

Troop Withdrawal Offer Urged By Sen. Mansfield

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., has urged that the United States offer to withdraw some of its troops in Europe if the Soviet Union will cut its forces in the Eastern European satellite countries.

This would reduce the drain on American gold and still maintain the symbol of U.S. commitments to defend Western Europe if it is attacked, Mansfield said.

His statement Sunday emphasized that Mansfield was making a personal proposal rather than one to which the incoming president, John F. Kennedy, is committed. Mansfield becomes majority leader of the Senate this week.

The Mansfield idea got immediate support from a key Republican, Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, chairman of the Republican Policy Committee and ranking GOP member of the Armed Services Committee.

"This is a proposal that I think has some merit to it," Bridges said in an interview. "I think very definitely we should explore the possibility of making an offer of this kind."

Mansfield said five U.S. divisions now in Western Europe are up against more than 25 Soviet divisions in East Germany, Poland and Hungary.

"The numerical imbalance as between the Russian forces and our own committed in Europe is overwhelmingly weighted on the side of the Soviet Union," Mansfield said. "From this it is clear that the U.S. divisions in Europe, as such, have lost real meaning in terms of the shield concept of NATO."

"Protestations to the contrary, their significant meaning is a symbol of our commitment to join in the defense of Western Europe with all our strength and all our weapons if that area is invaded."

"A symbol of this kind would be no less a symbol if the U.S. commitment were to consist of two or three divisions rather than five."

Fire Kills 8 Children

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—"Flames, like a giant brush fire, were shooting out the front door and window of the Cowan house. Then I heard awful screams from a woman and I saw a man standing near a tree about 20 feet from the house, yelling: 'Get my kids out of that house! They're burning up!'"

This was the description given by Lawrence Calloway, 60, a neighbor of James Russell Cowan, 36, whose eight children perished Sunday in a pre-dawn fire that swept the Negro family's two-story frame dwelling.

Calloway said he saw Fannie Cowan, 28, running around the back of the house, screaming, "My children are in there! Help! Get them out!"

But, said Calloway, "nobody could get in that house."

The victims were Connell Foster, 14, Reuben Johnson, 6, and Frank Lee Steaple, 12, all Cowan's stepsons, and all five of the couple's children—James, 5, Druesella, 4, Robert, 3, Lawrence, 18 months, and Judith, 7 months.

"All we found were eight pitiful, charred bodies," said assistant fire chief Glenn Barr.

Mrs. Cowan received severe burns over half of her body and was reported in fair condition at a hospital. Cowan was treated for minor burns on his head, neck and hands.

"I had laid down on the bed in the front room with my wife and our 18-month-old son, Lawrence Eugene, who was asleep beside her, and it seemed only minutes before I felt my wife shaking me by the shirt."

"Get up, get up, the house is on fire!" she screamed. It was like a dream, a nasty dream. I got up, confused."

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"I SAID 'HAPPY NEW YEAR' TO MR. WILSON, AN' HE SAID 'A WANNABET?'"

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Tuesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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Kennedy Adopts "Show Me" Approach To Nikita's Bid

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—President-elect John F. Kennedy appears to be taking a "show me" approach to Nikita Khrushchev's bid for new and reasonable relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Such an attitude seems evident in Kennedy's New Year's Day reply to the Kremlin leader, as well as in his remarks at a news conference Sunday.

Kennedy expressed hope that relations between the two nations, now gravely strained, will be marked by good will in the months ahead. But he had no comment on Khrushchev's offer to bury the hatchet over the U2 spy plane episode.

He also refused to say whether the Soviets have been using private channels to put out feelers to him regarding Soviet-American relations.

Today the president-elect is putting all business matters aside temporarily for a plane trip to Miami to see the Navy and Missouri football teams play in the Orange Bowl.

He called the news conference primarily for discussion of a Kennedy-appointed study committee's recommendations for federal aid to areas of chronic unemployment.

As it turned out much of the conference was devoted to questions and answers about the Khrushchev Moscow assertions that he wants the U2 spy plane incident "to become a thing of the past" and related matters.

On New Year's Eve Khrushchev sent Kennedy holiday greetings at the bed. It looked like somebody was shooting a flame thrower through the house.

"Through smoke I saw my wife across the room. All I could think of was to get her out of there. I was so excited I couldn't think or I would have grabbed my son off the bed."

"I turned to the front door. I had a rug over it to keep out the cold—and a lock. Frantically, I tore the rug down, broke the lock off and pushed the door open."

