

Four Men Who Worked With Kennedy Give Views On Kind Of Man He Was

WASHINGTON (UPI)—"He was everything I would want to be, everything I'd want my son to be."

The speaker was Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara and his subject was John F. Kennedy.

McNamara, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon and Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz—four men who had worked closely with the late President—Wednesday night reflected on the kind of man he was and the kind of nation and world he left behind. They appeared on an hour-long television program (CBS Reports).

To McNamara he was "an intellectual, with a very rare talent for translating thought into action... graceful under pressure... witty, fun-loving, with a passion for excellence. He was that under pressure... in times of crisis."

To Rusk, Kennedy was a man who realized that "domestic is-

...sues can only defeat you in an election, but foreign policy issues can incinerate the northern hemisphere."

He said that Kennedy had established a personal relationship between himself and the ordinary people of many countries.

"Therefore, this assassination came as very deep shock and the reaction to this from all over the world was one of the very moving aspects of this recent tragedy," he said.

"I think the reaction of the rest of the world to the resilience of our constitutional system, the way in which we pulled ourselves together, the way in which partisan considerations were temporarily put aside to give support to a new president, the way in which he picked up and immediately carried on with the great stream of American policy... this was all very impressive and encouraging to people of other countries," Rusk said.

To Wirtz, who was elevated to the top Labor Department spot by Kennedy after Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg was named to the Supreme Court, it was the President's deep concern over unemployment that remained in his memory.

Wirtz said Kennedy did not want Americans to become ac-

customed to the steady 5 per cent unemployment figure which prevailed before and during his administration. He said Kennedy attempted to arouse the "satisfied" 95 per cent of the population to help the "unsatisfied" 5 per cent.

The labor secretary also spoke of the late President's often expressed concern over the jobless rate among the nation's Negroes.

To Dillon, Kennedy was a man who kept on top of developments in nearly every department of government. He said the President often called to inquire about an item he had read in a newspaper or magazine, whether it was true and how it affected U.S. policy.

SIGNS BILL

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson Thursday signed a catch-all appropriations bill containing \$5.1 billion for the U.S. space agency.

In a statement Johnson voiced concern, however, about a provision banning any joint U.S.-Soviet moon flight without consent of Congress. He said there was no chance of such a project in the current fiscal year and the restriction was undesirable in principle.

House Hearing Set On Rights Measure

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Chairman Howard W. Smith, under pressure from the White House and liberal members of Congress, has announced he will hold House Rules Committee hearings Jan. 9 on the civil rights bill.

The Virginia Democrat, leader of Southern opponents to the proposal to eliminate discrimination in voting, education, employment and public accommodations, said Wednesday he would not allow any efforts to talk the bill to death while it is before his committee.

But Smith did not set a date for ending the hearings nor a time when the measure would be sent to the House floor for a vote.

Smith's announcement did not cut off efforts by Northern Democrats to force the measure out of the Rules Committee by a discharge petition. Already signed by 168 representatives, the petition needs 218 signatures before it is successful.

The setting of a date to start hearings was taken as more of a concession to moderate and conservative Republicans who earlier accepted Smith's word that he would hold hear-

ings "reasonably soon in January." This group generally has refused to sign the petition.

Civil rights groups already have started a campaign to put pressure through their constituents during the holiday recess on congressmen who have refused to sign the petition. The Smith announcement gives those members a ready-made answer to the argument that the Rules Committee never would act unless the discharge petition maneuver came close to success.

But the advocates of the bill still were not satisfied by Smith's new promise. They cite reports that 60 or more Southern congressmen will ask to testify on the bill and express the fear that Smith will let the hearings drag on into the spring of 1964.

President Hears Opposing Views On Lumber Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson was urged today both to sign and to veto a bill requiring the labeling of imported lumber to show the country of origin.

A veto was urged editorially by the Washington Post, which said the "clear purport" of the legislation was to erect new barriers against imports.

However, Rep. Jack Westland, R-Wash., sent Johnson a telegram urging him to sign the measure to help the domestic lumber industry compete with Canadian producers.

The editorial urging a veto said lumber marking provisions of the bill were the "handiwork" of Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash., chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee.

The legislation would require the marking of Canadian lumber to show its origin. It would withdraw an exemption from such marking requirements extended to Canadian lumber in 1948.

Pacific Northwest lumbermen have complained that they are losing U.S. East Coast markets to British Columbia. Their chief complaint has been that the Canadians can ship lumber to the U.S. coast aboard lower-cost foreign ships, while U.S. shippers must use higher-cost American flag vessels.

Westland told Johnson that marking of the country of origin would "encourage purchase of American lumber."

"Certainly Canadian lumber interests have enough advantage over American lumbermen in their own market without our continuing the practice of allowing imports unmarked as to country of origin," Westland said.

Defferre Seen De Gaulle Foe

PARIS (UPI)—A handsome Socialist mayo" who favors Western unity is expected to be President Charles de Gaulle's leading opponent in the next French presidential elections.

Gaston Defferre, 53, the mayor of Marseilles and a member of the National Assembly, announced Wednesday night he is willing to represent the French left against De Gaulle. The next national elections must be held within 18 months. At present, no one is being given much chance of defeating De Gaulle, unbeaten in a series of elections and referendum votes since 1958.

A Socialist party congress in February is expected to approve Defferre's candidacy. There has been speculation that other left-of-center parties also might adopt him to present a united front when De Gaulle makes his expected bid for a second seven-year term.

As a candidate, Defferre would give French voters a real choice of issues. The mayor, a war hero and successful urban administrator, opposes De Gaulle's go-it-alone policies in Europe, favors European and Atlantic unity and is hostile to De Gaulle's concept of an independent French nuclear force.

In addition, Defferre's Socialists follow the U.S. policy of negotiations with Russia in opposition to De Gaulle hard-line anti-Communist stand.

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