreed to purchase the real estate in Des Moines housing the Look operations, shot up 1/4, making it the day's strongest leader.

Most of the most active stocks, advances and declines were divided evenly at six apiece, with three unchanged.

Tax Reform Talks Opened

Governor, Legislators Begin Hard Negotiations

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—Gov. Ronald Reagan and legislative leaders Thursday opened the first round of face-to-face negotiations on long-promised reform of California taxes.

Democrats led by Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti and Senate leader James Mills tied into Reagan's office armed with a \$1.6 billion Democratic tax shift program as their basic bargaining tool.

Reagan's announced top priority is to balance the massive \$300 million deficit in the state's \$8.6 billion budget.

None of the legislators participating in the first conference with Reagan would predict how long it might take to reach a compromise agreement.

"This is kind of an opening round," Moretti, D-Van Nuys, told newsmen.

Moretti and Assemblyman Joe Goanivas, chairman of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, are lead authors of the \$1.6 billion program. It includes income tax withholding increases in the sales and income taxes, a series of "loophole" closures, and an average \$200 a year in property tax relief for average homeowners.

"We're starting basically with the Governor's bill as the point of departure," Mills said of the Democratic negotiators.

Members of both the legislature and administration have expressed hope that direct talks between the governor and lawmakers will resolve tax reform in the same way Medical and welfare compromises were hammered out earlier.

Adoption of income tax withholding would raise \$200 million to help balance the budget.

Hurricane Edith Lashes Louisiana

CAMERON, La. (UPI)—Hurricane Edith slammed into Louisiana's marshy coast Thursday with 100-mile-an-hour winds and torrential rains, scattered at least 13 tornadoes and dashed northward into Mississippi on a course that threatened flooding as far east as Pennsylvania.

Property and crop damage was widespread, but no deaths could be attributed to the storm.

The worst property damage came in the state capital of Baton Rouge, where three tornadoes damaged five buildings, a housing project and wrecked a school serving several students and a teacher, with shattered glass. Damage to the state's sugar crop alone was estimated at \$15 million.

A roof collapsed at the evacuation center at Abbeville, La., but all the refugees inside escaped injury.

Flooding was held to a minimum because of the speed with which the storm moved through the state. Within hours after the peak winds hit an area the sun was shining again.

Edith was downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it reached McComb, Miss., but the National Weather Service warned the storm would pose serious

Civilian Worker Stabbed Fatally at Folsom Prison

FOLSOM, Calif. (UPI)—A Folsom laundry supervisor at Folsom State Prison was stabbed to death Thursday by a convict who was directed about two dozen inmates.

The victim was identified as Ronald L. Turner, 30, a civil service employee and the father of four young children.

Warden Walker Graves said an inmate was being questioned and would be held in the Adjustment Center. He said no weapons were found.

Graves ordered an immediate lockup of the maximum security prison's 1,800 inmates to permit guards to conduct a search for weapons and to assess inmate attitudes.

Turner was the first Folsom Prison employee killed in more than 20 years. He was the 10th person to die in violence in a California prison this year, including seven employees.

When asked what effect the stabbing had on his staff, Graves said, "Obviously the staff is affected but they are under great restraint and the inmates are saddened too—except those who would support this kind of activity. I'm sure they are in the minority."

Thursday in Sacramento

By United Press International
The Governor
Tax—Held the first round of face-to-face negotiations with legislative leaders on tax reform, with both political parties offering proposals to lower property taxes.

Award—Presented a medal to a seven-year-old Stockton girl who rescued her three younger sisters from a fire that swept their home last November.

Consumer—Appointed Donald G. Livingston, a state administrator and former aide to Republican legislators, as director of the state Department of Consumer Affairs.

The Senate
Approved by Finance Committee
Aloftia—Called for study of whether to renovate San Quentin. (AHRIG—Bajley; R-San Francisco. Voice vote. To Pass.)

Payment—Increases state payment for state medical insurance to 100 per cent. (A880—Morgan. RT-CV. Voice vote. To Pass.)

