

JFK Predicts Passage of Tax Reduction Bill

Kennedy Says No Blockade of Cuba At Present Time

U. S. Headed in Right Direction

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy today ruled out a blockade against Cuba for the time being at least on grounds that it might lead to war with Russia.

Kennedy told his news conference he is satisfied that the United States is heading in the right direction in dealing with the Fidel Castro's regime despite some strong criticism of administration policy.

The President also said the four U.S. fliers killed in the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion were "serving their country" on a completely voluntary basis. He did not say specifically whether they were employed by the Central Intelligence Agency or some other government agency.

Kennedy said he had no more information on withdrawal of Russian troops from Cuba and was not satisfied they were being removed quickly enough. He said there was no agreement with Russia regarding the schedule for the withdrawal.

In response to other questions, the chief executive said:

The problem of Cuban-based Communist subversion in Latin America is one "that must be handled in each country" involved. He said "The wisest thing . . . is isolation of communism in this hemisphere."

—He sees no prospect for resumption of friendly relations between Cuba and the United States.

—Hindsight might indicate that the Soviet missile bases in Cuba could have been detected a few days earlier last fall, but only a few days.

Control of Club Given Willamette

Willamette university, Salem, has been given a living trust by Glenn Jackson, Medford, vice chairman of the board of directors of Pacific Power and Light company, of the ownership control of the Rogue Valley Country club.

The club, valued about \$2 million plus property, was recently remodeled with new tennis courts, swimming pool and club house and locker rooms added.

The trust will state that Jackson's 32 per cent ownership of the club and properties will go to the university on his death. Also included is 100 per cent ownership of the nine newest holes in the southeast area of the 30-hole golf course.

Jackson will retain the voting rights of his controlling stock in the club, with the university acquiring it only on Jackson's death. Jackson is a trustee of the university.

Recently Jackson announced a similar trust with \$70,000 of controlling interest in the stock of the Mt. Ashland Ski Resort corporation. All of the stock and proceeds from it have been given to Southern Oregon college in trust, the school to receive it on Jackson's death.

Plans Approved for Public Use Building

Portland—(UPI)—Army Engineers said today they have approved plans for a public use building and other facilities for The Dalles Dam.

Bids probably will be opened in May with construction to start sometime this year. Cost is estimated at \$150,000.



OFFICIALLY OPENED—The new Pan-Am building (center in this aerial view) will be officially opened tomorrow in New York City in ceremonies at which both the American and British governments will be represented. The new skyscraper is financed jointly by British and American money. (UPI)

Negotiations To Be Made for Additional Water for District

Negotiations will be made by Medford irrigation district with Rogue River Valley Irrigation district to obtain at least a part of its unused allocation of water from the

Mrs. Gibbons, Area Civic Leader, Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Jeannette B. (Marrs) Gibbons, 64, of 1790 Old Millary rd., civic worker, died last night in a local hospital. She was born May 9, 1898, at Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Mrs. Gibbons for the past several years served as co-chairman of the annual fall UNICEF drive at Halloween. During World War II she was active in Red Cross work.

Recently she received the citation presented to the Jackson county chapter of the Oregon United National association for the chapter's work in UNICEF.

She was a member of the League of Women Voters and Duplicate Bridge club.

Mrs. Gibbons was a daughter of William Charles and Addie Bruce. She was graduated from East High school, Cleveland, Ohio, and attended Smith college, Northampton, Mass.; Ohio State university, Columbus, Ohio, and Western Reserve university, Cleveland.

She was married to Marrs Gibbons, who survives, July 19, 1919. They lived in Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights, both Ohio, and Chicago and Winnetka, Ill., prior to moving to Medford in 1942.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. James A. Muncie, Los Altos, Calif., and Mrs. Joseph Hadley, Edmonds, Wash., and three grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held Friday, March 8, at 10 a.m. at Perl Funeral home with Dr. D. Kirkland West officiating. The family has stated that those who wish may send contributions to the American Cancer society or the Girls Community club of Medford.

NOT THIS SESSION

Salem—(UPI)—The House Ways and Means committee has decided not to write a new ambulance regulation law this session.

