

# 'Keep Quiet', Kennedy Warns Security Council

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Discussion of Matters Claimed To Be Unfortunate

President Praises Stevenson's Work

Washington — (UPI) — Participants in proceedings of the National Security Council had a public warning today from President Kennedy — keep quiet.

"It is unfortunate if anybody discusses any matter that comes before the National Security Council because I think it lessens its effectiveness," the President said Wednesday.

What elicited his feeling on the National Security Council was a series of questions at a news conference about the position U. S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson took within the NSC prior to Kennedy's decision to blockade Cuba.

An article in the Saturday Evening Post, purporting to offer inside information on involvement of the blockade decision within the NSC, pictured Stevenson as having favored a soft line before Kennedy announced his decision Oct. 22.

The President praised Stevenson's work at the United Nations but he declined to discuss inner workings of the NSC. He was surprised that anyone would infer that he was dissatisfied with Stevenson.

Concerning Stevenson's position as reported in the magazine, Kennedy said he was satisfied the details "did not come from a member" of the NSC. In meetings leading up to the blockade announcement, there were from 15 to 25 officials present at times.

Kennedy said he had not heard a 30-page characterization of Stevenson's position as it was reported in the magazine.

The article was written by Stewart Alsop, Washington editor of the magazine, and Charles Bartlett, a close personal friend of Kennedy for a number of years. The President was asked whether he agreed with Stevenson that "the authors of this article acted irresponsibly?"

"I have never attempted to characterize members of the press," the Chief Executive replied. "I think that they have to meet their responsibilities. I have had some criticisms with various points which have been made, and I would not attempt to characterize writers of this article or any other."

Girls Admit Taking Concession Money

Three Medford High school girls gave statements to city police yesterday admitting they took \$237 while working at concession stands during football games at the high school this fall.

Two of the girls also told officers they took four blank checks from a checkbook belonging to the parents of the third girl, and had cashed them in four different stores recently.

The girls, one 16 and the other two 15 years old, were released to their parents pending action by juvenile authorities.

School officials alerted police to the matter when it was discovered that several of the concession stands at the football games were failing to show the expected profit.

Several items purchased with the checks were recovered from the girls' lockers at the high school, officers said.

## Douglas McKay's Name Tied To Grants Pass Chrome Deal

St. Helens — (UPI) — Three women who served on the Columbia County Election board testified Wednesday they saw a number of altered ballots turn up in a recount in the disputed sheriff's race.

The testimony came on the first day of a civil trial in which Republican Sheriff Candidate Roy Wilburn seeks to overturn a recount which favored Democratic incumbent Spencer Younce. Wilburn has charged vote fraud between the time of the initial count, when he won by 100 votes, and the recount, which showed him losing by 41.

The witnesses were Mrs. Grace Sonneland, Mrs. Martha Richardson and Mrs. Anna Levin. Mrs. Sonneland said that in one precinct about 10 ballots with markings for both candidates showed up "in a bunch" in the first 20 ballots counted.

All three testified that they noted questionable marks on several ballots at the time of the recount and said they did not remember seeing them during the initial count.

Circuit Court Judges J. S. Bohannon and Glen Heiber indicated they expect the trial to last at least the rest of this week.

Much of the first day was taken up with a 96-page deposition by County Clerk Robert Wellwood. The deposition said the outer doors of a vault in which the ballots were kept did not work and a key was available to the inner doors. It also said the outer doors had never been locked until Wellwood found them locked on the morning of the recount.

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When the officer attempted to stop the car, it picked up speed, went through two stop signs, and was outdistancing the police car when it spun out of control near the intersection of East Main st. and White Oak dr.

Gillmor told officers he fled when he saw the police car coming after him because his license was already in jeopardy and he did not want to lose it.

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## Florida's Crops Frozen

By United Press International

One of the greatest cold waves on record dealt a crippling blow to Florida's citrus, vegetable and tourist industries today and froze the southland with temperatures far below zero.

