

Atom-Test Treaty Essential—Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy says the possibility of 10 or 15 nuclear powers by the end of the decade underscores the need for an enforceable treaty banning all atomic tests.

The President told his news conference Wednesday he and all the world would welcome a cessation of testing by next New Year's Day. But he made clear that Soviet objections to international inspection dims the hopes of an agreement.

"I must point out again that in order to end testing, we must have workable international agreements," Kennedy said. "Gentlemen's agreements and moratoria do not provide the types of guarantees that are necessary."

Security is Key

Kennedy warned that when one nuclear weapon goes off, "it may mean they all go off."

"Those who oppose an agreement," he said solemnly, "should consider what our security will look like at the end of the decade if we do not have the agreement."

One of the President's opening statements was on nuclear testing and he was returned to the subject again and again in a meeting with newsmen that produced these other items:

• Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter, 79 and ill, is retiring after 23 years on the Supreme Court and Kennedy has selected Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg to fill the vacancy.

• The President considers the U.S. foreign aid program "the most valuable weapon immediately that we have on the front lines against the Communist advance," and he finds "it very ironic that those who make the strongest speeches against Communist movements are the ones who want to cut this program the hardest."

• The United States has no evidence that Russian troops have moved into Cuba and Kennedy thinks an invasion of the Communist-aligned Caribbean country would be a mistake that

could lead "to very serious consequences for many people."

• Kennedy said he is not familiar with any Russian proposal for a meeting in Berlin of the four occupying powers to discuss the divided city's future, but he said there will be a foreign ministers meeting before the U.N. General Assembly convenes next month.

In reply to questions on other topics, Kennedy said:

Government agencies are investigating possible dangerous side effects from the widespread use of DDT and other pesticides; farmers withholding meats and grains from the market are trying to get higher prices, not deprive consumers of their products.

Pornographic literature is "a matter of concern for parents," but about all officials can do is enforce the laws as interpreted by the courts; the United States strongly supports Cambodia's independence and neutrality; "a very critical situation" would arise if Katanga is not integrated in the Congo.

Date Reasonable

Kennedy's statement on nuclear testing was in reply to a Soviet proposal in Geneva earlier in the day, suggesting an unpoliced ban on all tests by next Jan. 1.

The target date is reasonable, Kennedy said, but an unpoliced ban on underground tests is not. The United States learned a lesson last September when Russia broke a three-year moratorium and can't "be a party to any renewal of false hopes," he said.

Asked how an agreement signed only by the current nuclear powers would deter other countries from developing nuclear weapons, Kennedy said: "It is our hope that the signing . . . will arrest the spread and not make it essential."

He added: "but it is only a hope."

Strike Halts Rail Traffic

CHICAGO (AP)—A telegraphers' strike shut down the nation's third largest railroad Thursday, the Chicago & North Western, and brought into sharp focus the rail industry's major problem — men's jobs versus technical achievement.

Operations on the railroad's 10,600-mile Midwest network in nine states halted at 7 a.m. as 1,000 members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers quit work. The telegraphers counted solid support from members of the other railroad unions, who left their jobs also.

Passengers, including 35,000 Chicago suburban commuters, sought other means of travel. Freight for thousands of stores and factories served by the North Western began backing up in rail yards and warehouses.

The issue is: What happens when improved equipment replaces the obsolete and requires fewer men to operate it?

In the case of telegraphers, the Morse code long ago was replaced.

The men are still on hand, and the railroads say they're paying millions of dollars extra in wages because of the work which used to tax many men is done now by machinery a greatly reduced work force could control.



Trial Opens

Bernard Barbanee, left, and Jean-Marie Rouverie arrive at the Palace of Justice in Troyes, France, Wednesday for start of their trial in connection with the attempt to assassinate Charles de Gaulle. Five men in all went on trial charged with trying to kill De Gaulle by exploding a plastic bomb on the roadside as the president was being driven to his country estate last Sept. 8.

Venus-Bound Spacecraft Relays Data

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—America's Mariner 2 spacecraft blazed a trail through the unknown depths of space Thursday relaying answers to interplanetary riddles.

The \$18 million space vehicle began sending back a stream of invaluable data Wednesday as it hurtled toward Venus for a look beneath the mysterious mantle of cloud that cloaks the Earth's nearest planetary neighbor.

A radio command from the tracking station at Johannesburg, South Africa, activated the craft's sensitive scientific instruments to begin relaying the vital information. Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, tracking headquarters for the venture, said the command triggering the scientific telemetry was sent to the 447-pound spacecraft Wednesday at 9:13 a.m. PDT.

Four Experiments

The information included four phases of investigation — magnetic fields, charged particles, cosmic dust and low energy protons.

JPL scientists said that as of 4 p.m. PDT, Mariner 2 was 497,501 miles from the Earth and traveling at a speed of 7,071 miles an hour.

"The command was executed and some of the experiments immediately responded by sending data," said JPL in an official statement. "However, it will take some time to evaluate the quality of the data. But at the moment it is possible to say all four experiments are in working order."

