

# U.S. Embassy Struck by Shells as Laos Battle Continues



**KENNEDY CERTIFIED**—The Illinois Electoral Board today unanimously certified President-elect John Kennedy's election victory in the state. The move assures him of the state's 27 electoral votes. Here, George H. Dapples, representing the Chicago Nixon

## Illinois Board Certifies Kennedy as Official Winner

Springfield, Ill.—President-elect John F. Kennedy today held a firm, official claim to Illinois' 27 electoral votes despite Republican charges of election fraud.

The Illinois Electoral Board certified Kennedy the official winner Wednesday at the end of a stormy 2½ hour hearing in the state capital.

Kennedy's margin over Vice President Richard M. Nixon was a razor-thin 8,858 votes—2,377,846 to 2,368,988.

Republicans conceded the decision by the GOP-dominated Electoral Board all but spelled the end to their hopes of reversing the Kennedy victory.

"There is apparently no way of stopping the electoral votes from going to Kennedy," Cook County Chicago Republican Chairman Francis X. Connell said.

George Dapples, attorney for the Chicago Nixon recount committee, spiked suggestions an injunction might be sought in Circuit Court here to prevent the Democratic electors from meeting Monday.

"What good would that do?" Dapples asked. "It wouldn't keep Kennedy out of the White House, or put Nixon into it."

## Steels, Chemicals Pace Stock Decline

New York — Stocks drifted lower today with steels, chemicals and scattered blue chips pacing the decline. Texas Instruments dropped more than 3 and IBM a large fraction after opening with a gain of 1½.

Chesapeake & Ohio rolled up a solid fraction.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 612.68, up 0.86; 20 railroads 127.10, up 0.36; 15 utilities 97.49, off 0.16, and 85 stocks 202.94, up 0.32. Sales Wednesday were about 3.88 million shares compared with 3.5 million shares Tuesday.

Dow Chemical	74 1/2
Du Pont	184 1/2
Eastman Kodak	112 1/2
Firestone	34
General Electric	76 1/2
General Foods	73 1/2
General Motors	41 1/2
Georgia Pacific	52 1/2
Graham Paige	13 1/2
Greystone	20 1/2
Gulf Oil	30 1/2
Homestead Mining	46 1/2
Idaho Power	51 1/2
I. B. M.	52 1/2
Int. Paper	91 1/2
Johns-Manville	74 1/2
Kennecott Copper	27 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	27 1/2
Montana Power	19 1/2
Montgomery Ward	27 1/2
National Biscuit	7 1/2
New York Central	12 1/2
Pacific Gas & Electric	69 1/2
Penn. R.R.	43 1/2
Penn. J. C.	30 1/2
Penn. R.R.	37 1/2
Radio Corporation	33 1/2
Richfield Oil	32 1/2
Safeway	37 1/2
Sears	35 1/2
Shell Oil	38 1/2
Soco Mobil Oil	37 1/2
Southern Co.	48 1/2
Southern Pacific	19 1/2
Standard California	45 1/2
Standard Indiana	44 1/2
Standard N. J.	39 1/2
Sun Mines	61 1/2
Texas Co.	80 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulfur	17 1/2
Texas Pac Land Trust	16 1/2
Transamerica	26 1/2
Trans World Air	13 1/2
Tri-Continental	33 1/2
Union Carbide	12 1/2
Union Pacific	27 1/2
United Aircraft	37 1/2
United Air Lines	36 1/2
U. S. Rubber	44 1/2
U. S. Steel	76 1/2
Youngstown S & T	19 1/2

## Incendiary Shell Burns Building; Leftists Retreat

Vientiane, Laos — Artillery and incendiary shells and bullets struck the U.S. Embassy today as pro-Western soldiers battled to drive Communist-supported troops from the capital city.

Diplomatic officials in Washington said the American Chancery, the building housing the embassy offices, was burned out in a fire started when an incendiary shell hit the building. There was no report of Americans hurt.

**Staffers Huddle**  
U.S. Ambassador Winthrop Brown and 30 staff members huddled on the ground floor of the buildings as the fighting between pro and anti-Communist forces swirled through the city. Two heavy shells hit the building and shells sprayed the second floor.

The anti-Communist forces led by Brig. Gen. Phoumi Nosavan shot their way into the center of the city Wednesday in a fierce battle.