The cold wave was the worst of the century in Florida and the most severe ever for December in many parts of Dixie. Records which had stood for decades tumbled along with the temperature.

The weather news was grim for Florida farmers. Most of the state's \$500 million citrus crop was frozen by temperatures which fell as low as 10 above. Both tender and hardy winter vegetable crops had been wiped out in all areas except along the lower east coast. Final estimates of the damage depend on how long the cold lasts

and how much of the frozen fruit can still be salvaged.

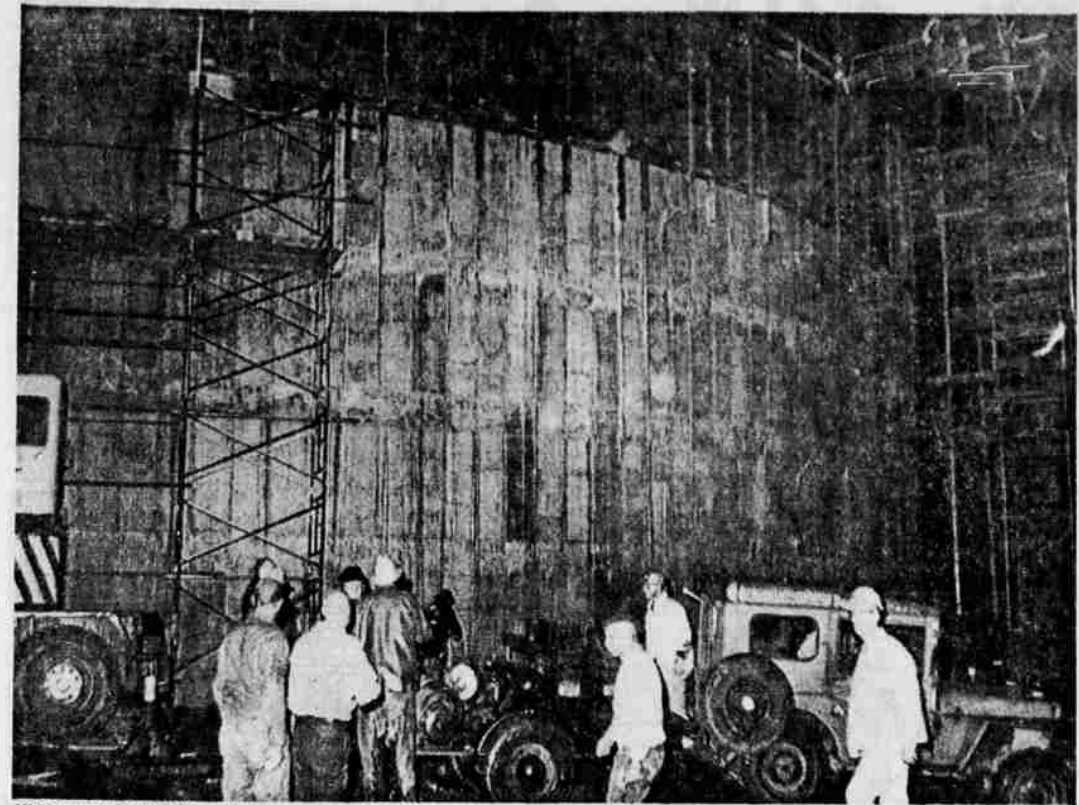
A spokesman for Florida Citrus Mutual, a producers organization, said a preliminary estimate indicated damage was greater than in the disastrous winter of 1957-58, when the citrus industry suffered a blow from which it took years to recover.

The chilly prediction was for another night of hard freeze and scattered frost in most areas. Farmers near Tampa reported their fields were solid sheets of ice.

Miami resort owners were no happier. The temperature stayed above freezing at Miami Beach, but it was a chilly 37 degrees and vacationers sported warm sweaters and topcoats instead of bikinis.

New cold records included 10 at Tallahassee, 18 at Tampa, 12 at Jacksonville, 15 at Miami.

