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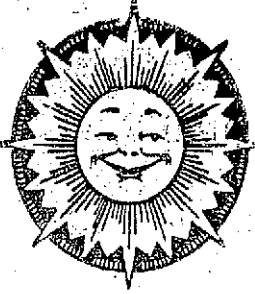
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McDougall to leave Lowell school system



HUGH F. McDOUGALL JR.

By **CAROLYN MIEGEL**
Sun Staff

LOWELL — Supt. of schools Hugh F. McDougall Jr. will not be head of the Lowell schools next September and may not be superintendent for the remainder of the present school year unless he gets a substantial pay increase.

McDougall last night notified the school committee he did not wish his present \$30,000 contract renewed next August and later intimated that should no salary adjustment be forthcoming, he would consider himself free to accept another job at his own convenience.

McDougall signed a year's contract three months ago for \$30,000 a year and was allotted a \$5,000-a-year city expense account. A dispute, however, arose over how the former New York City educator could spend that \$5,000.

The superintendent contends that the school board told him he could use the funds for personal expenses, including apartment rent in Lowell and commuting costs to and from his Long Island, N.Y. home on weekends.

But City Auditor Leo F. Morris has refused to pay any personal expenses for the new superintendent. To do so, he says, would be illegal.

Only one member of the school committee,

Joseph A. Abrams, agrees that McDougall was told he could use the expense account for personal costs.

AUDITOR MORRIS says that any expenses honored by the city must be school department related.

McDougall said he would expect a school committee decision on a pay increase "in a reasonable time," probably a week, or he would strongly consider leaving before the school year ends in June.

He said he would not leave if it meant putting the "school children" in jeopardy.

Abrams, who had earlier indicated that he would request a special meeting of the board next week so that he could make a motion to increase the McDougall salary, this morning said he has changed his mind.

Abrams said he feels the next move is up to the other members of the board who "sat in silence" last night when the issue was raised.

The majority of committeemen has been aware of his salary and expense account difficulty since late September, but had done nothing to remedy what he felt was an inequity, McDougall said.

The reluctance on the school board's part to take McDougall's recommendations on two appointments and departmental policy matters also led to his decision not to continue in Lowell, the superintendent said.

He cited the committee's stand against McDougall's contention that only he, as superintendent, can recommend personnel for promotion.

The school committee three weeks ago appointed James E. Finn master of the ninth grade Avco facility when McDougall said he had no recommendation unless the committee would discuss Finn, the only candidate for the job, in a private session.

Last night, the committee split over the appointment of a drug coordinator for the schools, electing Carl J. Garside, McDougall's choice, on three votes, an election which will be considered at the next school board session.

McDOUGALL complained that committeemen did not attend private superintendent conferences he called despite his pleadings to do so.

Any chance for a pay increase seems dismal at the moment—at least for the \$6,500 to \$9,000 McDougall is demanding.

The New Yorker says the \$6,000 in expenses, which he contends is tax free, would amount to \$8,000 in salary. Abrams said last night the \$5,000 figure would amount to between \$6,500 and \$7,000 in taxable salary.

It appears unlikely at this time that McDougall can get the needed four votes of the school committee for any salary over \$35,000 a year as Committeemen William C. Collins, Victor M. Forsley, Ernest L. Herrman and G. David Flanagan as well as Mayor Ellen A. Sampson have all indicated privately they would not look favorably on a substantial pay increase at this time.

The committeemen may, however, be willing to offer McDougall a compromise—in the form of a promised increase of less than the \$6,500 a year figure in January.

The superintendent, though, appears adamant that an amount equal to the \$5,000 in expense money is due him.

In a prepared statement to the board, McDougall said his three months in Lowell "has been an invigorating experience — professionally rewarding, personally satisfying and entirely justifying in my mind the difficult decision that I had made in mid-August to separate myself from my family for five days each week for the next three years until my family could join me in Lowell, assuming of course that my contract would be continuously extended by the school committee."

McDOUGALL's wife is a teacher on Long Island and has 17 years of teaching experience. She wants to remain on her job until she has a full 20 years in the New York state teacher retirement system.

McDougall says on his third visit to Lowell in August the committee agreed to the \$5,000 expense figure.

"During the latter weeks of September and the early weeks of October I informed the committee that the auditor had advised me he would not honor an expense account of this (a personal) nature and I requested on three occasions that the school committee intercede on my behalf.

"Now that three months have passed and the inequity still exists I must conclude that the school committee is unwilling to rectify the matter," he said.

The decision to inform the committee it must begin to search for a new superintendent was made "following serious family discussions" over the Thanksgiving holiday, the superintendent said.

McDougall notified the committee "so that you may have adequate lead time to make the necessary arrangements, to undertake the lengthy and tedious process of selecting a new superintendent," he said.

A record number

500 U.S. warplanes, including 100 B52s, bomb Red Vietnam troops and supplies

By **ARTHUR HIGBEE**

SAIGON — At least 500 American warplanes including more than 100 giant B52s bombed

Communist troops and supplies throughout Indochina Wednesday and early today, the U.S. command said. The so-called Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) was the target of a record number of the B52 strikes.