However, top members of the House Armed Services committee, including Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) announced their support for new legislation which would expand the program to include 500,000 youngsters at 2,000 high schools.

Sheriff's Office Checking Burglaries

The Jackson county sheriff's office is investigating two house burglaries today.

Alvin Herman Peter, Grants Pass, reported that sleeping bags and some canned goods were taken from his summer home on Savage Creek rd. recently.

A vacant house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Warren, Lebanon, Ore., was broken into at 1026 Maple Park dr., but nothing was taken, deputies said.

Salem—(UPI)—A hearing on a proposed milk price control law will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. The House Committee on Food and Dairying announced.

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Mrs. Allen will serve as an advisor for the project.

Money Is Donated

Money for the equipment in the pre-school play area was donated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The majority of the money went for the purchase of conventional play apparatus for the park.

Snavely will be of concrete, 15 feet long and not to exceed four feet at the highest point.

The VFW also has donated a flag pole and a plaque for the site. All of the equipment is expected to be ready for the dedication ceremonies scheduled for Memorial day, May 30.

Haworth said that due to weather, planting of the northeast corner of the park has been progressing rapidly. So far, 216 trees and shrubs have been planted in the dressing room and swimming pool compound with all landscaping completed. He said that some of the trees were large enough so that when they leaf out this summer, they will give some shade in the area.

Haworth said all underground work, sprinklers and drainage, was completed last fall. The remainder of the grass seeding for the lawn will be done as soon as weather permits.

Recreation Development At Emigrant Reviewed

Ashland—A total of nearly \$60,000 has already been spent on development of recreational facilities at Emigrant lake. Neil Ledward, Jackson county parks supervisor, told members of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

The Jackson county court has spent \$26,000 on facilities, he pointed out, while the bureau of reclamation has spent \$32,000 for construction of a road and boat ramp.

Ledward outlined plans for future development at the Emigrant recreation area in his talk.

Area Expanded
The existing picnic area will be expanded this year and next, he said, increasing the total number of units to 100. In addition to picnic tables, the units include provision for fireplaces and water supply.

A new boat ramp, together with a deepened boating harbor, also is planned.

A swimming area is being created. "We hope to have a sandy beach there within two years," Ledward said.

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Oregon Taxpayers May Lose Federal Tax Deductions

Salem—(UPI)—Oregon state income taxpayers probably will lose their federal income tax deduction, members of the House and Senate tax committees indicated Tuesday night.

A proposed cigarette tax, however, appeared headed for some difficulty in the Senate.

Nine representatives and six senators met to continue their study of major revenue-raising measures in an effort to reach a consensus.

In comments on features of the three major income tax bills, most of those present indicated they favored elimination of the federal deduction in determining taxable state income.

If that change alone were made in the present income tax laws, taxpayers would pay \$50 million more next biennium. The bills before the House committee, however, call for combining that feature with other changes, including rate adjustments.

House Tax Committee Chairman Richard Eymann (D-Marcola) said eliminating the federal deduction would keep many dollars in Oregon that now are going to the federal government.

The senators and representatives gave a cooler reception to other proposed changes in the income tax laws, including credits against the final tax bill in place of personal and dependency exemptions.

They also were cool toward a proposal to repeal the split

Demo Committee Requests Action

Post office matters and a proposed set of changes to the by-laws were discussed in a meeting of the Jackson county Democratic Central committee Tuesday night.

Mark Norton, executive committee member, suggested that a letter be sent to Congressman Robert Duncan, requesting immediate recommendation of a Medford postmaster.

He charged that while he knew there was some disagreement regarding the recommendation by the local committee, he said that waiting will not make the problem go away.

In other matters regarding post offices, a letter was read from Congressman Duncan requesting an opinion on the advisability of making the White City post office a classified branch of the Medford post office. No decision was reached by the group.

Committee members expressed concern over the proposed by-law revisions, feeling that too much authority has been taken from the party chairman. Many felt that strong leadership was necessary in maintaining an effective party in the county.

Tornado Rips Into Birmingham Suburb

Bessemer, Ala.—(UPI)—A tornado ripped sections of this Birmingham suburb Tuesday, causing damages estimated in the millions of dollars to at least 100 homes and businesses.