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WORKERS KILLED - Five men were killed and nine injured when the dome of this reservoir, under construction at Hillsboro, collapsed, plunging the men 60 feet onto concrete and wood bracing below. (UPI)

## Five Men Die in Collapse Of Structure at Hillsboro

### Workers Dashed Onto Studding As Dome Topples

Hillsboro, Ore. — (UPI) — Five men fell to their deaths shortly before quitting time Wednesday when the concrete dome of a new reservoir collapsed while it was under construction.

Nine others were injured when the recently poured concrete gave way and sent them plummeting some 60 feet onto concrete and wood studding below.

Officials of Seaboard and Wolverton Construction Co. said they were unable to say immediately what caused the collapse. The new reservoir was being built for the city of Hillsboro, about 20 miles west of Portland. There was no water in it.

The dead were Arnold E. Johnson, 53, and Ward Harrington, both of Milwaukie, Ore., and Charles W. Stewart, 35, Bernard A. Lebold, 50, and Vidal Sedillo, 48, all of Portland.

Four ambulances called from Portland and Beaverton, Ore., rushed the injured to hospitals here and in Portland.

One of the workmen who escaped serious injury said there was no warning of the disaster. Rich Kavey, Portland said he didn't realize anything was happening until he heard a slight crack and felt the wind rushing by him.

Bob Clement, a nearby resident, was looking out the window of his house. "The house shook and then everyone disappeared," he said.

The collapse occurred at 5:08 p.m., just 22 minutes before the shift was scheduled to end.

Others injured in the accident were Loren Remy, Wyatt Ground, Wren E. Batts, Fred C. Wattle, Lyle Kuehn and Carl Cornison, all of Hillsboro; Roland H. Wald, Beaverton; Joe Ficker, David Reichel, Richard Chilson and Hosea Wilson, all of Portland.

HEARINGS TONIGHT

Two public hearings are scheduled to be held at a meeting of the Medford planning commission at 7:30 o'clock tonight in city hall.

## Self-Admitted Killer Links Airman With Double Slaying

Mountain Home, Idaho — (UPI) — Theodore Thomas Dickie told an Air Force investigator recently he went to a Mountain Home residence eight months ago to see a woman and found her slain.

John W. Peters, an Office of Special Investigations agent, testified at a military hearing today he interviewed Dickie Dec. 7. He said on that day Dickie told him he saw A1-C Gerald M. Anderson at the scene.

Anderson, 25, San Diego, is accused by the Air Force of premeditated murder of Mrs. Nancy Joy Johnson, 22, and her son, Daniel, 2 1/2.

Earlier, he was charged with first-degree murder in Idaho civil court in the death of Mrs. Johnson but was cleared of that charge when Dickie confessed he and not Anderson committed the slayings.

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According to Peters this is what Dickie told him: The evening of last April 9 Dickie said he was in Boise robbing a store. He said he returned to Mountain Home about 11:30 p.m. where he had been living with his brother, A1-C Russell Dickie.

Dickie said he went to the Johnson residence because he had met Mrs. Johnson before and she had given him her address.

Dickie said he went to the back porch and saw the body of Mrs. Johnson on the floor between curtains of the door. He said he went in and saw Mrs. Johnson and the son dead.

He told Peters he heard sobbing and went into the living room. There, he said, Anderson sat in a chair with his elbows on his knees, his face in his hands. He said he went back into the kitchen and saw a knife sticking out of Mrs. Johnson's chest.

Dickie said it was his knife and he had loaned it to Anderson previously.

He went back into the living room and he said to Anderson: "Is this your job?" He said Anderson replied, "Yes."

Reason Said Given

He said Anderson told him he had to do it because Mrs. Johnson was going to "tell his wife" that he had been at the house.

## Park Consulting Firm Will Discuss Barnett Planning

A member of a San Francisco park plan consulting firm will be in Medford Tuesday, Dec. 18, to discuss a development plan for the recently acquired 78-acre Barnett park site.

City Park and Recreation Director Robert Hawthorn made the announcement at last night's meeting of the Medford park and recreation commission.

