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Kennedy Assassination Investigation Started

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A blue ribbon commission to investigate the Kennedy assassination held its first formal meeting today. A top Justice Department official and a shorthand stenographer were the only outsiders present.

As the organizational meeting began behind closed doors, Deputy Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach was on hand along with the seven commission members named by President Johnson to conduct the special inquiry.

A spokesman for the group told newsmen that none of the members of the panel had any statement before the meeting began and there was little like-

lihood any would be forthcoming after the session.

The commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, is expected to proceed carefully in its investigation, partly because Jack Ruby, Dallas night club owner who shot to death the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, faces trial on murder charges.

No full report to the President is expected to emerge in the immediate future although a commission spokesman said that statements by the commission might be issued "from time to time" through the Supreme Court press office.

Johnson instructed the commission "to satisfy itself that the truth is known as far as it can be discovered, and to report its findings and conclusions to him, to the American people, and to the world."

Included in the commission's mandate was an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the murder, 48 hours after Kennedy was killed, of Lee Harvey Oswald, his alleged assassin.

Johnson ordered all federal agencies and departments to cooperate with the commission's investigation. Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, R-N.Y., acted Wednesday to secure a congressional grant of subpoena powers for the panel also.

Keating said his proposal was modeled on the law which gave similar powers to the special commission named by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to investigate the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Besides Warren, the other members of the commission are: Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., and John Sherman Cooper, R-Ky.; Reps. Hale Boggs, D-La., and Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich.; Allen W. Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and John J. McCloy, former U.S. high commissioner for Germany.

The commission will get an

FBI report on the slaying of the President and the subsequent murder of Oswald, possibly later this week or early next week. Sources have said the report concludes that Oswald acted alone and was not part of a conspiracy.

Gov. Connally Gets Release From Hospital

DALLAS (UPI)—Texas Gov. John B. Connally checked out of Parkland Memorial Hospital today and prepared to fly home to Austin, his bullet-shattered wrist in a cast, but well on the way to recovery from the sniper bullet that hit him as he rode with President Kennedy.

Connally said goodbye to 200 doctors, nurses and technicians in the cafeteria of the hospital, where Kennedy died Nov. 22. "I'm ready to go," Connally, 46, said. "I owe my life to you at Parkland Hospital. I'm sorry to have met you under these circumstances."

He said he was looking forward to returning and renewing his friendship with them in happier times.

The dying Kennedy and gravely wounded governor were wheeled into emergency rooms at Parkland shortly before 2 p.m. EST Nov. 22.

The President died of two bullet wounds. One bullet had passed completely through Connally, shattered ribs, cut a lung, broke his right wrist and lodged in his right thigh. Surgeons saved him in a 4½-hour operation.

Connally was wheeled out of the hospital, the cast on his right wrist resting on a pillow and a black sling around his neck. He got out of the chair on his own power and into an automobile that took him to the airport.

Connally said it will be "some time" before he is back in his office, and "I won't be back this month."

Connally said his wrist would have to be in a cast for 90 days and it will be six months before he will know whether he will have full use of his arm. It was broken twice by the bullet and Connally said its mending "will be a long rough thing."

Mishaps Claim Two

By United Press International

Oregon recorded two more accidental deaths Wednesday.

Mrs. Mariam M. Van Niel, 76, Foster, was killed in a two-car collision near Foster, in Linn County.

Melvin M. Ferguson, 40, Falls City, was killed when he apparently fell under the wheels of a truck at a long dump near Salem.



COLONEL RELEASED — U. S. Army Lt. Col. James K. Chenault and wife, Ruth, leave for U. S. Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela today after Chenault was released by pro-Castro terrorists. (UPI Radiotelephoto)

AMA Calls For All-Out Study On Smokers' Health Problems

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI)—The American Medical Association (AMA) voted Wednesday for an all-out study to determine which human ailments, if any, are caused or made worse by smoking.

The vote, by the AMA House of Delegates, came on the last day of the organization's 17th clinical meeting and followed a report on the smoking problem which covered a three-year period of more than 442,000 men.

The report, presented by Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond, director of statistical research for the American Cancer Society, suggested that the death rate among cigarette smokers was more than twice that of non-smokers.

In addition, Hammond's report showed that cigarette smokers apparently have more illnesses and require more hospitalization.

