

# Kerr's Death Leaves Administration With Leadership Gap



PORTLAND ENTRY—Belle's First, entered by the City of Portland and the Portland Rose Festival, features the nationally-known mother elephant at the Portland Zoo, and her equally famous son, Packy. The float is shown as it moved down Colorado blvd. at Pasadena, Calif., during the Tournament of Rose parade Tuesday. (UPI)

## Party Lineup In Senate Will Be Unchanged

Washington — (UPI) — The death of Sen. Robert S. Kerr, "uncrowned king of the Senate," left the Kennedy administration with a leadership gap in Congress today with the new session only a week away.

The Oklahoma Democrat, possibly the most influential man on Capitol Hill, died of a heart attack at 7:50 a.m. (PST) Tuesday in Doctors Hospital while sitting on a bed talking to his physician, Dr. James L. Keating.

Kerr was admitted to the hospital three weeks ago with a virus ailment. A few days later he had a heart attack but his administrative aide, Burl Hays, said Monday that Kerr was "showing steady improvement."

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist church at Oklahoma City, an office spokesman said today.

President Kennedy had counted on the 66-year-old oil millionaire to help steer his tax-cut bill and other legislation through Congress. Notified of his death, Kennedy said Kerr would be greatly missed when Congress opens next Wednesday and "even more so in the months ahead."

Kerr's death will not change the party lineup in the Senate where the Democrats have a 67-33 edge on the Republicans. There was speculation that Oklahoma's outgoing Democratic Gov. Howard Edmondson might fill the Senate seat.

Edmondson could resign before Republican Henry Bellmon takes office as governor on Jan. 14 and get Lt. Gov. George Nigh to appoint him to the Senate until the next regular election in 1964.

Democrats Lose Prestige — Though they won't lose the Senate seat to the GOP, the Democrats suffered a tremendous loss in prestige and influence in Kerr's death. Both his friends and foes called him the Senate's "uncrowned king" because of the power he exerted in legislative councils.

The President, who planned to attend Kerr's funeral, said in a statement of sympathy to the senator's family that "his legislative accomplishments were exceptional."

"In the last two years alone," Kennedy said, "almost every major bill enacted bore the mark of his untiring leadership and skill: The space program, the trade bill, the tax bill of 1962, the improvements in social welfare and in national resource development."

Kerr was born on Sept. 11, 1896, in the East Central Indian Territory that later became the state of Oklahoma. He became rich after oil was found near his birthplace.

# Heavy Slate of Investigations On Agenda for Coming Congress

Washington — (UPI) — Congress is planning a heavy diet of investigations this year with inquiries already set on such diverse subjects as the baby adoption racket and narcotics peddling.

Other scheduled investigations range from sales of pep pills to teen-agers, to newspaper mergers and stockpile surpluses. Even the Billie Sol Estes farm scandal may take an encore.

Last session Congress spent more than \$5 million on investigations, a ceiling of government-printed testimony and heard a bewildering number of witnesses testify with moist faces under the glare of camera lights.

One of last year's inquiries, perhaps the major accomplishment, was enactment of tighter federal controls over the manufacture and sale of drugs. This grew out of hearings on the baby-deforming drug, thalidomide.

Congress also passed a package of laws cracking down on gambling and the interstate shipment of gambling devices, largely as the result of Senate crime hearings.

The preliminary lineup of investigations for the new 93rd Congress, which convenes Jan. 9, reads like a handy catalog of crime and profiteering.

The Senate Foreign Relations committee will try to expose the operations of foreign lobbyists who work against the interests of U. S. foreign policy objectives.

Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark), chairman of the permanent investigations subcommittee, has inquires scheduled into world trafficking in dope. He also may look into the current dock strikes, alleged bribing of college athletes, and the awarding of a multi-million dollar contract to General Dynamics for the all-service F-111 fighter plane.

McClellan already has extended an invitation for indicted Texas farm financier Estes to testify in the marathon farm scandal hearings.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) wants his juvenile delinquency subcommittee to wind up its sessions on the sale of pep pills to teen-agers, and mail order sales of guns to youngsters.

Dodd also had preliminary plans for investigations into the baby adoption racket and the condition of juvenile detention home.

In the House, Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) has announced he will inquire into newspaper mergers and monopoly ownership by newspapers of radio and television stations.

House subcommittees are sure to dig into Defense Department spending and waste or inefficiency in the giant foreign aid program.

Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) will continue his investigation into alleged excessive profits in the nation's multi-billion stockpile program.

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## American Killed, Helicopters Downed by Viet Cong Gunfire

Saigon — (UPI) — An American Army captain was killed today and three other Americans wounded, two of them seriously, by Communists who shot down five U.S. Army helicopters, a U.S. military spokesman announced.

The spokesman said the slain captain was a military adviser taking part in a government assault on the eastern edge of the Plain of Reeds, about 30 miles southwest of Saigon.

He said the wounded Americans apparently were helicopter crewmen.

Four of the downed copters were H21s from the 93rd Helicopter Company stationed at Soctrang. The other was an HU1B from UT Company, stationed in Saigon.

