

JFK Says Cease-Fire Accord Must Be Resolved In Laos

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy says it is essential that a cease-fire be worked out in Laos—even along the line which now separates government and pro-Communist troops.

"Obviously we would prefer as great a withdrawal to the line that was in effect a week or so ago as we could get," the President told his news conference Thursday. But, he added, "I would

think that the peace along the line which now may exist, of course, is essential."

Pro-Communist Pathet Lao guerrillas broke a year-old cease-fire last week in Laos and advanced to the point where they now control an estimated two-thirds of the Southeast Asian kingdom.

The United States is bringing heavy pressure on the pro-Western royal government to go ahead speedily with talks on the formation of a new coalition government. Kennedy said, is the object of the United States.

Nearly 300 newsmen and guests turned out for Kennedy's 33rd news conference, which elicited these other presidential views:

Estes—Kennedy disclosed that 75 FBI agents had been assigned to the Billie Sol Estes case and said, "This government is staying right on Mr. Estes' tail."

Kennedy contended that the indicted Texas financier's financial

maneuverings were first brought to public attention when "this administration indicted Mr. Estes before a state agency in Texas or any place else moved."

De Gaulle—The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, rather than separate forces, offers the best means of protecting allied interests, Kennedy said, but the French president's plan to develop a nuclear-armed force apart from NATO is a decision for France to make. He called De Gaulle, nonetheless, stalwart in defense of the West.

Farm—Kennedy said his program would help relieve the mountainous storage of surplus crops, "the kind of situation which resulted in Mr. Estes' manipulations." Estes gained contracts for the storage of an estimated \$50 million in grain.

On Laos, Kennedy said it was too early to say how long the 5,000 American combat troops sent to Thailand would remain there.

"They have only been in there for a very short while," Kennedy said, "and we can't tell when they will come out. It will depend a good deal on what conditions are in Thailand and the neighboring countries."

Kennedy To Plug For Aged Care

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy flies to New York today for a visit with his ailing father at the start of a weekend in which he will plug his medical care program and help Democrats raise money.

Kennedy is due to land at La Guardia Airport about 6 p.m. and motor immediately to the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center. Former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy was shifted late last month to this institute for physical medicine and rehabilitation center from his home in Palm Beach, Fla.

Kennedy will address a Democratic fund-raising rally in honor of his 45th birthday, which occurs May 29, at Madison Square Garden Saturday night. In the afternoon he speaks at the dedication of a cooperative apartment development sponsored by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

The President delivers another speech in the Garden at a Sunday afternoon rally to encourage support for his program to finance medical care for the aged by Social Security taxes.

Kennedy will stay at the Carlyle Hotel in Upper Manhattan. He plans to return to Washington Sunday evening.

Education Group Installs Officers

The Douglas County chapter of the Educational Secretaries Association this week elected Opal McClure as its new president at a meeting at the Turn-Around Inn in Roseburg.

Other new officers are: Joy Decker, vice president; Mary Walters, secretary; Margaret Saunders, treasurer; and Dortha Pauli, Velma Bratton, Marceline McCormack and Virginia Keasey, directors.

Mrs. McClure then appointed Helen Curry as publicity chairman and Jean Smith as hospitality chairman.

At the business meeting, plans were discussed for next year's activities. Meetings will be discontinued through the summer months. The next meeting is scheduled in September with the Sutherland secretaries acting as hostesses.

Plumley Praises Kennedy's Tax Reform Efforts

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON (AP)—H. Ladd Plumley, U.S. Chamber of Commerce president, said today the Kennedy administration's tax reform efforts represent the kind of action which will ease the tensions between government and business.

Plumley, Massachusetts insurance executive, talked for an hour with President Kennedy in what Plumley called "a most constructive conference."

Plumley told a reporter after the meeting that both he and Kennedy recognized the tensions that were created by the massive and successful mobilization of government pressure against last month's steel price increase.

