

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: Preparing for his inauguration next week and wanting to avoid possible conflict of interest, President-elect Kennedy, although not required by law to do so, recently disposed of all his stock holdings and reinvested the proceeds in government bonds — federal, state and municipal.

This disclosure was made to newsmen this morning by Pierre Salinger, the President-elect's new secretary. Salinger added: "The only holdings he has today are bonds and real estate. His direct real estate holdings consist of his homes in Washington and Hyannis Port, Massachusetts."

Questioned by the newsmen — who pull no punches when a good story is in the wind — Salinger went on to disclose that President-elect Kennedy's TOTAL holdings now consist of such bonds, plus the houses he owns in Washington and Hyannis Port, and three trust funds set up for him and his brothers and sisters by their father, Joseph P. Kennedy.

He added: "The President-elect's net income from these trusts — set up in 1926, 1936 and 1949 — amounts to about \$100,000 annually, AFTER taxes. The income BEFORE taxes, reportedly, is about \$500,000 a year."

Even the President of the United States, you see, feels the bite of the tax collector.

The President is exempt from the federal law dealing with conflict of interest — which is as it should be. Some 20 centuries ago, Caesar said: "Caesar's wife ought to be above suspicion." The same principle holds in the case of the President of the United States.

If the time ever comes when we feel we must pass a law requiring the President to divest himself of all property that might be enhanced in value by his decisions in matters of public policy, we will be in a bad way.

This conflict of interest law hits other federal officials in the pocketbook. Under its provisions, Secretary of Defense designate Robert S. McNamara had to get rid of his stock in the Ford Motor Company, of which he was president. He said the transaction would represent a potential personal loss to him of between two million and three million dollars over a period of years.

One of his predecessors as secretary of defense, Charles S. Wilson, was caught in the same predicament. In order to serve his country in a post involving heavy responsibility and paying a salary of \$25,000 a year, he had to dispose of his holdings in General Motors at a heavy personal sacrifice.

This is the problem:

The government of the United States is the biggest business in the world. To handle it properly, we need men who have carried heavy responsibility, who know by experience how to handle the problems involved in BIGNESS.

Should we make it so COSTLY for people of that type to serve their country that they will come to feel that they CAN'T AFFORD IT?

That's a question that deserves a lot of careful thought.

PORT AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Unconfirmed reports for more arrests of Catholic priests and a series of noise bombs added to tension in Port au Prince today as striking students prepared for possible clashes when schools reopen Monday.

President Francois Duvalier's regime, which expelled Roman Catholic Bishop Remy Augustin this week and earlier deported Archbishop Francois Poirier for allegedly aiding the strike, was denounced as a police state in student leaflets calling for democratic elections.

Censorship under martial law prevented Haitian newspapers and radio from telling the predominantly Catholic population in this Negro republic of the Vatican's excommunication of those responsible for the expulsions. Haitians learned of it from the radio of the neighboring Dominican Republic.

The papal nuncio called a meeting of five bishops from the provinces where unconfirmed reports said more priests have been arrested.

University students have been on strike since November in protest against the arrest of 20 students accused of distributing Communist propaganda. Duvalier freed those arrested last month.

Noise bombs at three schools this week emphasized the demands.

Weather Klamath Falls and vicinity — Mostly cloudy with a little rain at times today and tonight. Partly cloudy Saturday. High 46-46. Low 25-30. High yesterday 48. Low last night 19. Precip. last 24 hours none. Since Oct. 1 5.22. Same period last year 1.64.

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Mutiny Sweeps Congo's Ranks

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (AP)—Congolese soldiers were reported to have mutinied today at the camp where ex-Premier Patrice Lumumba is imprisoned — and wild rumors swept the capital that Lumumba is free.

The soldiers reportedly locked up their officers at Camp Hardy after a riot over pay. Excitement swept Leopoldville at news that Lumumba may again be at liberty.

23 Exposed In Idaho Atom Blast

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission says 23 men were exposed to radiation after last week's explosion of a nuclear reactor, but checks show no clinical symptoms in any of them.

The blast on the AEC eastern Idaho testing station Jan. 3 killed three young servicemen. The commission said in Thursday's report that one victim lived more than two hours after the explosion.

