

Defense Secretary Laird - testifiying before the Senate Appropriatons Committee, today predicted an over-all cut in U.S. defense spending as a result of the new Salt Pact with the Soviet Union:

However he stressed that Russia has "far outstripped" the U.S. - in actual production of all manners of weapons - "both offensive and defense." He urges crash programs to develop "new weapons programs," just in case; including the Trident missile firing submarine - also, the supersonic B-1 Bomber.

Discussing possible cut back in defense spending - as proposed by George McGovern, Secretary Laird saying: "The result would be surrender." The Defense Secretary adding that, indeed, "congress would then have to spend a billion on white flags - so we could run them up all over the world."

KEY BISCAYNE

When John Connolly resigned last month as Secretary of the Treasury - he said it was time for a respite from public service; time to devote more attention - to his own personal affairs. But ^{his} ~~Connolly's~~ successor ^{is} still to be ~~quick~~ confirmed; and already the former Texas Governor is undertaking a new assignment by appointment today from the Florida white house; becoming President Nixon's personal emissary around the globe. Press Secretary ~~Don~~ Ziegler ~~spelling out~~ ~~the details~~ saying Connolly will leave next week for ~~trip that will take him to~~ South America first, - ~~and~~ then the Far East, Southeast Asia and Europe. This - we are told "a further effort on the part of the President - to continue communications with other governments" - the world over. ^{Press Sec.} Ziegler stressing that Connolly will be ~~more~~ ready and able - "to talk about any subject that foreign leaders would like to raise." Adding that

he - Connolly - will have some points to raise also.

All of which is almost certain to set off another round

of speculation - about Connolly's role in the coming

campaign. ~~Although as of now - he remains a Democrat~~

HOUSTON FOLLOW KEY BISCAVNE

Meanwhile at Houston Texas ^{at} a caucus of
Republican governors attending the current national
governor's conference, ~~among~~ ^{one of} them Governor Milliken
of Michigan, ~~who later~~ noted that Texan Connolly has
been widely rumored ^{as} a possible Republican candidate
for Vice President.

Milliken urged, however, that, Connolly ~~not with-~~
~~standing~~, the President should keep Spiro Agnew as
his running mate. *For* the two of them together - said
he - are ~~the~~ unbeatable. ~~But~~ Milliken also saying
"whoever the Democratic is in November - he will be
stopped." Why? Because - said he - "the President
is producing."

MONTGOMERY

Montgomery, Alabama - a temporary promotion today for Alabama's Lt. Governor. Jere Beasley taking over for Alabama Governor George Wallace. In spite of past differences pledging his full cooperation; pledging to do nothing - without Wallace approval and advice.

PHU MY

On the war front - another success for Saigon.

Government troops today routing an enemy attack force - at

Phu My along the central coast of South Vietnam; Senior

US advisor, Colonel Philip Kaplan - Said he: "We're going

to win this one."

WINDSOR

In St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle a final farewell today to the Duke of Windsor, with Earl Jellicoe, the leader of the House of Lords - delivering the only eulogy - in it, referring repeatedly to the Duke as King Edward.

"Whether King Edward would have made a great King" said Jellicoe; "none of us will ever know; but none will question the services rendered to his country." The Earl also extending his "profound sympathy" - to the Duchess of Windsor; for love of whom said he - "King Edward gave up so great a heritage and who has repaid his devotion with equal loyalty, ^{companionship} ~~companionship~~ and love."

Throughout the service, the Duchess ~~at~~ herself seated between Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip - for the first time united with the royal family - in their common grief. And then - when it was all over - ~~the~~

*the Duchess pausing briefly at her late husband's side
bowing slightly, as did all who followed. The Duke of
Windsor, briefly, King Edward, ^{the VIII}, now one with history.*

SAN ANTONIO

This next - from San Antonio; where a young couple were having a violent argument. The husband - one C. W. Wells Jr. finally grabbing a pair of pistols - tossing one of the weapons to his wife, Kathy. ~~Taking~~ Telling her: "It's you or me." Whereupon, a fatal blast of gunfire.

P S - It was him. The young widow Wells now facing a murder charge.

DOUGLAS

Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the
U S Supreme Court - a recent visitor to ~~the~~ Outer
Mongolia; where he marveled at the tens of thousands
of desert ~~and~~ dwellers still living in yurts. The yurt
as you know - a large round tent made of felt; it's
style and construction virtually unchanged since the
days of Genghis Khan.

^{writing}
~~And now - adding in the National Geographic~~
^{in the Nat. Geographic}
Justice Douglas, urging adoption of the Yurt in the

U S; as a hunting cabin, ski hut or beach cabana -
or possibly even a backyard club house. Douglas
observing - it lacks indoor plumbing but he also says:

"
for cozy windowless togetherness - it can't be beat."

Adding, in effect, Don, if that's what you want - yurts
to you.

LOS ANGELES FOLLOW McGovern

again -
~~Back in California~~ *though* Hubert Humphrey ~~was~~
battling down to the wire; his campaign bolstered today
- by a surprise endorsement from Mayor Yorty of
Los Angeles. The latter also calling McGovern - nothing
more than - "an old fashioned medicine man." Whereupon
Humphrey was caught - for him - almost speechless.
Said he - "I hadn't any indication - ~~but~~ I am pleased-
it is very helpful, particularly in Los Angeles."