

# Solon Says World Power Balance Shifts To Reds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) says the world balance of power is shifting sharply in the Soviet Union's favor because of big Soviet gains in missile power.

He told the Senate last night the deterrent ratio might shift so heavily as to encourage the Soviets to attack the United States in an effort to "take a short cut to world domination."

Kennedy's remarks drew bitter criticism from Sen. Homer F. Capehart (R-Ind.) and other Republican senators, who decried the references to Soviet superiority over American military might.

Capehart, his voice booming, said Kennedy had mentioned 35 to 50 times that the Soviets were superior to the United States in their defense effort.

Such remarks, he said, were coming close to giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

Capehart leaped in with his criticism of Kennedy while the Senate was in the throes of a furious debate over reports that the Pentagon was studying conditions under which the country might surrender in an atomic war.

During the snarl Capehart and Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) proposed closing the galleries to the press and public. Democratic opposition, however, quelled the move.

Capehart invited public debate was an invitation to the Soviet Union to attack America.

"Maybe I'm wrong," he said, "throw me out of the Senate if you will. Maybe I have only a thimble full of brains as one senator said. But this gives aid and comfort to Pravda (Soviet Communist newspaper)."

Earlier, Capehart had an exchange with Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.) in which Russell said the Indiana senator was building a straw man and "anyone with a thimble full of brains" would recognize it as such. The exchange occurred during discussion of the surrender study report.

Kennedy, in his speech, said America was approaching a peril period — 1960 to 1964 — because of the possibility of the country's losing its effective nuclear deterrent.

To achieve world domination, he said, the Soviet Union might be willing to bomb the United States even at the risk of incurring devastation in its own homeland.

"Let no one think, therefore, that a Soviet attack, inadvertent or otherwise, is impossible because of the H-bomb damage we would still hope to rain upon them," said Kennedy.

The United States must push its defense program with all speed, he said, while at the same time probing for Soviet weaknesses, chiefly among the satellite nations.

"There is no point now in consolidating the Red bloc with our talk of massive retaliation," Kennedy told the Senate. "Now we must seek ways of dividing it."

# Puerto Rico Enjoys Status

SAN JUAN, P. R. (AP)—Statehood for Alaska is not altering the plans or aspirations of Gov. Luis Munoz Marin for Puerto Rico.

"We're not on that road at all," Munoz says. "In our status of commonwealth, we are a unique creation within the American system."

"The people here, by their voting, prefer this. Our commonwealth can be improved. Nothing is perfect. But our position is not a way station toward either statehood or independence."

Munoz spoke optimistically in an interview of the future of his island homeland.

He has seen Puerto Rico transformed from an "unsolvable" economic problem — as congressional investigators once described it — to an expanding industrial economy with ever-rising per capita income.

Munoz admits the current recession has been felt in Puerto Rico, but not as much as on the United States mainland.

Having turned much light industry to the sunny island, Munoz said the tendency now is toward heavier industry to provide more jobs to balance the economy and fight poverty.

One of the principal attractions has been tax exemption and in earlier days low wage scales. The latter are rising.

Does Puerto Rico, with its exemption from the federal income tax and its tax exemptions for industry, steal industry from the mainland?

The governor contends it does not. Islanders pay a commonwealth income tax.

As for plants deserting the United States and moving to Puerto Rico, he says: "We have a deliberate policy that no tax exemption will be granted to a plant moving out of another location. I wouldn't sign an authorization unless that were so."



# Dad Of Seven Begins Life As Free Man After Prison

JEFFERSON, Ga. (UPI)—The two-year nightmare James Fulton Foster endured in death row for a murder committed by another man was over today, and the 40-year-old father of seven began life anew as a free man.

A directed verdict of innocent in a murder charge against Foster ended a climactic day of court action that saw a former Illinois policeman and a Georgia bootlegger draw life imprisonment for the crime.

Disposal of the three cases in rapid-fire order ended four days of proceedings in the rustic small-town courthouse about a mile from the spot where grocer Charles Drake was shot to death when he tried to fight off a bandit on the night of July 19, 1956.

The windup began when a 12-man jury, which had reported itself hopelessly deadlocked after about nine hours of deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty against car dealer-bootlegger A.D. Allen. The jurors chose a life sentence for Allen.

Then Charles P. (Rocky) Rothschild, former lawman whose confession on July 4 unlocked the door to freedom for Foster, entered a plea of guilty and asked for the mercy of the court. Judge Maylon B. Clinkscales sentenced him to life.

