

Robert Kennedy tells demonstrators he's not going to hire a Negro 'just because he is not white'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy told about 2,500 Negro demonstrators Friday that there is no race discrimination in the Justice Department, but "I am not going to go out and hire a Negro just because he is not white."

Using a bullhorn and standing atop a makeshift platform in front of the Justice Department, Kennedy told the demonstrators the administration has accomplished much in civil rights, but "we can do better and we will do better."

His impromptu address, at the end of the Negroes' two-hour, peaceful demonstration against prejudice in the capital, produced

some heckling.

Julius Hobson, local director of the Congress of Racial Equality, asked Kennedy two questions — why FBI agents did not act when they saw a Negro beaten in Jackson, Miss., and why the Justice Department doesn't hire more Negroes.

To the first question, Kennedy said the FBI has no authority beyond gathering evidence in such cases.

As for the second, he said that when the Democrats took over, only 10 of 900 Justice Department attorneys were Negroes. Now, he said, there are six times that many.

"That's only 60 out of 900," came a shout from the crowd. "Sixty! Great day in the morning," cried another.

"Does anybody know a lawyer who has been discriminated against by the Justice Department?" Kennedy shot back. There was no audible answer.

The attorney general said the department would hire on the basis of ability and integrity. "I am not going to go out and hire a Negro just because he is not white," Kennedy said.

Apparently replying to a pamphlet that referred to "blatant job discrimination in the Justice Department," Kennedy told the

crowd that the man in charge of hiring at the department is a Negro.

The marchers had gone to the Justice Department after walking from the White House to the District of Columbia Administration Building and then on down Pennsylvania Avenue.

It was the first racial demonstration of its kind in Washington since the current wave of Negro protests began sweeping the country. It was called, one of its leaders said, to point up "the failure of the (District of Columbia) commissioners to issue a fair housing regulation and to do anything about fair employment."

Small gap opened in Berlin wall

BERLIN (UPI) — The Communists opened a small gap in the Berlin wall today, but Western officials said they were merely trying to get some capitalist-style profits.

Nevertheless, it was the first new passageway in the hated concrete-and-barbed wire wall since the Reds built it in August, 1961.

The Communists clipped away barbed wire at Rudower Chaussee, at West Berlin's southeastern tip, to open up a road leading from the Western section of the city to East Berlin's Schoenefeld Airport.

The road has been blocked for a long time. Since the Communists put up their anti-refugee wall, travel from the West has been routed through seven carefully-guarded crossing points left open in 1961.

The move was regarded as a bold-faced bid for Western tourist dollars, but Allied commanders said they would not try to stop Westerners from using the new crossing point to take Communist airlines to Vienna or to Communist-bloc cities.

Western officials emphasized that the opening of the new crossing point appeared to be strictly a Communist commercial venture, and represented no easing of East-West tension signified by the wall.

The new crossing point was fully equipped with concrete roadblocks, steel barriers and machinegun-toting Red border guards.

Reds capture another town

VIENTIANE (UPI) — Communist forces have captured the town of Tha Thom, commanding the main road between Red-held areas on the Plain of Jars and the Thai border, it was reported today.

Military sources said the Reds overran a small garrison loyal to "neutralist" Maj. Gen. Kong Le, whose hard-pressed troops are battling to hold a foothold on the Plain of Jars.

It was the second day in a row that the Communists had mounted attacks designed to secure control of key towns. The first was an attack Thursday morning on the southeastern town of Attopu.

The actions coincided with the opening of war games across the river in Thailand in which thousands of American troops are participating.

Observers said it was unlikely the Reds were about to start anything in Thailand. They appeared to be demonstrating the contempt of Red North Viet Nam and Communist China for Allied efforts to stop pro-Communist guerrilla warfare in Southeast Asia.

The Reds in China and North Viet Nam support Laos's Communists both materially and morally.

The ambassadors of Britain and Russia, co-chairmen of the 1962 Geneva conference which "neutralized" Laos, returned here Friday from a visit to Red headquarters where they tried to arrange truce talks. They had no concrete results to report.

TROOPS TO REMAIN

WASHINGTON (UPI) — About 2,000 of the 7,000 U.S. troops now in Thailand will remain there for five or six weeks after maneuvers end next week. The troops are taking part in Southeast Asia Treaty Organization maneuvers.

The Army said Friday the troops remaining behind will be engaged in civil projects, cleanup and training activities.

Negro leader's death punctuates restless week on racial front

By United Press International

A shot in the dark punctuated one of the most restless weeks in recent U. S. history.