"Then I ran across the room, lifted my wife up and carried her out of the house. I dumped her in the snow."

"When I went back to the door, flames puffed out and knocked me down."

"When I couldn't get back into the house, the first thing I thought of was to get my wife out of the cold. So I carried her two blocks to my mother's. Then I ran back to the house."

"By the time I got back the firemen were there and they told me to stay away."

NO FINESSE

SEATTLE (AP)—Crime is where you find it these days—especially when it's pulled off with no finesse.

Police Patrolman W. H. Hardgrove was sitting at his desk at Seattle's Wallingford Precinct Station about midnight New Year's Eve when he heard a noise.

"I looked out the window," he said, "and there was this guy trying to fill his automobile gas tank from our station pump."

You can guess who took it from there.

Go Slow On Overhauling Of Military, Solon Says

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., of the Senate Armed Services Committee counseled the incoming Kennedy administration today to "make its way cautiously" in overhauling the nation's military.

He said existing law gives the president vast powers to reorganize the defense department and suggested use should be made of these before Congress is asked for additional authority.

President-elect John F. Kennedy already has indicated he intends to proceed slowly in acting on recommendations by a group headed by Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., for a sweeping reorganization of the military services.

The Symington proposals, Kennedy said, will be carefully reviewed by Robert S. McNamara, Ford Motor Company president whom he tapped to be secretary of defense in his administration.

Russell told newsmen he feels there is room for some tightening up of the armed forces setup, but he added "I'm not one of the monolithic staff fellows." By that he said he meant he is not in favor of a single chief of staff in place of the Joint Chiefs of Staff representing each of the services.

Russell's cautious view was echoed on the House side of the Capitol by Rep. George Mahon, D-Tex., chairman of an Appropriations subcommittee that holds the military pursestrings.

Mahon said he "would not favor any very significant reorganization at this time. Much can be done under present law."

Mahon added, however, that he favors more unification in the Joint Chiefs of Staff because he said the secretary of defense "still does not get objective advice from the military chiefs. They are still giving the viewpoints of their own services."

Russell said he plans prominent hearings by his committee on McNamara and others selected by Kennedy for top Pentagon posts in advance of the submission of

Primary Law, Senator's Death Dominate In News

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oregon's strange primary law and the tragic death of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger were principal factors in a prolonged, spirited election campaign that dominated Oregon news of 1960 to a degree rarely exceeded.

There was high excitement in the election story.

There was violence and uneasiness in many of the others that captured public attention.

The political campaign started early, stimulated by the Oregon law that puts all candidates on the ballot. Sens. John F. Kennedy and Wayne L. Morse campaigned with vigor for the Democratic presidential nomination and Kennedy was the winner but he failed to carry the state in the fall against Republican Richard M. Nixon.

Neuberger's death in early March set the stage for a spirited contest in which his widow, Maurine, became his successor.

Republicans triumphed in races for state treasurer and secretary of state, added a congressional seat, came within two of capturing the state House and appeared in strong position to help elect a conservative Democrat as Senate president. They did all this in the face of a record Democratic registration.

Personalities, religion and past affiliations became a part of the campaign, enlivening it beyond normal.

Just as the election story was made up of many parts, the story of violence in Oregon was one of great storms, of slayings, of raging fires and of death on the highways.

A January snowstorm paralyzed much of Western Oregon. A February blow brought damage along the coast and fall storms too knocked houses from their foundations, swamped small boats and felled trees far inland. November rains stirred flooding west of the Cascades and December's ice and fog brought tragedy to some motorists.

At the height of a storm Nov. 20, the seven members of the Howard Lemons family perished in a plunge from the highway into Dexter Lake southeast of Eugene. Not since 1946 had so many persons died in Oregon in a single highway accident.

But 1960 was marked by several road mishaps claiming many lives — four died as a truck-trailer skidded on snow and toppled over onto a car; twice more four died in head-on collisions, and five died as a car skidded into a truck. At least 11 times in the year a single accident brought three deaths.

A shotgun blast wounded Donald Newhouse in his Portland home Oct. 16. A \$10,000 reward spurred interest but failed to disclose the assailant of the Oregonian's production manager.

Tug To Attempt Freighter Pull

ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP)—A tugboat was going to try to pull a broken-back freighter off a mud flat near Aberdeen Monday.

