

Lowering of Voting Age to 18 Topic of Committee Hearing

Kasavubu Nominates Pro-Western Cabinet

Leopoldville, The Congo — President Joseph Kasavubu today dismissed the College of Commissioners which ran the Congo since last October and nominated a pro-Western provisional government headed by moderate Joseph Ileo.

Observers said the cabinet list was definitely pro-Western and might even be called pro-Belgian. It included a minister resident in Belgium.

Kasavubu made his dramatic political move by a constitutional decree. He used the same powers to depose Patrice Lumumba and later to formally install the College of Commissioners appointed by Army strongman Maj. Gen. Joseph Mobutu.

Kasavubu said the government would take office immediately and rule until the Congolese parliament could be reconvened.

A sense of urgency was attached to the governmental change because of increasing Congolese criticism of United Nations policy and apparent U.S. support of U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's proposal to "neutralize" the army as part of a compromise settlement of the Congo strife.

Hundreds of demonstrators African youths stoned the U.S. consulate in Elisabethville, capital of Katanga Province, Wednesday after hearing Katanga President Moïse Tshombe denounce Hammarskjöld and the United States.

The consulate was not damaged and nobody was hurt. Later in the evening, after dispersing the mob, armed police patrolled the city in trucks and jeeps to keep order.

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Stock List Extends Upward Movement Noted Wednesday

New York — Stocks extended Wednesday's upward movement today.

The advance in the Dow-Jones industrial average was tempered, however, by a drop of 2 1/2 in General Electric which opened late on two blocks of 35,000 and 2,000 shares as the company faces further litigation on price fixing.

Westinghouse, faced with similar court action, failed to open in the first hour owing to a rush of sell orders.

Steel shares, aside from Jones & Laughlin which added a point, showed minor fractional gains.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 Industrials 648.85, up 4.91; 20 Railroads 142.41, up 0.75; 15 Utilities 107.72, up 0.16; and 65 Stocks 219.47, up 1.24. Sales Wednesday

Retired Minnie Called to Duty

Tulsa, Okla. — It was just like old times when Minnie got back into harness yesterday, and she enjoyed it even though she may have a few aches and pains for the next several days.

Minnie is a 50-year-old retired circus elephant. She lives at the Mohawk Zoo in Tulsa.

Someone drove his car onto a golf course and it slid into a lake. It was abandoned. Officials at the course feared that a wrecker would damage the course because of recent snow and rain. So they asked Minnie to come temporarily out of retirement.

Hugh Davis, curator at the Zoo, agreed and got out Minnie's old circus harness. To her, it was like child's play to jerk the car out of the muck.

"She seemed to enjoy the whole thing," Davis said. "But she may have some sore muscles for the next few days."

Young People Said Becoming Nation's Leaders

Salem — The legislature got down to cases Wednesday on whether 18-year-olds should be allowed to vote.

The House Elections Committee had its first hearing on House Joint Resolution 2, which would lower the age to 18. The people would vote on this in 1962.

Sponsor Katherine Musa (D-The Dalles) said the most compelling reason for the measure is because "young people today are fast becoming leaders, and tomorrow they will be taking over the responsibilities of government."

Her husband, Sen. Ben Musa, (D-The Dalles) is sponsor of the proposal in the Senate.

A similar effort in 1957, pushed by Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) and Gov. Mark Hatfield, then a state senator from Marion county, failed.

There was little opposition at the meeting, but Chairman George Annala (D-Hood River) said a second hearing will be called soon.

Sweetland said many young adults in the 18-21 bracket are heads of families, have children, pay taxes and yet have no say in operation of public schools and the entire government.

J. D. McDonald, president of the Oregon AFL-CIO, said labor is all for it.

The hearing featured comments from a delegation of 46 teen-agers from North Salem high school, most of them approaching 18.

Tom Averill, 16, said many youngsters know more about current issues than their parents.

Linda Mauldin, also 16, said teen-agers should be allowed to get an early start in politics through voting because "we are the ones who in the future will have your jobs, and one of us will be president."

Annala got a laugh when he cracked: "I wouldn't want to run against you."

Bills Passed by House, Senate

Salem — Measures approved Wednesday:

Senate:
SCR 7, 8, 9: Condolences on deaths of ex-Gov. Oswald West, Lew Wallace and Larry Smyth.

SB22: Relating to private carriers.

SB23: Application of motor transportation code.

SB 24: Restores authority of weighmasters to arrest.

SB119: Relating to campaign financial reports.