The shot killed Medgar Evers, field secretary for the NAACP in Mississippi. Evers had been the leader in the Negroes' drive to lower segregation barriers in the state.

It was fired only a few hours after President Kennedy had asked the nation in a televised speech to adopt a golden rule on racial matters.

The slaying of Evers also followed what Kennedy had hailed as a step forward—the admission without violence of two Negroes to the all-white University of Alabama where riots broke out a few years ago when another Negro, Autherine Lucy, registered at the school. She was expelled a few days later when she charged university officials sanctioned the riots.

What effect the slaying of Evers

will have on the nation's racial crisis is a big question. Mississippi authorities deplored the incident and promised to bring the sniper to justice. But Negro leaders called for a day of mourning.

While the slaying of Evers was the most violent racial incident, there were outbursts of shootings in other states. Twice this week white police officials in Danville, Va. were fired on and shots rang out in Cambridge, Md., where the National Guard is attempting to restore order.

Northern Incidents

There were incidents in the North, too. Demonstrators in New York's Harlem complained that Negroes were not given job opportunities. In Ohio Negroes staged sit-in demonstrations at the state legislature in Columbus.

Even though racial troubles were widespread, they had to share headlines with dramatic developments in the space race.

The Soviet Union rocketed its fifth Cosmonaut, Lt. Col. Valery Bykovsky, into what is expected to be an orbital journey. There was much speculation that a pretty Russian woman would join him in a day or so.

In the United States, the space agency scrapped Project Mercury, which had put four astronauts in orbit, and turned its energies on Project Gemini, the plan to put a spaceship with at least two Americans aboard, in orbit in the next step to a manned flight to the moon.

Around the world around the clock:

Moscow—Khrushchev withdrew an earlier offer to allow three on-site nuclear inspections in the Soviet Union. He said none would be allowed because existing facilities are sufficient to detect clandestine tests. This was considered a long step backward in the years-long attempt to ban nuclear testing.

New York—Herbert Hoover, 83, was reported seriously ill with anemia caused by bleeding in his gastro-intestinal tract. The former president was under treatment in his hotel suite and immediate members of his family were with him.

London—A British lawyer said Christine Keeler, the playgirl whose affair with former War Minister John Profumo has endangered Prime Minister Macmillan's Government, told him a Soviet lover had tried to get British nuclear information from her as a result of the affair. Christine denied the report. The Russian, Capt. Eugene Ivanov, was recalled from his post in the Soviet embassy last winter.

Hershey, Pa.—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower told a group of Republicans that Democrats were fiscally irresponsible. He used the word "nuts" in criticizing the U. S. attempt to put the first man on the moon and said the country had been deceived by Democrat pre-election slogans.

Gregory to urge boycott of meet

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Comedian Dick Gregory said today that Negro athletes will be urged to boycott the forthcoming American-Russian track meet "unless, by that time, the ban be dropped against racially integrated sports in every state in the union."

Gregory, who said he also spoke for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Friday night issued his warning in a telegram to President Kennedy.

"It is inconceivable to me that a Negro can be allowed to participate in an integrated track meet in enemy territory but can not do so in his own country," Gregory wrote.

Gregory, a Negro, has been a leader in civil rights demonstrations throughout the South.

In his telegram to the President, he called the racial problem "an American one" which deserves "here and now, the prestige and full moral power of your high office."

Ship repair retention urged

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., called Friday for retention of a 35 per cent allocation of Navy ship repair work to private shipyards.

Morse made the recommendation in a statement before the Senate Defense Appropriations subcommittee.

The Oregon Democrat, whose state has no naval shipyards, said private yards could do repair and conversion work at lower cost than government yards.

The guarantee of a minimum of 35 per cent of such work being assigned to private shipyards has aroused bipartisan opposition from some members of Congress, particularly those from California.

Conference set with Kennedy on civil rights

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said today he wants to push through as many administration bills as possible before a civil rights filibuster ties up Congress.

The Montana Democrat and other leaders of both parties from House and Senate will confer with President Kennedy again Monday morning on the administration's civil rights program.

Mansfield said that at this conference, the second in less than a week, he looks for the President to outline his proposals in "more detail." Whether all points will be in their final form, however, remained in some doubt.

The President's proposals may go to Congress as early as Tuesday.

The Democratic leader said administration experts are still "looking into" the problem of what course should be followed in proposing legislation to assure Negro access to public facilities and accommodations, particularly those like hotels and restaurants.