The leftist and Communist Pathet Lao soldiers under paratrooper Capt. Kong Le retreated to the airport on the western edge of the city.

**Intervention Threats**  
The continuing battle brought new threats of intervention from Communist China, a move that almost certainly would draw in outside Western forces and turn Laos into a new Korea.

Peiping Radio accused the United States and neighboring Thailand of "crude" and "frenzied" intervention and said the situation was "very grave." It said it would make "utmost efforts to . . . check U.S. imperialist intervention in the internal affairs of Laos."

**Victory Uncertain**  
The see-saw battle still was going on and it was uncertain which side would be the ultimate victor.

This was the second time Phoumi's soldiers had driven out the leftists.

The pro-Western general launched his first attack Tuesday and seized key areas of the city. Kong Le rallied his forces and drove them back again.

Late Wednesday Phoumi received reinforcements and drove back into the heart of this city.

**Guests Take Refuge**  
Heavy fighting swirled around the city's only major hotel, the Constellation. Men, women and children took refuge in the lower floors and none was injured although the hotel suffered three direct hits from artillery fire.

Two large calibre shells and several bullets struck the second floor of the U.S. embassy. U.S. Ambassador Winthrop Brown and 30 staff members huddled on the ground floor and none was injured.

## Disc Jockeys To Join Federation

Portland — Disc jockeys for four Portland radio stations voted for membership in the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists Wednesday night.

The vote came following a recent National Labor Relations Board decision that disc jockeys at KPOJ, KGW, KOIN and KXL need not belong to both AFRTA and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The vote was 20 for the AFRTA and none for the IBEW. Two votes were cast not to have any union.

Richard Ross, KOIN-TV newsman, is president-elect of AFRTA.

## Oregon May Gain In Avery Estate

Salem — A Salem newspaper said today "the estate of former Montgomery Ward & Co. Chairman Sewell Avery could mean up to \$4 million in inheritance taxes for Oregon because of 11,979 acres of virgin timber he owned in Linn county.

The north Linn county holdings, in the Thomas creek watershed, have been estimated to be worth more than \$20 million. The amount of taxes Oregon would receive depends on provisions of Avery's will, the Oregon Statesman said.

He died last month and his will will be probated in the Midwest.

Americans spent an estimated \$1.2 billion last year for candy and consumed an average of 16.4 pounds per capita.

## Five More Bodies Found as Algiers Terrorism Mounts

Algiers, Algeria — French police discovered the bodies of five more terrorist victims in Algiers today, adding a new and ugly twist to the now flagrant hatred between Moslem and European communities.

Moslem demands for independence were growing, apparently fanned by agitators sent into Algiers by leaders of the six-year-old rebellion against France and mobs of Arabs streamed out of the Casbah today in ugly demonstrations.

Four truckloads of French paratroopers rolled into government square today and broke up one throng of 1,500 Moslems waving Algerian rebel flags and howling for independence.

Discovery of the five bodies raised new fears among the French settlers that the war would engulf Algiers itself.

The principal victim was Said Madani, leading Moslem frontman of the settlers' French Algeria cause.

The other victims were two Europeans found battered to death in the Djar El Mahcoul suburb and two Moslems lying in a ditch at Maison Blanche, site of a major airport outside the city. Their deaths brought the toll of a week's violence to at least 130.

The death of Madani was a special shock. He was a member of the French Algeria Public Safety committee which led the May, 1958, settler revolt that brought Gen. Charles de Gaulle to power.

## Property Tax Hike To Pay for Schools Said Education Threat

Salem — Oregon legislators were told Wednesday that to further increase property taxes to pay for schools would be a "serious threat" to education in Oregon.

Thomas Rigby of Salem, executive secretary of the legislative interim committee on education, said Oregonians now pay more property tax to finance education than any other state.

More than 60 per cent of school costs in Oregon come from property taxes while the national average is 50 per cent, he said.

Gov. Mark Hatfield has suggested more basic school support from the state to enable a reduction in property taxes.

Rigby said the committee's goal is for the state to pay 50 per cent of school costs by the 1965-66 school year. The state now contributes 36½ per cent.

State Fiscal Officer Kenneth Bragg said that even with the proposed salary increases for state employees, the salaries would be three years behind those of private and federal employees at the end of the biennium.

He contrasted this with recommended increases in academic salaries. At the end of the next biennium under proposed pay increases, Oregon would be competitive with 19 comparable colleges, Bragg said.

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