

By FRANK JENKINS

World verdict on Cuba: Castro's charge that the United States is readying an immediate invasion of its communist-plagued neighbor in the Caribbean reaches the Security Council of United Nations.

The USSR (Russia) votes with Castro. Ceylon and the United Arab Republic abstain from voting. Britain, Chile, Nationalist China, Ecuador, France, Liberia and Turkey agree with the United States and vote to discard Cuba's charge that she is facing immediate invasion from the United States.

Meanwhile Castro puts on a big military display to back up his invasion charges. He lines the Malecon, Havana's beautiful seashore drive, with artillery—a lot of which has been brought from Russia. He scatters guns all around his coastline. He alerts his militia.

Why is he doing it? Nobody knows why a madman does what he does. But the prevailing opinion seems to be that he is putting on a show for the Cubans—trying to convince them that the United States really is going to grab them.

That makes at least a little sense. Most competent observers agree that Castro's greatest danger is a rebellion on the part of the Cuban people. His economics aren't working out too well, and the Cubans are getting hungry.

But enough of Cuba. Let's change the subject.

Mrs. JFK tops the list of the twelve best dressed women in the world. The decision is rendered by an organization known as the New York Couture Group, Inc.

What of JFK himself? Well, he didn't fare so well.

While the New York Couture Group, Inc., was looking over the best dressed women in the world and rendering a verdict, the members of the International Association of Clothing Designers, who are gathered in New York for their 50th annual convention, took a look at the sartorial habits of the President-elect.

They weren't much impressed. Here are some of their opinions of JFK's clothes:

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The shoulders of his suits are much too broad—which is to say that he must have bought 'em back in the days when a lot of padding was THE thing.

There are only TWO buttons on his jacket—and they are much too low on the suit.

It's too bad, of course. But a lot of the men of America will agree that if no worse criticism ever faces the man who in a couple of weeks more will be President of the United States he will be doing all right.

A lot of the rest of us males are wearing out our old clothes, too.

Boivin To Give An Even Break

SALEM (AP) — Sen. Harry Boivin, D-Klamath Falls, said today that those who opposed him for the Senate presidency would get an even break in committee assignments.

Boivin is slated to become Senate president. Sen. Alfred H. Corbett, D-Portland, also is a candidate for the job.

With sufficient pledges to assure him the presidency, Boivin said he already has completed his list of committee assignments.

"When the list is announced Monday morning," Boivin said, "you will see that I have made them solely on the basis of merit and individual preferences."

House Speaker-elect Robert B. Duncan, D-Medford, also will announce his committee list Monday morning.

Nixon Performs Necessary Task

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon has the ironic duty of officially proclaiming today that he lost the Nov. 8 presidential election to John F. Kennedy.

Nixon will tell a joint session of the Senate and the House that Kennedy received 303 electoral votes and Nixon 219, with the remaining 15 going to Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va. Needed to win 269.

Weather
Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy today and tonight. A few showers today. Occasional rain Saturday. Periods of freezing rain in some places. High today 40-45 and Saturday 48-53. Low tonight 28-34.
High yesterday 47
Low last night 27
Precip. last 24 hours none

Weather
Northern California: Cloudy and warmer through Saturday with rain beginning north of Eureka tonight and spreading to Santa Cruz and Sacramento by Saturday evening; local south gales on coast around Cape Mendocino.
Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Cloudy today and tonight; snow Saturday; warmer tonight.

San Francisco Hotel Fire Is Fatal To 17



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Blaze Is Quelled But Erupts Again

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A mattress fire believed extinguished suddenly erupted into a general alarm blaze in a Mission Street hotel here early today and fire officials said 17 persons were killed.

Twenty seven other tenants, two firemen and two policemen were taken to emergency hospitals for treatment of injuries. Others were treated on the scene.

Most of the four-story, half-century old building's 150 occupants were elderly persons. Survivors in their night clothes leaped into fire nets and down light wells onto mattresses hastily placed in position by the 200 firemen who responded. Others scrambled down ladders. The fire was controlled after 90 minutes.

Fire Chief William Murray said the fire might have been avoided had an alarm been sounded more promptly. He said the fire started in a first floor room when the occupant called a neighbor to help extinguish a mattress fire during the night.

They put out the fire and went back to sleep, according to Murray. The mattress rekindled, causing the inferno. "They should have called us the first time it burst into flame," Murray said. "That's a standard rule for anyone."

The occupant of the room in which the fire started survived. Most of the dead were trapped in their rooms and killed when they inhaled gases.

Firemen saved several lives with swift action with the mattresses. When they arrived on the scene several tenants were leaning out upper story windows over the lightwell shouting that they were going to jump.

Firemen urged them to wait a few moments and piled several mattresses at the bottom. The tenants jumped and landed safely on the mattresses.