Mediator, Dock Disputers Meet

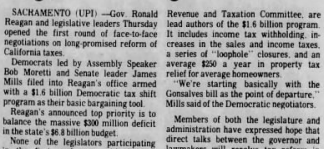
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—President Nixon's top labor mediator brought West Coast dockworkers, union leaders and employers together for 75 minutes Thursday, then announced a recess for them to get their "final positions on the table."

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the Pacific Maritime Association have been trying for four weeks to break a deadlock in the waterfront strike that began July 1.

J. Curtis Counts, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, entered the talks on orders from President Nixon. He flew here Wednesday and met with the parties Thursday morning.



SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS are forecast from the Eastern Gulf Coast northward through the Ohio-Tennessee Valley to the North Atlantic Coast. Showers are also expected over the upper Mississippi Valley and along the eastern slopes of the Rockies with snow in the higher elevations. It will be cooler from the North and Central Plains through the upper and middle Mississippi valley, the Great Lakes region, Ohio and Tennessee Valleys to the middle and north Atlantic states. Maximum temperatures: Atlanta 80, Boston 72, Chicago 60, Cleveland 66, Denver 49, Duluth 51, Ft. Worth 86, Jacksonville 92, Kansas City 64, Little Rock 78, Los Angeles 76, Miami 88, New Orleans 84, New York 72, Phoenix 105, San Francisco 78, Seattle 73, St. Louis 65 and Washington D.C. 76 degrees.



SECRETARY OF STATE Edmund G. Brown Jr. tells a news conference that he will seek prosecution of 134 political candidates, including former U.S. Senator George Murphy, for alleged illegal campaign fund reporting. Brown said if the candidates do not comply with the law within 30 days he will ask district attorneys to prosecute and bar the guilty from running again for public office in California. (UPI Television)

Brown Gives 134 Former Candidates Filing Deadline

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—Voting to take politics out of the smoke-filled rooms, Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. Thursday threatened the prosecution of 134 former candidates for public office unless they file proper campaign fund statements within 30 days.

Among those cited by Brown were former U.S. Sen. George Murphy, his 1970 Republican primary opponent Nerton Simon, Republican Congressman Don H. Clauson of Crescent City and former GOP Assemblyman Earle P. Trammell of Los Angeles.

If convicted, the former candidates would be barred from running again for public office. Most of the offenses carry misdemeanor penalties, but Brown said some persons would be prosecuted as felons and sentenced up to five years in prison.

Murphy replied from Washington, where he now is a public relations consultant. "As far as I know the reports were done properly by a lawyer in Los Angeles. This is the first indication I've had that anything was wrong."

State GOP Chairman Hits Brown's Action as Partisan

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—The Republican state chairman Thursday accused Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. of picking on lightweight losers and laying off heavyweight "friends in the Democratic power structure."

GOP Chairman Patnam Livermore strongly criticized Brown's announcement Thursday he will seek the prosecution of 134 former political candidates unless they file proper campaign fund statements within 30 days. Only one of the 134 won his election race last year.

In a prepared statement, Livermore said Brown "is going after the lightweights while he lets the heavyweights get away with total violation of the law — I am amazed that Brown made no

Botulism Poison Kills Youth

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (UPI)—Doctors conducted an autopsy on an 18-year-old botulism victim Thursday while his mother's older brother and two others remained in critical condition from the food poisoning contracted when they ate tainted home-canned pea soup.

Dr. Robert Huntington, medical director at Kern General Hospital, said Juan Vega, 18, died "rather abruptly" late Wednesday night after "holding his own" earlier in the evening.

While tests to determine exact cause of death were still uncompleted, Huntington said it appeared Vega had died from cerebral edema, or too much fluid in the brain.

Huntington also said Vega showed a "tooth of pneumonia," a complication which results in botulism, a condition which attacks the nervous system causing vomiting, double vision, breathing difficulty and often death.

Debi Vega, 28, Martin Castro, 18, and another son, 23, remained in critical condition under respirators. Emergency tracheotomies, surgical incisions in the throat, were performed on the three earlier in the week to ease their breathing.