But Plumley said he told Kennedy businessmen are grateful that the administration will soon issue liberalized depreciation allowances on corporate taxes—a reform for which industry has appealed for years.

Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon announced recently that the administration is pushing for early issuance of the new guidelines.

"I think that is an important evidence of a recognition on the part of the administration of the need for business to be able to obtain more funds for investment in plant and equipment," Plumley said.

That Kennedy also considered the conversation successful was indicated by press aide Andrew Hatcher. He told reporters the talk was "useful and friendly, a constructive discussion."

Both parties recognized inevitable differences in viewpoint, Hatcher said, but "both appreciate the need for a very close relationship between the government and the chambers of commerce which Plumley represents."

Questioned whether he felt business would respond to helpful measures like the tax depreciation revision with a greater willingness to cooperate on economic problems, Plumley said: "Yes, I think business is looking for evidences of a firm and predictable base on which it can work."

"I probably should add that I think much remains to be done," he added.

Man Held For Rape

Alfred W. Parrett, 25, of Prairie City, was arrested by a sheriff's deputy, and is being held on a Grant County warrant charging rape. He is lodged in the Douglas County Jail.

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Hatfield To Greet PTA Conventioners

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield will greet delegates Wednesday morning in Portland at the national convention of the Parent-Teacher Association.

His schedule includes a Monday morning speech in Portland to the Oregon Automobile Dealers Association and a night commencement address at Pilot Rock high school.

He will speak Wednesday night at the Shaw 8th grade commencement. The school has six graduates, 25 students and two teachers.

On Thursday Hatfield will attend the National Orchid Show in Portland, speak at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian church and attend the Union Industries show in Portland.

On Saturday the governor will journey to Seattle for Oregon day at Seattle's World's Fair.

Thunder Mountain Road Worker Hurt

Paul M. Tucker, 54, of 747 W. Luellen Dr., Roseburg, suffered a back injury this morning when a "cat" blade dropped on him as the "cat" was being repaired.

The accident occurred in the steep, rugged terrain of Thunder Mountain 45 miles east of Roseburg. Tucker was working with the L. L. Burr Co., building an access road for U.S. Plywood Corp. at the 3,800-foot elevation.

Tucker was injured at about 7:30 a.m. according to Mrs. Arthur Selby, correspondent.

He was taken to Douglas Community Hospital, Roseburg, by Billy Mohr's ambulance. The hospital at 10:30 a.m. had no report on Tucker's condition.

Agnes Peterson

Funeral services are scheduled Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Long & Shukle Memorial Chapel for Agnes Peterson. She died at her home at 1741 NE Fremont Ave., Roseburg, Wednesday evening.

The Rev. Allen Ingebrigtson will officiate at the services. Private committal services will be held Monday at Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Peterson was born at Wintthrop, Minn., and later moved to Centuria, Wis. Since 1938, she had made her home in Roseburg.

She was married Nov. 22, 1911, to Oscar C. Peterson and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

She was affiliated with the Methodist Church of Centuria, Wis., and attended the University of Minnesota.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Burdett C. of Roseburg; a granddaughter, Mrs. Jerry Giesy of Portland; and two great-grandchildren.

Sharon Parsons

Sharon Cecile Parsons, infant daughter of Robert and Carmela Parsons of 490 W. Ball St., Roseburg, died at a local hospital May 16 at the age of 4 days.

She is survived by her parents; one sister, Karen; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Parsons, all of Roseburg; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wachsmuth of Portland; and several uncles and aunts.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Wilson's Chapel of The Roses. Father Adrian Sharkey of St. Joseph's Catholic Church will officiate.

Concluding services and vault interment will follow at the Catholic Cemetery.



H. H. (HOD) TURNER

... ending years of service

H.H. Turner To End Long Service As Teacher, Coach In Roseburg

The final meeting of the Fremont Junior High PTA will be the occasion for a reception in honor of Howard (Hod) Turner who is retiring after 36 consecutive years of teaching in Roseburg junior and senior high schools.