Hatfield Signs Boardman Bill

SALEM (UPI)—The bill to shift ownership of the proposed 100,000-acre Boardman space age industrial park to the veterans' affairs department, and clear the last hurdle to Boeing Company's lease of the area, was signed today by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Press secretary Travis Cross said the governor signed the bill shortly after 9 a.m. There was no special ceremony.

The measure was rushed through the special session of the legislature, and given final approval late Monday just before the lawmakers adjourned.

Hatfield made no comment about the measure at the time he signed it.

Development of the industrial site in northeastern Oregon was started three years ago. It has had a history of crisis, and on three occasions the state legislature has enacted special legislation dealing with the project.

Two special Boardman bills were rushed through Congress. Boeing Co., Seattle, signed a 77-year, \$4.6 million lease for the property earlier this year, then discovered a flaw in the state's title to the land.

Commission Eyes Air Strip Plan

The Port of Umpqua Commission Tuesday began projection of a light plane air strip on the Umpqua South Beach as part of the diversified area recreation development, reports Correspondent Dawn Peseau.

The commission accepted a written survey report and series of drawings for further study submitted by Engineer John T. Meier of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, Corvallis engineering firm, covering locations, layout and cost estimates.

The project will be referred to U.S. Sen. Maurice Neuberger and Congressman Robert Duncan for study in relationship to the proposed National Seashore Recreation area, which they are sponsoring. Site for the proposed airstrip lies within the area boundaries.

A portion of the report said that "population studies have shown that death rates in middle-aged men from heart attacks were from 50 to 150 per cent higher among heavy smokers than among non-smokers."

Hammond's report was based on a continuing study of 422,094 men between 40 and 89 years of age enrolled as cancer society volunteers.

According to Hammond, new figures derived from his extensive study showed the relationship between cigarettes and lung cancer appeared to increase with age and that lung cancer deaths were "considerably lower" among men who gave up smoking for several years than among those who continued to smoke.

Hammond added that "virtually all cigarette smoking was 'involuntary' because these smokers seldom inhale."

In New York, Dr. Clarence C. Little, scientific director of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee, said the cigarette industry was "gratified" that the AMA recognized "the need for additional research on smoking and health."

Little said such a research program "should speed the day when science will learn the causes of major health problems, such as lung cancer and leukemia, such as lung cancer and heart disease and what role, if any, smoking may have."

He pointed out that the tobacco industry research committee last week appropriated an additional \$1 million for research during 1964.

The AMA move also had the backing of the Massachusetts Heart Association (MHA). The MHA, in its annual report issued Wednesday devoted the cover and opening pages to a public warning against cigarette smoking.

On other matters, the assembled delegates heard a warning that noise can trigger ulcer attacks, allergies and other ailments; and also voted to reaffirm its component societies a 1950 stand opposing racial discrimination.

But the group steered away from a Rhode Island resolution denying membership to those societies who do discriminate.

Dr. Lee Edward Farr of Houston, Tex., singled out homosexuals as particular offenders and said control of noise may become as important a medical problem as control of viruses and bacteria.

He said pandemonium in the home from such sources as dishwashers, kitchen vent fans, and the like.

Woman Saves Neighbor's Life

PORTLAND (UPI)—A watchful neighbor rescued an 81-year-old woman from a burning house here early today.

Firemen said Mrs. Edith Otto was pulled from her burning home by Mrs. Anne Brusse, 38. Mrs. Brusse said she saw smoke pouring from the home and ran to help. She said the door was locked but she had a key because she frequently helps Mrs. Otto.

The older woman was alone in the house after her daughter, Phyllis, left for work. Minutes after the two women left the smoke-filled house, it was engulfed in flames, according to firemen.

Release Of Army Colonel Quells Fears For Safety After Telephone Warning

CARACAS (UPI) — A U. S. Army colonel was released unharmed today eight days after he was kidnapped by terrorists. "It's a great feeling to be free again," said Col. James K. Chenault after he was released.

Chenault, 45, a native of Sherman, Tex., and a World War II (anti-tank) combat officer, met newsmen at the U.S. Embassy a few hours after his release at 6 a.m. He had been kidnapped from the doorstep of his home by four heavily armed pro-Castro members of the underground Armed Forces for National Liberation (FALN).

