

Demos Eye JFK Aid

Influence Needed in Fall Elections

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WASHINGTON — Democrats are banking on President Kennedy to stir up the voters in advance of the November elections.

If Congress ever quits, they expect him to set out on one of the most far-ranging campaign expeditions ever undertaken by a chief executive in mid-term.

No one is sure how much help a president can give to candidates of his party when he is not running. But the candidates who are worried never stop asking for his help.

Democratic campaign managers are not concerned with the debate over whether a president

can transfer his popularity to candidates for Congress and governorships. They are convinced that Kennedy on the stump can excite the voters and that a bigger turnout on Nov. 6 will benefit the Democrats.

Although his schedule is not yet firm, Kennedy is expected to make political excursions this fall into pivotal states where governorships or Senate seats, or both, are at stake. These include New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and California.

Important governorships will be filled in all of those states this year except Illinois and the Democrats now hold all of them except Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's base in New York. Dem-

ocratic prospects are very bleak in New York but Kennedy can hardly bypass it without indicating that he is conceding the state to the GOP.

All of these statehouses are major prizes for a party looking ahead to the 1964 presidential election.

Other possible stops for Kennedy this year include Maryland, Connecticut and Kentucky, where the Democrats have their best chances of taking Senate seats now held by Republicans.

While reminding that history indicates that the opposition party gains congressional seats in mid-term elections, Kennedy has said the Democrats need 5 or 10 more House seats and one or two in the Senate.

By Postmaster General

Mail Theft Reward

Raised to \$50,000

WASHINGTON (AP)—Postmaster Gen. J. Edward Day raised to \$50,000 Monday the reward offered for the solution of the \$1.5 million Cape Cod mail robbery.

Day told a House Government Activities subcommittee investigating the case that he is ordering the entire amount appropriated by Congress to his department for reward offers to be posted on this one case.

A reward of \$2,000 previously had been offered.

As for how the bold, record-breaking robbery was possible, Day said there was a combina-

tion of unfortunate circumstances, including what he called a misinterpreted relationship with the Massachusetts State Police.

Day said the postal employees had conducted four previous successful runs carrying currencies from banks over the same route. He said they were under the impression from instructions given to them that state police cruisers would be observing their progress.

But he said that checks made after the robbery showed that none of the employees had at any time observed a cruiser anywhere along their route.

The robbery was made Aug. 14. A post office truck carrying pouches of money picked up at Hyannis and Buzzard's Bay, Mass., was stopped on a highway by cars blocking the road.

Bandits then disarmed the two post office guards and forced them into the back of the truck, drove it off and later looted it. The guards were not harmed.

Economists

Open Confab

In Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union convened a meeting of Marxist economists from a score of nations Monday to discuss how to deal with such Western economic challenges as the European Common Market.

A 10,000-work article published in the Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda Sunday, sharply condemning Western capitalism in general and the Common Market in particular, provided what apparently will be the main working paper of the conference.

The article was prepared by the Institute of World Economics and International Relations of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, sponsor of the conference is "The Problems of Modern Capitalism."

The Pravda article accused the Common Market six — France, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands — of fostering German militarism, exploiting the working classes and tying the economies of underdeveloped nations to "the whole coalition of imperialist powers."



(AP Wirephoto)

The movie colony gave Samuel Goldwyn, movie pioneer, a star-studded testimonial dinner in Hollywood Sunday night to mark his 80th birthday and 50th year in the film industry. Listening to one of Danny Kaye's jokes are, from left, Goldwyn, actress Irene Dunne, former vice president Richard Nixon and Kaye.

Pathet Lao Captors Brutal

Ex-Prisoner Tells of Ordeal

SHELTON, Wash. (AP)—For 15 torturous months a prisoner of the Communist Pathet Lao, gaunt but smiling Grant Wolfkill, 39, was re-united with his parents Monday.

The television cameraman for the National Broadcasting Co. was one of five Americans released two weeks ago after a jungle captivity which included a 200-mile march with arms roped together and diets of rice and rock salt.

Wolfkill told interviewers in Seattle Sunday his captors were "just as brutal as they thought they could be and still keep us alive."

"They are mountain people who are primitive, unpleasant and practically madmen," he said. "And they don't have a clue to what Communism is."

