

House Committee Reaches Agreement on Foreign Aid Bill

Most Messages Sent To Kennedy Favor Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

Washington—UPI—“It will be a black day for all people if we do not take this first step for peace.”

“It is another give-in to the Reds.”

These conflicting views on whether the United States should sign the nuclear test ban treaty with Russia were among more than 2,000 letters and telegrams that have poured into the White House on the issue. Both messages came from California.

The White House reported that messages to President Kennedy were running about 12 to 1 in favor of the test ban agreement. It gave reporters a look Wednesday at a random selection of the letters and telegrams received since Kennedy's address to the nation Friday night.

A telegram from Washington state told the President that “fathers and mothers thank you” and one from Brooklyn said “anybody opposing the treaty should have his head examined.” A Democratic club in California telegraphed praise for the treaty and urged “more high level conferences.”

“It is our opinion that this proposal is nothing more than a victory for the cowardly pacifists,” a Chicago couple wrote. “We feel that you are naive to think that the American people should be expected to think that they can rely on the signature of the Soviet Union.”

Another Chicagoan asked “how many times does the West have to be sucked in by Russia before she finally realizes that any peaceful-seeming concession such as the test ban treaty is merely another chess move in Russia's game to win the world?”

“If we are foolish enough to disarm, then communism has us bound and will take over,” a Montana couple wrote.

From Arizona came a telegram opposing the treaty, saying that Khrushchev should be made to tear down the Berlin wall and remove Russian troops from Cuba and other countries.

“A test ban without an absolute foolproof inspection is suicide,” said a telegram from West Palm Beach, Fla. A Philadelphia woman wrote that the treaty “will stop future fallout, will lessen the arms race and might even lead to disarmament.”

A letter from Madison, Wis., said it was “reassuring to know that our water and food will be less contaminated with strontium.”

“You said what urgently needs to be said and you did it with power and authority,” a letter-writer in Nashville, Tenn., told Kennedy. “Even FDR could not have done better.”

A letter from Urbana, Ill., said history may record the treaty as the most significant act of the Kennedy administration.

But an Indiana critic said the treaty could only help Russia and that experience over the past 17 years should show that it was worthless.

Figure Totals \$438 Million Less Than Asked

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This was in line with the committee's feeling that Western Europe and Japan should now take on at least part of the aid responsibility which the United States has been carrying.

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Among other things, the bill contains a ban on further U. S. aid to Indonesia unless President Kennedy makes a formal finding that such assistance is vital to U. S. interests.

African Arms Prohibited

The committee also inserted a prohibition against more arms aid to African countries beyond what they need for “reasonable” internal security requirements. Kennedy also could make an exception to this if he could justify the move in a finding.

At the same time, the committee said in advance that if Cuban Premier Fidel Castro is overthrown, the new government would not receive any U. S. sugar quota or aid money unless at least 50 per cent of American property seized by Castro is returned. Communist Cuba does not receive U. S. assistance.

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Only one major issue remained to be settled: adoption of a joint Senate-Assembly conference committee report on state aid to schools.

Under the accord reached in the six-member committee, local schools would get an extra \$25 million in yearly state aid.

But, responding to Senate opposition, the conferees turned down an administration-backed measure to adopt a countywide tax system for school support, forcing wealthier districts to share their money with poorer districts in the same counties.

With adoption of the report, both houses could adjourn today, completing a four-week special session called by Gov. Edmund G. Brown beginning July 8.

But Assemblyman Charles J. Conroy (R-Sherman Oaks), GOP floor leader, said the action might be illegal anyway.

He based his statement on adoption of a resolution by the assembly Wednesday changing the lower body's rules and having the practical effect of firing four GOP committee chairmen and seven vice chairmen.

On a 47-26 party line vote, Democrats changed the rules to require that the positions be held by members of the same party as the assembly speaker.

Senate Maneuver Kills Measure For Bracero Program Extension

Washington—UPI—Senate liberals Wednesday killed a bill to extend the Mexican farm labor program by using a surprise parliamentary maneuver.

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) pulled the surprise when he objected that the bill had been reported out of the Agriculture Committee without a quorum present.

The House earlier, in a surprise move, narrowly voted down a two-year extension of the bracero program. An attempt to keep the program alive beyond this year was riding on what the Senate did. Senate opposition had been led by Sen. Harrison A. Williams (D-N.J.).

Western farmers, especially in Texas and California, have traditionally contended that they needed the supply of Mexican labor to harvest their crops. Several church organizations and labor unions have denounced the program as damaging to U. S. domestic workers.

The move in the Senate came when Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) ruled that the bill was not properly before the body after consulting with assistant Senate parliamentarian Floyd Riddick.

Pell ruled the bill was still in the custody of the Agriculture Committee, which had reported it out without hearings over the objections of Proxmire and three other members.

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy has accepted the resignation of Anthony B. Akers as U. S. ambassador to New Zealand.

Hollywood—UPI—Actress Barbara Rush, 34, and her infant girl were reported in “excellent condition” today at Cedars of Lebanon hospital.

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Stock Prices Narrowly Mixed; Ford, General Motors Decline

New York—UPI—Stocks were narrowly mixed today. Bethlehem and U. S. Steel added small fractions but Republic shrank. Chrysler and American Motors firmed while Ford and General Motors dipped slightly.

Union Carbide spurred 1½ in the chemicals where Eastman Kodak and Du Pont inched up around ½ each. In the electronics, IBM tacked on only ½ but Control Data, Electronic Associates and Havage rose around 1. Beckman lost 1½.

International oils were generally fractions lower. Kellogg and Quaker Oats gave up large fractions on profit

taking. National Airlines showed only fractional response to news of record earnings for fiscal 1963.

DOW JONES AVERAGES
New York—UPI—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 695.43, off 0.99; 20 railroads 166.96, off 0.25; 15 utilities 140.00, off 0.12 and 65 stocks 250.76 off 0.33. Sales Wednesday were about 3.96 million shares compared with 3.55 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:
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American Motors 18½
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Union Decertified In Wallowa Voting

Seattle—UPI—The Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union has lost a vote for certification at the J. Herbert Bate Co. sawmill at Wallowa, Ore., the National Labor Relations Board said Wednesday.

An order decertifying the union was signed by Thomas P. Graham, NLRB regional director. The union has 10 days to appeal.

The vote was held June 13 and 300 ballots were cast. The company and union challenged 154 of the votes, but eventually 146 votes against the union and 84 in favor were counted.

Graham then ruled that 10 of the remaining ballots were not valid, making it impossible for the others to offset the votes against the union.

Local 2906 went on strike at the mill June 15, 1962, but it later reopened with non-union workers.

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SOVIET PUBLICATION CALLS CHINESE INGRATES
Moscow—UPI—The Soviet Defense Ministry newspaper Red Star said today that the Soviet Union started Communist China on the road to revolution and built her up militarily, only to see Peking take a deviating path. The publication called the Chinese ingrates.

EAST GERMAN SAILOR JUMPS TO FREEDOM
Helsingborg, Sweden—UPI—An East German sailor made a dramatic jump to freedom from an East German ship Wednesday night and was rescued by the Swedish ferry Primula, police reported today. The jump took place in the Oeresund strait between Denmark and Sweden.

FREEMAN TOURS POLISH COUNTRYSIDE
Warsaw, Poland—UPI—Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman toured the Polish countryside today to inspect the least Sovietized — and generally most efficient — farms in the Soviet bloc.

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