



LAOTIAN CRISIS DISCUSSED—President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan met across the conference table at Key West, Fla., Sunday in high-level talks on the Laotian crisis. Shown from left are Charles E. Bohlen, special assistant to the Secretary of State for European Affairs; President Kennedy, McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to the President; Sir Harold Caccia, ambassador to the United States, and the Prime Minister. (UPI Telephoto)

Legislative Leaders Under Pressure To Corral Forces for Action on Bills

Several 'Must' Measures Remain To Be Cleared

Salem —UPI— The 1961 legislature, neutralized by what frequently tends to look like a 90-party system of 90 independent legislators, entered a telling week — it's 12th today — with mounting pressures for adjournment giving leaders an ultimatum to corral their forces fast if they want any action on major bills.

Democratic leaders of both houses aim to quit around April 20.

But among "must" measures which have not yet cleared either house are school funds, timber taxation, most government reorganization, all the larger budgets, community colleges, oil exploration laws, medicare, mental health clinics and the Astoria-Megler bridge.

Few Bills Pass
Only a few bills have passed between the conservative-dominated Senate and the slightly more liberal House.

These include three-way workmen's compensation, which the Senate sent to an unfriendly House Labor committee, and a 10 per cent state income tax cut bill which the House fired toward a reluctant Senate tax group.

Just two sets of bills of major importance have reached the governor, measures to grant easements for a pulp mill at Gardiner, and measures to let Boeing Airplane Co. lease Boardman industrial park.

Most sponsorship for legislation, and most votes off the few major bills that have been acted upon, have shown absolute disregard for party lines.

In the Senate, conservative Democrats and Republicans have shaped themselves into a fairly effective bloc.

Party Lines Crossed
But the House — from committee to floor — has been characterized by blythe party line crossings on almost every vote, giving little meaning to the 31-29 Democratic control.

House Speaker Robert Duncan and more conservative Senate President Harry Boivin will have to get busy lining up their supporters, and agreeing on their compromises, if they want to leave any Democratic record at all this session.

Duncan's House Tax committee is still stumped over timber taxation, with two Democrats, Clarence Barton of Coquille and W. O. Kelsay of Roseburg, feuding over two different plans.

Boivin's Senate Education committee is still split over school fund distribution.

The picture is repeated all over the legislature, but the push to end the session is holding a shotgun over committees to quite hedging about their intentions.

JFK Gains Bipartisan Backing on Laos Policy

Washington —UPI— President Kennedy had more bipartisan support in Congress today for his Laos policy.

New statements backing the President in the crisis came from Sens. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.), and Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.).

Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, said he would support Kennedy even if he might have some personal question about any action the President decided to take in the critical situation.

Troop Plan Endorsed
Scott and Javits endorsed the dispatch of troops into the area — as part of an Allied force — if they are needed to halt Communist aggression. They said the United States should act with other SEATO nations.

Wiley said the Laos crisis threatened to become a major contest between East-West forces. He hailed the firm stand being taken by the United States against Russia's aggressive policies.

Scott said he was "in favor of doing anything, anything, including the use of force if necessary, to stop Communist aggression."

"I hope we do not have to send troops," he said, "but if we do have to send troops as

the only way to stop the loss of one more country to the Communists, then I will support the President's decision to do it."

While opposing action by the United States alone, Javits

said: "If we mean business — and the President is making it clear that we do — then we must be prepared for some commitment of our own forces in the framework of the regional defense organization."

Goldberg Confident of Approval for Most of Kennedy's Minimum Pay Bill

Washington —UPI— Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg remained confident today that Congress would approve most of President Kennedy's \$1.25 minimum wage bill despite its initial defeat in the House.

Goldberg described Kennedy's proposal as "moderate, reasonable and sensible." He predicted the Senate would approve it and Senate-House conferees would accept it over the \$1.15 House-approved measure.

Referring to the House's rejection by one vote Friday of the Kennedy-backed bill, Goldberg said: "We have lost a skirmish, but not the battle. I am confident we will win the battle."

Other points made by Goldberg were:
—While Congress is not likely to go along with every detail of Kennedy's priority bills, the lawmakers will give the President substantially what he wants.
—He declined to agree with Commerce Secretary Luther H. Hodges that the recession had hit bottom. Goldberg said

it was too soon to tell.
—Unemployment in March is not likely to fall much — if any — below the 5.7 million February rate.
—He is studying the possibility of asking Congress to extend to corporation executives the law barring workers from holding union officers if they have been convicted of certain crimes. Goldberg said many persons felt this was needed in view of the price-rigging convictions of electric equipment executives.

