

Friendship To Continue

OTTAWA (UPI)—Prime Minister John Diefenbaker told President-elect John F. Kennedy he was confident relations between Canada and the United States would continue on a friendly basis under the new Democratic administration.

The comment was contained in a congratulatory telegram sent Kennedy by the Canadian leader.

"I send you this personal message of warm congratulations on your success in Tuesday's election and all good wishes as you prepare to take up the heavy burdens of office."

"It is my confident expectation that the association between our countries will continue in the years to come to be based on friendly cooperation and mutual regard and that such problems as may arise from time to time will be dealt with in the spirit of good will which has prevailed in the past."

Diefenbaker told newsmen before a cabinet meeting that no consideration has been given to a possible meeting with Kennedy. He added, however, that there was "always a possibility" he would see the president-elect before he is sworn in next January.

Alliance In Tatters

NEW YORK (UPI)—The uneasy political alliance that gave President-elect John F. Kennedy a plurality of more than 400,000 votes in New York State was in tatters today.

The keystone of the alliance was pulled at midnight Tuesday, when it became apparent that the coalition of regular and reform Democratic factions and the Liberal Party had given the Kennedy ticket an impressive victory in the state.

At a victory dinner of the Citizens for Kennedy Committee, former Gov. Herbert Lehman announced the end of a truce, accepted for the duration of the campaign, with Tammany Hall and the Democratic State Committee.

The reaction from Tammany Hall leader Carmine G. De Sapio was immediate and bitter.

The De Sapio rejoinder accepted Lehman's challenge to a fight to the finish for the control of the party organization, now run by De Sapio and Democratic State Chairman Michael Prendergast.

Reopening of old Democratic wounds left the Kennedy forces with a variety of problems, chief of which was a decision on whom to consult on patronage matters.

Pope Sends Best Wishes

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope John XXIII sent the following message to President-elect John F. Kennedy:

"We congratulate you sincerely on your election as president of the United States of America and with the prayer that the almighty God may assist you in discharging the duties of your exalted office we express our cordial good wishes for the well being of yourself and your family and for the happiness and prosperity of the beloved American people."

The pontiff sent his congratulations to Kennedy, as the late Pope Pius XII did to President Eisenhower at the time of his election and reelection, in his role as chief of state of Vatican City—which is a sovereign nation as well as the spiritual headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church.

Messages of congratulations from the Pope to new chiefs of state are customary, regardless of the religion involved.

Brown May Face Richard Nixon

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—Will Vice President Richard M. Nixon, defeated in a bid for president, oppose incumbent Democrat Edmund G. Brown two years from now for California's governorship?

Newsmen approached Brown on this question at his news conference today.

"Anybody has a chance to run," Brown replied. "I am certain the Republicans will put up a strong candidate. And Nixon will be a strong candidate."

Brown was asked: "Will you run for reelection?"

"I haven't thought about it yet," he said. "This is the hardest job I ever held—I like it but it's hard work."

However, Brown denied that he would join the Washington team of President-elect John F. Kennedy.

"I have a four-year contract with the people of California and I intend to stay here," he said.

Comic Vote

SALEM (AP)—There were seven write-in votes for comedian Mort Sahl for Marion County circuit judge Tuesday.