HB1033: Allows attorney general to pursue collection of back taxes from out-of-state residents.

House:
HB2021, 2050, and 2055: Budgets of Geology and Mineral Industries, Funeral Directors and Embalmers, State Board of Pharmacy, Supreme Court Library, and Blind Commission.

HB1180: Relating to petitions for appeal in welfare cases.

HB1045: Relating to appeals.

HB1316 and 1317: Beach and Lake easements near Gardiner.

Signed by Governor:
HB1028: Special election for Multnomah School Dist. 1.

HB1112: Differential for Port of Portland drydock.

HB2008: Commission of Blind Budget.

PHONE TOTAL RISES

New York — The United States had 70,821,000 telephones in service in 1960, or 6.3 per cent more than in 1959, according to the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. The Soviet Union last year had 4,022,633 phones in service for a gain of 5.6 per cent over 1959.



ATTACKERS PURSUED—Grasping a chair to use as a weapon, mortally wounded bus company watchman Perito Cayabyab, right, staggers in pursuit of three teen-age boys who attacked and stabbed him in Manila as result of a grudge. Two of the assailants are seen running away in left center of the photo. Note a knife in the hand of youth in the black shirt. Cayabyab died a few minutes later. Police, aided by descriptions and this photo, caught the youths some hours later. Silverio Enriquez, photographer for the Manila Chronicle, was strolling down the street, witnessed the attack and made this picture. (UPI Telephoto)

Missile Gap Uproar Focuses Attention on 'Backgrounders'

Washington — The missile gap uproar focused attention today on a peculiar capital institution—the "backgrounder" session where top officials give newsmen important information that can be published only if not attributed to any source.

President Kennedy told his news conference Wednesday that such briefings could be "hazardous" but were important enough to accurate reporting to be continued.

Organized "backgrounders," which have their attackers and defenders, can be useful in getting to the public much government information it might not otherwise get.

They also enable reporters to gather valuable background information so they can better report developments as they break into the open.

"Backgrounders" have their perils—for officials who drop explosive items and find themselves unveiled by someone who was not present and for

reporters who are put on the spot when there are official denials of information reported without sources or transcripts to back them up.

Kennedy endorsed background sessions at his news conference in the face of whatever embarrassment was caused by his defense chiefs' reports that a "missile gap" between the United States and Russia.

The President virtually acknowledged that the background briefing which produced these reports was held by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara. But he did not accept the accounts of reporters of what transpired.

Reports Monday night and Tuesday said the new defense high command did not believe Russia had more intercontinental missiles than the United States and did not see any reason to expect a gap to develop in over-all destruct-

ive power.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said the reports were "inaccurate." He said "no such study has been completed, no such finding has been made in any study up to the present."

Quotes From the News

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Washington — Mrs. John F. Kennedy, telling why their daughter, Caroline, was present at the diplomatic reception for ambassadors at the White House:

"I'd rather she learn these things first hand than sit upstairs and hear us talk about it."

Washington — Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov, replying to a joking invitation from Atty. General Robert Kennedy to visit the Justice Department where the Communist spies are locked up:

"We'll, maybe I'll come down—and look at the outside."

London — Eric Russell, who will try to cash a \$21,432 check his son found inside a bottle washed up on a beach:

"I am treating this whole thing as a joke, but of course I am hoping the check is genuine and from a benevolent millionaire."

Los Angeles — Irene von Drieberg, on divorcing her husband, movie muralist Fritz von Drieberg:

"He called me a peasant because I am an American and he is European."

Shark Submarine Joins Navy Fleet

Newport News, Va. — The fastest nuclear-powered submarine in the world, a silent hunter designed to stalk and kill enemy submarines with self-guiding torpedoes, joins the U.S. Navy today.

The Navy has refused to reveal the exact speed of the 252-foot, 3,500-ton submarine "Shark." Officials will say only that the Shark's atomic engines and radical hull design give it a top speed "in excess of 20 knots."

The Shark was christened almost a year ago and recently completed its preliminary sea trials.

The Shark carries no missiles or rockets. Its self-guiding torpedoes are capable of chasing down enemy subs, and its sounding gear is said to be sensitive enough to pick up the sound of a cough from inside a submerged sub under proper conditions.

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AMBASSADOR — President Kennedy named George F. Kennan, former envoy to the Soviet Union and an expert on relations with the Communist bloc, as ambassador to Yugoslavia. Kennan has been serving informally as an advisor to Kennedy and Secretary of State Dean Rusk on relations with Soviet Russia. (UPI Telephoto)