The reception and meeting will be Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Turner, a familiar figure in Roseburg academic and athletic circles, began his career in Roseburg in 1926 as junior and senior high school coach and teacher of health and physical education. He came here from the old Oregon Agricultural College, now Oregon State University. He was freshman football coach at the college.

He attended high school and turned normal school there. He was graduated in 1923 from Lombard College in Galesburg, Ill., in 1923.

In 1940 he took over the job as senior high school coach and instructor of health and physical education for Roseburg High School.

In 1942 he took over the same duties at Central Junior High and remained there until the blast of August, 1942, at which time he went with the Fremont sector of the junior high school system as a physical education and health teacher.

Turner has served Roseburg well, both in his capacity as educator and as citizen," was the warm commendation of Supt. Mike Deller today on Turner's retirement.

Installation of officers and members by the school choros will complete Monday's program.

Martin Branscum

Funeral services for Martin C. Branscum, 64, who died in an auto accident in Arkansas last Saturday, will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Long & Shukle Memorial Chapel.

The body will lie in state Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and during the same hours on Sunday at the chapel.

The Rev. Lloyd Turner of the United Baptist Church will officiate. Interment will follow at Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Carl Stagle of Wilder, Idaho, and Mrs. H. F. Coker of Winston; two sons, Coy of Caldwell and Lonnie D. of Maroon, Idaho; a brother, Claude of Mt. Sterling, Ill.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was born Oct. 12, 1897, at Marion County, Ark. He had lived in Winston since 1949.

Kennedy Names Envoys To Bulgaria, Formosa

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy named two new U.S. envoys today—Eugenie Moore Anderson to be minister to Bulgaria and Adm. Alan Goodrich Kirk to be ambassador to Nationalist China.

Youths Queried On Water Balloon

Five Roseburg youths, 17 and 18 years of age, were picked up by Roseburg City Police and questioned after a complaint was received from Mrs. Charles J. Meyers, 2428 W. Crestview Ave., that they had thrown a water balloon into her home.

She said the boys knocked on her door, and when she opened it, they threw the balloon inside filled with water. It soaked the carpet and part of her davenport. This occurred about 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

She did not file a complaint.

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Europe Asked To Ease Drain Of U.S. Funds

ROME (AP)—U.S. Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon appealed to West European nations today to help ease the United States dollar drain by seeking less dollar aid and paying more toward the costs of mutual defense.

Dillon said West Germany already has taken steps which should fully offset the \$700 million a year costs of maintaining U.S. troops there. He said similar measures are being or will be discussed with other Allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Dillon told a Rome meeting of the American Bankers Association that measures already under way are expected to cut the total drain on America's balance of payments by a billion dollars a year—to about \$3 billion.

But he said this clearly will not be enough and that further progress will be necessary.

Repeatedly in an almost hour-long speech at a luncheon meeting of the 70 American and 50 European bankers Dillon emphasized that the dollar must have foreign aid in world financing—that U.S. capital alone is not enough to go around.

"The free world's monetary system, as it has evolved since World War II, rests inescapably on the full acceptability of the dollar as a supplement to gold in financing world trade," Dillon said.

Portland Mother Saves Aged Woman

PORTLAND (AP)—The young mother of four children saved an 81-year-old woman from fire that destroyed 70 per cent of her house Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Betty Wallen looked out a window and saw smoke pouring from the frame residence of Mrs. Dora M. Thomas' house in the southeast district. She ran to the Thomas home and went inside but smoke drove her out.

She re-entered through another door and groped her way to Mrs. Thomas, then pulled her outside. The elderly woman apparently suffered little more than shock.

Fire Investigator Glenn Richards said the blaze apparently broke out near a small trash burner.

JFK Proclaims Memorial Day

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy today proclaimed Wednesday, May 23, as Memorial Day, and called on Americans to pray "for a new world of law where peace and justice shall be assured for all."

Kennedy asked that the hour of 11 o'clock in the morning, in each locality, be set aside as the time to unite in the prayers.