At least two of the dead were women. At the height of the blaze a pillar of flame shot up through the inside of the Thomas Hotel and 150 feet into the air. It was visible for miles and attracted a crowd of several hundred to the scene at 5th and Mission streets, just one block from Market Street in downtown San Francisco.

The fire was general or five alarms—highest number for the San Francisco fire department—with a rare "emergency" alert for the entire department.

It was also the worst hotel fire here since 1944 when the New Amsterdam burned killing 24. Firemen wearing oxygen masks struggled through gas-filled upper hallways with hoses trying to put out the fire, and old men and women were helped down ladders in the front of the building. When some tenants jumped into fire nets at the rear, one of the nets caught on fire.

Arson Inspector Earl Grimm found one of the dead slumped over the suitcase he was attempting to pack in his room when the fire started. Grimm said the man might have escaped alive if he had not dressed and tried to take his belongings.

Lightly clad survivors were bundled in blankets against a San Francisco cold snap in which the temperature was 36 degrees.

Mrs. Gene Slagler, 57, a hotel clerk, said "I was in my room drinking coffee about 5 o'clock and heard someone holler fire. I got dressed, grabbed my birds and went to the window. The firemen told me to stay put. Then they came and pounded on my door and I walked out."

A 26-year-old airman was arrested Thursday night and charged with armed robbery after he allegedly put a paper shopping bag over his head and took \$34 from Goldy's Cash Grocery, 2552 Shasta Way.

Airman I.C. Linwood A. Thomas, 824A Kincheloe Avenue, of the base fire station, denied taking the money. Thomas was arrested Thursday night at the Falcon Heights home of a friend by the police detectives and air police.

Police also are questioning Thomas about another robbery attempt earlier Thursday evening at Tucker's East Side Grocery, 902 East Main Street. Mrs. Homer E. Stiles, a clerk, saw a man approaching the store with a sack over his head; she locked the door before he could gain entry.

The following story evolved after police investigation: Mrs. Stiles called the station at 5:40 p.m. Thursday to report an attempted robbery. She said the man ran down the block to Applegate Street, got in a car and drove off.

About two hours later, at 7:29 p.m., Floyd Goldy, owner of Goldy's Cash Grocery, said he had been robbed by "a Negro wearing a blue nylon jacket with a brown paper shopping bag over his head." Goldy said the bag had holes cut out for the eyes and mouth.

Goldy said the robber walked into the store and told him and Mrs. Goldy to give him the money. "We opened the till and the robber grabbed a handful of money," Mrs. Goldy said. "We stood there like statues because we were scared." Mrs. Goldy said the thief kept one hand in his coat pocket, as if he had a weapon.

The robber escaped with \$34 in \$5 and \$1 bills. Later, air police told city police that they had suspected Thomas of being involved in a robbery of the East Side Grocery two years ago. They went to Falcon Heights and located his car, which was parked on the wrong side of the street with the lights on. A paper bag torn into three parts was found in the car and 13 \$1 bills were found on the curb near the car. Thomas was located in a nearby house. He said he had been with a friend in Klamath Falls earlier in the evening but the friend said he hadn't seen Thomas after 3:30 p.m. When arrested, Thomas had seven \$5 bills and three \$1 bills in his possession. Mrs. Stiles and Goldy identified Thomas' car and clothes as similar to those used and worn by the robber. Thomas was charged with armed robbery at the city police station. Authorities at the air base said Thomas had a good record was highly regarded by his low workers. He is married, has been at Kingsley for three years.

Wide Range Of School Issues Is Discussed

A wide range of issues that will affect Klamath County and Oregon school systems were principal points of discussion at a "Lights on for Education" meeting at Mills School Thursday night.

Participating in a special panel were Mrs. Margaret Sheridan, KUH's board member; Harold Ashley, clerk of the city school districts; Mrs. Beulah Elliott, member of the OEA Ethics Committee, and Ray Hunsaker, superintendent of city schools.

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Authorities Investigate Shots Fatal To 14 Persons In Jersey

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Altamont Group Talks About Child Welfare

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At Altamont, they were Carrol Howe, representative-elect from Klamath County to the legislature and former superintendent of schools; Harvey Denham, principal of Altamont Junior High School and legislative chairman for the Klamath County Unit, Oregon Education Association; Mrs. L. E. Saunders Jr., president of Altamont Parent Teacher Association and legislative chairman for the Klamath Council of Parents and Teachers, and Francis Skinner, 4-H Club leader in the county and chairman of the Klamath Committee of Children and Youth.

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Jacqueline 'Best Clad', JFK 'Worst'

NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. John F. Kennedy tops the best-dressed in the world of women's fashions, but her president-elect husband is low man on some clothes designers' totem pole.

