

Kennedy's Move Accents Expansion Of World Trading-Bloc Movement

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NEW YORK (AP)—Fast expansion of the trading-bloc movement throughout the world is accentuated today by President Kennedy's calling for ways to fit the United States into a new way of international economic life.

The blocs are already powerful in Western Europe—and among the Communist countries.

They are firming up in South America, Central America and Southeast Asia. Japan talks of making it all non-Communist Asia. A pact including many nations bordering the Pacific Ocean is a gleam in some economists' eyes.

The Mideast is talking up the idea of a trading bloc.

Canada discusses a possible North American bloc to deal with the others. In this country some advocate that the United States and Canada join a North Atlantic trading bloc, along the lines of the North Atlantic military alliance.

In his speech here Wednesday to the National Association of Manufacturers the President pointed out the growing economic power of the Communist bloc as a threat to the West.

But he went on to note that "some 90 per cent of the free world's industrial production may soon be concentrated in two great markets—the United States of America and an expanded European Common Market."

He proposed a "joint step on both sides of the Atlantic" to see that the two sides of the Atlantic work together in economic peace, and thus benefit "the economies of all the countries of the free world."

Implying that trading blocs have outdated older systems, he said, "a trade policy adequate to deal with a large number of small states is no longer adequate."

The European trading blocs are our immediate problem and the debate about what we should do is loud and increasing.

But let's also look at some of the others taking shape.

In Southeast Asia an economic association has been formed by Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.

Japan and India have talked of the possibility of extending such a bloc in the future to gain trading advantages for all or most Asian non-Communist.

An even larger Pacific Ocean trade community has been suggested. It might include the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and other Pacific nations

if they feel frozen out of the European markets.

A Latin-American trade area, along the lines of the European Common Market, hopes to start cutting duties among member states next month. Signed up are Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru, Mexico, Ecuador and Colombia.

A similar trading bloc in Central America aims at increasing trade between these small nations and bettering their world trade position.

Some African diplomats are thinking along the same lines. So are the Arab states.

Behind the trading-bloc idea: 1. Improving the economy of the member states by opening up their internal markets. The striking industrial growth of the European Common Market in a few years

has impressed all nonmembers. 2. Forming a solid front against other trading nations. This may be used either to protect the internal industrial setup by handicapping outsiders, or to bargain for trading

and tariff concessions from nonmembers. 3. And the far-out possibility of eventual union of all trading blocs of the non-Communist world. The talking point, sharply disputed by

many, is that the resulting free trade among all nations would help everyone in the long run, even if the short-run results would be harmful to a lot of individual companies and industries.

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Physician To Test Cancer Treatment

NEWCASTLE, England (AP)—An English surgeon is preparing to choose six no-hope cancer victims to test a new treatment of the killer disease—massive transfusions of blood taken from victims of multiple sclerosis.

The experiment will be carried out shortly by Dr. Ian Melver, 48, consultant neurosurgeon at Newcastle General Hospital. Hospital officials said it may take a year to evaluate the results.

Multiple sclerosis is a brain disease which causes paralysis. Dr. Alfred Piper, a general practitioner in the coal mining village of Lemington, Northumberland, reported recently that in 11 years of study he had never come across a case of someone with multiple sclerosis contracting cancer.

Dr. Piper's report so impressed Dr. Melver that he decided to test it on human cancer victims.

Father Heads For Meet With 3-Year-Old Son

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—A Cincinnati father was en route here today for reunion with his 3-year-old son who was found wandering alone in downtown Jacksonville a week ago.

Kenneth Deel, is expected to seek court permission to assume custody of his son, Kenneth Jr. Deel contacted authorities after seeing the boy's picture in a Cincinnati newspaper. He said his wife had custody of the child since their separation several months ago. Her whereabouts and how the child got to Jacksonville remained a mystery.

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