

Congress To Reconvene Wednesday; Stormy Session Expected



DEMOCRATIC MEETING — Sen. John F. Kennedy is shown exchanging views with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt shortly after he announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President.

—(UPI Telephoto)

Demo Leadership Lining Up Several 'Must' Measures

Washington — (UPI) — The Congress that may be best known in history by its presidential candidates reconvenes Wednesday for a stormy election-year session.

School construction, minimum wage, civil rights and housing — probably in about that order — highlighted the list of "must" bills the Democratic leadership is lining up for its 1960 session.

Revision of the Taft-Hartley labor law because of the steel dispute may add to the session's troubles.

But presidential politics — with all the major active contenders of both parties concentrated in the Senate chamber — overshadowed the legislative program.

Two Announce Candidacies

Two of the Senate's four Democratic presidential hopefuls formally announced their candidacies last week — Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey, Minn., and John F. Kennedy, Mass.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) and Sen. Stuart Symington (Mo.), the other two, are not expected to make any formal declarations in the near future.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who apparently clinched the GOP nomination with the withdrawal of New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, is expected to formalize his candidacy in a few weeks. He can do so when his name goes into the March 8 New Hampshire primary.

Nixon will be presiding over the Senate when both houses convene at noon e.s.t. Wednesday for the second session of the 86th Congress.

To Deliver Message

On Thursday, President Eisenhower will deliver in person his annual State of the Union Message to a joint session of Congress. Then the legislators probably will adjourn until next week.

The President's budget message calling for spending of about 80 billion dollars in the fiscal year starting July 1 will be submitted on Jan. 18. His economic report will go to Congress on Jan. 20.

Senate Republicans plan to hold their first party conference Wednesday afternoon. But the Democrats may switch their normal schedule and not hold their caucus until after they hear the President's State of the Union Message. This would enable Johnson to tailor his program with the advantage of knowing the President's proposals.

Leaders on both sides look for a short session, ending in time for the July 11 Democratic national convention in Los Angeles.

Governor Faces Heavy Schedule

Salem — (UPI) — This week's schedule of Gov. Mark Hatfield, starting off busy today with the appointment of Howard Belton as state treasurer, continues at a fast pace through Wednesday.

At 2 p.m. today he was to swear in William A. Callahan, Portland, as a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Tuesday's appointments include a cabinet meeting at noon, greeting of foreign educators at 2 p.m. and swearing in of Seaside attorney Avery Combs as circuit judge at 2:15 p.m. The regular Tuesday morning Board of Control meeting was cancelled.

Wednesday the governor will swear in Forestry Board members at 11:30 a.m.

EMBASSY FIRED ON

Buenos Aires — (UPI) — The door of the Yugoslav embassy was raked by machine gun fire from a speeding car early Thursday, it was disclosed Saturday. There were no casualties. Six bullets perforated the door.

Taipei — (UPI) — President Chiang Kai-Shek declared Friday that Nationalist China is capable of launching an offensive against Red China, press reports said. The generalissimo made the statement at a ceremony marking the 48th anniversary of the inauguration of the Republic of China.

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CRASH KILLS SEVEN — Seven persons died, deputies said the car in which they were riding apparently skidded on the road on a snow-swept road near Saginaw, Mich. Five young women riding in the car in the top photo were killed outright. Two men in the auto in the bottom photo also

—(UPI Telephoto)

Toppling Crane Kills 4 Children

Marseilles, France — (UPI) — A towering construction crane toppled into a kindergarten playground here today during a recreation period. Four children were killed and a number of others injured.

The crane was being erected in a workyard next door to the kindergarten when it fell.

The metal monster smashed the wall surrounding the playground and sledge-hammered into a group of playing children.

Workman Italo Florida, 45, was sitting in the cab of the crane when it fell. He was hurled into the playground and seriously injured.

The dead children were not immediately identified. About 150 children between the ages of 4 and 6 regularly attend the school.

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The four dead children were crushed into the ground by the weight of the falling metal. The uninjured survivors scattered screaming in all directions.

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Stocks Up Sharply On Steel Reports

New York — (UPI) — Stocks turned up sharply on reports of a steel settlement today with steel and rail issues pacing the upturn.

Many stocks were slow to open because of a glut of buy orders and a half hour after the first sale the tape was running flash prices.

Averages Gain

The Dow-Jones industrial stock average, which closed 1959 at a new peak added more than 6.50 in early trading, the biggest gain since Dec. 8, 1959, while the rail section spurted more than 4 to register its best rise since Aug. 20 last year.

Youngstown Sheet rose nearly 4 in the steels where U.S. Steel added more than 3, Jones & Laughlin more than 4, and Lukens, Republic and Bethlehem 2 or better.

Higher Trends in Rails

A number of the rails showed higher trends. New York Central was up more than a point, and Southern Railway and Pennsylvania large fractions.

