

Record Off-Year Voter Turnout Across Nation Indicated

Khrushchev Says Tests To End Nov. 20; Time for Agreement

Moscow—UPI—Premier Nikita Khrushchev announced tonight that current Soviet nuclear tests would end by Nov. 20, and said now was a good time for East and West to agree on an atomic test ban.

But the Premier in a more than hour-long marathon of toasts and chitchat with Western correspondents at a gala Revolutionary Anniversary reception in the Kremlin, turned down the idea of a summit meeting on testing or any other issue at the moment.

"The Americans said they would not attack Cuba and we took them (the missiles) away," Khrushchev said. "We assured the Cubans that we would not abandon them."

"The Cubans said they don't believe, they don't believe. And we told them in that case it would mean war. But we believed the President will keep his word. I want to believe him. If he went back on his word that would be an unreasonable step and would put us back where we were,

back to a position of catastrophe."

When reporters asked him whether tensions now had eased over Berlin, a subject ignored for the first time in years in the official Red Square holiday speeches today, Khrushchev frowned.

"The Berlin problem is not Cuba, Berlin, too, can create great difficulties for us. Therefore, the Berlin problem must be solved. We don't want Berlin. We don't need it. We ask for peace and a peace treaty. That we do need."

"At the present there is no such necessity," he said.

Alternately cheerful and deadly serious, Khrushchev stressed that the world had come "very close, very close" to a thermonuclear conflict over Cuba. He admitted that the Soviet Union had put 40 rockets on the island "for the defense of Cuba."

But "what is 40 rockets?" he asked.

"Now we have taken out our rockets and they are probably already on the way back."

He claimed at one point that the Soviet Union was surrounded by rocket bases, but added, "we still live, we sing and even dance."

The Premier also indirectly indicated that the decision to withdraw from Cuba had been stiffly opposed by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.



BEATS VETERAN—"Hey, look him over!" That was the campaign theme of Democrat Birch Bayh of Terre Haute, Ind., who took the giant step of running against veteran Republican incumbent Sen. Homer Capehart, and won the election. Bayh's wife, Marvella, gives the sign of victory. (UPI)

Unity Behind President Seen Demonstrated

Washington—UPI—Fair weather, hot local contests and the Cuban crisis were cited today as major factors in a surprisingly heavy turnout of voters for Tuesday's election.

Reports from across the nation indicated that the vote set a new record for off-year elections, surpassing by several million the 48 million ballots cast in 1958.

One explanation for the record turnout is that the U.S. population has grown about 10 per cent since 1958.

But political leaders said population growth wasn't the whole story.

"I believe this heavy and unusual turnout by the electorate reflects a desire on the part of the people to demonstrate unity behind the President of the United States," said New Jersey's Democratic Gov. Richard J. Hughes.

Cites Cuban Crisis

Endicott Peabody, victorious Democratic candidate for governor of Massachusetts said that "the Cuban crisis certainly had something to do with it."

"I think the Cuban situation got people stirred up into taking a greater interest in their government," a greed Iowa's Secretary of State Melvin Synhorst.

"The Cuban situation has alerted everyone to the fact that we are lucky to be Americans and it is our responsibility to exercise our franchise to vote," said California Democratic Chairman Eugene Wyman.

Other political leaders attributed the turnout to a combination of good weather, which prevailed over most of the nation, and intense interest generated by hard-fought contests for state and congressional offices.

Big Organization Drives

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Lane, Washington Counties Vote for Home Rule Charters

By United Press International Tuesday, but two others defeated them. Two Oregon counties adopted county home rule charters. Lane county voters adopted



WINNERS—The new junior senator from Massachusetts, Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy, is shown at left as he talked with supporters after defeating George Cabot Lodge. At right is Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, who won reelection over Democratic candidate Sidney Yates. (UPI)

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their charter by a fairly close margin. Washington county voters gave their charter solid, though not overwhelming, approval.

Proposed charters were defeated in Tillamook and Hood River counties.

The home rule charters will give Lane and Washington counties new powers at the county level, allowing county governments to act in many areas without permissive state legislation.

The charters set up boards of county commissioners. Among other things, the commissioners will appoint a number of county officers that until now have been elected. The Lane county board will employ a county administrator.

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Serving Summons Is Complicated

Anchorage, Alaska—UPI—Serving a summons, as every police force knows, can be a complicated affair.

In Alaska it sometimes boils down to an elaborate transportation problem. The state police has used dog teams, fishing vessels and even mechanized weasels at Pt. Barrow, Alaska's northernmost community.

And recently troopers served a summons by parachute. That happened in the case of a defendant who lived in a remote section not far from here. He was inaccessible by automobile, boat or plane.

State troopers pondered the logistics. The complainant clamored for action.

Finally troopers flew over the area and talked to their man by radio. Arrangements were made and the summons was dropped by parachute. The recipient confirmed the transaction by radio.

Several days later the police followed up with another flight for another radio chat.

Miniature Bearing Said Breakthrough

Fullerton, Calif.—UPI—A Southern California research and development organization has developed a miniature ball bearing which weighs only 1/1,000,000th of an ounce and is designed for motors almost invisible to the naked eye.

Scientists at SUMICS say this is only the beginning. They say they expect to develop parts for even smaller motors.

Developer James Pelle of Laguna Beach, Calif., said development of the tiny ball bearing is a major breakthrough in miniaturization and microanalysis which must be employed on all kinds of devices to be used in space and electronics industries.

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Rail Travel Once Thought Harmful

Austin, Tex.—UPI—Man's knowledge of speed has come a long way since the last century, the Texas State Journal of Medicine says.

"After George Stephenson's locomotive reached the speed of 30 miles an hour," the magazine said, "the Munich College of Physicians issued an earnest warning against railway travel."

"Trees and houses flashing past the eyes would damage vision," the warning said, "and the dizzy speed would bring on headaches and vertigo. In England it was predicted that traveling at 30 miles an hour would cause insanity."

Service Converts Baseball Machine

Squaw Valley, Calif.—UPI—A U.S. Forest service man has converted a baseball pitching machine called the "fireball" into a piece of avalanche-fighting equipment.

Monty Atwater's machine has a range of between 100 and 400 yards and can impact a charge within a 50-foot radius. It thus fills a gap between hand thrown explosives and the 75 millimeter recoilless rifle.

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