TOGETHER FOR CONFERENCE—Getting together for the start of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' momentous conference in London are, from left, Robert Menzies of Australia, President Ayub Khan of Pakistan, John Diefenbaker of Canada and Dr. Hendrik Verwoerd of South Africa. The question of nuclear disarmament was the No. 1 issue as a result of Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's behind-the-scenes work to head off any early explosion over South Africa's racial segregation policy which might have led to a demand for the country's expulsion from the Commonwealth.

(UPI Telephoto)

Kennedy Proposes Construction of 100,000 Low-Rent Units in Big Program

Washington –(UPI)– President Kennedy today sent Congress a housing program proposing that the government subsidize construction of 100,000 low-rent units as part of a major attack on crime-infested city slums.

In a move to aid moderate-income families, he suggested a temporary and experimental use of no-down-payment mortgages which would be available to any person who wanted to buy a home costing up to about $13,500.

"A nation that is partly ill-housed is not as strong as a nation with adequate homes for every family," the President said. "A nation with ugly, crime-infested cities and haphazard suburbs does not present the same image to the world as a nation characterized by bright and orderly urban development."

He called for government-backed low-rent housing units because "government housing subsidies are required for families with very low incomes. Public housing is the only housing they can afford; yet public housing is too often unavailable."

In a special message Kennedy told Congress it must redeem the pledge of the 1949 Housing Act of "a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family."

To achieve this goal, the President proposed expansion of present federal housing efforts and several news uses of federal mortgage insurance.

By 1970, he said, construction of two million new houses and apartments a year will be necessary merely to keep up with population growth.

The nation will be stronger as it is better housed, Kennedy declared, and it will present a better image to the world as it eradicates "ugly, crime-infested cities and haphazard suburbs." He estimated 14 million American families "live in substandard or deteriorating homes."

Kennedy put no over-all price tag on the array of proposals he sent Congress. It appeared they would cost perhaps $3 billion over a period of years.

Citing the 18 per cent drop in home building last year, Kennedy said "there is no longer an enormous backlog of economic demand which can be released simply by providing ample credit."

"Credit devices must now be used selectively," he said, to stimulate home building for moderate and low income families. He said it is these families who offer the largest and most immediate potential housing market.

Kennedy said he would "shortly offer" to Congress a proposal for creation of a Cabinet-rank Department of Housing and Urban Affairs. The Housing and Home Finance agency is headed now by Robert C. Weaver, whose sub-Cabinet rank is the highest ever held by a Negro.

The President made no mention of the executive order he has promised to issue banning racial discrimination in all federally aided housing. The administration plans to delay issuing it until after Congress acts on housing legislation.

Kennedy made these proposals:

For moderate income families: Temporary, experimental use of no-down payment, 40-year insured mortgages available to any family for purchase of a home costing up to about $13,500. These loans, made by private lenders and insured by the Federal Housing administration, now are available only to families displaced by public projects.

Low-interest government loans for construction of rental and cooperative housing. Officials are thinking about asking Congress for $500 million for these loans. They would be made to local housing authorities, cooperatives, nonprofit associations and limited-profit corporations.

For low income families: Action by Congress to permit the Public Housing administration to subsidize construction of 100,000 low-rent housing units. "Unless we increase the supply of low-rent housing, our communities cannot rid themselves of slums," Kennedy said.

For elderly persons: Doubling the present authorization of $50 million for direct loans to non-profit groups for construction of housing for older persons.

Reserving 50,000 units of low-rent public housing "specifically for low-income elderly persons and families" and an increase of $10 a month in the subsidy on apartments occupied by elderly persons, thereby lowering the rent they pay.

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Education Comittee Approves Bill To Increase Basic School Support

Salem – (UPI) – Tossing out Gov. Mark Hatfield's recommendation, the House Education Committee late Wednesday unanimously approved a bill which would raise basic school support to $125 per census child. That is twice the increase Hatfield proposed.

It would hike the state's share of local school costs to 40 per cent in 1961-62 with 1962-63 contributions at 38 per cent. The present state share is 36 per cent.

The committee amended Hatfield's bill, HB1106, and sent it to the Ways and Means Committee.