The question is whether to use the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal rights for all citizens or to utilize the interstate commerce clause as the justification for federal enforcement of Negro access to facilities and accommodations now open only to whites.

Mansfield said the administration, to the best of his knowledge, has not decided which approach to use.

Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen, Ill., told newsmen after last Thursday's bipartisan White House conference that the President was thinking of proposing four main civil rights measures—either separately or as one package. These involve: voting rights, with a literacy test proviso; authority for the attorney general to intervene in school desegregation cases; extension of the Civil Rights Commission, and the public facilities guarantee.



SEALED-OFF—Workmen install a wooden barricade to close a corridor in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace, in preparation for the conclave at which a successor to Pope John XXIII will be elected.

Black Muslims found guilty

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A Superior Court Jury which had deliberated for 18 days returned a guilty verdict Friday night against 11 of 14 black Muslims for participating in a riot April 27, 1962, outside the temple of the militant Negro sect.

The men were cleared of all charges, including the principal defendant—the Rev. John Morris, pastor of the temple. A mistrial was declared in the case of a third man.

About 100 persons had participated in the riot, in which one cultist was killed and about a dozen black Muslims and police were injured.

The all-white jury found the defendants guilty of charges ranging from interference with police officers to assault on officers. Four who had been convicted last Monday heard their verdicts read again.

All those convicted were directed to return for sentencing July 16. Defense attorneys said they would appeal.

The 18-day deliberation was the longest in the history of Los Angeles County, surpassing the second murder trial of Dr. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff, in which the panel emerged deadlocked after 17 days of deliberations.

Khrushchev withdraws offer of 3 on-site inspections

MOSCOW (UPI) — Premier Nikita Khrushchev today withdrew his offer of three annual on-site inspections of a nuclear test ban and demanded that President Kennedy act as well as talk about peace.

Khrushchev's statement, contained in a long interview with the Communist party newspaper Pravda, was considered a brusque reply to Kennedy's speech last Monday to graduates of American University.

In that speech, Kennedy announced a U.S. moratorium on atmospheric nuclear tests, said new Anglo-American-Soviet "high level" talks on a test ban would open here next month and called for new East-West attitudes to ease the cold war.

Speech Circulated

The Communists permitted Kennedy's speech to be widely circulated here—a rare occurrence. Khrushchev said today it had made a "favorable impression."

But the Soviet premier's statement indicated an abrupt stiffening of the Kremlin's position on the test ban issue and appeared to bode ill for next month's talks.

Kennedy plans visit to India

NEW DELHI (UPI) — Premier Jawaharlal Nehru said today that President Kennedy has accepted an invitation to visit India. He speculated that the President might come here late this year or early in 1964.

"An invitation has been conveyed to him," Nehru told a press conference. "It was accepted in a sense but no date has been fixed... (he may possibly come here) next winter or early next year."

The West has disputed this, challenged the Russians to prove their claims and has been pressing for seven on-site inspections annually.

Khrushchev's reply today seemed to pull the rug out from under neutral nations at the 17-nation disarmament conference in Geneva. The neutrals have been trying to narrow the gap between the Western and Communist positions.

Western observers here said the premier's new attitude indicated no general test ban can be expected to come from next month's meeting.

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Striking union to receive aid

PORTLAND (UPI) — Harvey Nelson, regional president for the International Woodworkers of America, said Friday that his striking union will receive some financial support from another union.

Nelson said that John Burke, president-secretary of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Papermill Workers, told him in a telegram that he was wiring a \$500 contribution for the IWA.

"In view of the solidarity shown by the employers, it is the duty of our union and other AFL-CIO unions to give your organization the very best possible support, financial and otherwise," Burke said in the telegram.

Nelson sent wires to Burke and Paul Phillips, president of the United Papermakers and Paperworkers, Monday asking their unions' support. He has not received a reply from Phillips.

The IWA and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union went out on strike June 5 against two members of the Big Six employers' association in Oregon, Washington and Northern California.

Accidents take lives of three

By United Press International

Traffic accidents claimed three lives in Oregon Friday.

George Jones, 38, Lebanon, was killed in a two-car collision on a private road near Madras. Jones, an employee of the Utah Construction Co., was working on the Round Butte Dam.

William Shreve, 79, Salem, was fatally injured when his tractor was sideswiped by a pickup truck on a Marion County road near Salem. He died at a Salem hospital about three hours after the accident.

Juanita Moon, 23, Klamath Falls, was killed in a one-car accident on Spring Lake Road near Klamath Falls.

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