

# Pro-Castro terrorists hijack Venezuelan plane

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Generally fair through Friday, patches of morning fog. Highs, 50 to 55 degrees. Lows 12 to 18 in sheltered areas.

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# Leaders pledge to keep House, Senate at work

## Craft flown to Trinidad, 17 aboard

CARACAS, Venezuela (UPI) — Pro-Castro terrorists today hijacked a Venezuelan Airlines plane with 17 persons aboard and flew it to neighboring Trinidad.

The plane landed safely at Port of Spain's Piarco International Airport. Trinidad police, customs and security officials surrounded the plane and began questioning the occupants.

It was the second spectacular action staged within 24 hours by the so-called Armed Forces of the National Liberation (FALN).

Wednesday, four heavily-armed men kidnaped U. S. Army Col. James K. Chenault, 45, of Sherman, Tex., at gunpoint outside of his home.

The twin-engined plane, with 14 passengers and three crewmen, was hijacked shortly after takeoff from Guadalupe in southeastern Venezuela on a flight to Caracas' Maiquetia Airport.

Armed men entered the cockpit and forced the pilot to head for the island of Trinidad just off Venezuela, about 45 minutes away.

The Foreign Ministry announced it would ask Trinidad authorities for prompt return of the plane, a Convair 340 owned by the Venezuelan line Avensa.

It was the second time that the pro-Castro underground hijacked an airplane in the past two years. A four-engined Avensa DC6 was seized and flown to the Caribbean island of Curacao, off the Venezuelan coast, two years ago.

The FALN also has hijacked an ocean-going freighter and staged other headline-grabbing stunts such as kidnaping world-famed soccer star Alfredo di Stefano last August, stealing six French art masterpieces worth more than \$500,000 and forcing U.S. personnel of the military mission here to strip down to their shorts.

The four heavily armed men who seized Chenault at his doorstep Wednesday were presumed to be members of the underground forces of National Liberation (FALN), which attacked the U. S. military mission building in Caracas June 5.

President Romulo Betancourt was reported to have given personal assurances to U. S. Ambassador Allan C. Stewart that all possible measures are being taken to obtain Chenault's freedom.

Chenault's wife, Ruth, and their three children, Bess Ann, 20, James K. Jr., 16, and Nina Louisa, 11, waited anxiously at home for some word of his fate.

An anonymous telephone caller told an operator at the U.S. Embassy spokeswoman two hours after the kidnaping Wednesday that the American officer would not be harmed.

"We only want him for propaganda purposes," the caller said.

Chenault was in uniform but was not armed when he was kidnaped in front of his home in Caracas Wednesday morning and taken away in a speeding car.

## Oswald may have had rented room near Ruby home

DALLAS (UPI) — The Dallas Morning News said today officers investigating the assassination of President Kennedy have information indicating Lee Harvey Oswald rented a room near Jack Ruby's home.

The newspaper said their information came from officers who said the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Secret Service believe they have confirmed reports that the two men were neighbors.

Neither the Secret Service nor the FBI have released any information on their investigation. The officers, according to the newspaper, also have information that Ruby once had an apartment mate who had been active in Communist front groups. The News quoted an officer as saying "this could be the key that we have been seeking."

## Castro claims assassination part of a 'plot'

MIAMI (UPI) — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro said Wednesday night the assassination of President Kennedy was part of a "plot" by more than a single killer, and aimed partly at Cuba.

Castro, in a nationwide radio and television speech monitored in Miami, also said the accused killer, Lee H. Oswald, was himself slain by nightclub operator Jack Ruby "to make sure that the supposed assassin would not talk."

Castro spoke for about two hours and 30 minutes. In a talk Saturday night, the Cuban leader took the line of other Communist bloc countries that "ultra-reactionaries" of the far right were to blame for the slaying of Kennedy in Dallas.

Wednesday night, speaking at Havana University, Castro said he would "refer briefly to the assassination of the President of the United States."

"Slowly being unmasked are all the double-dealing and dirty maneuvers that were behind this episode which is a plot against the peace and a sinister conspiracy... those responsible in (the United States) are becoming more and more defined," said Castro.

As part of the plot, Castro said, "the reactionaries of the United States wanted to make our country the victim of an aggression even though the assassination of the president of their own country was the price."

He did not elaborate, except to say that the "intellectual authors" of the assassination had "plans against peace, Cuba, the Soviet Union, humanity and the progressive and liberal sectors of the United States."

LIGHT WAS OUT MARYVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — City authorities reported Wednesday that maintenance men making their weekly check for burned-out street lights found only one. It was located on Kennedy Street.

## JFK's death fails to alter rights views

ATLANTA (UPI) — President Kennedy's assassination will change neither the drive for Negro rights nor the views of Southern segregationists.

This was the consensus of a South-wide survey conducted by United Press International. In the South, as in the rest of the country, the tragic events of the past weekend first brought shock, then grief and then a quiet assessment of what's to come.

Many Southerners think there will be a change in the impetus from Washington for civil rights and watch President Johnson's administration for indications of this.

