



**ARMS SECRETARY DISCUSSED**—President-elect John F. Kennedy, left, confers with his Defense Secretary-designate, Robert McNamara, about appointment of a Secretary of the Army. It has been reported that Georgia Gov. Ernest Vandiver has been asked if he would be interested but has indicated he would not accept the post. (UPI Telephoto)

## Stocks Extend Wednesday's Biggest Gain in Three Years

New York—(UPI)—Stock prices gained today after Wednesday's sharp run-up, the biggest in more than three years. Stocks receiving the biggest upside play included motors, steels, chemicals, metals and a good many defense stocks. American Telephone ran up more than a point along with Ford while large fractions were added by Alcoa, Du Pont, Anaconda, Republic Steel, International Paper and General Electric.

Crown Zellerbach	44	Penn RR	12
Curtis Wright	16 1/2	Radio Corporation	53
Du Pont	19	Richfield Oil	88 1/2
Eastman Kodak	113	Safeway	36 1/2
Firestone	34 1/2	Sears	34 1/2
General Electric	72 1/2	Shell Oil	39
General Foods	70 1/2	Secor Mobil Oil	39 1/2
General Motors	43	Southern Co.	48 1/2
Georgia Pacific	54 1/2	Southern Pacific	21 1/2
Graham Paige	20 1/2	Standard California	47 1/2
Greyhound	23 1/2	Standard Indiana	47
Gulf Oil	48 1/2	Standard N. J.	42
Homestake Mining	38 1/2	Sun Mines	42
Idaho Power	40 1/2	Texas Co.	83 1/2
I. B. M.	302	Texas Gulf Sulphur	19 1/2
Int. Paper	31 1/2	Texas Pac Land Trust	16
Johns-Manville	59 1/2	Transamerica	27 1/2
Kennecott Copper	76 1/2	Trans World Air	14 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	28	Tri-Continental	36 1/2
Montana Power	32	Union Carbide	118 1/2
Montgomery Ward	28 1/2	Union Pacific	27 1/2
Nat'l Biscuit	72 1/2	United Air Lines	27 1/2
New York Central	16 1/2	U. S. Rubber	47 1/2
Pac Gas & Elec	76 1/2	U. S. Steel	79 1/2
Penney, J. C.	40 1/2	Youngstown S & T	19 1/2

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York—(UPI)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 621.49, up 11.24; 20 railroads 133.71, up 2.85; 15 utilities 100.41, up 0.66, and 85 stocks 208.03, up 3.26. Sales Wednesday were about 3.84 million shares compared with 2.77 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	53 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	72 1/2
American Can	34 1/2
American Motors	18 1/2
A. T. & T.	104
Anaconda Copper	45 1/2
Armco Steel	69 1/2
Bendix Corp.	68
Boeing Air	39
Caterpillar Corp.	32 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	39 1/2
Continental Can	38

**Vehicle Destroyed By Fire Early Today**  
Firemen summoned to a car fire about 3 o'clock this morning at the Cecil Connors place on Carpenter Hill rd., said that the station wagon was totally involved in flames when they arrived. They said that Connors discovered the fire in the vehicle parked beside an orchard shed and reported that apparent cause was a short in wiring.

## Belgians Look to King for Solution To Civil Strife

Brussels, Belgium—(UPI)—The Belgian people looked hopefully to their young, newlywed King today for some spectacular move that would end the civil strife and strikes that have gripped the nation for two and a half weeks. A power struggle between Premier Gaston Eyskens' government and the Socialist-led opposition appeared to be sliding into a stalemate that could be resolved only by King Baudouin's personal mediation. **Sees Socialist Leader**  
The 30-year-old monarch conferred unexpectedly Wednesday night with Socialist party President Leo Collard at Jaeken Palace, just outside Brussels. No one would say which one asked for the meeting but it was their second talk since

the King returned from a shortened honeymoon last week. Baudouin also has met with Eyskens twice. Although life in this country of 9 million people remained half-crippled by leftist-led strikes, it was clear Eyskens' government had enough support to hang on. **Government Trump Card**  
The refusal of Catholic labor unions to join the walk-outs was a major trump card for the government. The Catholic unions claim about 750,000 members, slightly more than the Socialist unions. The government's forceful security action, including saber charges by mounted gendarmes, has succeeded in blunting mass leftwing demonstrations and marches in Brussels and other leading cities.

## Deal Sought To Head Off Purge Of Southerners

Washington—(UPI)—Moderate House Democrats searched today for a compromise that would head off a bruising battle by Speaker Sam Rayburn to purge party-bolting Mississippi Democrats from posts of congressional power. **Informal sources** said Rayburn already has been offered some concessions but has rejected them because they fell short of the price the powerful Texas Democrat wants for a peaceable settlement. The real issue is whether Rayburn, leader of the Democratic party in the House, or Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.), a leader of the bipartisan conservative coalition, is going to control the House Rules Committee for the next two years. Smith is chairman of the committee.