Down to 140 pounds from 192 when the Communists captured his party after their helicopter crashed, Wolfkill said the lowest ebb of their ordeal came when they were moved to a fort.

"They (the Communists) came in with huge wooden stocks and locked our legs into them. We were held in the stocks from 12 to 16 hours a day from September to April," Wolfkill said.

"We spent one month marching from village to village. We marched about 200 miles, our arms tied and roped together on a leash . . ."

"Food was a constant preoccupation, and more than anything else we wanted light," he told newsmen.

Wolfkill said he and the other four prisoners were locked in a tiny, pitch-dark room. They were allowed to emerge into daylight only for a few moments each day.

Imprisoned with the cameraman were John Shore, Jr., the helicopter pilot; John McMorow, the craft's crew chief; Army Maj. Lawrence Bailey, and Sgt. Orville Ballenger.

Wolfkill will spend about three months away from his Far Eastern news beat, "taking it very easy and doing a little fishing."

New York Bridge

Getting New Life

By BILL BENDER
Of the Associated Press

NEW YORK—Historians say the world's first bridge was built eons ago when a primitive man felled a tree across a chasm.

Since then many bridges have been suspended, swung and arched over the inaccessible to ease the passage of man. But few have had the majesty—both in style and setting—of the mighty George Washington Bridge.

The most beautiful bridge in the world, "was what the great French architect Le Corbusier called it.

It spans the broad Hudson River between New York, with its zig-zag skyline, and the green-brown New Jersey palisades, those long-lived descendants of the ice age.

For 31 years it has stood as a modern-day miracle of steel, concrete and human ingenuity. Now it is about to be given new life.

The George Washington's broad, eight-laned back has borne 575 million vehicular crossings since its dedication on Oct. 25, 1931, by then Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York and Gov. Morgan F. Larson of New Jersey.

That back is about to be broadened with the addition of a six-lane lower level. It now handles 38 million vehicles a year.

The new level, which took four years to build and cost twice as much as the original bridge, will be dedicated at mid-river Wednesday by the present governors of New York and New Jersey, Nelson A. Rockefeller and Richard J. Hughes.

The cost of the expansion has been \$145 million, compared with \$60 million for the original bridge. This over-all investment in excess of \$200 million will make the George Washington the most expensive bridge in the world, and its 14 lanes will make it the largest in terms of capacity.

A lower level—for trains or automobiles—was provided in the original plans by the designer of the bridge, Othmar H. Ammann. Thus the bulk of the cost of the expansion has gone for the web of approaches to the bridge on both sides of the river.

On the New Jersey side at Fort Lee, for example, work crews carved out 1.8 million yards of rock from the palisades for twin 600-foot-long tunnels to provide access to major highways west of the Hudson.

At 178th street, Manhattan, the expansion includes the George Washington Bridge Expressway, a new 12-lane feeder extending to the Harlem River and leading to the Bronx beyond. New and broader-curved links run from both levels to Riverside Drive and the Henry Hudson Parkway.

The expressway will run beneath a new \$13 million bus terminal and several new apartment houses. The terminal, scheduled to open this fall, has a butterfly-shaped roof designed by Dr. Pier Luigi Nervi, the Italian engineer.

Even with its two decks, the George Washington Memorial Bridge has a fragile, graceful look, belying the weight sustained by its slender cables.

As massive as it is, it moves ever so slightly if the wind is strong enough.

Henry Druding, resident engineer who has supervised the second-deck project says the bridge has been known to sway as much as 30 inches in a heavy gale.

But that was before the second deck was added, and the new steel and concrete are expected to add to the bridge's stability. Druding notes that sway is usually slight, if it exists at all, and hard to detect. Even skyscrapers are designed to give in the wind.

A major funnel for the traffic flow in and out of the nation's biggest city, the George Washington Bridge has been crossed in three decades by everything from a horse-drawn jaunting car to a regiment of soldiers.

LBJ Visits

In Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson talked with Turkish leaders Monday about continuing American economic and military aid to this strategic North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally.

Sources said the vice president told them the United States foresees the need of direct economic aid for at least the next two years but is looking forward to the day when the help will be in the form of development projects rather than direct aid.

Premier Ismet Inonu and President Cemal Gursel gave Johnson an account of Turkey's own plans for economic recovery through a five-year program expected to be announced shortly.

Johnson arrived Sunday for a four-day stay in Turkey.



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