The 23 men were exposed to radiation while working in relay teams to recover the bodies and assess the damage inside the cylindrical reactor building. They wore protective clothing.

The blast killed Army Spec. 5 John A. Byrnes, 27; Spec. 4 Richard L. McKinley, 22, and Navy Electrician 1.C. Richard C. Legg, 26.

They were getting the reactor—a prototype of a mobile heat and power unit for the armed forces—ready to start up after a 10-day shutdown.

The AEC didn't say which man lived for a time after the blast.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The tower for which missile men will service the Saturn space rocket is a massive, complex structure reaching 310 feet into the sky.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration showed it off to newsmen for the first time Thursday, and they were impressed.

The 28-story steel tower dominates the Cape Canaveral skyline, dwarfing the 115-foot tall Atlas and Titan service gantries and the shorter structures for the Thor, Jupiter, Polaris, Redstone and Minuteman.

The Saturn rocket, which will begin testing here next fall, is the United States' biggest hope in the next few years for placing multi-ton payloads into orbit, landing manned spacecrafts around the moon and returning them to earth.



KLAMATH GOLDEN GEM potatoes will be featured at one of the pre-inauguration banquets in Washington, D.C., next week. Here, County Judge R. R. (Bob) Walker, second from right, displays one of 50 gift boxes of Klamath potatoes on their way back east. Judge Walker will be the county's official representative at the Jan. 20 inauguration of President-elect John F. Kennedy. Also proud of the local potatoes are, left to right, Chamber of Commerce President Bob Kent; Ned Putnam, who will fly Walker to Washington, and Karl Dehlinger, potato packager.

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Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., and John A. Carroll, D-Colo., said they had been struck by a strong parallel between the experience of Kennedy and William P. Rogers, attorney general in the outgoing Eisenhower administration.

Both Robert Kennedy and Rogers are former counsels of the Senate Investigations subcommittee.

The hearing on Kennedy's selection to be a member of the new Cabinet got off to a crisp, tense start in a jam-packed hearing room.

Unlike other Cabinet selections which have been called for questioning in advance of the formal submission of their nominations, Kennedy was sworn as a witness.

Dirksen got permission to lead off the questioning and began by reading newspaper editorials and other press comments critical of Robert Kennedy's selection to head the Justice Department.

The prospect was for some Republican needling—but no serious challenge—to Kennedy as the man to head the government's far-flung law enforcement activities.

None of the committee's Republicans said they intended to oppose Robert Kennedy's appointment or try to obstruct Senate confirmation.

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President-Elect's Assets Estimated At \$10 Million

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—President-elect John F. Kennedy appears to have investment assets valued at perhaps up to \$10 million.

This was indicated Thursday night when it was disclosed that Kennedy has converted all of his investments over which he had control into government bonds—federal, state and municipal.

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Assuming interest at the rate of about 4 to 5 per cent, the funds could have a principal value of close to \$10 million. Kennedy has disclosed value of investments he has converted into government bonds.

His home in Washington's fashionable Georgetown area reportedly is valued at about \$100,000. The Hyannis Port place is an additional asset.

Salinger refused to give figures on Kennedy's holdings beyond the income realized from the trust funds.

The three trusts are irrevocable, which means the president-elect has no control over investment of the principal. His mother reportedly is one of the trustees.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Oregon State College Faculty Senate voted 38-26 Thursday against a motion to make ROTC military training at the college a voluntary program.

Accused Couple Held By Police

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—An Oregon man and woman, wanted on charges of buying a \$5,000 airplane with a bad check, are being held as fugitives here.

Police identified them as Russell Smith, 34, and Myrna Simmons, 25, Salem, Ore. Police said they told them they met in Portland, fell in love and started traveling together.

Uruguay Expels Cuba Envoy

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP)—The Uruguayan government has ordered the Cuban ambassador and the Soviet Embassy's first secretary out of the country, charging they were connected with pro-Castro demonstrations and street fights.

The expulsion order was voted Thursday night by Uruguay's 9-man governing council, which reportedly is split 5-4 against an outright break in diplomatic relations with Prime Minister Fidel Castro's regime.

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