

JFK's approval of wheat sale to Russia develops some opposition by GOP

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy's politically explosive approval of a "one shot" \$250 million U.S. wheat sale to Russia won a measure of bipartisan backing today in Congress.

But some Republicans, including House GOP Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, questioned the wisdom of the move announced by the President at his news conference Wednesday. Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., had urged that the sale be made conditional on withdrawal of Soviet troops and military equipment from Cuba.

Kennedy said the sale of 4 million tons (about 150 million bushels) of surplus U.S. wheat — the largest Soviet-American transaction since the multi-billion-dollar lend-lease deals of World War II — was a "hopeful sign" that progress toward peace is possible. He promised a special report to Congress on the matter today.

Sell At World Prices

The President said the government would permit private U.S. traders to sell the surplus wheat "over the next several months" to Russia and her Eastern European satellites at regular world prices, currently about \$1.79 a bushel. This would be approximately 55 cents a bushel lower than government-subsidized domestic prices at present.

To allow U.S. exporters to

buy at the American price and sell at the world price, the government currently pays an export subsidy of about 55 cents a bushel.

But Kennedy said that even though export prices on the Soviet sale would be below domestic prices, "there is in such transactions no subsidy to the foreign purchaser; only a savings to the American taxpayer on wheat the government has already purchased and stored at the higher domestic price which is maintained to assist our farmers."

Kennedy said the sale would bring "obvious benefits" to the United States. Not the least of these would be possible sale of surplus American feed grains and other agricultural commodities to Russia and the satellites. Administration sources said the "other commodities" might include cotton and soybean oil — both also surplus in this country.

Predicts Support

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana predicted that all Americans, including Congress and farmers, would support the sale, which he described as a "hard cash, on the barrel-head" transaction.

Sen. Frank Carlson, R-Kan., whose state is the nation's biggest wheat grower, said the sale was in the national interest, adding that it was "the humanitarian thing to do."

But 10 Republican House members from wheat-growing states called again for assurances from the President that such a sale to Russia or her satellites would "not endanger the life of one American here or abroad." They ask what effect a wheat sale would have on U.S. foreign policy, especially the containment of Communist Cuba.

Kennedy insisted that his decision did not represent "a new Soviet-American trade policy... that must await the settlement of many matters. But it does represent one more hopeful sign that a more peaceful world is both possible and beneficial."

PORTLAND (UPI) — Much of the surplus wheat sitting in railroad cars in Oregon and Washington will not go to Russia, a government official said Wednesday.

Sydney Harris, manager of the Portland Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Service commodity office, said 1,100 cars of wheat under federal ownership on Northwest tracks has been consigned to Asia.

"I don't know where the other shipments are bound to," he said, "but ours is ticketed for Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Formosa and the Philippines."

About 6,900 railroad cars carrying privately owned grain also are sitting on railroad sidings in Washington and Oregon.

Harris said the federal government has been bringing its grain from the Midwest for the last 15 to 16 months. He said the 8,000 car total was "heavier than normal" but he attributed this to the increase in prices on the world market.

There has been speculation the grain was here for quick shipment to Russia as soon as President Kennedy approved the sale.

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Portland	70	53	.04
Redmond	72	45	
Salem	70	58	T
The Dalles	80	54	
Chicago	76	63	
Los Angeles	83	61	

Luxury yacht carrying Jackie weathers storm

LEFKAS, Greece (UPI)—Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy stopped on her cruise today at the private island of Scorpis, owned by Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, after weathering a storm at sea.

Onassis' luxury yacht Christina with Mrs. Kennedy on board dropped anchor between Scorpis Island and the island of Lefkas. The yacht, which had been scheduled to arrive Wednesday, met a fierce storm in the Ionian Sea.

From the Christina, Mrs. Kennedy could see 70 workers building a road on Scorpis, where Onassis is building a magnificent villa. He bought the island six months ago.