Repair crews worked through the night with bulldozers and dump trucks in downtown sections clearing out brick walls and rooftops hurled into the streets. National Guardsmen patrolled the street to keep out looters and sightseers.

At least 12 persons were hospitalized with injuries from the winds.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with a few sprinkles tonight. Partly cloudy Thursday. Low tonight 33-38. High Thursday near 55.

Sunset today 6:06 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:23 a.m. Full Moon 2:31 a.m. March 9 The bright "star" seen near East Moon tonight is the planet, Mars, which is now nearly stationary among the stars of Cancer.

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Barton Fires New Salvo at Hatfield On Defense Issue

Salem—(UPI)—House Speaker Clarence Barton fired another explosive salvo at Gov. Mark Hatfield today. He denied Democrats were "soft on defense" and contributing to a "soft America" as Hatfield charged.

Hatfield Tuesday told the Metropolitan Republican Women's club that the Democratic majority in the legislature "must bear all the failures" of this session of the legislature, and again hit back at Civil Defense cutbacks.

When asked to comment on the latest Hatfield statement, Barton snapped, "I'm prompted to ask the governor if he rested on the seventh day. He talks like God Almighty."

Hocus-Pocus
"He can jockey with the budget and play all kinds of focus-pocus, but this state still has a system of checks and balances."

Barton voiced strong support for the Ways and Means committee and said, "I'll put them up against the Department of Finance any time."

"They've got a bunch of college professors that never met a payroll in their lives," Barton termed senators and representatives on the Ways and Means committee "dedicated people."

"The governor has the right to speak out," Barton said. "We have an adversary system."

"I gave up long ago accepting as gospel the views of the Department of Finance. They're nice fellows with no business experience."

Rural Board Post Election Slated

A Zone 1 position on the Jackson county rural school board will be up for election May 6 at the annual school meeting, the county school superintendent's office said today.

Zone 1 includes Evans Valley, Rogue River and Central Post. Incumbent is W. A. Starzinger, Rogue River.

Nominating petitions signed by 25 legal school voters must be returned to the county school superintendent's office 30 days before the election or by Friday, April 5. A candidate's statement of acceptance must be returned by the same deadline, it was explained. Both forms may be obtained at the county school office in the courthouse annex.

Grand Old Opry Stars Killed

Three well known country music stars, together with a manager for one of them, were killed late Tuesday when their single-engine plane crashed in a wooded section near Camden, Tenn. The Grand Ole Opry

stars were: Patsy Cline (center), Cowboy Copas (left) and Hawkshaw Hawkins (right). Also killed was Miss Cline's business manager and pilot of the plane, Randy Hughes. State troopers reached the site early today and said there were no survivors. (UPI)



TELLS NEWS CONFERENCE—President Kennedy is shown as he held a news conference in Washington, D.C., today that he believes Congress will pass a tax reduction bill including "important elements" of the revenue-raising reforms contained in his original proposal. (UPI)

Hatfield in East To Urge Portland's Olympic Games Bid

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield was in New York today on an unscheduled trip understood to be in connection with Portland's bid for the 1968 Olympic Games.

His office advised only that the governor is in New York working on economic development and is scheduled to return to the state tonight.

It was learned reliably, however, that Hatfield was

School Officials Discuss Support Offered in Bills

Frank Bash, Medford school board member and president of the Oregon School Boards' association, led a discussion last night at Hedrick Junior High school on "When Will Oregon Achieve 50 per cent State Support for its Schools?"

The governor's proposal would provide for an increase in state basic school support funds from \$120 to \$130 during a two-year period. This would continue the present 35.3 per cent support of school operating costs and contribute nothing to capital outlay such as construction and equipment costs, it was explained.

However, House Bill 1088 if enacted, by 1966-67 would provide state basic fund support of 46 to 47 per cent of the school districts' operating costs.

Closer to Contribution
This would bring it closer to the 50 per cent contribution to operating costs as originally intended, Bash noted.

The bill would increase state basic support from \$120 to \$135 the first year, and from \$135 to \$150 the second year. These are only estimates, it was emphasized.

The group, consisting mainly of school board members and school administrators, generally opposed House Bill 686 which would provide for a tax supervision and conservation commission in all counties of 50,000 population or more. This would change the local budget law.