Then came Foster's new trial. Sheriff John B. Brooks identified Rothschild's signed confession and after Foster took the stand briefly, Clinkscales told the jury that under this evidence a verdict of not guilty must be returned.

"Since August of 1956, I have been under the shadow of death—an ordeal which it doesn't seem possible that a man could go through," said Foster, a house painter from Greer, S.C.

"I knew that some day, somehow the truth would come out and it has. My mind is at rest."

He then said a short prayer and stepped down.

# Jewel Firm Undaunted

NEW YORK (UPI)—Tiffany's remained undaunted today in the face of a brazen theft of gems from its display windows.

There were reports the Fifth Avenue ultra-fashionable jewelry shop would henceforth use imitation gems in its sidewalk windows in view of Sunday's burglary, in which thieves smashed open two display windows and hauled off jewels valued at \$171,500.

But Tiffany's was not to be daunted. As curious pedestrians flustered about Thursday, the store unveiled its news display—and new windows — containing diamond encrusted jewelry valued at \$131,000.

# Doolittle Named To Space Board

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gen. James H. Doolittle has been named board chairman of Space Technology Laboratories, a firm devoted to the study of missile and space problems.

The laboratories, now a division of Ramo-Woolridge Corp., will become a separate corporation in the near future, and Doolittle will assume his new position Jan. 1.

The famed flying hero, who led the first bombing raid on Tokyo during World War II, will be in charge of the largest concentration of scientists in the nation working exclusively on missiles and space technology, Ramo-Woolridge said.

# Soraya Flees Bull Arena

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (UPI) — Vacationing Princess Soraya, former wife of the shah of Iran, fled a San Sebastian bullring Thursday when Matador Antonio Ordonez was seriously gored by a bull he was killing in her honor.

With blood streaming from the open wound Ordonez remained in the ring long enough to kill the bull with one powerful sword thrust. He was granted the bull's ear for his bravery and artistry.

While being carried from the ring Ordonez gestured to Soraya with the shaken princess and she left the box where she was seated with friends and fled the ring.

Ordonez was taken to an infirmary where doctors said his wound was "extremely serious."

# Police Free Businessman

NAHA, Okinawa (AP) — Okinawan police last night freed an American businessman from labor unionists who had held him captive in his own office for an hour and a half.

Police arrested 20 unionists who had formed a human wall around William Baxter, formerly of San Francisco, who operates an auto sales agency in Naha.

Shortly after, 40 more screaming unionists were jailed when they demonstrated at a police station to protest the earlier arrests.

Kamejiro Senaga, ex-mayor of Naha and head of the extreme-left Okinawa Peoples party, led the demonstrators but was not arrested.

Baxter had obtained a court order forbidding unionists entering his premises to organize his employees.

Baxter said he obtained the order after nearly three weeks of pressure from the union, including several earlier periods of imprisonment in his office.

# Police Free Businessman

STUNG AFTER ALL

RANTOWLES, S. C. (AP) — Truck driver Edgar F. Fipps, 50, of Charlotte, N. C., trying to shoo off a bee that had landed on his hand, swerved into the wrong lane of U. S. 17 near here.

Arthur S. Black, 16, of Charleston, pulled his truck off the road to avoid a collision and overturned.

Injuries: One slightly swollen hand by Fipps, who got stung after all.

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# SEATO Facing Challenge That May Hamper Action

By K. C. THALER

LONDON (UPI)—SEATO, the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, has been confronted with a severe challenge that may seriously hamper its freedom of action against Communist subversion in the treaty area.

The challenge has come from SEATO's secretary general, Nai Pote Sarasin, who declared subversive activities the responsibility of a member country's own national forces.

Sarasin, a former provisional prime minister of Thailand who is on an official visit of Australia, was reported from Canberra today to have termed political coups a "domestic affair" of the country in which they occur, which could not involve other members.

It appears this interpretation would limit SEATO's right of intervention, for instance, in the event of a Communist-engineered or backed coup in a member country.

The issue has been spotlighted by the recent Baghdad coup which confronted the Baghdad Pact nations with the crucial question of whether or not to intervene in Iraq when a rebel regime overthrew the Feisal government.

The Baghdad nations came to the conclusion at a meeting in London a fortnight ago against intervention because the rebel regime was considered to have the support of the people of Iraq and because it was held to be in full control of the country. Also it at once pledged itself to honor existing international commitments.

A Foreign Office spokesman let

it be understood that he had "no quarrel" with this viewpoint. But views within the treaty organization were expected to be divided.

Some of the Western SEATO nations were expected to accept the interpretation only with considerable reservations.

The text of the treaty itself is hazy on this point, according to expert opinion.

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