



Brain Wave

A multi-channel transmission of a brain wave by telephone was performed successfully Wednesday in Louisville. Dr. Charles Hall of Kentucky Baptist Hospital takes the part of the patient while Dr. Richard Williams, developer of the electronic system, watches (left). Officials said it was the first such transmission known.

Home of Princess Margaret

Kensington Palace Damaged by Blaze

LONDON (AP)—Fire broke out at Kensington Palace, the home of Princess Margaret, Thursday and brought part of the roof crashing down near an apartment being prepared for her. The princess watched firemen train hoses at the top of the palace as smoke gushed from upper story windows. The blaze started in the palace rafters near the 20-room apartment being prepared for the princess and her husband, Antony Armstrong-Jones. When it broke out, Margaret was in her present quarters at the other end of the palace.

15 Fire Trucks

London Fire Brigade sent 15 fire trucks to the blaze after an alarm was sounded by a palace painter. It took an hour to bring the flames under control.

Damage was mostly confined to a section of roof over the servants' quarters in the apartment of Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent. This adjoins the home being readied for Margaret.

Servants fled from the building as flames crackled through the roof. Princess Marina came out with Princess Margaret to watch the fire. They were joined by Princess Alexandra and Prince Michael, Marina's son and daughter.

A fire brigade spokesman said the servants' quarters in Princess Marina's residence were badly damaged.

Apartment 1A

Margaret and Armstrong-Jones—who now bears the title Earl of Snowdon—moved into No. 10 Kensington Palace after their marriage in 1960.

The new apartment is known as No. 1A and is being remodeled at a cost of \$238,000—a sum which brought growls from Laborite members in Parliament.

The Ministry of Works had hoped to have No. 1A ready in about a month's time.

2 Polaris Subs To Be Launched

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two more Polaris-firing submarines will be launched Saturday, the Navy has announced.

The Nathan Hale will be sent down the way at the yards of the Electric Boat Division, General Dynamics Corp., Groton, Conn.

The John Adams will be launched at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in New Hampshire.

Both are of the advanced Lafayette class, 425 feet long and displacing 7,000 tons fully loaded. They will be nuclear powered and will mount 16 missiles each.

With the launchings, the Navy will have nine Polaris submarines with the fleet, one in commission but not yet sent out on patrol, seven launched and 18 more building or authorized.

Kuznetsov, JFK Review Cuban Issue

Hour-Long Session Termed Cordial

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Of the Associated Press

WASHINGTON—U.S. officials expressed hope Thursday that periodic high level talks with the ones now under way here, will lead eventually to a breakthrough in improving East-West relations.

Major Kennedy administration hopes at the moment still center on the possibility of getting an American-British agreement with the Soviet Union for a nuclear weapons test ban. This is due in part to the belief that the widening split between the Soviet Union and Red China may influence Soviet nuclear test policy.

White House Talks

President Kennedy spent an hour at the White House late Wednesday with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily V. Kuznetsov, who is scheduled to return to Moscow in a few days. Kuznetsov met with Secretary of State Dean Rusk Thursday and then lunched with Rusk and other foreign policy officials at the State Department.

Kuznetsov will have lunch Friday with William C. Foster, director of the U.S. disarmament agency.

On leaving the White House Kuznetsov said only that he came from New York to Washington at the President's invitation and that Kennedy and he had discussed "some problems of mutual interest."

Cordial Atmosphere

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said the two men and their aides met "in a very cordial atmosphere" and reviewed the recent negotiations on the Cuban crisis which had been conducted in New York.

U.S. officials said specific subjects touched on by Kennedy or Kuznetsov included disarmament and Berlin. It was reported that Kuznetsov brought up the Berlin question, but for what purpose was not disclosed. Kuznetsov was invited to see the President and Rusk, it is understood, primarily because U.S. leaders appreciated the diplomatic manner in which he had handled the Cuban negotiations.

Deeper Purpose

The deeper purpose of the discussions here is to try to find some basis for clearing up outstanding problems troubling East-West relations.

So far as Cuba is concerned, Kennedy is known to be determined to do all he can to get the Soviet Union to withdraw an estimated 17,000 military personnel.