Those opposing the bill thought present taxing units dependent on the property tax already have enough controls. Budget committees and boards are directly responsible to the people. The commission would be appointed by the governor.

Wagner Resumes Mediation Efforts

New York—(UPI)—Mayor Robert F. Wagner today resumed his mediation efforts to get a settlement of the city's 89-day-old newspaper strike and indicated he did not expect the walkout to be settled soon.

Before going into a joint meeting with publishers and union officials, Wagner said, "It probably will be a long day and night. I would assume there would be a number of joint meetings."

He said he had not yet decided whether to propose settlement terms to the disputants, adding that "we're still negotiating."

Quadruplets, Mother In Good Condition

Lima, Ohio—(UPI)—The pediatrician caring for Mrs. Barbara Axe and her quadruplet daughters said in a medical bulletin today the general condition of the infants remains good.

The four girls were born Monday to Mrs. Axe, 26, the wife of advertising man Philip Axe, 28.

Vital Elements Of Tax Reforms Also Will Pass

President Defends Own Tax Proposals

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy said today he believes Congress will pass a tax reduction bill including "important elements" of the revenue-raising reforms contained in his original proposal.

The chief executive told his televised news conference that his final position on whether to accept a tax cut bill without reforms would have to depend on what Congress finally does with his requests.

But he insisted that "the best program is the one we sent up which provides for \$13.5 billion in tax reductions and \$3.25 billion revenue in tax reforms."

Important Elements
"My judgment is that they (Congress) will enact a tax reduction bill which will include important elements of the reforms we sent up," Kennedy said.

The President made a statement in response to a question as to whether he would accept a \$13.5 billion tax cut bill without any reforms in it.

He was asked whether this was a fair assumption in view of the fact that he told an American Bankers association symposium last week that the most important matter was to get an effective tax cut this year and he would do whatever was necessary to achieve it.

Kennedy replied that his combination of tax cuts and reforms was the best, fairest, most responsible and most equitable formula for pumping new vitality into the economy.

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Flood Control Bill Adopted by City

Jacksonville—A flood control ordinance designed to prevent or reduce damage such as that done in last December's flood was adopted by the Jacksonville city council last night.

The ordinance provides that property owners are responsible for natural waterways going through their property. They must keep such waterways clean and free from debris, or the city can clean them up and charge the property owner. If the owner fails to pay, a lien can be made against his property, according to the ordinance.

The ordinance was drawn up and adopted in an effort to eliminate the possibility of waterways becoming clogged during times of heavy rain.

In other action, the council set March 26 at 8 p.m. as the date for a public hearing at the city hall on the proposed annexation of part of the old Fleming property on the east end of Jacksonville on the north side of East California st.

The annexation has been proposed in order that city water service may be extended to the old Fleming home on the property. Wilton White, present owner, plans to sell the home to John Anderson. The sale is contingent upon obtaining city water, the council was informed.

The Fleming property was at one time part of the city of Jacksonville, but was withdrawn many years ago.

Ex-Conductor Pleads Guilty to Charge

Salem—(UPI)—Heimo V. Haitto, former conductor of the Capitol Symphony Orchestra, pleaded guilty in Circuit Court today to obtaining money under false pretenses.

A presentence investigation was ordered.

NEWS BRIEFS

RAIL MEDIATOR EXPECTS AGREEMENT
San Francisco—(UPI)—Negotiations between Southern Pacific Railroad and railway clerks bogged down Tuesday, but Federal Mediator Frank O'Neill said he expected an agreement by the end of the week.

MACMILLAN MOVES AHEAD WITH PLAN
London—(UPI)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan moved ahead today with his plan to coordinate nuclear defense with the United States after beating down an opposition attack on his record peacetime defense budget.

FRENCH BANKER SHOT TO DEATH
Paris—(UPI)—The president of one of France's biggest business banks was shot to death today, apparently by terrorists of the Secret Army Organization. The victim was Henri Laford, 69.

SUPPLIES STORED IN CUBAN CAVES
Washington—(UPI)—The Army's intelligence chief testified today that Cuban caves apparently are being used to store "much military equipment and supplies"—but not strategic missiles.