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TUNNEL TO \$30,000—A police official, left, shovels some dirt to enlarge opening to a tunnel used by burglars over the weekend to enter vault of South Seattle bank, partly shown in right background, and take an estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000. Seattle Police Chief Frank Ramon, in dark hat and light coat, watches from above.

Jobless Benefits Tops Ledger

President Kennedy Lists 16 Priority Bills

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy Tuesday gave Democratic congressional leaders a list of 16 bills he wants to have priority in the legislative program. It is topped by extension of unemployment compensation.

The leaders said they promised the President speedy action. "I think now that we are going to have full steam ahead," House Speaker Sam Rayburn, D-Tex., told reporters after the breakfast meeting of House and Senate leaders at the White House.

The top measure on Kennedy's program is already getting consideration in the House Ways and Means Committee. This bill would extend unemployment compensation benefits for idle men whose jobless pay had expired by last October.

The next three items among the President's proposals are additional federal aid to the dependent children of unemployed fathers, improvements in Social Security benefits and a \$390-million bill for aid in redeveloping depressed areas.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said of matching importance will be a general farm message, proposed changes in former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's budget, and water and natural resources legislation.

The other bills on the 16-point list were:

The support and control program for feed grains, increasing the \$1 minimum wage, federal aid

to education, health care for the aged under Social Security, aid for college education, aid for medical education and research, federal support for expansion of community health facilities, extension of the Government Reorganization Act, ratification of U.S. affiliation with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, creation of 59 new federal judgeships, establishment of an office of international travel and easing of restrictions on trade with Iron Curtain countries.

Congressional movement was developing on these major items:

• Education — In the House, Speaker Sam Rayburn, D. Tex., gave a go-ahead signal to the federal aid to education program the President sent to Congress Monday.

Rayburn, who opposes federal assistance for payment of teachers' salaries, said he would not "resist" House consideration of a measure containing both this provision and federal aid for classroom construction.

• Emergency unemployment aid extension — The House Ways and Means Committee starts closed door sessions aimed at getting a bill in shape for house action late this week or early next. A compromise on the financing reportedly smoothed the way for agreement on benefit extension to 13 weeks.

• Aid for depressed areas — Mansfield said he expects to

bring a bill for the aid of depressed areas before the Senate next week.

Sen. Paul Douglas, D-Ill., said a banking subcommittee he heads will wind up hearings on the measure with testimony next Tuesday from Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg and Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

A spokesman for the corresponding House committee said hearings probably will start within a week.

• Social Security—Introduced Monday in the House was the administration bill to provide optional Social Security retirement for men at 62, higher minimum and widows' payments and easing of requirement for coming under the old age insurance and disability retirement provisions. The cost would be an additional 1/4 of 1 per cent tax on employer and employee.

Kennedy has asked these changes be put into effect by April 1. The Ways and Means Committee planned to consider the bill after finishing work on the unemployment measure.

• Minimum wage increase—A House labor subcommittee plans to complete hearings this week on the administration proposal to increase the minimum by stages from the present \$1 to \$1.25 an hour and bring additional millions of employees under wage-hour coverage.

Of the legislative measures Kennedy recommended for high priority action, there has been least progress so far with housing and Social Security-supported health care for the aged.

Democratic strategists apparently intend to defer action on the medical bill in hopes of winning over enough Ways and Means Committee members to avoid the fatal setback similar legislation met in that committee last year.

Administration recommendations for an over-all housing program still are being put together.

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Percy Grainger Dies; Famed Pianist, Composer

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP)—In an age of increasing musical dissonance, composer Percy Grainger had to be considered conservative.

Yet he was a free spirit, and he displayed it with a colorful personality, sometimes eccentric manners, a flair for the dramatic, and a huge shock of hair that turned slowly from orange red to white.

His death Monday in White Plains Hospital at the age of 78 robbed the musical scene of a man who had once been one of its liveliest members, a world-famous pianist and composer.

He had lived in semi-retirement for years in this New York City suburban community, whose residents had grown accustomed to seeing their neighbor wheeling his luggage from the station in a wheelbarrow or carrying his groceries in a knapsack.

His smaller compositions and arrangements of English folk tunes, such as "Country Gardens," "Molly on the Shore," and "Handel in the Strand," showed originality. They had one characteristic — they could be whistled.

In 1928 Grainger was married to the Swedish painter and poet Ella Viola Strom before 22,000 persons in the Hollywood Bowl.

He was born in Melbourne, Australia, July 8, 1882. After a successful career there as a child prodigy he adopted Europe, England especially, as his own.

He came to the United States in 1915, made a sensation at his New York debut and subsequently gave concerts all over the world.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1917 and played the oboe and saxophone. Two years later he sealed the bond between himself and the American people by becoming a citizen.

Probers Silent On Jet Crash

BRUSSELS (AP)—A strict news blackout has been imposed by the U.S.-Belgian team investigating the Feb. 15 crash of a Sabena Belgian Airlines jet which cost 73 lives. The dead included the 18 members of a U. S. figure skating team.

Official quarters declined to release any information on the progress of the inquiry, saying it is too soon to disclose findings.

Hundreds of pieces of debris from the crash scene north of Brussels are being labeled and stored in a hangar at the Melsbroeck military airfield.

The French daily L'Aurore suggested that the accident might have been caused by a passenger running amuck with a submachine gun.

"This is highly unlikely, and belongs more to the style of a novel than to present-day conditions of international travel with severe luggage checks by customs," an airport official commented.

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