

Fears Rampant on Both Sides as JFK's Trade Bill Nears Congress

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Washington — (UPI) — Pocket-book fears have gripped both sides in the impending congressional struggle over President Kennedy's trade bill.

Seldom has there been such widespread concern among American business, labor and farm groups. Many of them fear that prospective changes in the pattern of world trade threaten them with serious economic injury.

The bill is now pending in the House Ways and Means committee. Democratic strategists are trying to draft a revised version capable of attracting the votes needed for House passage without any amendments.

The legislation would empower the President to eliminate all U.S. tariff duties on some items and to lower tariffs on the rest by as much as 50 per cent.

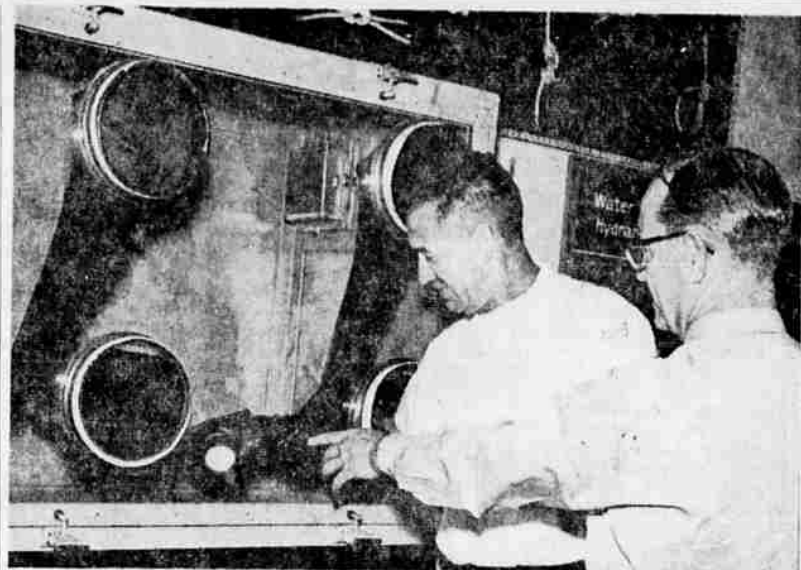
The tariff-abolishing authority would be restricted almost entirely to items for which the United States and the European Common Market together account for 80 per cent of the free world's imports.

The authority would be used by the President to negotiate similar concessions from European and other countries. The tariff-cutting power—greater than that granted any previous president—would be available for five years.

Twelve times in the last 28 years Congress has delegated tariff-cutting powers to the President.

Request Unprecedented

The big differences this time are that (1) Kennedy is asking for unprecedented authority; and (2) Many of the groups supporting the administration bill are fearful they



USES NEW METHOD—Medford Fire Chief Gordon Barker tries his hand at a fire-fighting method recommended for fires in industrial laboratories. He is applying sand through glove port of a type of protective glove box used in laboratories at the Atomic Energy Commission's Hanford Works. Approximately 210 firemen from various Pacific Northwest cities and from as far away as Maryland, Hawaii and Arizona toured the Hanford plutonium plant recently.

will suffer pocketbook losses unless it is passed.

As usual, employers and workers in import-sensitive industries are concerned they will be hurt if the President is empowered to remove or lower tariff barriers to increase the flow of foreign goods into this country. They oppose the bill.

The new element is that many business and farm groups engaged in production for export are convinced they may be facing the loss of major foreign markets. They want the President to be given tariff-cutting powers to negotiate a better access for their products in Europe's new Common Market.

The administration says frankly that the fears of both sides are justified.

It has rejected the myth to which previous administrations paid lip service—that trade restrictions can be effectively reduced in international negotiations without causing serious injury to some domestic producers.

Conceding there will be in-

jury, the administration has proposed a program of "trade adjustment" to help displaced workers train for new jobs and help the import-damaged firms get into new businesses.

Notes Serious Threat

The administration has warned that the Common Market poses a serious threat to continued shipment of U.S. grains and many manufactured products to Western Europe, unless the market's common external tariffs are lowered.

This is so because the "internal" tariffs existing between Germany, France, Italy and other Common Market countries are scheduled ultimately to drop to zero.

Protectionists have challenged the administration's contention that a lowering of the transatlantic trade restrictions will create far more new jobs for Americans through exports than will be lost through imports.

The administration contends that tearing down of the transatlantic tariff walls

would promote U.S. prosperity by giving U.S. producers access to a vast new mass market in Europe.

But opponents reply that it is wishful thinking to believe the United States can compete effectively in foreign markets against foreigners who now have access to modern machinery and mass production techniques and the benefits of lower wages.

Urge Further Protection

What is needed to meet these new post World War II conditions, they contend, is greater protection of the domestic market for American producers.

Foes of the President's program have expressed sharp resentment over the broad support given the President on this issue by the American people.

Rep. Tom V. Moorhead (R-Ore.) has compiled a list of political cartoonists depicting protectionists "as greedy fat cats luxuriating atop towering tariff walls that bar the entry of

Winema Area Roads In Mountains Open

Klamath Falls — The Chiloquin Ranger district of the Winema National forest reported some of the main roads in the north end of the forest are dry and open to traffic. The Three Creeks rd. and Williamson River rd. are open to the Jackson Creek guard station. Bear Flat rd. is open to the Silver Lake rd. which is open from Highway 97 to Silver Lake. The Rock Creek rd. is open to Davis flat.

The higher roads in the panhandle area next to Crater Lake National park and in the Miller lake area are still covered with snow or are too wet to travel, rangers said.

foreign products and victimize the consumer.

"... I have never seen a 'fat cat' in my district," he added. "I have known many lean ones who are out of business today because foreign products have come over the low tariff walls that still exist."

Democratic strategists working on the bill now in the Ways and Means committee are trying to find ways to placate various interests.

The "trade adjustment" provision has presented them with a dilemma. Some House conservatives who otherwise would support the legislation vow they will oppose any new federal aid program for workers. Leaders of the AFL-CIO on the other hand, have insisted that inclusion of the provision as the price for its support of the administration program.

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Fisher Plans Tour of Fourth District Area

Eugene — A campaign tour covering Jackson, Linn, Josephine and southern Lane counties has been scheduled this week by State Rep. Carl Fisher, Eugene GOP candidate for the fourth district seat in Congress.

He will spend Monday in Linn county and Tuesday will participate in a tour of the Sand Dunes area sponsored by the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

He will be in Jackson county all day Wednesday and Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon he will be in Grants Pass. On Friday Fisher will campaign in the Lane county area.

Charter Group May Not Be Reappointed

Salem — (UPI) — There were some indications Saturday that Marion county's home rule charter committee won't be reappointed when the members' terms run out in October.

Last week the charter study drew the fire of two of Marion county's three county court members — commissioners Pat McCarthy and Henry Ahrens. The study was defended, however, by the third court member, Judge Rex Hartley.

McCarthy said he isn't sure he will vote for reappointment of the nine member charter group. He said that 2½ years "is long enough" and the committee should have presented a proposed charter by now.

Ahrens said he is undecided about whether to vote for reappointment.

Children Improve At Lake Oswego

Portland — (UPI) — The most severely injured of four Lake Oswego children who were beaten by a slender youth was on the road to recovery today.

Police continued to search for the children's attacker.

Marsha Foley, 12, was removed from the critical list at a Portland hospital during the week end. The conditions of her small brother and sister

were listed as good. Another victim did not require hospitalization.

The attack occurred last Wednesday at Lake Oswego near the children's homes. Police said it was an unprovoked assault.

A possible suspect in the beating who was picked up Friday night by police at Oregon City was cleared Saturday.

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