**War of Nerves**  
Rayburn has passed the word he will lead a liberal drive to purge Rep. William M. Colmer (D-Miss.), a Smith ally, from the committee unless the stranglehold over liberal legislation held by Smith, in the last Congress, is broken through a less painful method. The rules committee controls the flow of bills to the House floor and can pigeon-hole measures it does not like. Keeping his own counsel in the "war of nerves" with Smith, Rayburn announced no timetable for threatened purge but let it be known that it would not be launched before next week. In the meantime, the organization of House committees was at a standstill. The proposed compromise, which Rayburn was said to

have rejected, was put forward by an intermediary anxious to avoid the party-splitting battle. The purge—once started—is likely to encompass three other Mississippi Democrats who, with Colmer, fought the national party ticket in the November election—Reps. Jaime L. Whitten, Arthur Winstead and John Bell Williams. The rejected compromise—believed acceptable to Smith and Colmer—would have kept the conservative coalition in control of the rules committee with these two concessions: **No Pigeon-Hole Pledge**  
—A pledge that the committee would not pigeon-hole any of the five-point legislative program to which President-elect John F. Kennedy has assigned top priority. These measures would include federal aid for education and for communities with chronic unemployment, medical care for the elderly, liberalization of the minimum wage law and expanded outlays for slum clearance. —A change in rules that would strip the rules committee of any power to block legislation after it has passed both the House and Senate. At present, approval of the rules committee is necessary before a majority of the House can arrange for Senate-House negotiations to iron out differences between bills approved by the two chambers. The committee used this power, in the last Congress, to scuttle a new federal aid for education program.

## Santa Fe Officials Review Proposal at Chamber Breakfast

The importance of maintaining competitive rail service between California points and the Pacific Northwest was reviewed by representatives of the Santa Fe Railroad at a meeting of the Medford Chamber of Commerce board of directors this morning. Representing the Santa Fe were Henry M. Moffat, Rob-

ert E. Welk and Frank N. Grossman, all of San Francisco, and R. T. Patterson, Portland. They spoke at the request of the chamber board, which sought more information on Santa Fe's proposal to acquire control of the Western Pacific Railroad. Earlier the board heard Southern Pacific's arguments in its proposal to purchase Western Pacific. Applications from both Santa Fe and Southern Pacific are before the Interstate Commerce Commission, which will call public hearings in several states on the proposals. Representatives of Santa Fe reviewed railroad development in the west, and pointed out that competitive routes such as those of Santa Fe and Western Pacific "have without question been a prime factor in the growth and development of the entire west." They pointed out that Western Pacific has endorsed Santa Fe's proposal, and has authorized its management to intervene to assist in seeking formal approval of Santa Fe's application. Great Northern Railroad, they noted, also intervened in behalf of Santa Fe.

Santa Fe officials said the company intends to maintain Western Pacific as "a separate railroad corporation if the proposed acquisition by Santa Fe is approved." They added that Western Pacific would be maintained in "active competition with the Southern Pacific, which will result in benefit to all of the areas served by the two railroads and their connecting carriers." Santa Fe representatives said "The growing economy of the west cannot afford suppression of competition in rail transportation, particularly in the face of the fact that the present and projected traffic demand is adequate to support two strong rail systems."

**Americans Arrested In Czechoslovakia**  
Moscow—(UPI)—Two alleged American intelligence agents have been arrested in Communist Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Tass news agency reported Wednesday. Tass identified them as Paul Gieseler and Christina Molkova. It said Miss Molkova was a student from Bratislava and that both were trying to reach Switzerland when arrested. "The preliminary investigation showed that both had carried out assignments for the American intelligence, Tass said.

## Kennedy, Advisers Draft Farm Plans

New York—(UPI)—President-elect John F. Kennedy today summoned his top economic advisers and farm experts to draft plans to pep up the national economy on the farm and factory fronts. His first major conference of the day was with nine farm organization leaders in his Carlyle hotel suite. Vice President-elect Lyndon B. Johnson, Agriculture Secretary-designate Orville Freeman, and the chairmen of the House and Senate agriculture committees, Rep. Harold Cooley (D-N. C.) and Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), joined the talks.

A task force study for Kennedy on economic problems that will face the new administration. A report being assembled by Samuelson will be an important key to early economic planning by the new administration.

The agriculture meeting dealt with what Kennedy regarded as a continuing farm crisis involving a painful cost-price squeeze on the consumers as well as the producers of the nation's food and fiber.

**Khrushchev Calls For German Treaty**  
Bonn, Germany—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev Wednesday renewed his call for "neighborly" coexistence with West Germany and a German peace treaty. In a reply to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's New Year's greeting, Khrushchev said a peace treaty would "have a particularly fruitful effect on relations between our states."

West Germany maintains that a peace treaty can only be signed by a freely-elected all-German government.

**SEAPLANE PATROL**  
Miami—(UPI)—The U. S. Coast Guard said Wednesday it had begun daily seaplane patrols off the Florida Keys as far south as Dry Tortugas to watch for Cuban refugee vessels in distress.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said Kennedy was "mystified" by reports that "the pressure" had been brought upon him by southern Democrats to appoint Gov. Ernest Vandiver of Georgia to the post of secretary of the Army. Salinger said Vandiver was one of the men still under consideration. Kennedy and Secretary of Defense-designate Robert McNamara discussed this at their meeting Wednesday night but no announcement was expected until next week.

Vandiver said in Atlanta today that he is too busy in Georgia, where his "first duty" lines, to consider the Army job. He sent a telegram to Kennedy asking that his name be withdrawn from consideration.

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