The park consultant is Asa Hanamoto of the firm of Royson, Hanamoto and Moyes. Hawthorn said the San Francisco firm was the department's first choice to do the parksite development plan.

At its last meeting, the city council approved an appropriation of \$7,500 from the park improvement fund to finance the development plan.

Will Request Plan

Hawthorn told the commission he will request the firm to draw up a beautification plan for Bear creek through Medford, and a redesign plan for Hawthorne park, in addition to the Barnett park site.

The director said no contract has been signed with the firm yet. Hanamoto and Hawthorn will discuss the matter during the consultant's visit Dec. 18.

In other business, Hawthorn reported to the group that a drainage system has been installed in the play apparatus area at Hawthorne park. In addition, the west bay of the parking area in Hawthorne park, which has a 34-car capacity, will be blacktopped today, the director said.

By being designated a disaster area, businesses, churches and charitable organizations will be eligible for 3 per cent Small Business Administration loans, they said.

Arrangements are being made, they added, to open a part time SBA office in Medford to handle applications for loans. Meanwhile, loan applications may be made through the Portland SBA office.

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A committee of Charles C. Hoover, Ben Mouchett, Clem Ault and Earle Josy was named to survey flood damage in the area in an effort to have the county declared a disaster area.

## Peace Group Founder Takes Witness Stand

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## 10-Acre Forest Fire Being Mopped-Up

Mopping-up operations were under way this morning on a 10-acre fire that broke out yesterday on Winburn road about four miles south of Ashland, Rogue River National forest officials said today.

The blaze started, officials said, when a 50-mile per hour wind came up suddenly yesterday and carried sparks from a slash fire into an area of selective cut slash.

Three loads of borate were dropped on the fire, and a 40-man forest service crew was rushed into the area. The blaze was controlled about 4 p.m., officials said.

The fire occurred about 5,500 feet elevation. Some problems were caused by the high velocity winds.

A forest service spokesman said that fires so occur every month of the year, and that recent winds and bright sunshine above the fog have dried out the forests.

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## Counties To Get Disaster Status

The Small Business Administration has decided to designate Jackson and Josephine counties as disaster areas as a result of the Dec. 2 flood conditions, Sens. Wayne Morse and Maurice Neuberger said today.

By being designated a disaster area, businesses, churches and charitable organizations will be eligible for 3 per cent Small Business Administration loans, they said.

Arrangements are being made, they added, to open a part time SBA office in Medford to handle applications for loans. Meanwhile, loan applications may be made through the Portland SBA office.

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### NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

TRIAL OF COMMUNIST PARTY RESTED  
Washington — (UPI) — In a surprise move, both the government and the defense rested today in the trial of the U.S. Communist party for failing to register with the attorney general as an agent of the Soviet Union.

DAILY RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS CONDUCTED  
Washington — (UPI) — The United States is conducting daily reconnaissance to make sure Soviet weapons are not sent back to Cuba and is preparing new regulations to discourage world travel with Castro.

RELAY LAUNCH SCHEDULED TODAY  
Cape Canaveral — (UPI) — The United States was to try this afternoon to shoot into orbit a new satellite that could link America and Europe via "live" television for a year or more. The 12-ton rocket for a scheduled trip into space around 3:30 p.m. (PST).

### 9 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT TB and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES

### WEATHER

FORECAST: No rain tonight and Friday. Low Friday morning 45, tomorrow afternoon 45-50.

High Today	Temp
45-50	46
Lowest This Morning	44
Lowest Tomorrow	42
Lowest This Evening	42

Sunrise today 7:28 a.m.  
Sunset tomorrow 5:17 p.m.  
Moonrise today 11:17 p.m.  
Moonset tomorrow 11:17 p.m.

PROMINENT STARS  
The Twins, above the Moon.  
VIBBLE PLANETS  
Saturn, low in south.  
Jupiter, low west 7:30 p.m.  
Mars, in the east 11:45 p.m.  
Venus, rises 1:40 a.m.