

Kennedy feels it's still possible to pass tax measure in 1963

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy said today it was "unfortunate" that the outlook is now bleak for passage of either civil rights or tax legislation this year. But he said he feels it is still possible to pass the tax bill.

He told his news conference that if enactment of the House-passed \$11 billion tax reduction measure should be delayed until next year that the national economy may suffer.

Kennedy added that he would not want to be responsible for any such development and felt that members of Congress would have a similar attitude.

The President's remarks came when asked how he felt

about current indications that neither of the two major administration measures would get through Congress this year.

He said he thought the situation was unfortunate because the tax measure had been before the lawmakers for almost a year and he submitted his civil rights proposals last June.

He expressed hope that the House, at least, still could act this year on civil rights, which is still in its judiciary committee.

Kennedy also suggested that the Senate Finance Committee could conclude its tax hearings, now scheduled to run for another month, at an earlier date. He said it seemed possible to him that the bill could be brought to the Senate floor yet this year.

This in spite of the fact that witnesses summoned by the committee are so great in number it will run hearings to a week before the Christmas recess.

Other conference highlights:

Cambodia: Kennedy said Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk's threat this week to cancel U.S. aid was regarded as a serious development. But the President voiced hope the prince has enough interest in the well being of his country not to carry through the threat. For Cambodia to renounce U.S. aid, he said, would be an act of "folly" and Sihanouk is not a "foolish man."

Viet Nam: The President expressed complete confidence in Gen. Paul Harkins, commander of U.S. forces in South Viet Nam. He said Harkins was "just doing his job" and he planned to keep him there. Kennedy said a meeting has been called at Honolulu to assess U.S. policy in South Viet Nam because of the new government there.

Nhu: Kennedy said the visa of Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu will be renewed when she returns to this country from Rome,

where she is visiting her three small children.

Aid: Kennedy said he was very concerned about stepped-up attacks on the House-passed foreign aid bill in the Senate. He warned Congress that such cutbacks would seriously hamper foreign policy aims. "I can't imagine anything more damaging," he said. He indicated that in his opinion Congress was not fully aware of the importance of foreign aid to the overall foreign policy goals.

China: Asked what the condition might be for U.S. trade with Communist China, the President said there were no plans for any such trade because of Red Chinese policies. But he said this nation was "not wedded to a policy of hostility" toward Red China and that the U.S. attitude could change when China showed a willingness to live at peace with other nations.

Wheat: Kennedy said he does not know what the outcome will be of negotiations for sale of

U.S. surplus wheat to Russia. These are commercial negotiations, he noted, and said the United States is giving the Soviet Union no more privileges than would be given any friendly country.

Security: He justified on grounds of national security new travel restrictions which the State Department imposed this week on diplomats from five eastern European Soviet satellite countries. These safeguards, the President said, were deemed necessary to protect the security of U.S. defense sites.

Oil: To a question about Argentine threats to take over American-owned oil companies, the President said this government was concerned about the question of adequate compensation for the companies and that this issue was a subject now in negotiation.

Medical: The President said he believes his medical care bill ultimately would get out of committee and reach a vote in the House—but not necessarily this year. He said he was looking forward to the "delivery" in this Congress but it might not come this year. He said this was likely to be "an 18-month delivery."

Missile: President Kennedy said he didn't think that the Russians had solved the problem of developing an effective anti-missile missile any more than the United States had. He said the problem was one of "saturation." He acknowledged that

the United States had not solved a "maximum" attack. But he refused to discuss in any detail any information he might have regarding an anti-missile missile recently displayed by the Soviets in Moscow.

Barghorn: Asked whether Russia's arrest of Yale Prof. Frederick Barghorn would affect negotiations to sell U.S. surplus wheat to Russia, Kennedy replied that to some extent the wheat deal "stands on its own," because it is of economic benefit to both Russia and the United States. But he said such trade between the two countries "depends on a reasonable atmosphere" in overall relations between them. And he added that this atmosphere has been "badly damaged" by the Barghorn case.

Convoys: Kennedy said more "difficulties" with the Soviets, like their interference with Allied military convoys on the autobahn to West Berlin, may be expected.

Recognition: The President said that delay in recognizing new governments of the Dominican Republic and Honduras resulted from lack of assurance that a constitutional form of government would eventually be established in either nation.

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Economy forces continue to batter aid bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate economy forces continued to batter at President Kennedy's foreign aid bill today, confident they could make further reductions in the program already trimmed by \$50 million.

While Senate leaders hoped for a final vote this week, aid foes, led by Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., gave no assurances that the 14-day old debate on the bill to authorize another year of military, economic and technological aid would end by Friday.

Sen. Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska, was expected to lead the battle today with an amendment to end all military aid to Latin America except for prior commitments. The bill would allow the President to continue arms assistance if he considered it in the interests of U.S. national security.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee had recommended \$4.2 billion based on President Kennedy's original request of \$4.5 billion. During the two weeks of debate, the Senate has added amendments to the bill cutting it to \$3.72 billion. Funds still must be appropriated by another bill, now being considered by a House committee.

Other congressional news:

Baker: Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., who instigated the investigation of Robert G. (Bobby) Baker, was called before the Senate Rules Committee to provide more information on the former Senate Democratic secretary's activities. Williams' appearance at the closed session of the committee was to be

his second. He requested the meeting because he said he had new information to provide.

Peace Corps: Senate action on the Peace Corps \$102 million authorization bill does not appear likely until next month. The bill provides \$47 million more for the program than Congress provided last year.



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By United Press International

Traffic accidents killed four persons in Oregon Wednesday and left two others critically injured.

Two men died near Gresham when a car driven by Anton A. Anderregg, 61, of Gresham collided with one operated by Dr. John Elliott Scanlon, 40, of Portland.

Both drivers were killed and Anderregg's wife was taken to Gresham General Hospital in critical condition.

In Salem, Michael Frank Stimac, 61, was killed while crossing a darkened street in the middle of a block, according to city police. He was hit by a car driven by Gerald Lee Caton, 24, of Salem.

Alex Muzchenko, a Turner tavern operator, perished when his car plunged off a road about one mile west of that Marion County community. The vehicle went over a bank and overturned.

Kelly James Linhart, 7, of Salem was reported in critical condition with a skull fracture after he was struck by a car on a Salem street. Police said he ran in front of a car driven by Mark H. Davis, Salem.

Session held by Scout group

Representatives' reports and upcoming activities were discussed during a recent monthly meeting of the Boy Scouts administrative group for Central Oregon.

Attending from Bend were Leo Herbring, Ralph Wiley, Ken Williamsen, Ken Johnston, C. J. Rice, Dean Nichols, Boyd Karner and Chairman Harvey Olson. Others attending were Ernest R. McKenzie, Prineville; Leon Maul and Arthur Wright, Redmond; and Walt and Grace Madsen, Madras.

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