Wednesday night's storm had given way to calm seas and sunshine when the Christina arrived. It was the 10th time the glittering yacht had anchored off the island and the people of the fishing village of Nydra, facing the island, paid little attention.

Local fishermen were already busy catching fish and lobsters for the First Lady and her party.

The Christina had originally been expected here Wednesday afternoon. Maritime officials said it probably put into harbor somewhere to wait out storms which have whipped the sea for the past 24 hours.

Mrs. Kennedy was expected to come ashore sometime later today.

Scorpis Island, like the Christina, belongs to Greek shipping millionaire Aristotle Onassis. He is transforming it into a "private paradise" like rival shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos' "Eden Island."

The yacht docked first at Istanbul, where the First Lady toured the mosques and markets of the ancient capital of Byzantium. Then it cruised to Crete, where Mrs. Kennedy inspected the ruins of the Minoan kingdom where the legendary Theseus bested the monstrous Minotaur.

Oregon teacher honored by FFA

KANSAS CITY (UPI)—Donald Kabler, a vocational agriculture teacher at Corvallis, Ore., was one of 25 teachers honored on the opening day of the annual Future Farmers of America convention Wednesday.

Kabler received the FFA's Honorary American Farmer degree, the highest the organization can bestow on non-members who work within the agriculture field.

Hundreds of awards were given out Wednesday and today to high school youths. John Gingerich, 18, of Canby, Ore., was named a regional winner in crop farming.

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Annual session set by Baptists

The annual meeting of the Deschutes Baptist Association will be Friday and Saturday, October 11-12, at the First Baptist Church in Bend. Baptists from Redmond, Prineville, Madras, Burns, Hines, LaPine, Crescent, Sisters and Paulina, as well as the Bend church, will participate in the meeting.

The opening session will be Friday afternoon with registration beginning at 1 o'clock. The Rev. Lyle Wilson of Madras will present the opening sermon at 1:45 p.m.

Other speakers for the two-day session are Dr. Earl Radmacher of Western Seminary, the Rev. Owen Hollingsworth and Dr. E. P. Fosmark, and missionary speakers, Dr. Wendell Geary and C. E. Redfield. Other pastors of the association will also have a part in the meeting.

At the annual fellowship dinner on Friday at 6 p.m., Dr. Wendell Geary will be in charge of a small mission hospital in West Borneo, Indonesia. His medical work there will be primarily among the Dyak people. He will be assisted in his work by Mrs. Geary, who is a registered nurse.

To prepare for his missionary service with the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Wheaton, Ill., Dr. Geary took pre-medical studies at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn.; Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.; and the University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, where he received his M.D. degree.

The Conservative Baptist Youth of Oregon have adopted Mr. Geary's work as their missionary project for this year, with a goal of \$5000 set to supply him with a surgical unit for the hospital in Borneo.

At the Saturday morning sessions at 10 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Redfield, CBFMS appointees to Taiwan, will be the speakers. Redfield is preparing to teach at the Morrison Academy, Taichung, Taiwan, a school for the children of missionaries.

CHIEF NAMED
ABERDEEN, Wash. (UPI) — Capt. David Auer, a veteran of 25 years service, Wednesday night was appointed police chief here by Mayor Walter Falter.

Auer succeeds Ken Butler, who resigned last month after one year as chief.

All 12 men dead in Viet Nam 'copter crashes

DANANG, South Viet Nam (UPI)—All 12 men aboard two U.S. Marine Corps helicopters which crashed in Communist-held jungle highlands north of Saigon late Tuesday were killed, a U.S. military spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the bodies of nine Marines and three U.S. Navy men killed in the crash of the helicopters were being ferried back to this advance air base 40 miles north of the spot where they were killed.

The Marines and Navy men died while engaged in search operations for a T28 fighter-bomber that crashed earlier, killing an American captain.

The bodies of four men were recovered Wednesday from the wreckage of an H21 helicopter which crashed Tuesday night near the Bon River about 20 miles from the Laotian border in Viet Nam's Central Highlands.