'Clean and Clear'

JPL said the spacecraft, launched early Monday from Cape Canaveral, Fla., was functioning perfectly and telemetry communications from the vehicle were "clean and clear."

The Mariner 2 is scheduled to pass Venus at a distance of 10,000 miles early in December. Using an electronic eye, it will peer through the planet's perpetual cloud layer and try to determine if the Venetian environment could support life as we know it.

Quake Hits Parts of Three States

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP)—A sharp earthquake shook parts of three states early Thursday.

Apparently centered in the Cache Valley 80 miles north of here where considerable damage was reported. It was felt as far away as Pocatello, Idaho, and Evanston in southwest Wyoming.

The Utah Highway Patrol reported a slide across U.S. 89 in Logan Canyon.

At Lewiston, Utah, a drug store collapsed onto a cafe, demolishing both buildings.

One wall of the Crystal Furniture Co. building in Logan, a city of 18,000, fell onto a used car lot.

No injuries were reported.

U.S., Canada Agree:

Softwood Supply Of Mutual Interest

OTTAWA (AP)—Officials of Canada and the United States agree they have a common interest in working out problems in the North American softwood industry.

That was the gist of a communique issued Wednesday after two days of talks about the amount of softwood shipped into the United States from Canada for sale.

"It was agreed," the communique said, "that both countries have a mutual interest in a satisfactory resolution of problems facing the North American softwood lumber industries."

It said discussions would resume soon.

The talks grew from complaints by U.S. lumbermen that Canadian suppliers are taking over U.S. markets.

U.S. producers suggested Canada set quotas to bring its share of the U.S. market down from about 13 to 10 per cent.

The talks, arranged by the U.S. government, were the result of pressure brought by the ailing Pacific Northwest lumber industry for relief from Canadian competition.

The U.S. delegation drew attention to President Kennedy's six-point program announced July 26 to help the American lumber industry. One point was to start negotiations with Canada over the amount of softwood shipped into the United States.

The communique said the conference "examined the position with respect to forest resources, growth rates, employment and markets."

The U.S. delegation was led by O. Griffith Johnson, assistant secretary of state for economic affairs. Foreign Undersecretary Norman Robertson was the chief Canadian negotiator.

Brush Fires Still Raging

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Exhausted firefighters battled stubborn flareups Thursday on brush fires raging throughout California, amid warnings the state is a tinderbox.

The U.S. Forest Service cautioned that conditions may get worse over the Labor Day weekend. Six fires already have charred 42,000 acres since Sunday.

In Southern California, gusty winds threatened to carry sparks outside the lines of twin blazes which have burned more than 17,000 acres in rugged mountains on the northern outskirts of Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles County fire chief, Keith Klinger, estimated damage at more than \$3 million. "We have one of the fires 80 per cent contained and another 80 per cent contained," a fire official said.

JFK Picks Wirtz To Fill Labor Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy Thursday named Undersecretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz to succeed Supreme Court Justice-designate Arthur J. Goldberg as secretary of labor.

Kennedy personally announced his selection at a news conference.

The President said Wirtz, 50, has served with distinction as undersecretary since the beginning of his administration.

He added that he is confident Wirtz will carry on what he called the very fine tradition set by Goldberg in the field of labor-management relations.

Wirtz has had long experience in the labor-management field. In 1946, he was chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board. He also taught law at Northwestern University and at the University of Iowa.

Kennedy said he made the announcement "with great pleasure."

He described Wirtz as an able lawyer with long experience in labor-management relations.

Wirtz has served as an arbitrator in many labor-management disputes.

Goldberg has relied heavily upon him for mediation and negotiations in many disputes.

Wirtz is a one-time law partner of Adlai E. Stevenson, now U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

The labor post became vacant Wednesday when Kennedy selected Goldberg to succeed the retiring Felix Frankfurter on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bullet Wound Puts Man in Hospital

Floyd Murphy, 35, of 6794 McKenzie Hwy., Springfield, was listed in fairly good condition Thursday at McKenzie Williamette Hospital where he is being treated for a gunshot wound in the chest. Police said the shooting was reported about noon Wednesday.



W. WILLARD WIRTZ To Succeed Goldberg

Arrests Due In Rice Case

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—The U.S. marshal's office planned Thursday to arrest two of three men indicted by a federal grand jury investigating widespread misuse of rice acreage allotments.

Two former Department of Agriculture officials and a chemical company employee were indicted Wednesday.

The marshal's office said last night it planned to arrest David C. Stephens of Angleton, Tex., fired in June as the Brazoria County manager for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and Laurence G. Newman of Lake Jackson, Tex.

Tacitus C. Thornhill of Waller, Tex., fired from a job similar to Stephens' in Waller County, is a patient in the Brenham, Tex., hospital.

Neither hospital officials nor Thornhill's doctor would say why he is hospitalized. He was admitted Aug. 22.

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