The high-flying Stratofortresses launched a record seven bombing waves—21 planes—inside the DMZ which nominally separates North and South Vietnam and flew at least 27 other missions in the two Vietnams, Laos and Cambodia.

In the bomb-free area of North Vietnam above the 20th Parallel, the boundary set by President Nixon in October during early cease-fire negotiations, U.S. military sources said the North Vietnamese had repaired one of two rail links between Hanoi and China. The rail lines were destroyed by U.S. bombing early this year.

The sources said the North Vietnamese have been pumping ammunition, tanks and other war material down the line on a round-the-clock basis since the line was repaired about two weeks ago.

Although the movement of trains on the line is still slowed by makeshift repairs to some bridges knocked down by American "smart bombs," equipment can be taken directly from the Chinese border to Hanoi.

"And as soon as it gets to Hanoi, they put it on another train or move it south" to the 20th parallel, now the northern boundary for U.S. airstrikes, one source said.

UPI correspondent Donald A. Davis reported on the combat zone that government marines and paratroopers were on the receiving end of at least 2,125 artillery and mortar shells hurled at them by North Vietnamese forces in 54 barrages from dawn Thursday to dawn today.

Davis said the shelling and minor skirmishing in a monsoon rain downpour left 24 Communists dead, while government casualties were 18 killed and 77 wounded.

Marines began a push north of Quang Tri

earlier this month, but have stalled about seven miles north of the province capital in their attempt to win back territory lost to the Communists last April.

No more troop withdrawals until peace: White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid a flurry of conflicting reports, the White House announced today that the current level of U.S. troop strength in Vietnam will remain fixed at 27,000 pending the outcome of peace negotiations in Paris.

Press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler took note of a dispatch out of Saigon which said that American strength in Vietnam had been frozen and he added: "I don't want to use that word freeze. We said we would reach a certain level by Dec. 1 and we have done it."

A short time before Ziegler spoke, the Pentagon said further troop withdrawals from Vietnam would continue, but on a limited basis and without any formal announcement pending the outcome of the peace negotiations.

Ziegler recalled that when President Nixon fixed the 27,000 level in August he said there would be another statement on withdrawals on or before Dec. 1. "I have just made it," Ziegler said. "We are not going to have any comment on troop levels."

ZIEGLER announced that the President spent several hours reviewing the entire situation in Southeast Asia with Henry A. Kissinger, his national security adviser, and the joint chiefs of staff. Among those who sat in were Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird; Kenneth Rush, his deputy; Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, chairman of the joint chiefs; Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., chief of naval operations; and Gen Creighton Abrams, Army chief of staff.

Rogers will stay Secretary of State; Rush No. 2 man

By **NORMAN KEMPSTER**

WASHINGTON — President Nixon announced today that William P. Rogers would stay on as secretary of state in his second-term administration, but that the President's one-time law professor, Kenneth H. Rush, would become the No. 2 man at the State Department.

Rogers is the first Cabinet member publicly retained for the second term, although informed sources said Richard G. Kleindienst also will continue as attorney general.

Rush is currently deputy defense secretary. He will become undersecretary of state, succeeding John W. Irwin who is being offered an ambassadorial post.

The White House said Nixon also had selected a new No. 3 man at State — William J. Porter, presently chief U.S. negotiator at the regular Paris peace talks.

Porter is to succeed U. Alexis Johnson as undersecretary for political affairs. And William J. Casey, now head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, was named to be undersecretary of state for economic affairs.

Curtis Tarr will continue as undersecretary of state for coordinating mutual assistance programs.

The Washington Star-News said Nixon plans to name William P. Clements Jr., head of a \$100 million-a-year Texas oil drilling firm, as deputy defense secretary.

Rush, a 62-year-old native of Walla Walla, Wash., taught law at Duke when Nixon attended school there in 1936-37.

U.S. pledges no avoidable delay to peace; Hanoi rejects pullout demand

By **MORRIS W. ROSENBERG**

PARIS (AP) — The United States pledged today that President Nixon will not permit any avoidable delay in ending the Vietnam war.

But Hanoi again rejected Saigon's demands for a pullout of all North Vietnamese troops and charged that the United States had broken faith by not signing the draft peace agreement.

U.S. Ambassador William J. Porter told the 168th weekly session of the Paris peace talks: "We had hoped, as you know, to reach an agreement earlier. We worked hard to bring this about, but the issues in this long conflict are

complex, as all recognize, and can neither be dismissed nor distorted.

"We reiterate to you our president's firm intention to permit no avoidable delay in ending this war and entering a period of peace and reconstruction."

In an apparent reference to the secret talks between Henry A. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, Porter said, "In this present phase then, we should respect each other's problems and concerns, and we should have faith that the serious purpose demonstrated and the major progress achieved will lead at an early date to a mutual-

ly satisfactory final result."

But Nguyen Binh Vy of North Vietnam told the meeting the United States, "at variance with its statements, . . . has breached faith and refused to sign exactly on Oct. 31 the agreement which has been reached. Furthermore it has demanded modifications in the text of the agreement."

