

McLucas Named to Head F.A.A.

The search for a new head of the Federal Aviation Administration, which began months before Alexander P. Butterfield's resignation last March, has ended with President Ford's nomination of John L. McLucas, Secretary of the Air Force since 1973. Dr. McLucas, a 55-year-old physicist who was appointed Air Force Under Secretary soon after Richard M. Nixon's inauguration in 1969, had previously served in the State Department and as NATO assistant secretary general for scientific affairs. A native of North Carolina, he received his Ph.D. from Penn State University and was president of the Mitre Corporation, a research organization in Bedford, Mass.

Mr. Butterfield, a 20-year Air Force officer, had been in charge of internal security at the White House before his appointment to the F.A.A. in 1973. It was he who disclosed the existence of the Nixon tapes to the Senate Watergate Committee. Candidates to succeed him at the aviation agency included several airline executives and Charles C. Conrad, the former astronaut who is an electronics executive in Denver.

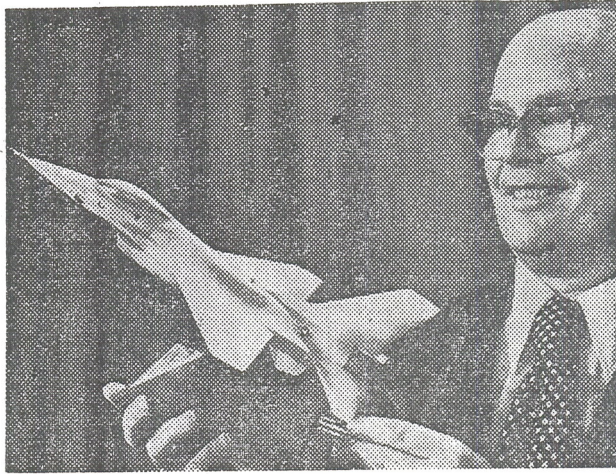
John Stonehouse told the House of Commons yesterday that a nervous breakdown caused him to vanish last year.

The former Labor Government minister, who is 50, was making his first address to Parliament since he disappeared last November on a Florida beach, only to appear under a new name in Australia.

The explanation for the bizarre and extraordinary conduct in the second half of last year is found in a progression towards a complete mental breakdown I suffered," Mr. Stonehouse told a packed and silent House. He went to the House from a magistrate's court where is facing 23 charges of forgery, fraud, theft and conspiracy.

He said he been deeply affected by events in Uganda and Bangladesh. "I saw democracy turn to dictatorship and disappear," he said. Describing his work for Bangladesh, he said, "My hopes turned to tears as conditions in that country deteriorated."

On her birthday yesterday, Nancy Howe, an old friend of Betty Ford and her per-



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John L. McLucas with a model of a jet fighter at a Pentagon news conference earlier this year.

sonal secretary until she was relieved of her duties in April, was the First Lady's luncheon guest at Washington's Sans Souci restaurant. With them were Barbara MacGregor, whose husband, Clark, was campaign manager for President Nixon, and Peggy Whyte, wife of William G. Whyte, United States Steel's Washington vice president and frequent golf partner of President Ford.

Lyndon B. Johnson told reporters off the record, after his withdrawal as a candidate in 1968, that he favored Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, a Republican, as his successor, according to a book by Helen Thomas, White House correspondent for United Press International. "I'm pretty strong for the Rockefellers—they work for the people," President Johnson is quoted in an excerpt in The Ladies Home Journal, published yesterday.

Miss Thomas described Pat Nixon as "the warmest first lady I ever covered" and Martha Mitchell as "one of the first victims, and perhaps the only heroine, of the Watergate tidal wave . . . I consistently took her seriously." The journalist recalled that when reporters sent Jacqueline Kennedy a note asking what she would feed her new dog, the First Lady wrote back: "Reporters."

In Seattle King Olav V of Norway had a look at his old sailing yacht, the Oslo, which was auctioned for charity in the 1930s when a new boat was built for him. At a salmon dinner on Tillicum Island, in Puget Sound, the King was greeted by Chief

White Eagle in full regalia and by LaDonna Harris, head of the United Indians of All Tribes, and wife of Fred Harris, the former Democratic Senator from Oklahoma who seeks the Presidential nomination.

Senator John C. Stennis, the 74-year-old Mississippi Democrat, had surgery in Washington yesterday for removal of his gall bladder and a gallstone. A spokesman for Walter Reed Army Medical Center said that Senator Stennis had totally recovered from gunshot wounds suffered in a robbery three years ago and could expect "an uneventful convalescence" from the surgery.

John L. Swigert Jr., a former astronaut who survived an Apollo 13 explosion and aborted moon landing in 1970, escaped injury in Denver Sunday night when his car was hit by another from behind and flipped over. Mr. Swigert, 43, has been executive director for the House Committee on Science and Technology since 1973.

A real estate developer in a Seattle suburb is going to name a new 26-home subdivision Carla A. Hills, in honor of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. "Somebody had to do it—it's better than a lot of corny names people come up with in this business," said Brien Stafford in a telephone interview. "Besides," he said, "it will probably be a long time before we have a [H.U.D.] Secretary named Sunny Woods."

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