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**ISLAND FORMING** — This giant cumulus cloud formation, reaching to 30,000 feet in the atmosphere, was formed by the heat of creation of a new island in the Westman Island group some seven miles off the south shore of Iceland. The land mass, caused by a submarine eruption, was estimated after six days of formation, to be 300 feet high, 2,000 feet long and almost a mile in circumference. A portion of the island may be seen in the lower part of the photo, made from a U.S. Navy plane. (UPI)

### Russians Told U.S. Continues Ready for Talks

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson has sent word to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev that the United States stands ready now, as in the past, to make every honorable effort to solve East-West problems which could spark nuclear war.

### Hint at Another Motive for Ruby Given in Dallas

DALLAS (UPI) — The district attorney hinted today that striptease nightclub owner Jack Ruby may have had a more sinister motive for killing accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald than vengeance for the Kennedy family.

### Other Welfare Expenditures May Be Pro-Rated

SALEM (UPI) — Ambulance services, dental fees, and cost of glasses may have to be placed on a pro-rata basis, welfare administrator Andrew Juras said today.

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JOINT SESSION ADDRESSED — President Lyndon Johnson is shown as he addressed a joint session of Congress today. Behind him are Rep. John W. McCormack, left, House Speaker, and Sen. Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of the Senate. (UPI)

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### Hatfields Planning Traditional Holiday

SALEM (UPI) — Oregon's first family plans a traditional family gathering Thanksgiving Day.

### Chief Executive Urges Memorial To Kennedy

#### Solemn Call for Action and Help

WASHINGTON (UPI) — In a solemn call for action and help, President Johnson asked Congress today to pass a civil rights bill as a legislative memorial to assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

Speaking firmly but emotionally to a joint session of the House and Senate, the new President also appealed for enactment of the \$11 billion tax cut bill which had been urged by Kennedy.

In return, Johnson promised to conduct the federal government with "utmost thrift and frugality." He closed his 24-minute address with an appeal for all Americans to "put an end to the teaching and preaching of hate and evil and violence" that cost Kennedy his life.

#### The text of President Lyndon Johnson's message to the joint session of Congress appears on page 2A.

This sentence drew the most prolonged applause of the speech from the legislators, Cabinet members, Supreme Court justices and spectators who filled the House chamber to hear the new President's first major address.

At times, Johnson — speaking to his long-time congressional colleagues — became husky-voiced with emotion as he paid tribute to his slain predecessor.

#### Asks for Action

But he was firm in asking Congress to act.

The 55-year-old Texan who had served Kennedy as vice president recalled Kennedy's challenge of "but let us begin" from the 1961 Inaugural Address.

"Today in this moment of new resolve," Johnson said, "I would say to fellow Americans: Let us continue."

Standing before old colleagues of the House and Senate, the new President opened his first address as Chief Executive by expressing his sorrow over his young predecessor's death.

"All I have I would have given gladly not to be standing here today," he said.

"The greatest leader of our time has been struck down by the foulest deed of our time."

Then he spoke of the "dreams" of the slain President — conquering space, a strong alliance of friendly nations, full employment, a Peace Corps . . .

But, apparently lest there be any doubt about his stand on one of the key points of the Kennedy program, the 55-year-old Texan put special emphasis on civil rights.

" . . . And above all the dream of equal rights for all Americans, whatever their race or color. . . ."

Recalls Past Bill  
Johnson pointedly recalled that as Senate Democratic leader he had urged passage of a civil rights bill in 1957. While he did not say so, Congress went on to enact the first major civil rights measure since the Civil War.

The President also recalled that again in 1960 he called for enactment of civil rights legislation.

Now, he said, "no memorial oration or eulogy could more eloquently honor President Kennedy's memory than the earliest possible passage of the civil rights bill for which he fought."

"We have talked long enough in this country about equal rights. We have talked for 100 years or more. Yes, it is time now to write the next chapter — and to write it in books of law."

### Damage Suit Is Expected To Go To Jury Today

A \$161,000 damage suit against two Medford Osteopathic physicians in Jackson County Circuit Court is expected to go to the jury today.

Final arguments started at mid-morning today following a brief consultation among the attorneys and Circuit Judge James M. Main.