On the Soviet side there is known to be disappointment at Kennedy's refusal to give the United Nations a formal non-invasion pledge. Kennedy's position is that this is not possible in view of Soviet Premier Khrushchev's failure to make good on his promise of inspection in Cuba of the removal of Soviet rockets and bombers.

Bidwell Acquitted Of Tax Charge

NEW YORK (AP)—J. Truman Bidwell, former board chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, was acquitted Wednesday on income tax evasion charges.

A federal court jury brought in its verdict after 3½ hours' deliberation. Bidwell, 58, told newsmen the verdict "vindicates my faith in the jury system."

A first trial ended in a hung jury Oct. 2. The second trial began Dec. 6 before Judge Thomas F. Croake.

The government tried to prove that Bidwell and his wife filed returns for 1956 and 1957 with intent to evade about \$55,000 in taxes.

Clerks OK Contract

SALEM (AP)—Local 992 of the Retail Clerks Union has announced agreement on a new two-year contract for retail bakery salesmen in the Salem-Corvallis-Albany area. Union secretary Don Hattberg said the contract calls for a 15-cent per hour increase over the two years, bringing the journeyman rate to \$1.50.

Losses Soar From East Coast Dock Strike

By ROGER LANE
Of the Associated Press

NEW YORK—Because of the East Coast dock strike workers at a West Germany automobile factory will get an enforced two-day vacation next week.

Fifty thousand banana farmers in Ecuador, lacking insurance on their perishable crop, half of which is sold in the United States, are threatened with ruinous losses.

A million tons of U.S. food consigned as aid to foreign nations is jammed up in nearly paralyzed ports from Maine to Texas.

Losses to the domestic economy alone are estimated at beyond \$400 million, and rising \$20 to \$25 million a day.

These are some of the effects of the work stoppage that has tied up general cargo at 41 Atlantic and Gulf coast ports since Dec. 23.

The strike stemmed from a contract dispute between 60,000 members of the AFL-CIO International Longshoremen's Assn. and the New York Shipping Assn., representing the shipping industry.

Alexander P. Chopin, association chairman, appraised the dollar cost domestically. "It's like throwing a pebble into a quiet lake," Chopin said. "The longer the strike lasts, the farther it ripples back into the nation, squeezing off commerce."

In Chicago, the wholesale price of bananas jumped \$1.50 a 40-pound box to \$5.25. Imported phonograph record players were in short supply in New York. Dealers in imported cars ran low on, or out of, some popular models.

In a New Orleans wharf shed, a \$150,000 shipment of government-owned cheese lay exposed to spoilage.

Chief sufferers so far have been the payless dock and allied maritime workers, port city stores and taverns they patronize, steamship lines and import-export businesses.

No major industrial shutdowns were reported because of inability to move goods from factory sites, or store them. Many businesses adjusted to shipping and storage problems.

The day after the strike began, rail shipments of general cargo to affected ports was embargoed.

Even so, more than 14,000 rail cars clogged yards and approaches to the docks this week. Two-thirds of them were filled

with grain for export elevators. Elevators neared their working capacity of 3.9 million bushels in Philadelphia and 11.5 million bushels at New Orleans. Oil, coal, sugar, ore and other bulk materials movements were affected little or not at all at Boston, Norfolk and other ports. This type cargo is loaded and unloaded automatically—without longshoremen labor.

Despite this, about 400 ships were immobilized at pierside and harbor apochorages, one-fourth of them at New York.

Talks continued here Thursday in efforts to settle the dispute between the dock union and the New York Shipping Assn., which represents 145 shipping and stevedoring companies. Over the years, contract terms reached between the two groups here traditionally set a

pattern for settlements in other ports. Assistant Secretary of Labor James J. Reynolds, who met separately with representatives of both sides Wednesday, reported no progress toward settlement.

Wages are a major issue in the dispute. The union is seeking a package increase of 50 cents an hour, including 28 cents in wages, over two years. The industry has offered 22 cents over two years. The pre-strike basic wage averaged \$3.02 an hour.

Invitation Accepted

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Romulo Betancourt of Venezuela has accepted President Kennedy's invitation to visit Washington Feb. 19-20, the White House announced Wednesday.

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