Kennecott stood out in the metals with a rise of more than 2. Anaconda tacked on nearly a point. Chrysler rose around 2 in the autos where

American Motors rose a point and General Motors a fraction.

Elderly Suspect Held in Slaying Of Popular Priest

Buffalo, N.Y. — (UPI) — An elderly parishioner was held on a first degree murder charge today in the New Year's Day shooting of popular Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. Vincent L. Belle.

Police said the suspect, Alfonso Catalano, 77, apparently had a mental fixation and imagined a woman friend was spurning him in favor of Father Belle, assistant pastor of Holy Cross Church.

Catalano was taken into custody for questioning late Saturday about the time \$1,500 in reward money was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the priest's slayer.

The murder charge was ordered placed against the elderly suspect, a member of the Holy Cross parish, by District Attorney Carman F. Ball on the basis of statements taken from several persons in the neighborhood.

Two Believed Killed by Slide

Seattle — (UPI) — Two men were believed killed today when they were buried by a huge sand bank which collapsed at the construction site of a new apartment building.

Four men were working on the site when the slide buried them. One was pulled to safety and another was dead on arrival at King county hospital. Two others were still trapped in the slide 45 minutes later and believed killed.

The hospital has not yet established the identity of the body brought there but authorities tentatively identified the three men as Richard Johnson, Danny Griffin and William Birdall.

The most important information came from a middle-aged woman, whose name was withheld by police. According to her, Catalano had an "imaginative grievance" against Father Belle.

The priest was shot to death in his car parked in the rectory garage as he prepared to start on New Year's Day morning on a round of holy communion visits to shut-ins of his parish.

The suspect, a widower and father of four, received holy communion from Father Belle before the priest was slain and then returned to attend mass later in the morning, police said.



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Kennedy Rated Strong Contender As Demo Choice

New York — (UPI) — Democratic insiders rate Sen. John F. Kennedy the strongest contender for the Democratic presidential nomination but Sen. Stuart Symington commands surprising strength too, a survey indicated today.

A poll of state Democratic leaders across the nation placed the Missouri Democrat a close second behind Kennedy even though Symington's campaign plans are undisclosed. Kennedy announced his candidacy Saturday.

Much farther behind came Sen. Lyndon Johnson and Adlai Stevenson (Iowa), and Sen. Hubert Humphrey — in that order.

Query Party Chairmen

United Press International queried party chairmen or national committeemen in 39 states on the status of the race after round one of the bidding.

Few of the party leaders were willing to name a single favorite this far in advance. But in 34 of the 50 states they specified the three men who in their opinion were top contenders as of now. The total of mentions for each candidate or expected candidate was revealing.

Kennedy was named 31 times. Symington got 25 mentions. Stevenson and Johnson, who deny their candidacy, tied with 16. Humphrey, the first Democrat to announce, got only seven.

Five Pick Kennedy

Of those willing to specify a single favorite, five picked Kennedy. Two each mentioned Symington, Johnson and Humphrey.

Others considered it too early to single out one front-runner.

Thirty-four out of 37 believed that despite the upcoming preference primaries the turning point for the nomination would not come until the national convention itself.

On the other hand, 36 out of 37 believed Vice President Richard M. Nixon's choice as GOP nominee already was firmly decided.

Twenty-four out of 29 listed him as the GOP candidate whom they feel a Democrat could most easily defeat.

AIR FORCE HISTORY

Washington — On August 1, 1907, the army air force began as the aeronautical division of the army signal corps with one officer and two enlisted men.

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Neuberger Lists Five Major Goals of Congress During 1960

Portland — (UPI) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, returning to Washington, D.C. after four months in Oregon, today listed five major goals of the 1960 Congress.

Included were:

1. A positive foreign policy assuring peace with justice.
2. Reduction in cost of the federal farm program with more equity and fairness among all groups of farmers.
3. A program of voluntary health insurance under the Social Security system.
4. Sufficient federal revenues to keep the national budget in balance.
5. Support for science, education and basic research to provide greater American strength in competition with the Soviet Union.

Neuberger, who recently celebrated his 47th birthday, also said he would continue efforts to expand federal participation in medical research, particularly in cancer.

Dunes Park Backed

The senator, a recent cancer victim himself, said "as a result of these research advances in recent years, the survival rate among cancer

victims has been increased from one out of every four to one out of every three.

He also pledged himself to work for enactment of one of his bills which would authorize creation of a national seashore park in the Oregon Dunes area. He said he still did not understand opposition to the proposal from some residents.

Feeling Well

Neuberger said he was feeling well despite severe bouts with the shingles and later with the flu during December. He said he had more than 100 speaking engagements without missing a one.

"My wife and I love to live in Oregon despite the many demands upon us," he said, adding: "I am not an absentee senator who comes to his home state for any length of time only when his name is on the ballot."