But Negro leaders vowed there would be no let-up in their drive against racial discrimination.

"Time is past when Negro protests were a momentary emotional phenomena..." said integration leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Florida NAACP Field Secretary Robert Saunders of Tampa echoed these sentiments: "We can not sit back and wait. They (whites) may get the picture we are not going to push now."

Saunders said that Johnson's Southern background might mean that he will not push as hard for civil rights as President Kennedy, but added: "My idea is that he is aware of the (racial) problem and knows it is a world problem. I would hope so."

King said he was "deeply encouraged" that President Johnson "gave the civil rights bill such a prominent place" in his first address as President.

He sent the President a telegram Wednesday expressing "my deep appreciation to you for this heroic and courageous affirmation of our democratic ideals."

Room For Question In Washington, the Rev. Walter E. Aunroy, a director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) which King heads, said there is "room for question and room for doubt" about Johnson's commitment to civil rights even though he has spoken out forcefully and tried hard to halt racial discrimination in employment.

## Medford flier victim of crash

PORT TOWNSEND (UPI) — Two men were killed and another injured Wednesday when a twin-jet A3D Skywarrior attack bomber struck a power line and crashed about 14 miles south of here.

Dead are Lt. (jg) W. L. Aldrich, 25, Oak Harbor, the bombardier, and crewman Fritz D. Meier, 21, Medford, Ore., an aviation jet mechanic. Aldrich, whose widow resides at Oak Harbor, is the son of Lester C. Aldrich, Montebello, Calif.



"LET US BE THANKFUL" — As a saddened nation emerges from a dazed grief, scenes such as this one are taking place in Central Oregon homes today. Traditional turkey is on the menu as Mrs. Lloyd Spicer, daughter Angela, 18 months, and Deonn, 2 1/2, prepare to enjoy a day of thanksgiving. The family lives at 22 Greeley in Bend.

## Mrs. Kennedy, children fly to Hyannis Port

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and her two children flew today to Hyannis Port, Mass., to be with other members of the late President's broken hearted family on Thanksgiving.

The 34-year-old widow planned to take off aboard the Kennedy family plane "Caroline" with her daughter Caroline, 6, and son, John Jr., 3.

She was expected to leave at 10 a.m. EST.

She has made plans to move out of the White House Wednesday or Thursday. Mrs. Kennedy has accepted the invitation of Undersecretary of State and Mrs. W. Averell Harriman to live for a while in their \$250,000 home in the Georgetown section of the Capital.

Since the burial of her slain husband Monday, Mrs. Kennedy has visited his graveside four times, to lay a sprig of flowers there, to look at the eternal light she placed there and to pray there.

At the White House for the past two days, she has shown the same composure she maintained at the President's funeral.

## Sad nation pauses for Thanksgiving

By United Press International Untold thousands of Americans went to their homes of worship today to pray for their fallen leader and to give thanks for their blessings before indulging in the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

It was the 100th anniversary of Thanksgiving as a national holiday, proclaimed officially to a war-torn country by Abraham Lincoln in 1864 and honored today with the memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

While Thanksgiving is regarded as a stay-at-home holiday, millions of Americans attended football games and parades, traditional church services and gathered from afar in the homes of their loved ones.

A United Press International count at 8:30 a.m., EST, showed that 40 persons died in traffic accidents since the 102-hour holiday started at 6 p.m. local time Wednesday.

The worst accident occurred near Selma, N.C., where four persons died in a head-on collision on a rural road. North Carolina led the nation with six fatalities. Illinois, Michigan and California had five each.

The National Safety Council said about 472 persons would die in traffic accidents during a normal non-holiday period from 6 p.m. Wednesday to midnight Sunday.

"Let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God," President Kennedy said in his Thanksgiving Day proclamation, the last he issued.

Millions, heavy-hearted by the assassination of their President, gathered for church services where they heard the proclamation read "as a memorial to him."

President Lyndon Johnson, who suggested the nationwide memorial scheduled a Thanksgiving address to the nation over radio and television this afternoon after a traditional turkey dinner with his family.

The Kennedy family gathered at the home of Joseph P. Kennedy at Hyannis Port, Mass., for their annual get-together. The flag outside the Kennedy home was at half-staff.

## Thanksgiving message is due from Johnson

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson observed Thanksgiving with his family today in the midst of a busy agenda which included a televised message to the American people.

The new President was scheduled to speak to the nation at 3:15 p.m. PST by television and radio. The White House described his talk as a "personal" address to the citizenry.

But Johnson, grasping the reins of a presidency thrust upon him by the assassination of President Kennedy, also had these appointments on his holiday agenda:

—A 10 a.m. EST briefing from Central Intelligence Agency Chief John A. McCone.

—A 10:15 a.m. EST session with photographers anxious for a Thanksgiving picture of the new First Family.

—Holiday services at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church in Washington, at 11 a.m. EST.

Meets With Bundy —A 3 p.m. EST meeting in his office with Secretary of State Dean Rusk and national security assistant McGeorge Bundy.