A spokesman at Soctrang told UPI two of the helicopters were repaired and flown back to Tan Hiep Airfield, the staging area for the assault.

The three others were still in the rice fields where they fell.

Informed military sources said the assault was mounted by a strong Vietnamese force against what is estimated to be a battalion of Viet Cong.

They said about 1,200 government troops were airlifted into the area in an attempt to trap the guerrillas.

The aircraft met intensive fire from the ground, however, and five were shot down. This was believed to be the largest single day total since the fight against the Viet Cong began.

A company of amphibious M13 armored personnel carriers were rushed to the scene to protect the downed helicopters until they could be flown off again, sources said.

These also met heavy fire from the guerrillas despite harassment by Vietnamese T28 and A1H fighter bombers.

Body of Lenin Moved to Safety In World War II  
Moscow — (UPI) — The Soviet press has lifted the veil on one of the Kremlin's best kept secrets by admitting that the body of Lenin had been secretly taken out of its Red Square mausoleum and removed to safety during World War II.

For nearly four years, from July, 1941, when the German army was approaching Moscow, until April, 1945, virtually the eve of the Allied victory, Lenin's remains were hidden at an undisclosed location far from the Soviet capital, the newspaper "Economic Gazette" (Ekonomicheskaya Gazetta) revealed.

During all this time the world was officially left with the belief that the body of the USSR's first great leader was still in its coffin in the shadow of the Kremlin wall.

Stalin Stayed in Capital  
Former Soviet dictator Stalin made a famous appearance on the mausoleum reviewing stand during revolutionary anniversary celebrations Nov. 7, 1941, as a sign to his people and the world that he had not left the capital despite the German advance.

But the government never made any announcement during the war or after that Lenin's body had already been taken out of the mausoleum at that time. Since the red and black marble tomb was closed throughout the war, there was never any way to check.

The Economic Gazette, in an article dealing with the history of the mausoleum, disclosed however, that apparent fear of a Nazi bomb striking the tomb led the government to spirit away Lenin's remains.

Difficult Task  
"In the grim summer days of 1941, when the air-raid defense alarm signals sounded in Moscow and Hitler invaders were on the offensive, heading for the capital, Red Square and the mausoleum, Lenin's body was urgently evacuated in July," the newspaper said.

"The transportation of the body was a very difficult task. Yet the doctors and engineers had to plan every detail of the transportation and shipment and their efforts were not in vain, because the prolonged journey came off successfully."

"In April, 1945, Lenin's body was returned to Moscow and on Sept. 16, 1945, the mausoleum was reopened for visitors," the newspaper said.

Highway Traffic Increase Reported  
Salem — (UPI) — Traffic on state highways showed an increase during November, 1962, as compared to the same month in 1961, the Oregon State Highway Department said.

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Foreign Briefs  
PAKISTAN OFFICIAL HOPES FOR FRIENDSHIP  
Rawalpindi, Pakistan — (UPI) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Mohammad Ali expressed the hope yesterday that the border agreement between Pakistan and Communist China would pave the way for further strengthening of friendship between the two countries.

Ali stated his position in a telegram to Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai.

BRITISH LIBERAL TO VISIT UNITED STATES  
London — (UPI) — Joseph Grimond, who has revitalized the British Liberal party, will go to New York Friday for a visit to the United States and a meeting with President Kennedy.

Grimond, 49, will see Kennedy mid-way through a 16-day tour of the United States and Canada. The trip includes a five-day stay at Yale University at the invitation of the Chubb Foundation.

FORMER URUGUAY PRESIDENT INJURED  
Montevideo, Uruguay — (UPI) — Ex-President Benito Bardone and his wife suffered minor injuries in a traffic accident here Tuesday when the car in which they were riding collided with another vehicle.

CROWDS PAY COURTESY CALLS AT IMPERIAL PALACE  
Tokyo — (UPI) — A total of 174,740 persons including some foreigners, paid New Year courtesy calls at the Imperial Palace today.

Shouts of "Banzai!" from the predominantly Japanese crowd greeted members of the Royal family on their frequent appearances on a platform above the visitors filing through the palace grounds.

GUINEA PRESIDENT REVEALS NEW CABINET  
Conakry, Guinea — (UPI) — President Sekou Toure of Guinea Tuesday night announced a new cabinet, with fewer portfolios and more popular leaders.

The new cabinet has 13 ministers and three secretaries of state against a previous 19 ministers and four secretaries of state.

## Foreign Briefs

Stocks Start Year Irregularly Higher  
New York — (UPI) — Stocks began the New Year irregularly higher today.

Steel issues brightened, featuring U.S. Steel and Youngstown up nearly a point each. Autos 1 1/2 in. of steady, and chemicals a trifle soft. American Telephone slid around 1/2 on a slower rate of earnings growth in its final quarter and Sears shed close to a point.

Magna Copper tumbled 3 1/2 and Newmont Mining around 2 as the Justice Department started an antitrust suit against them. Norfolk & Western dropped 1 in a mostly firm rail group and utilities were narrow.

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