The officer read a brief written statement and then answered questions. He wore a neatly pressed army dress uniform with three rows of ribbons.

"I was held in some section of Caracas which I cannot identify other than the fact it seemed to be heavily populated," he said. "I was guarded continually but received reasonably good treatment considering the circumstances."

Chenault, deputy commanding officer of the U.S. military mission here, was kidnapped as a "propaganda gesture" by the FALN after his young captors had overpowered a Venezuelan army private acting as his driver.

Chenault said his kidnappers tried to get him to read books on communism but that he refused. He replied "no comment" when asked if he had tried to escape while being held.

Chenault's release by his captors was carried out without fanfare. Earlier, anonymous telephone callers had warned he was considered a "prisoner of war."

After his release Chenault took a taxi to his two-story home in the eastern end of the city.

He was wearing his uniform shirt and trousers when he reached home.

Maj. Joseph C. Blevens of the military mission said Chenault was in good shape.

About the same time that Chenault was released, it was announced that Juan de Dios Moncade, self-styled "supreme commander" of the FALN terrorist organization, was captured by government forces Wednesday night.

It was not certain whether there was any connection between the capture of Moncade and the release of Chenault.

After breakfasting at home, Chenault went with his wife to the U.S. Embassy. They both looked serious but happy as they left their home for the 10-minute drive to the embassy.

Blevens, who rushed to the Chenault home when word was received of the colonel's release, said Mrs. Chenault was

"overjoyed — simply overcome with joy."

First word of his release came from Mrs. Chenault, who telephoned U.S. Ambassador C. Allan Stewart minutes after her husband arrived home.

Though the elder Chenaults were grim, but obviously relieved that the ordeal had ended, their daughter Sandy, 20, oldest of their three children, ran from the home of one neighbor to another announcing the release of her father.

Venezuelan investigators questioned Chenault while he ate breakfast and he was scheduled to make a full report to Ambassador Stewart. He also was slated for a news conference later.

Chenault was kidnapped a week ago Wednesday at 7 a.m. as he left his home to drive to the U.S. military mission, situated at the Conejo Blanco army base on the outskirts of Caracas, one of Venezuela's largest.

Four armed men previously had overpowered Chenault's Venezuelan army chauffeur and had been waiting about five minutes to surprise him as he appeared. He was hustled into a waiting 1962 white Chevrolet and driven away so quickly that his wife, who had accompanied him to the door, was not even aware of what happened.

Later, an anonymous phone caller told the U.S. Embassy that "we will not harm him—we only want him for publicity."

His kidnappers identified themselves as members of the pro-Castro Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN), a Communist underground terrorist group.

Assassins Slay Laos Official

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI)—Col. Leuang, chief intelligence officer for neutralist Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma, was assassinated today by unknown killers near his home here. He was the fifth Laotian official to die of assassin's bullets this year.

The assassins pumped 18 bullets into Leuang's body. Dressed in khaki uniforms, they escaped in two unmarked jeeps.

Leuang, father of nine children, was chief of the deuxième (second) bureau of the intelligence service of the Laotian neutralist faction and reported directly to Premier Souvanna.

Neutralist Gen. Amkha termed the assassination a "well organized plot." He told a news conference that he knew of no personal or political motives for the slaying. He also promised a tightening of security regulations in Vientiane.

Bodies Of Ex-President's Children Buried Beside Father In Arlington

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mrs. Joan F. Kennedy returned to a darkened hillside in Arlington National Cemetery Wednesday night to bury the bodies of her two dead children at their father's side.

In a brief and moving ceremony, lighted by the eternal flame at the head of Kennedy's grave, two white caskets were placed beside the slain President.

One contained the body of Patrick Bouvier Kennedy who died last Aug. 9 in the second day of his life. The other contained a sister who was stillborn Aug. 23, 1956.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said Mrs. Kennedy was accompanied by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, his brother, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and the former First Lady's sister, Princess Lee Radziwill.

Mrs. Kennedy knelt in prayer at the graveside ceremony conducted by the Most Rev. Philip Hannan, auxiliary bishop of Washington. She remained composed throughout the reinterment.

Intones 148th Psalm

The two small caskets were placed on either side of the President. Bishop Hannan intoned the words of the 148th Psalm.