Johnson set a tone and a goal for his administration Wednesday in a speech to a joint session of Congress.

With his voice breaking in emotion, Johnson called on all Americans to scorn hatred and violence. Amid applause from much of his congressional audience, he appealed to lawmakers to enact Kennedy's civil rights and tax cut bills as a living memorial to the slain Chief executive.

Johnson's busy day, climaxed by the speech to Congress, was sprinkled with other activities following his return from Capitol Hill where he had risen to political fame and—in the wake of tragedy—had returned as his nation's leader.

## Talk of early adjournment reported out

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congressional leaders agreed today to keep the House and Senate here and at work, as President Johnson requested. They said talk of early adjournment was "out."

As a first step they cranked up machinery looking to faster action on the civil rights bill that Johnson said would make a most fitting memorial to his predecessor, the slain President Kennedy.

In response to Johnson's plea for prompt Senate action on Kennedy's \$11 billion tax cut bill, already approved by the House, they held out a "hope" of getting the measure out of the Senate Finance Committee before Congress quits for the year.

Promises Push Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., promised to do "everything possible" to win House passage this year of the anti-discrimination bill, which has been approved by the Judiciary Committee and awaits clearance by the Rules Committee. The bill seeks to end racial discrimination in voting, education, employment, public accommodations and the use of federal funds.

Under hurry-up procedures set in motion within minutes after Johnson's speech to a joint session of Congress Wednesday House leaders theoretically could get a vote on civil rights before adjournment, now tentatively set for a few days before Christmas.

Practically, all they hope to do is get the bill out of the Southern-led Rules Committee by that time, making it ready for House action early in January. Senate action, in any event, will not come before spring.

Thus only partial success was forecast for the two bills that Kennedy set so much store on and which Johnson Wednesday also listed as his priority goals. Kennedy originally had called for final enactment of both measures this year.

Hopes Are Gone But gone were the hopes of some members to dispose of routine housekeeping matters and adjourn for the year, leaving further action on controversial issues until the second session of the 88th Congress, starting in January.

If fulfilled, the leadership plan also means that both the civil rights and tax bills will be further advanced when the first session ends than had appeared likely.

Reaction to Johnson's first address to Congress was mixed, according to the listener's political persuasion and philosophy. However, most lawmakers had some kind words for the man who as vice president saw his chief shot to death by a sniper in Dallas on Friday.

## Tree lighting due Friday night

Heralding the start of the 1963 Christmas season, Bend's yule tree, on Oregon at the Wall Street intersection, will be lighted Friday evening, at 6:30 p.m.

At the same time, lights will go on through town where Christmas decorations have been strung across streets.

Jaycees are arranging a program that will be presented in connection with the illumination of the luxuriant fir serving as the city's community Christmas tree.

The program at the tree is one of several arranged by the Jaycees for the Christmas season. These will include the appearance of Santa at the tree on December 21, when candy will be distributed to youngsters.

On December 14, the annual free show for youngsters will be held at the Tower Theater.

## Mercury drops to 14 in Bend

Central Oregon enjoyed brilliant sunshine in the morning hours today following a night of cool temperatures that dropped the mercury in Bend to 14 degrees. This equaled the previous low mark of the season.

From the night low of 14, the mercury mounted to 19 degrees at 7 a.m., and continued to rise slowly. Forecasts indicate the temperature in the Bend area will go above 50 degrees today, to add to the comfort of the Thanksgiving day sunshine.

Low temperatures will repeat tonight, the area forecast indicates. The mercury may drop as low as 12 degrees in some sheltered areas.

There will be some patches of fog tonight.

## From grateful nation

# Money pours in for Tippitts

DALLAS (UPI) — A grateful nation poured out thanksgiving today to the family of J. D. Tippitt, a policeman shot to death trying to arrest the man accused of assassinating President Kennedy.

Nearly \$50,000 had poured in for a heartbroken widow with three children.

The gifts came from almost everyone from television personality Jack Paar to the police of the Caribbean island of Jamaica, and little children.

The biggest donation came from Abraham Zapruder, a Dallas garment manufacturer. He turned over \$25,000 he got for movies he took showing bullets

actually striking Kennedy. "I give this in respectful memory of a man who literally gave his life for his country," Zapruder said.

Paar sent a check for \$1,000. The Jamaican police force sent \$300 collected from its ranks.

Walter H. Annenberg, publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer, said he would pay off the \$12,217.04 mortgage on the Tippitt home.

"This is the hour for good deeds," Annenberg said. William R. Chababa, vice president of T. J. Bettes Co., which holds the mortgage on the Tippitt home, confirmed the

amount of the mortgage. Chababa said there would be a Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loan penalty of about \$125.50 and interest of probably \$75 to \$100 "depending on when Mr. Annenberg sends us the check."

"But we will pay both the interest and the penalty," Chababa said.

"We don't want Mrs. Tippitt to be out a dime." "I just can't find words to express my appreciation," Mrs. Tippitt said. "It's just wonderful."

Ellis Campbell, district director of the Internal Revenue Service, assured contributors their gifts would be tax free.