

## For NATO

## U.S., Britain OK A-Policy

LONDON (AP)—The United States and Britain adopted a common policy Wednesday for providing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) with a strategic nuclear force.

They agreed to press ahead simultaneously with two ideas: The American plan for a Polaris-armed surface fleet manned by mixed crews from the various NATO countries.

The British plan to assign some existing national nuclear forces, like Britain's bombers, to the NATO command, which would arrange such things as target selection.

This compromise decision came after two days of consultations between Livingston Merchant, President Kennedy's special envoy, and leading British figures including Prime Minister Macmillan and Foreign Secretary Lord Home.

A communique issued after the talks expressed Britain's continuing support for the American idea and the U.S. government's backing for the British concept.

Both have the same ultimate goal: To satisfy the NATO allies' request for more say in nuclear matters while discouraging the spread of independent nuclear deterrents.

In particular, Washington and London hope this arrangement will persuade the West Germans not to seek their own nuclear weapons.

The communique said that while no decisions were taken, the British assured Merchant of support for the idea of a sea-based force armed with Polaris missiles. It added that discussions will continue.

"Similarly Mr. Merchant expressed the support of the U.S. government for the early creation of a NATO nuclear force out of existing forces," the communique added.

Diplomatic sources said that of the two plans, the West Germans seemed to prefer the American concept.

In a three-week swing around the NATO capitals, Merchant has suggested a Polaris-armed surface fleet of 25 ships disguised as tramp steamers. This mixed-outlet force would call for an outlay of \$5 billion over the next ten years.

The United States and West Germany would each contribute about one-third of this cost and the remaining NATO allies would provide the remainder.

Britain would have to spend \$84 million a year for ten years as its contribution.

In addition, the British would continue to operate their separate deterrent of bombers to be replaced gradually by submarines armed with U.S. Polaris missiles.

Harsh Results  
In 1957, he said, the government decided "to keep the debt limit unrealistically low, to cut back and stretch out budget expenditures, to tighten monetary policy and to reject all efforts at tax reduction. The harsh results of those decisions are still with us," Kennedy declared.

The present ceiling on the national debt is \$308 billion. It would drop to \$305 billion April 1, and down to its permanent level of \$285 billion July 1 without congressional action.

The President wants it kept at \$308 billion through June, after which he said he would ask a temporary increase to \$320 billion.

"An unrealistic debt ceiling or budget cut today," Kennedy said, would also cause a slowdown in contracts, a stretch-out in payments, a cash drain on business, and ultimately another recession.

Prudent Budget  
"Instead of balancing the budget, it would produce a budget deficit greater than the temporary addition to the deficit that will come from tax reduction."

"We are not asking for uncontrolled budget increases, but for a prudent budget which, contrary to the trend at all levels of government, actually reduces civilian expenditures below their level of the previous year, a feat which has occurred only four times in the last 15 years."

As for his proposed tax cut, the President said, "certainly it is clear that, if we slide into another recession, the deficit without a tax cut will be far larger than the projected deficit we face with a tax cut."

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## Under Arrest

Roy Smith, 35, a handyman, is shown as he is booked in Cambridge, Mass., Tuesday, charged with suspicion of murder in the strangling of a Belmont, Mass., housewife, the ninth woman strangled in Boston since last June. Smith's arrest came less than 12 hours after the slaying of Mrs. Bessie Goldberg, 62, in the living room of her home Monday.

## One of Two New Strains

## Flu Virus Identified As Epidemic Cause

WASHINGTON (AP)—Discovery of two new strains of influenza virus—with all indications that one of them was largely responsible for this winter's widespread flu epidemic—was disclosed Wednesday.

The new strains were identified too late for this season's vaccine to include extra guards against them, it was learned.

One is a new and potent form of the Asian flu virus which first appeared in 1957. This new strain is the one held mainly responsible for this year's outbreak of flu—with only limited power against it, Public Health Service doctors told a reporter.

Efficiency Drops  
Studies have indicated that in animals, the present vaccine affords no protection at all against the new virus, they said.

Preliminary evidence from human studies is that this winter the vaccine showed "appreciably less" than its usual 75 per cent efficiency—presumably because of the new virus.

Influenza cases have been unusually severe this winter, often lasting up to two weeks instead of the usual three or four days. School absenteeism has ranged up to 73 per cent of pupils in some schools. Death rates from pneumonia, complicated by flu, have been unusually high among the elderly in some communities.

The other newcomer to the elusive brigade of viruses is a new strain of type B influenza virus. Type B and type A are the two major types of flu virus. Each has several sub-strains.

Next Winter  
So far, the new B-type strain appears to have been confined to a single schoolhouse in Formosa where it was first detected last November.

Scientists of the National Institutes of Health say it has the potential for spreading through the world next winter.

An example of this swift spreading is the new strain of Asian flu virus which NIH researchers said first appeared in Tokyo in January 1962.

It wasn't until last June, when samples of the virus were obtained from abroad by NIH's Division of Biologic Standards, that first strong evidence was obtained that this was a new strain of Asian flu. It wasn't confirmed until November.

Couldn't Be Sure  
It was too late to include the new virus in the vaccine to be used in preparation for the winter of 1962-1963.

Millions of doses of vaccine had already been manufactured and distributed. It would have taken up to six months to tool up for inclusion of the new strain.

Also, scientists still couldn't be sure the new strain would hit the United States, although there was evidence it had cropped up in Formosa and New Zealand as well as Japan.

Meanwhile, an experimental vaccine employing the new virus was developed at NIH. In tests on human volunteers, including more than 100 federal prisoners, the vaccine gave indications of protective value.

How did the new strains of virus develop?  
No one really knows.

One concept is that such mutations may result partly from a natural adaptation of the virus to some threat to its existence, such as vaccine.

Nature's own radiation—including cosmic rays—may be another factor, scientists say. Radiation from nuclear tests is still another possibility, "although, at present, there is no way to prove this—or disprove it."

## Strangling Case Suspect Denies Guilt

Handyman Unshaken By Police Queries

BELMONT, Mass. (AP)—A handyman arrested in the nylon stocking strangling of a Belmont housewife, steadfastly maintained his innocence Wednesday under questioning by police.

Police said Roy Smith, 35, insisted he left the slain woman's fashionable home at 14 Scott Road "sometime before 4 o'clock."

The slender suspect was the first person arrested and booked in connection with nine strangulation murders of women in Greater Boston since June.

Arrested Tuesday in Cambridge, he was charged with suspicion of murder in the death of Bessie Goldberg, 62, whose body was found in the living room floor of her 10-room home.

A nylon stocking had been stripped from her left leg and knotted around her neck. Police Chief Donald S. Robinson said an attempt had been made to rape her.

Police said Smith, arrested when two Cambridge patrolmen and a detective recognized him as he looked out the window of a third-floor apartment, was in jail for minor offenses when six of the stranglings occurred. His terms covered the period from April to October, 1962.

Mrs. Goldberg's husband, Israel, a realtor, discovered her body when he returned home about 4 p.m.

Goldberg told police his wife had sent for a man through the Massachusetts Department of Employment Security to help prepare their home for a party that night.

## Fighter Planes To Protect JFK

WASHINGTON (AP)—American fighter planes will patrol President Kennedy's air route to Costa Rica next week. Presidential secretary Pierre Salinger said Tuesday night that similar protection had been given the President before on his trips to Venezuela and Colombia.

Salinger said he wouldn't call the fighters an escort for they will be out of sight of the President's plane and various squadrons will take over the patrol duties along the way.

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