



ADMIRE DECORATIONS—President Kennedy admires the decorations on the uniform of Earl Mountbatten, chief of the British Defense Staff, during a White House meeting. Mountbatten arrived for conferences at the Pentagon and with the President. At left is Gen. Maxwell Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. (UPI)

# Accelerated Works Program Projects Total \$22 Million

Washington—More than \$2 million has already been allocated for projects in Oregon's Fourth district through the Accelerated Public Works program which was signed into law by President Kennedy last September, according to Congressman Robert B. Duncan (D-Ore.).

The Accelerated Public Works program was created in part to help ease unemployment in depressed areas by providing immediate useful work for the unemployed and under-employed, Duncan added.

The most recent projects approved for the Fourth district involve sewage treatment plants: one at Cave Junction for a sewage treatment plant and interceptor sewer, with the Federal government providing \$16,730 of the total cost of \$33,461; and the other in the North Roseburg Sanitary district for expansion of a sewage treatment plant, with the Federal government providing \$140,500 of the total \$281,000 required for the work.

To date, projects in the Fourth district have been approved for Josephine, Coos, Douglas, Linn and Curry counties. Areas in all of these counties have been classified by the Federal Government's Area Redevelopment Administration as having high rates of unemployment.

Duncan also noted that some of the most recent allotments included more than \$1 million in road-building jobs on public lands in Western Oregon to speed the salvage of millions of board feet of valuable timber downed by the heavy storm of October, 1962.

ready made, at least one project now pending would add \$15,000 for forest work in Douglas county.

Duncan also noted that dozens of other projects are "in the pipeline" at local or regional levels, and others are pending in Washington—being processed by the various agencies which are participating in the Accelerated Public Works program. A few have been deferred until more funds are made available by Congress.

## G. Mennen Williams On Visit To Congo

Leopoldville, The Congo—G. Mennen Williams, U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, began a four-day visit to the Congo today.

The visit was Williams' fourth since the Congo became independent in 1961. He arrived Wednesday night from Nigeria on a tour of African countries.

### The Inside Story

## Revival of Theodore Roosevelt's Directive Blamed for Hiking Binge

By DICK WEST

Washington—(UPI)—As everyone in the entire, every-loving ambulatory world must know by now, America is on a hiking binge. The way things are going, hiking will become the biggest fad since flagpole sitting. Some people apparently are just now discovering that they have feet. It all started, of course, with President Kennedy's revival of an old Theodore Roosevelt directive fixing a three-day, 50-mile hike as a fitness test for military officers.

Would you like to hear the true, inside story of what was behind the original directive? Very well. Just stay right there in your easy chair and I will give you the scoop.

Roosevelt was never exactly a 98-pound weakling, but he did have what might be described as a "Charles Atlas complex."

As a youth, according to his autobiography, he was "rather sickly and awkward" and "quite unable to hold my own when thrown into contact with other boys of rougher antecedents."

If Atlas, the famous body-builder, had been in business at the time, young Teddy probably would have enrolled in his correspondence course in muscle development.

But he lived in the primitive era before Atlas invented "dynamic tension," so he was forced to create a physical culture program of his own.

For several years, Roosevelt went in big for wrestling. While governor of New York, he billed the state for a wrestling mat, but the expense was disallowed by the comptroller, who took the position that it was not a "proper gubernatorial amusement."

Roosevelt next took up boxing, but abandoned it after a poke in the eye ruptured some blood vessels. He was by then getting pretty old, so he turned to less strenuous exercise—judo.

It was his high regard for what he called "the vigor of life" that prompted him to issue the hiking directive. The armed forces were dismayed by the order and did all they could to circumvent it.

But Roosevelt himself said it was "a test which many a healthy middle-aged woman would be able to meet."

To prove his point, he often went on hikes with an athletic group known as the "tennis cabinet." When they came to a river, they didn't bother with bridges. They swam across.

"If we swam the Potomac, we usually took off our clothes," Roosevelt recalled.

On one occasion the French ambassador joined the hike and as they were about to swim the river someone noticed that he was still wearing his gloves.

"I think I will leave them on," said the proper but otherwise naked envoy. "We might meet ladies."



VOICES OPTIMISM—Negotiator James B. Donovan, shown addressing the Washington, D.C., Bar Association, said he was "very optimistic" all of the Americans being held in Cuba would be released soon. Donovan, who helped negotiate with Fidel Castro for release of the Cuban invasion prisoners, said he would return to Havana within a few weeks to continue talks on release of the Americans. (UPI)



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