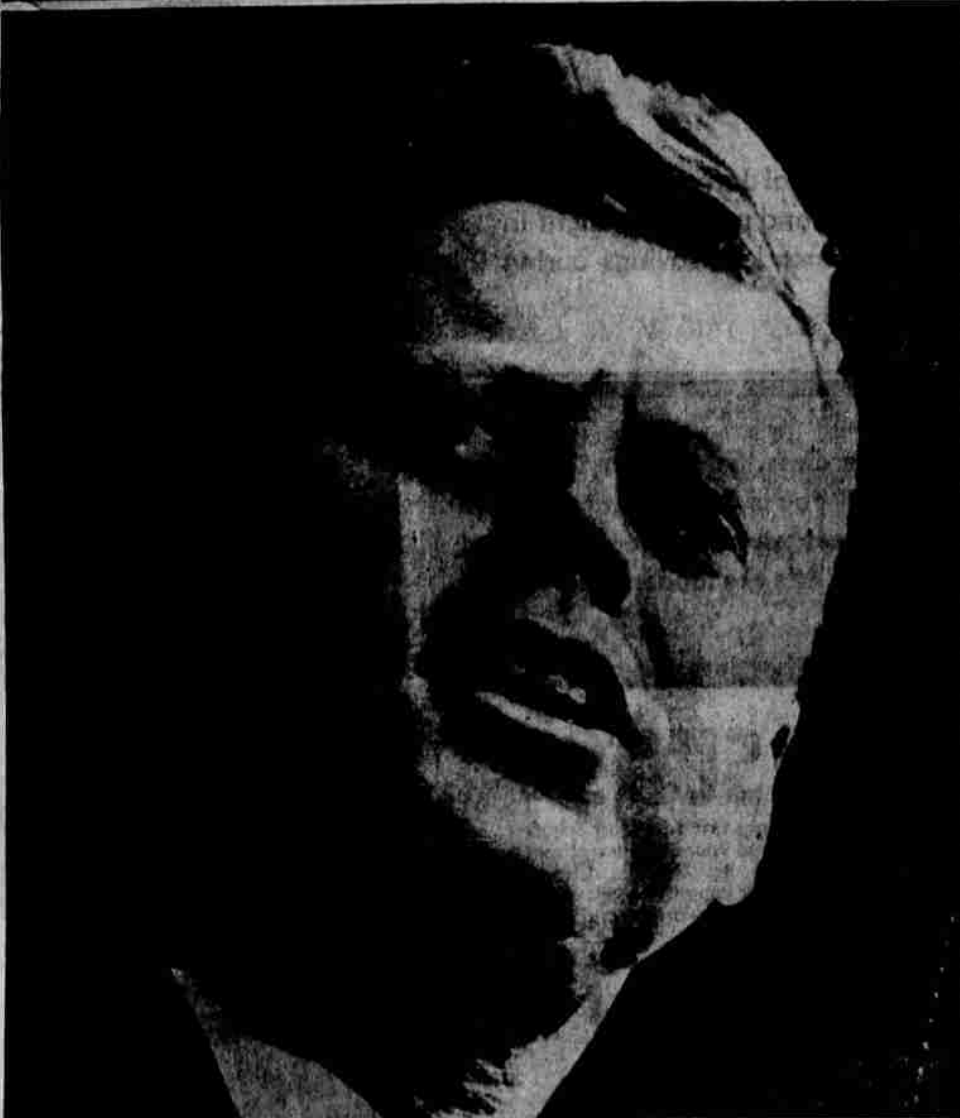


# THE BIG STORIES OF '60



**JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY**—aged 43, 27 years younger than his predecessor—defeated Vice President Nixon with the smallest margin of popular votes in this century to win the presidency. Kennedy, who said during the arduous campaign that he would bring marked change to the White House, won in an election heavily weighted with imperceptibles. Any of several factors could be cited as decisive in his victory—his Roman Catholic religion, the Negro vote, Lyndon B. Johnson's campaign role. In any event, Kennedy approached the most powerful post in the Free World in challenging circumstances.



**THE U-2, A TYPE OF JET-POWERED GLIDER**, flew timid birdman Francis Gary Powers into the eager arms of propaganda-hungry Russia on the eve of the Paris summit. The high-flying U-2, supposedly beyond the range of Red anti-aircraft rockets, was interrupted by rocket or engine failure in its reconnaissance "overflight" at Sverdlovsk and turned up in pieces in Moscow. The plane's highly successful five-year spying program was exposed and Powers became the first man since Nathan Hale publicly acknowledged by his country as a spy. This incident and the bungled U.S. cover-up attempt were a major diplomatic defeat.



**FOR IT WAS K, K, K** as the Russian bully boy strode the world stage from Moscow to Paris to New York, acting his big part with a flourish. A ranting, insulting Khrushchev collapsed the Paris summit, above, in a fit of anger over the U-2. This mood dissolved into affability as he bear-hugged Cuba's brother-in-arms Castro at the New York U.N. meeting. He finished up with table-pounding act (fist and shoe).



**DICK AND PAT NIXON** were tense as returns Election Day indicated the winning trend to Kennedy. But the vice president emerged from the voting in better shape than most defeated candidates. He seems the only bridge between the reactionary (Goldwater) and liberal (Rockefeller) wings of the party and as such his best hope for '64. President Eisenhower bowed out of active political life with a flourish of 11th hour campaigning for Nixon. He remained the Republicans' most compelling figure by far even though not quite able to transfer this image to the vice president. The election was not a personal repudiation.



**AMERICA DEVELOPED HER NEWEST** and probably greatest deterrent to surprise attack, the submarine-fired Polaris, intermediate range ballistic missile. It makes the sub a moving, nearly undetectable, launching pad for the nuclear weapons. Ninety per cent of Russia's cities are vulnerable.



**THE RED SEA, NILE RIVER** and the Mediterranean Sea (top) are all shown in this remarkable photograph transmitted from space to receiving station on earth by the Tiros weather satellite. The 270-pound U.S. satellite, one of the most complex electronic packages orbited, gave an inkling of future eyes in the sky which would not only relay weather information but also be military observation stations.



**EARTHQUAKES, TIDAL WAVES, FLOODS,** volcanic eruptions, disease and starvation tortured the people of Chile in a catastrophe of Biblical proportions. Five thousand persons were killed and 500,000 made homeless. Whole cities collapsed, islands vanished and volcanoes were born in the most severe quakes ever recorded. Here dazed survivors pick through the rubble of Lota looking for their possessions. Nature's assault on Chile was a powerful message that her forces are not yet subject to man. Rebuilding has only begun.



**MOVEMENT TO ABOLISH** capital punishment was given impetus when Caryl Whittier Chessman was executed in the gas chamber of San Quentin prison, Calif., at 10:12 a.m., May 2, 1960, 12 years after his conviction for kidnap-rape. In that 12 years, Chessman wrote four books and made scores of appeals to various courts, including 16 to the U.S. Supreme Court. After it was over a six-foot cross by U.S. Consulate in Basle, Switzerland, said: "Peace to Chessman's soul, but none to his executioners."

**MOST DRAMATIC NEWS PICTURE** of the year shows 18-year-old Japanese fascist Otaya Yamaguchi after he pulled a foot-long Samurai sword from the chest of mortally wounded Inejiro Asanuma, a socialist leader. The assassination on the stage of Tokyo's Hibiya Hall made a martyr out of Asanuma and advanced his pro-Communist, anti-American crusade.



**ROCKEFELLER** GOP's liberal voice **VERWOERD** nearly ends **EICHMANN** some Jews remembered **MARGARET** sets up housekeeping **RHEE** forced into retirement