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Could Bring Tax Cut

Defense spending of all types is now about \$46 billion a year—slightly more than half of the total of all federal spending.

The association estimated that a substantially reduced defense budget could lead to a tax cut of about 7 per cent. It said such a tax reduction would stimulate private spending and capital investments.

Carful Planning

But is said the effects of a hangover from an economy based on the present expenditures for defense to a limited disarmament economy would require careful planning. It called for the formation of a comprehensive plan to meet all emergencies.

"Unless we have a convincing economic plan for disarmament," the association

Big Cut Urged in Defense Spending

Washington — (UPI) — The National Planning Association has urged a big cut in U.S. defense spending so that taxes can be reduced and the country's economic resources can be shifted to "urgent peacetime tasks."

"If politically feasible, a reduction in armament would be desirable economically," the association said.

It declared "there is no valid economic argument that arms reduction would bring about economic depression."

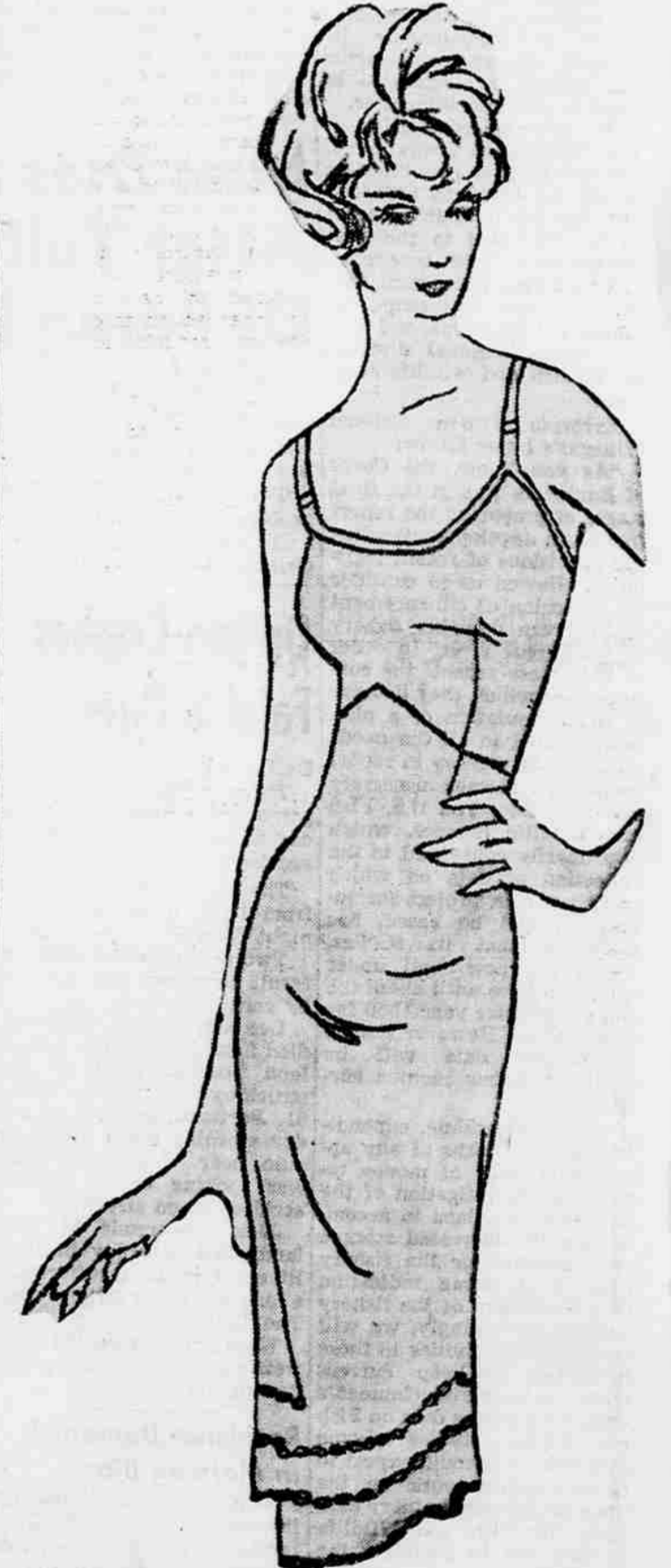
Valley Man Escapes Injury in Accident

Ashland — A 24-year-old man escaped injury early today when his car skidded on the ice, struck a light pole and turned over on its side on North Main st., city police reported.

Driver was Jack M. Johnson, 628 Altamont st. Damage to the car, a 1956 hardtop sedan, was estimated at \$600.

Police said the accident occurred at 12:45 a.m. at North Main's intersection with Schofield st. The car, southbound on Main, skidded approximately 200 yards.

Birmingham, England — (UPI) — Police today charged a factory foreman with the slaying of an 18-year-old Birmingham girl and questioned him about the killing of another woman.



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