

## Khrushchev has made it known he'd like to meet with Johnson

By United Press International

A terse announcement issued simultaneously in Washington, Moscow and London on May 19, 1961, disclosed that the then-President Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev would hold their first face-to-face meeting some two weeks hence in Vienna.

For Kennedy, the timing was not especially propitious.

The position of U.S.-supported forces in Laos had deteriorated steadily to the point where Kennedy and his advisers had decided that a neutral Laos provided the best way out of an impossible situation.

In April had occurred the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

And out of that somber meeting in Vienna came another severe test for the new President. The Soviet leader laid down a new ultimatum on the Berlin and German question — either agreement to a separate peace treaty for East Germany and the transformation of West Berlin into a "free city" or the Soviets would proceed on their own and give to the East Germans control over the access routes to West Berlin.

Khrushchev also demanded a nuclear test ban treaty on Soviet terms which included a built-in veto over its control commission.

In neither was he successful, and in succeeding months Khrushchev came to have a grudging admiration for Kennedy.

### Wants Another Meeting

Over the weekend, Communist diplomats let it be known that Khrushchev, disturbed by the death of President Kennedy and fearful of a switch in U.S. policy, would like a meeting with new President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Whether or not the meeting occurs, the possibility remains that one of Johnson's early tests may come from Soviet probing attempts to determine both his strengths and his weaknesses.

But this will be only one facet of the burden suddenly thrust upon Johnson. Throughout the world for many months ahead events will be colored by the sudden change in U.S. leadership.

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When the black Africans of Kenya wept over Kennedy's assassination, theirs was an emotion which swept the world. And part of it, whether or not in tangible form, was fear which came from the knowledge that for however brief a period of time, the leading nation of the free world itself stood leaderless.

In effect, it was creating a worldwide crisis of confidence.

### Reassure Germans

But at the same time, West German leaders felt it necessary to reassure Germans that there would be no change in U.S. policy and to remind West Berliners that Johnson himself had pledged to Berliners "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

As Britain approaches its general elections, a campaign which was to be based primarily on domestic issues already is taking a turn as Britain studies anew its future role in world affairs and its relationship with the new President.

In France, the passing of President Kennedy undoubtedly will reinforce President de Gaulle's determination to remain in office at least until 1970 in order to preserve for the West an image of unchanging leadership.

From South Vietnam to New Delhi, and from Moscow to Paris, a pressing task for the new President will be to still the waves of fear and prevent a crisis of confidence.

### APOCRYPHA

The Apocrypha were written mostly in the two centuries before Christ's time and after the other books of the Old Testament were completed. These now usually are not printed in Protestant Bibles.

### HINDUSTANI IDOL

Juggernaut is one of the most famous idols of Hindustan. This wooden idol periodically was taken out in procession and many of the faithful prostrated themselves before his car (which was of great weight) and were crushed.

### POLYANDRY

Polyandry is a familiar system under which a woman is married to several men at the same time. Personal relationships within polyandrous families often are remarkably free from jealousy, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

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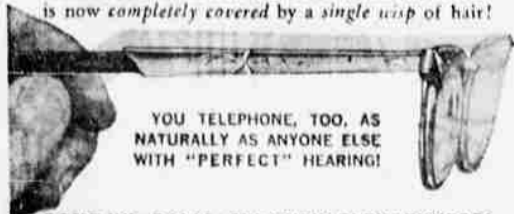
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