

McNamara Named Defense Secretary

WASHINGTON (AP)—President-elect John F. Kennedy has persuaded Robert S. McNamara, 44, to give up a \$400,000-a-year job as president of Ford Motor Co. to serve as secretary of defense.

"I came to the conclusion that personal considerations must be subordinated to the best interests of the United States," McNamara told reporters yesterday after Kennedy announced the Ford executive had agreed to accept the \$25,000-a-year Cabinet post.

Kennedy said he realized that McNamara — who became president of the giant Ford company only five weeks ago — was making a personal sacrifice.

In addition to surrendering a big salary, McNamara said he will divest himself of big holdings of Ford stock.

McNamara — who described himself as a registered Republican "but I vote as a political independent" — was the fifth of 10

Cabinet appointments to be made so far. Another may be announced today.

In picking a motor company leader to run the immense Defense Department, with its \$40 billion budget, Kennedy followed the lead of President Eisenhower.

The first secretary of defense in the Eisenhower administration was Charles E. Wilson, then president of General Motors Corp.

Like GM, Ford does a big contract business with the military. McNamara made it clear he is divesting himself of 24,250 shares of Ford stock and an option on 30,000 more.

In addition, he said he is disposing of 100 shares of Scott Paper Co. stock and stepping out as a director of the paper firm.

Presumably, these stock sales will cost him heavily in taxes. In getting rid of these holdings, McNamara will be sidestepping difficulties Wilson met after Eisenhower nominated him top man in the Pentagon.

The Senate, which considered the nomination, demanded that Wilson divest himself of all stockholdings which might set up a conflict of interest, and Wilson complied.

Lumumba Aide Claims Control Of Government

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP)—A leftist lieutenant of deposed Premier Patrice Lumumba proclaimed himself yesterday ruler of the Congo, raising fears of civil war in this troubled land.

From Lumumba's old stronghold of Stanleyville in the northeast Congo, Antoine Gizenga cabled United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold he had assumed the premiership.

Gizenga's proclamation is expected to have little effect in areas beyond his control, but his allies in the Soviet and African blocs are expected to rally to his cause in the United Nations and may extend diplomatic recognition.

It was Gizenga's rebellious regime in Oriental Province that threatened to round up and behead white hostages unless Lumumba was released from army prison in Thysville east of Leopoldville.

This threat was dropped when the United Nations intervened.

President Joseph Kasavubu and Col. Joseph Mobutu, heading the pro-Western regime in Leopoldville ignored the ultimatum.

The UN mission is not expected to recognize Gizenga's proclamation now.

Record Cold Wave Numbs East Coast

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Record cold—as low as 28 below zero—benumbed the East yesterday, compounding the misery of the Atlantic seaboard's worst pre-winter blizzard. The digging out task was monumental and anguishingly slow.

No relief from the deep freeze was in sight before tomorrow, the Weather Bureau said. Christmas business losses already were in the multimillions.

A bright sun, replacing snow clouds, mocked the area, the warmth of its rays dissipated in the icy air. However, gale winds subsided after piling up snowdrifts to a depth of nine feet.

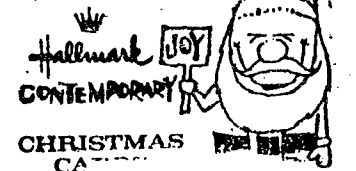
The death toll from the weekend storm passed the 200 mark in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

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5 Orphans Found; Returned to Home

CLAYTON, N.C. (AP) — Five youngsters returned yesterday to warm beds in the orphanage they ran away from 24 hours before—apparently little the worse for a night they spent huddled in the woods in bitter cold weather.

"I don't see why they didn't freeze to death," said Kenneth Johnson, a carpenter, who found the children—three girls and two boys — huddled together for warmth in the 14-degree weather.

One girl, Shirley Pearson, 13, said they ran away from the Knights of Pythias home because they had been mistreated. She said a matron had whipped her brother, Jimmie, 11, and hit him over the head.

Later, after the children had returned to the home, Shirley said she had not been mistreated. She said she had no thought of leaving until Tula Faye Tester, 13, another of the runaways, came to the house about a week ago.

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