The United States, he continued "has tolerated Saigon's reshaping unjustifiable allegations and putting forth unreasonable demands aimed at sabotaging the peace solution which the U.S. side has agreed to."

Army chief sees no Devens cuts

By **LORING SWAIM**
Sun Staff

BOSTON — The Secretary of the Army, Robert F. Froehke, says he expects no phasing down of Fort Devens in the foreseeable future.

Froehke has been in Boston the past two days for a series of meetings, many of them with groups of young anti-war militants. He was the principal speaker before the Rotary Club of Boston yesterday noon.

Before the luncheon, he was asked at a press conference whether in light of the winding down of the Vietnam conflict, he expected any decline in the use of Fort Devens.

"No" was his simple answer. It was the only question on which he did not elaborate. But later, he added this careful qualifica-

tion: "In this present climate, no one interested in the military should be overconfident."

He added that Fort Devens has going for it the fact that it is "the biggest and only New England Army installation."

The Secretary said his predictions about the immediate future of Fort Devens could change of course if Congress or the President decided to limit the funds for defense spending.

Froehke was accompanied at the luncheon by Brigadier General DeWitt C. Armstrong, III, Commanding General at Fort Devens.

FROEHLKE'S VISIT TO Boston was arranged in part by Cecile Landrum, a special assistant in Mayor Kevin White's Office of Human Rights, in an effort to open a dialogue between the military establishment and the anti-

war movement in and around Boston. Miss Landrum had encountered Froehke at a conference recently and suggested that his candid approach to the role of the Army should at least be heard by those in the Boston-Cambridge area. She set up sessions with the academic, student and political community, and nailed down the Rotary appearance. She said yesterday the response was "good."

Froehke put diplomatically his view that this region was more anti-war than the rest of the country. "All Americans are anti-war," he said. "There is less respect in New England for the man in uniform and a genuine feeling that Vietnam could have been handled differently."

He praised the appointment of Elliot Richardson as the new Secretary of Defense — "He has an enviable record as an administrator and

Costly whistle

PALO ALTO, Calif., (UPI) — A federal judge has ordered John Thomas Draper to put away his whistle and pay for long distance phone calls. Draper, 29, an electronics whiz from Los Gatos, Calif., also was put on five years probation and fined him \$1,000 Wednesday for defrauding the phone company.

He pleaded no contest to a charge of using a "multi-frequency" signaling device to foil the phone company's long distance charge system while calling Australia, New York and Oklahoma. The "signaling device" was a whistle from a cereal box.

Nixon and Thieu's envoy meet again

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon arranged a second meeting today with South Vietnam's special envoy Nguyen Phu Duc at the White House to continue discussions on the Vietnam peace negotiations.

Duc also met this morning at the White House for the second time separately with presidential national security advisor Henry A. Kissinger.

And, the White House also announced a meeting just beforehand between the President and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Although the sessions with the Joint Chiefs was announced only moments before it got under way, deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said it had been scheduled for some time "to review the entire situation in South Vietnam."

Another escaper from Concord recaptured

CONCORD, N. H. (AP)—One of the 14 escapees who fled the Concord, Mass., state prison Nov. 21 was arrested here today in a car police said he stole from a man whom he had held captive.

Joseph Martel, 31, of Athol, Mass., was taken into custody in downtown Concord three minutes after he fled in the car owned by Norman Simmons, police said. Martel is the sixth inmate involved in the mass prison escape to be apprehended.

Wolfson fined \$10,000 for false statement

NEW YORK (AP) — Florida financier Louis E. Wolfson was given a suspended prison sentence and fined \$10,000 after he pleaded no contest today to a six-year-old charge of filing a false securities statement.

Other counts of the indictment, involving actions when Wolfson was board chairman of Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp., were dismissed by U.S. District Court Judge Inzer B. Wyatt. The judge said the government had agreed to drop the other charges.

Dole to take hard look at the GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican National Chairman Robert J. Dole says President Nixon has asked him "to spend the next couple of weeks taking a good, hard look at the Republican National Committee, and then discuss its future with him."

Dole spent 90 minutes with the President on an unannounced visit to Camp David, Md., Tuesday.

New discrimination charges made

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A task force on racial injustice in the military on recent strike aboard Navy ships has complained that written tests are geared primarily to white experiences and thus tend to confine blacks to menial tasks.

The 14-member task force, headed by Nathaniel R. Jones, general counsel for the NAACP, and Gen. C.E. Hutchin Jr., commander of the 1st Army, devoted 13 pages of its 261-page report on racial matters in the military to suggestions for solving the problem.

a good human being, and I doubt if even he knows what he will do in the new job."

FROEHLKE SAID regarding problems such as racial discrimination and drug abuse in the Army, "I am proud of our record of achievement, but there is a long way to go."

He admitted an ambivalent position regarding an all-volunteer army, saying he opposed it as a father, but welcomed it as an administrator. He said he hoped the draft mechanism would remain in being so it could be used "in case hostilities required the nation to revert to it."

The job of the Army, he said, is to maintain the peace; "to be ready, willing and capable of waging war, if civilian leaders deem war is ever necessary — and one of the best things going for peace for America is its army."