The Lord's Prayer was said, and the caskets, sprinkled with holy water, were lowered into the grave, which occupies part of a three-acre site set aside for the President.

Under the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, children, untainted by sin, go directly to heaven after baptism.

When the ceremony was over the members of the family left the cemetery immediately. The gates were patrolled by an extra guard of military police to keep the service private.

Salinger said the bodies of the two children were accompanied to Washington aboard the Kennedy family plane by Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Patrick Bouvier Kennedy had been buried at the Kennedy family plot in Brookline, Mass. His sister was buried at Newport, R. I.

Plans Kept Secret

The plans for the burial were a closely-guarded secret. The statement on the move came from Salinger, who said he was acting at the request of Mrs. Kennedy.

Little had been known about the stillborn Kennedy baby and it was not general knowledge that it had been a girl.

It was her wish that the President be buried in Arlington Cemetery. Some members of

Senate Group May Get Look At LBJ Budget

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson may give the Senate Finance Committee an advance peek at his budget proposals to help expedite action on the priority tax cut bill.

The 17-member committee is moving toward the end of its long public hearings on the House-passed bill providing the biggest tax cut in history — a net \$11 billion reduction over two years.

Including today, 22 more witnesses remained to be heard. Public hearings are expected to end next Monday. Then the committee plans executive sessions to start voting on some 25 to 30 pending amendments.

A key element to early action on the bill next year will be Johnson's spending proposals, which he must send to Congress in his budget message by Jan. 18.

The new Chief Executive is committed, as was the late President Kennedy, to hold down government spending, thus enhancing chances for passage of the becalmed tax cut measure.

Several members of the tax-writing committee said privately they expect Johnson to let the panel know well in advance of the Jan. 18 date what his spending plans will be. If given advance assurances of government economy, the conservative bloc on the committee would find it easier to support tax reduction.

Chairman Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., disclosed that Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon informed him the budget next year will be somewhere between \$98 billion and \$103 billion, compared with \$98.7 billion this year.

The 75-year-old Virginian, a staunch conservative, said in an interview that if an anticipated \$1 billion in increased revenues is realized, a \$100 billion budget next year would show some spending restraint—at least it would be "holding the line."

Assassination Book In Print; Copies Due Here

Readers of the News-Review have an opportunity, beginning today, to reserve copies of a book covering the assassination of President Kennedy.

Published by United Press International in conjunction with the American Heritage Foundation, the book will be approximately 128 pages of narrative and photos.

The title of the book is "Four Days" and it will be ready for distribution early in January. Special price early to general distribution will be \$2 per copy.

Reservations will be taken by mail, in person at the News-Review office or by calling 672-3321.

Governor Has Turned Tables On Capital Press Reporters

SALEM (UPI)—In what could be a major change in his public relations program, Gov. Mark Hatfield has turned the tables on the capital press corps.

At two recent meetings with newsmen, the governor has asked almost as many questions as newsmen.

Veteran statehouse reporters cannot recall anything like it in Hatfield's first five years as governor.

Normal practice has been for the governor to hold scheduled press conferences during legislative sessions, and then hold

newsmen only when requested by the "regulars" in Hatfield's office.

Coffee Served

Coffee was served as newsmen peppered a series of questions at the chief executive.

When the flow of questions slowed, Hatfield indicated he wanted to chat a while.

He then reversed the tables, and asked reporters for their views on current topics.

As was the case after the tax referendum, Hatfield seemed unusually relaxed and at ease with newsmen.

Some of the replies to Hatfield's questions were sharp, and not necessarily flattering to the governor. If Hatfield was offended, he didn't show it.

It was a precedent-setting session—an exclusive 30-minute session with United Press International.

The day after the special session ended, Hatfield announced he would meet with the press. While there was no effort to invite reporters who did not regularly cover the statehouse, only one of the legislative press staff was still in Salem. He was Douglas McKean, political editor of the Oregon Journal, who

The Weather

Variable cloudiness with some night and morning fog today through Friday.

Lowest temp. last 24 hours	45
Highest temp. last 24 hours	36
Lowest temp. any Dec.	(58) 69
Highest temp. any Dec.	(62) 16
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Normal Dec. precip.	5.69
Precip. from Dec. 1	0
Normal precip. from Sept. 1	9.82
Sunset tonight, 4:38 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:31 a.m.	

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