

Reaction Is Varied On Kennedy's Decision To Postpone Cut In Taxes

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Reaction to President Kennedy's decision to put off a tax cut until next year ranged today from a business leader's "disappointment" to a Republican cry of "politics."

Most lawmakers seemed to approve of the decision. But there were new demands for a reduction in federal spending before any tax cut is voted.

Ladd Plumley, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said he was disappointed that Kennedy felt a tax cut could not be enacted now. However, he said, the difference between a cut now and one next January was not of "great significance."

HUNT FOR LIONS

ISLAND OF RE, France (UPI) — Authorities planned to hunt for two escaped circus mountain lions today with the help of drum beaters and two detachments of gendarmes being flown here from metropolitan France.

The mountain lions — or pumas — escaped Aug. 3 and have been sighted since then in this Atlantic Island's pine woods and marshes. They have been called potentially dangerous to 100,000 holiday campers here.

Republican National Chairman William E. Miller charged that the President's address was "a partisan political speech in a very thin disguise."

Byrd Denounces Spending
Senate Finance Committee Chairman Harry S. Byrd, D-Va., a leading economy advocate, took

the occasion to denounce big federal spending.

Byrd said the only reason for high taxes was high federal spending. "The President said he would submit a tax bill in January," Byrd said. "He will submit his budget for the next fiscal year

ACCIDENT COSTS RISE

NEW YORK (UPI) — Traffic accidents cost \$7.9 billion during 1961, or an average of \$42.93 for each man, woman and child in the United States, the Insurance Information Institute reported Monday. The toll was the highest in history.

The institute also said that fires in communities with populations of 2,500 or more caused a property loss of \$1,209,042,000, also a record.

at the same time. In this combination, he will have an opportunity to indicate whether he proposes to reduce expenditures or to cut taxes with borrowed money."

Chairman Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark., of the House Ways & Means Committee, endorsed Kennedy's decision and Rep. Hale Boggs, D-La., a member of the committee, said the move was "wise."

Miller Raps Speech

GOP Chairman Miller said that Kennedy "as much as promised" the voters they would get a tax cut only if they elected a Democratic-controlled Congress in November.

"The people can safely elect a Republican Congress which believes not only in tax cuts but in spending cuts as well," Miller said.

Kennedy "went out of his way," Miller said, to say that he had cleared the decision with the Democratic chairman of key congressional committees, "thereby making plain that election of Republicans might jeopardize the tax reduction."

WOULD FAVOR MEETING

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A State Department spokesman has indicated the United States would favor a Western foreign ministers' meeting prior to the United Nations General Assembly meeting Sept. 18.

Such a meeting probably will be held in New York or Washington, although no definite plans have been made, U.S. sources said.

Sens. Paul H. Douglas, D-Ill., and George A. Smathers, D-Fla., members of Byrd's tax-writing committee, said Kennedy's speech was "an excellent statement."

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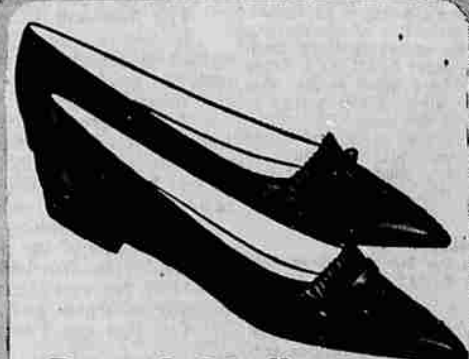


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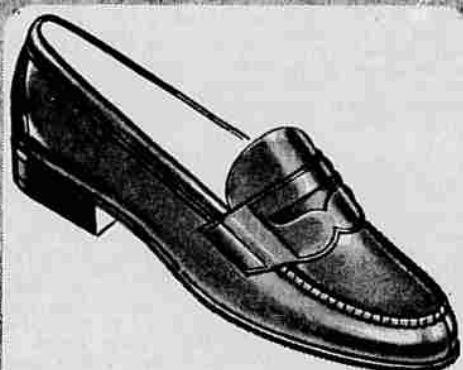


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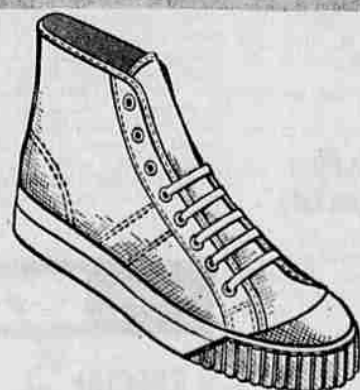


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