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Economic Disaster Threatens Congo As Politicos Jockey

Leopoldville, The Congo —UPI— The Congo was plunging toward economic disaster today while rival politicians jockeyed for positions of power.

A report by the United Nations civilian operation said inflation, sagging production, a breakdown in communications and general insecurity is causing a "rapid disintegration" of the country's economy.

There is a growing realization of the nation's plight among rival politicians but they are having difficulty getting together to do something about it.

The Leopoldville regime of President Joseph Kasavubu and Premier Joseph Ileo has been trying to arrange a meeting with the leftist regime of Antoine Gizenga in Stanleyville but the deal has bogged down over a site.

Two Trapped 12 Hours in Cove

Oceanlake —UPI— Two college students were reported in good condition today after their rescue from a 12-hour ordeal trapped in a beach cove by high tide six miles north of here.

The two, Derral McKeel, 19, Roads End, and George Wood, 18, Oceanlake, suffered slight shock and exposure.

Cleophas Kamitatu, president of Leopoldville Province and designated by Ileo as a go-between, said Gizenga appeared eager to talk but demanded the conference take place at Stanleyville Airport which is controlled by U.N. troops.

Ileo demanded the talks be held at some "really neutral" spot.

There the matter stood today and it appeared neither side was willing to give in.

The U.N. report said there was serious danger of famine in the northern and eastern regions of the country.

"In Kivu and Oriental provinces economic disaster is imminent because of anarchy and disorder," the report said.

Education Need In America Cited

Portland —UPI— Gov. Frank Morrison of Nebraska said Sunday changes in public attitudes toward the teaching profession and academic accomplishment are needed in American education.

The governor, a former teacher, stopped here en route to a teachers convention in Lane county.

Morrison said school financing in the form of federal aid can be expected.

"Education is the mother of all professions, the basis of all civilization," he said.

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Peyton Slaying Probe Continues

Portland —UPI— Sheriff's Capt. Gordon Auburn said a deputy would go to Pullman, Wash., today as authorities continued their investigation into last year's slayings here of Larry Ralph Peyton and Beverly Ann Allan, both 19.

Auburn said that the deputy would do "more routine checking" at Washington State university where Miss Allan was a student. He added that a man being held at Grangeville, Ida., on a rape charge had been eliminated earlier as a suspect.

Peyton and Miss Allan were slain last year in a lover's lane near here.

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Specials Move Ahead Sharply as Stocks Mostly Irregular

New York —UPI— Stocks churned irregularly in most groups this morning with several special situations moving ahead sharply.

Valuable Watch Returned to Owner

Salem —UPI— A "\$5 watch," that turned out 300 times more valuable, was in the hands of its owner today.

Mrs. C. T. Pomeroy of Salem claimed the woman's wrist watch at police headquarters after jeweler George Ishida turned the watch over to police Saturday. The watch is worth \$1,300.

Last Thursday an elderly man came into Ishida's shop and offered to sell a mud-caked watch which appeared to be a piece of cheap jewelry. Ishida gave him \$5.

Ishida discovered the watch was studded with diamonds. He notified police.

Mrs. Pomeroy, Co-op owner of another Salem jewelry store, later notified authorities the watch was hers.

Tucson Child, 8, Object of Search

Tucson, Ariz. —UPI— A massive search was underway today for 8-year-old Margarita Bejarano, missing since she left home Friday morning for school.

Some 375 policemen, sheriff's deputies and volunteers, aided by two light planes and 15 to 20 patrol cars with public address systems broadcasting the child's description, extended their search for Margarita to the desert surrounding Tucson late Sunday.

"There is still no indication Margarita was kidnapped or what happened to her," a police official said. A Federal Bureau of Investigation spokesman in Phoenix said his office was keeping in touch with the case but had not yet entered it.

A house-to-house search for Margarita in her neighborhood Sunday turned up nothing. "There are just no clues," the police official said.

Lazaro S. Bejarano, a hod carrier at a local brickyard, told police his daughter vanished between her home and the Roosevelt Elementary school a half-mile away, where she is a third grader.

Bejarano and his wife have three other children, all younger than Margarita.

Lost Scout Found At Silver Falls

Salem —UPI— A 13-year-old Boy Scout was lost for nearly eight hours Sunday in a snowstorm at Silver Falls state park. Danny Harbaugh of Salem was found by a search party late in the day.

The boy, chilled but unharmed, had failed to return from a hike.

Danny set out with another scout, 13-year-old Bill Kessel and Kessel's younger brother. The Kessels returned to camp with young Harbaugh continuing on.

State Policeman Curtis Rucker came upon the boy about 15 miles from camp, in a rugged mountain area.

Three inches of snow had fallen, hampering the search.

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