Don W. Sprinkle, Biddle Road, brought the suit in behalf of his daughter, Cheryl Lou Sprinkle, now 6 years old, and charges that her leg was permanently injured and disfigured while in traction. She broke her leg when struck by a vehicle on the road near her home in June, 1960.

In presenting his final arguments, Robert Grant, representing the Sprinkles, said the most significant fact is that the accident damaged the thigh area, but now following treatment by osteopathic physicians Drs. Cleatis Lemley and Paul T. Rutter, the entire damage is below the knee.

Grant charged the casting procedure was "completely incompetent." Normal treatment for such a fracture, according to testimony presented by local physicians, is to use an elastic bandage so the circulation can be observed and the pulse of the leg can be checked constantly.

Grant alleged further that by placing the leg in traction above the heart level, it made circulation through the leg a "dangerous" problem.

### Flowers Mark Site Of Assassination

DALLAS (UPI) — Mounds of red, white, purple and yellow flowers banked the grassy slopes around the site of President Kennedy's assassination today and filled the air with scent.

### Grieving America Makes Preparations For Thanksgiving

By United Press International  
A grieving and heavy-hearted America prepared today to follow the words of its dead young President and gather in home and sanctuary to give thanks

"for the glorious gifts of God." George Washington, in proclaiming a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" 174 years ago, asked Americans to call upon God and "beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions."

Stunned by a weekend of violence, the nation was ready to do that. President Johnson called upon churches and synagogues to have the late President John F. Kennedy's Thanksgiving Day proclamation read at services Thursday "as a memorial to him."

### Supreme Court Upholds Decision

SALEM (UPI) — The Oregon Supreme Court today upheld Multnomah County Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding and declared Frank Eugene Vawter had not been subjected to unreasonable delay in bringing his case to trial.

Vawter was indicted for converting entrusted property, and tried 7½ months later. During the intervening period he was in the state penitentiary serving a sentence for another offense.

The Supreme Court held there had been no unreasonable delay in bringing Vawter to trial, and denied Vawter's motion for dismissal of the indictment.

### Whidby Plane Hits Power Line; Crashes

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash. (UPI) — A twin-engine A3D attack bomber stationed at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station hit a power line 14 miles south of here today and crashed.

There definitely was one survivor. The plane usually carries a crew of three.

### Italian Socialists Reach Agreement

ROME (UPI) — A Socialist agreement to participate in a new "center-left" coalition led today to final negotiations on cabinet posts in what could be Italy's first strong government in years.

Premier-designate Aldo Moro, a Christian Democrat, is expected to take office at the head of the coalition by Monday at the latest. It could happen as early as Saturday.

## NEWS BRIEFS

- VIET CONG GUERRILLAS DRIVEN OFF**  
SAIGON, Viet Nam (UPI) — Fighter-bombers drove off an estimated 200 Viet Cong guerrillas today after the Communists attacked an American-Vietnamese Special Forces camp near the Cambodian border about 120 miles south of here, a military spokesman reported.
- PARK'S PARTY WINS IN SOUTH KOREA**  
SEOUL, Korea (UPI) — President-elect Park Chung Hee's Democratic-Republican Party today won a majority in the new national assembly on the basis of nearly complete returns from Tuesday's elections.
- STRIKE SLASHES FRENCH RAIL SERVICE**  
PARIS (UPI) — A strike by most of France's 300,000 railwaymen drastically slashed passenger and freight service throughout the nation today.
- PRAVDA CALLS FOR SUMMIT MEETING**  
MOSCOW (UPI) — The Communist party newspaper Pravda today gave front-page prominence to a call for a summit meeting between President Johnson and Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Fair through Thursday, except for patches of night and morning fog. Low tonight 35-38 and high Thursday 50-55.	
Highest Yesterday	43
Lowest This Morning	28
Prev. to 10 a.m. Today	32
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunrise today	6:42 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:15 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	4:10 a.m.
Full Moon	Nov. 30
PERCENTAGE OF VISIBILITY	
WEST	5:35 p.m.
SOUTH	5:35 p.m.
EAST	5:35 p.m.
NORTH	5:35 p.m.
Jupiter, high in south	10:07 p.m.
Saturn, in southwest	6:14 p.m.