



IN THEATER—An unidentified woman at left gleefully points out President-elect John F. Kennedy as he walks to his seat in St. James theater in New York to watch the Broadway "Do Re Mi" Monday night. Although the orchestra section had been sold out, the theater management found seats for the Kennedy party. The President-elect said he thought the musical comedy was "fine." —(UPI Telephoto)

Kennedy's Night in Manhattan Turns Out As Average Person's

(Editor's note: Merriman Smith, UPI White House reporter, had a rather harrowing evening in New York Monday night with President-elect John F. Kennedy. Kennedy wanted one more visit to a good restaurant, and one more evening at the theater before adjourning behind the walls of the White House. The evening seemed glamorous to outsiders, but not to those who saw the difficulties Kennedy encountered along the Gay White Way.)

By MERRIMAN SMITH, UPI White House Reporter
New York—President-elect John F. Kennedy knew Monday night as he flew in his private plane from Boston to New York that he had one more chance for a night on the town in Manhattan.

On Jan. 20 he embarks on what he calls "that high and lonely office" of the presidency. Between now and inauguration, he knew he must devote his time to completing his new administration and writing his inaugural address.

Against this background, he decided that he wanted to see one more good Broadway show, this time a musical with comedian Phil Silvers, "Do-Re-Mi." He wanted to see the show with his good friend, Grant Stockdale, Miami, Fla., real estate man. But there was one drawback: No tickets.

At La Guardia Field, press secretary Pierre Salinger

popped into a mobile communications car provided by the New York Telephone Co. and called the St. James Theater. He explained that the President-elect wanted two tickets. The gruff voice on the other end in effect told Salinger to get lost. The place was sold out.

A reporter in the car with Salinger called the dramatic critic of his news organization. The critic had left home to cover a new opening. The critic's wife, however, gallantly volunteered to call the St. James and tell the manager that the call from Salinger was on the level.

By this time, Kennedy's four-car motorcade was in Manhattan and having every confidence that his tickets were assured. Kennedy and Stockdale decided to have dinner at one of the President-elect's favorite restaurants, Le Pavillon. They pulled up in front of the posh establishment. But again, a drawback: Monday night, the place was closed.

Then the President-elect thought of another restaurant, but he wasn't quite sure of the name. A Secret Service man tried to find the address of the Kennedy-recommended dining spot in the telephone book. New drawback: No telephone listed.

It was only 50 minutes before curtain time at the St. James. Kennedy directed the motorcade to "21", another famous New York spa and elite

ICA Says There Is No Reason To Call Off Contract

Washington—UPI—The International Cooperation Administration said Monday there was no justifiable reason for asking South Korea to call off a \$1.5 million ICA-financed lumber deal with a Japanese firm.

An American firm, the Georgia-Pacific Corp., of Portland, Ore., was the second lowest bidder to supply 19 million board-feet of lumber for homeless Korean victims of typhoon Sarah.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), had asked Secretary of State Christian Herter and the ICA to look into possible irregularities in the award of the contract.

He said he was disturbed by charges that the contract may have been granted to the Japanese firm "under conditions of kickback."

Explanation Asked
Morse asked the ICA to explain why the contract had been awarded to Japan despite a recommendation by the American mission in South Korea that it be canceled.

He also questioned the contract on the grounds that the Japanese firm had not fulfilled the contract in the time specified, nor with the softwoods called for in the specifications.

The ICA told Morse that it was looking into the allegations and that it would ask the Korean government to refund the money if the charges were found to be true.

However, the ICA said that the contract specifications had provided the substitution of certain hardwoods for softwoods and that the Japanese firm had not asked for any changes in delivery.

The ICA added that President Eisenhower's "buy American" order—an effort to conserve the nation's dwindling gold reserves—did not apply retroactively to orders such as the Korean lumber contract.

Speaker Announced For Safety Banquet

Two Save-a-Life awards, one industrial safety plaque and several other special certificates will be awarded Friday, Jan. 20, at the annual awards banquet of the Medford Safety Council.

Edward M. Syring, Salem, manager of the drivers' license division of the department of motor vehicles, will speak.

New Safety council officers will be installed, according to Medford Police Capt. Clyde Fichtner, general chairman of the event.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Rogue Valley Country club. Tickets are available from council members or may be purchased at the door the evening of the event, it was announced. The public is invited to attend.

Further information can be obtained from Captain Fichtner at the Medford police station in the city hall.

College Director Attends Conference

Ashland—Dr. E. C. McGill, Southern Oregon college director of academic affairs and assistant to the president, attended a Northwest Honors conference in Seattle, Wash., recently.

The conference was attended by representatives of colleges and universities in Oregon and Washington for the purpose of discussing the honors program and advanced placement operations in schools.

Dr. McGill analyzed a number of specific cases which dealt with such segregated quarters, equipment and type of instruction needed, and relations with faculty, administration, and the student body in general.

Bank Looking For People Born in 1887

Persons born in 1887 will be feted at a Jan. 20 merger celebration of the Rogue Valley State bank of Medford and The Oregon Bank of Portland.

Clarence Young, president of the Rogue Valley bank, said 1887 was the year in which the Oregon Bank was established. It was then known as the Portland Trust bank.

All persons born in 1887 (they should now be 73 years old) are advised to contact the local bank. If they qualify, they will be entertained by the bank and will act as official hosts and hostesses on Jan. 20, when an open house will be held at the two Rogue Valley banks in Medford.

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