The S. S. Texmar went aground Friday in fog. The pilot was feeling his way down a narrow winding channel through the mud flats of the edge of Grays Harbor.

He was rounding a turn about four miles from Aberdeen when the ship nudged into the mud. It was high tide, and the Liberty ship was fully loaded.

The keel cracked when the crew shifted the cargo to try to lever the bow off the mud.

An observer said "Calmar Line" is painted in the middle of the side of the ship, and the line of letters is bent between the two words, indicating the damage deep in the ship.

The Coast Guard evacuated 35 crew members Saturday night, but the captain, first mate and chief engineer stayed aboard.

The channel through the mud flats from Aberdeen down into deep water in Grays Harbor is about 100 yards long. It is dredged about 100 yards wide in general and wider on turns.

The 422-foot ship, owned by Bethlehem Steel Co., was loaded with lumber and wood pulp and was bound for the East Coast. Its home port is Wilmington, Del.

The tug Salvage Chief, of Astoria, Ore., was summoned to try to tow the Texmar off the mud.

Science Shrinks Piles New Way Without Surgery Stops Itch—Relieves Pain

New York, N. Y. (Special)—For the first time science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to shrink hemorrhoids, stop itching, and relieve pain—without surgery.

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PLAN SPACE TRIPS

MOSCOW (UPI)—Soviet scientists plan to orbit several pilotless space ships before sending a man up into space, the Communist party newspaper Pravda said Sunday.



"Since Edward took up this relaxing hobby, my nerves are all shot to pieces!"

Farm, Unemployment To Get Early Attention

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter

PALM BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—President-elect John F. Kennedy geared today for quick action against the persistent economic woes of agriculture and "islands of chronic unemployment" affecting the lives of up to 22 million Americans.

The Chief Executive-to-be commended to the Congress Tuesday an elaborate set of recommendations for speedy movement of stagnant economic areas back into the main stream of American economic progress by executive action as well as legislation.

He also set up an important meeting in New York next Thursday to draft plans for what he called "the farm crisis."

The economic recommendations came from a special task force headed by Sen. Paul Douglas, D-Ill., who submitted a special report to the President-elect here Sunday. Top items in the report, in the opinion of Douglas, were recommendations for doubling almost immediately the amount of food distributed from federal surpluses to destitute families, and rapid congressional action on an area redevelopment bill.

This measure, twice vetoed by President Eisenhower, would provide for low interest loans to attract new industry and encourage the expansion of present plants in areas of high and persistent unemployment and under-employment.

During the New Year's week-end there were other developments at Kennedy headquarters here:

—He exchanged New Year's greetings with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev. The Soviet leader expressed hope that in 1961 Russian relations with the United States would proceed toward peace and friendship "on a new and reasonable basis." Kennedy responded with the wish that 1961 relations would be "marked by good will and a common desire for peace."

—The name of Gov. Ernest Vandiver of Georgia continued to figure in speculation on Kennedy's choice for secretary of the Army. Despite apparently well-founded speculation in Georgia, Kennedy aides said the President-elect had not discussed the matter with Vandiver. The governor is under consideration, along with others, however, and an appointment was expected before the end of the week.

—A New York Negro and a nationally recognized housing expert, Robert C. Weaver, 53, was selected by Kennedy to be administrator of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. This will be the highest federal administrative post ever held by a Negro.

—McGeorge Bundy, 41, dean of

Solon Sees New Moves By GOPs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Styles Bridges R-N.H. forecast today that congressional Republicans, cut loose from White House ties, will adopt a new independent attitude toward many legislative proposals.

Bridges, who heads the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said this was likely to result in increased opposition to foreign aid and other spending proposals in the session of Congress opening Tuesday.

"In the past our policy largely has been made at the White House," Bridges said. "It was a process of agreeing at the White House and then agreeing in Congress. But there are going to have to be some changes made."

"I think the Republicans in the two houses are going to work much more closely together than they have in the past. I think there is going to be a new independent attitude on foreign aid and some other matters."

In the last eight years, President Eisenhower has plugged consistently for larger foreign aid spending than many Republicans favored. But many of them went along with the President's program as a matter of what they regarded as political necessity.

Bridges made it clear in an interview he does not believe Eisenhower's views on such matters will have much influence on congressional Republicans after he leaves the White House. By implication, he applied this also to Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the party's losing presidential nominee.

"We Republicans in Congress will listen to suggestions from anybody who wants to make them," he said. "But nobody on the outside is going to dictate to us on policy."

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