

A Thanksgiving Proclamation

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson urged Tuesday that the Thanksgiving proclamation issued by the late John F. Kennedy be read in churches throughout the nation this Thursday as a memorial to him.

The President's statement said: "One of the last messages of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy to his fellow countrymen was the Thanksgiving Day proclamation which he issued on November 4, 1963. I urge that his proclamation be read in the churches of the United States in their services on November 28 as a memorial to him. I also ask that the newspapers, and the television and radio stations make it available to all of the American people by including it in their recognition of this first and most solemn of our holidays. We dedicate Thanksgiving Day, as we have for over 300 years, as a day to give thanks to God for His gifts and the sustenance which He has provided in undertaking the tasks of our nation."

The proclamation: The White House Thanksgiving Day, 1963 By the President of the United States of America A proclamation: Over three centuries ago, our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving. On the appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the health of their children, for the fertility of their fields, for the love which bound them together and for

the faith which united them with their god. So too, when the colonies achieved their independence, our first President in the first year of his first administration proclaimed November 26, 1789, as "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God" and called upon the people of the new republic to "beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions . . . to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue . . . and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."

And so too, in the midst of America's tragic Civil War, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November, 1863, as a day to renew our gratitude for America's "fruitful fields," for our "national strength and vigor," and for all our "singular deliverances and blessings."

Much time has passed since the first Colonists came to rocky shores and dark forests of an unknown continent, much time since President Washington led a young people into the experience of nationhood, much time since President Lincoln saw the American nation through the ordeal of fraternal war—and in these years our population, our plenty and our power have all grown apace. Today we are a nation of nearly two hundred million souls, stretching from coast to coast, on into the Pacific and north toward the Arctic, a nation enjoying the fruits of an ever-expanding agriculture and in-

dustrial and achieving standards of living unknown in previous history. We give our humble thanks for this.

Yet, as our power has grown, so has our peril. Today we give our thanks, most of all, for the ideals of honor and faith we inherit from our forefathers—for the decency of purpose, steadfastness of resolve and strength of will, for the courage and the humility, which they possessed and which we must seek every day to emulate. As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.

Let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings—let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals—and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world.

Now, therefore, I, John F. Kennedy, President of the United States of America, in consonance with the joint resolution of the Congress approved December 26, 1941, 55 Stat. 862 (5 U.S.C. 87b), designating the fourth Thursday of November in each year as Thanksgiving Day, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 28, 1963, as a day of national thanksgiving.

On that day let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending mis-

ery and suffering wherever they exist.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this fourth day of November in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-eighth.

John F. Kennedy
By the President:
Dean Rusk
Secretary of State.

Teachers Attending English Conference

The Thanksgiving holidays will not be holidays for a group of Medford teachers, who are attending a meeting in San Francisco of the National Council of Teachers of English.

The meetings open late today and will continue through Saturday. The group will return to Medford Sunday in time to resume classes Monday morning.

Attending from the English department of the Medford schools will be Jim Backen, Ray Weinhold, Thelda Bevins, Charles Nevi, Clara Wendt, Dorothy Sutter and Mrs. William Ruck. Mrs. Backen and Ruck are accompanying the group.

Dolls Have Many Exciting New Talents.

The world of dolls abounds with astonishing new talents, all keyed to making it more difficult than ever to differentiate dolls from real children.

Star performers this Yuletide are the new contingent of baby dolls whose behavior almost exactly reproduces the muscular virtuosity of infants and toddlers and most of the human babies' repertoire of sound effects as well.

The muscular activity of the baby is reproduced with fascinating realism by a new infant doll prototype. When this accomplished cherub sucks on her bottle she squirms and wriggles in a manner modeled exactly after a real baby movements. There's a doll that laughs when tickled and another that cries when spanked.

A real surprise for even experienced connoisseurs of the modern playroom phenomenon—the doll conversationalist—is a new pram, wired so that when the doll mother pulls a cord the doll in the pram starts chattering without being touched at all.

Foreign Languages Another addition to new doll accomplishments in the vocal area is the inclusion of foreign languages in the doll conversational repertoire. One newcomer dolls accessories include records in six languages besides English and a wardrobe suited to travel in foreign lands, as well as more mundane social occasions at home.

The family concept has gained ground in the world of dolls this Yule season. There

are more mamma and papa dolls and teenage male dolls are included in several family sets.

Bulky knit sweaters and stretch pants, for example, are "in" and so are boots. The dressed doll will have at-home costumes, long formal evening

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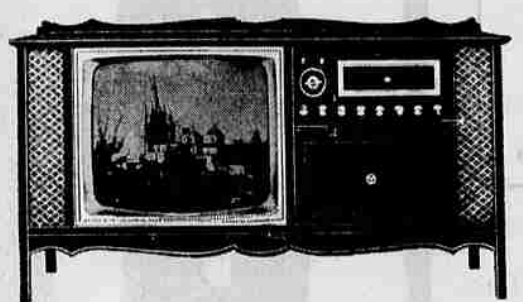
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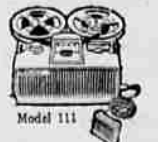
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