At present the state contributes $105 per census child, or $107.6 million a biennium. The committee's $20 increase would add another $22 million.

Chairman Tom Monaghan said he believes the governor has enough in his budget to take care of it. He said Hatfield has underestimated the budget by many millions.

Safety Belts Urged

Rep. Ross Morgan (D-Gresham) announced he is introducing a bill to make safety seat belts mandatory on all new cars sold in Oregon. Half of all car fatalities in the nation last year could have been prevented with such belts, he said.

The Senate State and Federal Affairs committee approved bills moving the secretary of state and state treasurer out of the Capitol Building to make more room for the legislature, and the three-block cutback in the capitol mall.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said he would be "glad to move to a quonset hut" if it would cut costs of government.

But he warned that cost of moving his office to another building would probably be at least $500,000 and the legislature should look into this carefully.

The House Public Health and Welfare Committee voted two bills out "do pass." One would liberalize the state relative responsibility act and the other would allocate $75,000 to help get welfare recipients back to work. The latter went to Ways and Means.

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Stocks Show Gain Of Extending Gains

New York – (UPI) – Stocks jumped off to a short gain this morning but showed strong signs of extending the advance.

Electronics and low-priced specialties were in heavy demand while steel stocks began moving ahead during the second hour. Motors and chemical issues were narrow.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York – (UPI) – Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 666.15, off 0.99; 20 rails 42.24, off 1.38; 15 utilities 108.26, up 0.28; 65 stocks 222.97 off 0.47. Sales Wednesday were about 5.91 million shares as compared with about 5.54 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	57⅜
Alum Co. Am	76
American Can	37⅞
American Motors	17⅞
A T & T	114
American Tobacco	71½
Anaconda Copper	50¾
Armco Steel	73¾
Bendix Corp	64⅛
Bethlehem Steel	45⅞
Boeing Air	41½
Brunswick	74
Caterpillar Corp.	34¾
Chrysler Corp.	43½
Coca Cola	85⅛
Continental Can	38
Crown Zellerbach	56¼
Curtiss Wright	18½
Du Pont	211
Eastman Kodak	116
Firestone	39
Ford	76⅜
General Electric	68¼
General Foods	78
General Motors	44¾
Georgia Pacific	60⅛
Graham Paige	2⅛
Greyhound	22⅛
Gulf Oil	37⅝
Homestake Mining	45½
Idaho Power	53¾
I. B. M.	681
Int. Paper	33½
Johns Manville	64
Kennecott Copper	83
Lockheed Aircraft	34¾
Merck	87⅞
Montana Power	34
Montgomery Ward	31¾
Nat'l Biscuit	80¾
New York Central	19⅛
Northern Pacific	44½
Pac Gas Elec	80¾
Penney J. C.	40½
Penn RR	13⅜
Phillips	58⅝
Proctor and Gamble	149⅜
Radio Corporation (xd)	58
Safeway	43⅜
Sears	58¼
Socony Mobil Oil	43⅞
Southern Co.	50
Southern Pacific	22
Sperry Rand	25⅜
Standard California	48⅝
Standard Indiana	47½
Standard N. J.	44
Sun Mines	8
Texas Co.	101
Texas Gulf Sulfur	21¼
Texas Pac Land Trust	20¼
Transamerica	32⅛
Trans World Air	15⅛
Tri-Continental	41⅛
Union Carbide	125¼
Union Pacific	31
United Aircraft	39¼
United Air Lines	40⅝
U. S. Rubber	50
U. S. Steel	87½
Westinghouse	46¼

AEC Plans Study of Underground Tests

Washington, (Science Service)–The Atomic Energy commission is considering a program of studies on the earth shock effects of possible underground nuclear detonations.

The studies would be particularly useful in determining the risks involved in the proposed Plowshare Program of atomic detonations for peaceful uses. No nuclear detonation yet has been approved for Plowshare, which has been highly publicized by AEC as a positive reason for continued nuclear testing, at least underground.

Apart from military implications, the AEC has pointed out that the ability to achieve controlled underground explosions could have valuable peaceful uses in the building of dams, canals and other similar major construction.

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