His proclamation said the nation today faces a challenge "which demands of us the same virtues of loyalty, courage, and devotion to country that characterized our fallen heroes."

Weapons Assault Case Dismissed

A charge of assault with a dangerous weapon against Troy Arvil Welch, 26, of Roseburg, has been dismissed by District Judge Gerald R. Hayes, and he has been released from custody.

Welch was scheduled for a preliminary hearing in district court Thursday, but the complaining witness, his ex-wife Alma B. Welch, failed to appear, and the state was unable to present a case, it was reported.

Welch had been accused of an attack on his wife when she came to his dwelling to obtain some clothes.

Trial Jury Ponders Fate Of Dr. Boehme

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. (AP)—Eleven men and a woman held in their hands Friday the fate of Dr. Robert E. Boehme, accused of trying to kill his wife with an injection of poison.

Boehme, 42, is charged with first-degree assault. The state said he injected poison into the arm of his wife, Dorothy, 35, last Sept. 20 in the pretext of taking a sample of blood for a diabetes check.

Boehme and his wife both denied he tried to take her life. Kitsap County Prosecutor Gordon Walgren said when the trial started he would try to show that Boehme was having a love affair with Mary Boehme, 29, a pretty nurse who once was married to Boehme's brother.

Walgren, who is 29 and divorced, was engaged to Mary at one time.

In his closing argument Thursday night, the prosecutor said the defense intimidated he would be called to the witness stand during the trial to discuss his motives in bringing the case to trial.

"They were afraid to call the prosecuting attorney to the stand," he said, "because there were things not too good for the defense that would have been brought out in cross examination."

Defense attorney Ray Greenwood made an eloquent plea for acquittal. He ended his oratory by asking the jury:

"... to lift the cloud from the home on Lidstrom Hill... let them go home to their boys... Lidstrom Hill is the home of Dr. and Mrs. Boehme."

James Maddock, another defense attorney, said in his closing remarks that Dorothy Boehme was suffering the combined effects of an insulin reaction, an internal infection and influenza when she became ill the day the blood sample was taken.

Vivien Kellems In Senate Race

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Miss Vivien Kellems, the retired industrialist who once battled the Internal Revenue Service, today announced her candidacy for the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate.

She became the latest entry in a four-way race that pits her against John Davis Lodge, whose political background includes a governorship, an ambassadorship and two terms in Congress.

Miss Kellems, 65, who recently sold her cable grip company, has been a perennial candidate for the U.S. Senate as well as the governorship, running on an independent ticket.

But today, at a news conference, she said she intends to support the Republican nominee in the event she fails to get the Senate post herself.

The peppery Miss Kellems said recently that she and her brother were relinquishing control of a factory in Stonington that had been controlled by her family since the late 1920s.

She said government interference with small business, particularly what she called harassment of paying so many kinds of taxes, led to the decision.

In 1948, she called a halt to withholding income taxes from wages of her employees, saying that no one has the right to take money out of the pay envelope of another person.

The government attached almost \$8,000 from her bank account as penalties. Miss Kellems sued, and eventually got back all but \$800 of the attached funds.

Rotary Will Host County Students

Plans have been nearly completed for the banquet Monday night designed to glorify the academic achievements of Douglas County High School pupils.

The Roseburg Rotary Club is hosting about 100 top students of the county at a banquet at which the featured speaker will be Arthur S. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon.

The banquet is scheduled to start at 6:45 a.m.

The report of plans was made Thursday at a meeting of the Rotary Club in the Umpqua Hotel. It was reported that Flemming had given high commendation to the club for the project.

The program of the day at the Rotary meeting was given by Roseburg High School students. Included were a guitar and banjo duo of Addison Talbott and Gene Garrett; songs by Stephanie Fowler, accompanied by Brooke Young; and musical selections by singing guitarist Danny Fromdahl and drummer Bill Thomas. Bruce Long was master of ceremonies.

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