The lovely first lady-to-be was selected Thursday night by the New York Couture Group, Inc., to head the list of the world's 12 best-attired women. Couture annually consults some 2,500 style experts and society leaders before announcing the winners.

As for the president-elect, his current supply of suits were viewed with some anxiety by members of the International Association of Clothing Designers who gathered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Thursday for their 50th annual convention.

Some opinions on Kennedy's dress: His coat lapels are of the old-fashioned wide variety.

The shoulders of his suits are much too broad.

There are only two buttons on his jacket and the two buttons are too low on the suit.

After Mrs. Kennedy, the official 1960 list of best-dressed among the world's women names the following:

Vicomtesse Jacqueline de Ribes, of Paris.

Mrs. Norman K. Winston, of New York and Paris.

Donna Marella Agnelli, of Turin, Italy.

Mrs. Loel Guinness, of Paris and Palm Beach.

\$3 Billion Education Aid Asked

NEW YORK (AP)—A special task force recommended to President-elect Kennedy today a high-priority program to pump \$3 1/2 billion in loans and grants into the American educational system.

The objective would be to "lift the schools to a new level of excellence."

The plan would provide extra federal cash for all public schools, for construction, and for teachers' salaries or other purposes related to improving education. It would provide a special program along similar lines for states in economic distress. And it would set up a special aid plan for city schools.

In addition, increased grants and loans to improve academic facilities and housing at colleges and universities was blueprinted for the president-elect.

The task force which drew up the recommendations was headed by Dr. Frederick Howe, president of Purdue University.

Howe handed the report to Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, who will be secretary of health, education and welfare, in the new administration.

That the same thing will happen again.

The financial matters facing the lawmakers center around the budget of Republican Gov. Mark O. Hatfield, the Taxation Interim Committee's proposal to enact a 3-cent cigarette tax while reducing income taxes, and a new formula to distribute aid to school districts.

Hatfield recommended a budget of \$359 million. That includes more aid to the schools, higher state salaries and medical care for the aged.

This budget would use up all available state revenues in the biennium which starts next July 1. So it is sure to draw fire from legislators who want to spend more, or who want to spend less.

The tax proposals are highly controversial. Besides levying a cigarette tax and reducing the income tax, they would abolish income tax exemptions, and levy a sort of super-tax that would mostly affect persons with low incomes. This plan has Hatfield's support, but several legislators already have condemned it.

New Bomber Is Unveiled

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A new model of the B52 bomber with more power and more punch is ready for the Air Force.

The first B52H rolled out of the Boeing Airplane Co. plant here Thursday. Perched beneath its wings were two test models of the Skybolt, an air-launched ballistic missile.

Both the range and the thrust of the B52H will exceed that of its predecessors, B52G. Eight jet engines provide 17,000 pounds of thrust, an increase of about 4,000 pounds. Without giving any details, the Air Force said the B52H will have 10,000 miles more range.

Opposition so far is heaviest against Hatfield's plans to abolish the Board of Control, which runs state institutions, and to create a state Department of Natural Resources.

The legislature also faces other conflicts, such as labor-management battles over labor, unemployment and industrial accident legislation. Reapportionment of the legislature will cause a ruckus, too.

Two Southern Oregon lawyers will run the show. They are Sen. Harry Boivin, 56, Klamath Falls, who has the Senate presidency wrapped up by a coalition of all Republicans and some Democrats; and Robert B. Duncan, 40, Medford, who will be speaker of the House.

Boivin was speaker in 1957. Duncan also was speaker in 1959. They will be elected at caucuses Sunday night, unless something unforeseen should happen.

Boivin and Duncan are proposing rules changes which they hope will shorten the session.

The last session of less than 100 days was in 1949. That one was 97 days.

Herter Has No Cheer For Solons

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter gave Senate Foreign Relations Committee members a briefing on world trouble spots today—Cuba, Laos, Berlin and elsewhere.

"It was not a very encouraging review," Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., said after the two-hour closed session. Similarly, Sen. John Sparkman, D-Ala., told newsmen "it paints a bad picture."

However, Sparkman said that Herter's review was "pretty much what we have been reading in the papers," that the secretary presented nothing essentially new.

Gore and Sparkman were the first two senators to leave the meeting.

Asked if Herter had outlined any new steps to be taken to deal with the Cuba situation, Sparkman said "No, I don't believe he did."

Two subjects certain to come up are the civil war in Laos and the Cuban crisis.

A briefing of another sort will take place here later in the day when President-elect John F. Kennedy arrives from New York.

Shooting Times

OREGON
January 7
7:05 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
January 8
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CALIFORNIA
January 7
7:04 a.m.—4:50 p.m.
January 8
7:04 a.m.—4:51 p.m.