A U.S. military spokesman said the body of a fifth American was found at the site today.

U.S. military men in Saigon speculated that the H21 collided in the air with a similar craft carrying seven other Americans when the pilots became distracted by ground fire from Communist guerrillas.

Both helicopters were engaged in rescue operations for a T28 fighter bomber that went down while attacking guerrillas earlier Tuesday with an American pilot and Vietnamese observer aboard.

Aerial sightings of the wreckage indicated there were no survivors in either the remaining H21 or the T28.

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Missionary bishops appeal for approval of deacon plan

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VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Missionary bishops from Africa, Asia and Latin America today appealed strongly to the Ecumenical Council for approval of a controversial proposal to ordain married deacons in areas where there is an acute shortage of priests.

"Even if you don't need deacons in your diocese, we do in ours," Negro Archbishop Bernard Yago of Abidjan, West Africa, told the council fathers.

The council also heard similar pleas for restoration of the ancient New Testament order of deacons from Archbishop Jose Maurer of Bolivia, who spoke in the name of all the bishops of Bolivia and 20 other Latin American bishops; Archbishop Paul Yu Pin of Nanking, who spoke on behalf of 40 missionary bishops from China, Viet Nam, Korea and Japan; and from Archbishop Anton van den Hurk of Medan, Indonesia, speaking on behalf of 30 Indonesian bishops.

The parade of missionary bishops indicated strong support in mission areas for the pending proposal under which deacons would be ordained to carry on many of the functions now reserved for priests, with the exception of hearing confession and offering Mass.

The proposal had been sharply attacked earlier in this session of the council by Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York, who warned that an order of married deacons might jeopardize the tradition of celibacy for the priesthood.

A Curia cardinal, Fernando

Cento, also spoke in favor of restoration of the deaconate but said deacons should be bound to celibacy like priests. He acknowledged this might diminish the number of men available for deacons but said it would produce better quality.

The bishops approved at today's session seven amendments to the document on reform of the liturgy which was debated at the first session of the council last fall.

All of the amendments dealt with consecration of the Mass—that is, joint recitation by several priests. The amendments had the effect of extending the number of occasions on which consecration will be permissible to include virtually any situation in which several priests are present for the same service.

The most controversial of the amendments — authorizing consecration even at the regular Sunday Mass in a parish church — was approved by a vote of 1,839 to 315. The other amendments were approved by larger majorities.

Archbishop Lawrence Shehan of Baltimore, Md., asked the council fathers to pay very close attention to what is said about the infallibility of the Pope in the document on the nature of the church which has been under debate since this session of the council convened Sept. 29.

Ever since its new session began 11 days ago, the council has been working its way through a long document intended to define what the church is, and how its various components are related to one another.

So far, debate has focused primarily on the ordained clergy. Two questions in particular have generated controversy and have been the subject of numerous speeches. They are:

1. An assertion that bishops, as successors to the original 12 apostles, share responsibility with the Pope for the welfare and government of the entire church. The idea, that the bishops constitute a "college" headed by the Pope is favored by liberals as a move toward decentralization of power in the Catholic church. Conservatives have voiced fear that it may threaten papal primacy.

2. A proposal to restore the ancient order of deacons, which dates back to New Testament days, as an ordained rank of clergy just below priests. The real bone of contention has been the proviso that deacons would not have to practice celibacy like priests, but could be married men. Some council fathers believe this would help to relieve the acute clergy shortage in Latin America and other mission areas. Others say it would make it hard-

er to attract able young men into the celibate priesthood.

Arguments on both sides of both issues have tended to become repetitious during the past few days, and highly-placed council sources said today seemed to be "considerable sentiment" in favor of ending the debate.

Under new rules of procedure laid down by Pope Paul VI, the four cardinals who serve as the council's moderators or presiding officers have authority to propose termination of debate on any particular topic whenever they chose. A majority vote of the council is all that is needed to approve a motion to go on to the next order of business.

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