

JFK Follows Campaign Promises On Africans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy's start down a new road on African policy this week, like much he has said and done since entering the White House, was foreshadowed by what he said in the presidential campaign. It's a switch from the policy of the Eisenhower administration and has already pleased Asians and Africans.

But if pursued steadily—it's too soon to know how far Kennedy intends to go—it will almost certainly irritate if not anger some American allies and cause difficulties with them.

Repeatedly during the campaign Kennedy, promising a new attitude toward Africa, used this phrase: "We must ally ourselves with the rising tide of nationalism in Africa."

And even before that his secretary of state, Dean Rusk, was part of a group which said pretty much the same thing about the kind of attitude this country should have toward Africa.

In 1959 Rusk was chairman of a study panel set up by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, after studying American foreign policy prob-

Judge Aided By Juveniles

CHESTERFIELD, Va. (AP) — The jury heard the case of the 17-year-old boy charged with a traffic violation, then followed the judge into his chambers to consider the sentence.

An unusual procedure — but also an unusual jury. Not one was older than the boy being tried.

This direct approach to juvenile traffic cases in Chesterfield County, which began merely as a program to acquaint high school students with the court system, has eliminated two-thirds of such cases. The docket that once averaged 30 a month is now down to 10.

The very thought of being tried before their classmates has caused most teen-age drivers to lighten their foot on the gas pedal.

Inside the chambers Judge D. W. Murphey, who began the program more than a year ago, faced the young jurors and said, "All right, you've heard the case. Now what shall we do?"

Under gentle prodding from the judge the students began their deliberations. The officer's testimony, the defendant's statement and any extenuating circumstances all are threshed out informally.

If the violation is a serious one, the sentence recommended by the students is apt to be more severe than the decision already reached by the judge. The teenagers, of course, act only in an advisory capacity, and the final decision must be Judge Murphey's.

In most traffic cases no actual sentence is passed. The youthful defendant is required to surrender his driver's license while the case is continued. This amounts to a suspension of driving privileges from 30 to 90 days yet leaves the youth's record clear.

At the end of the suspension period the case is dismissed.

Easter Holiday

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy and his family will spend an Easter holiday at Palm Beach, Fla., where his family owns an oceanfront home.

The White House said President and Mrs. Kennedy and their two children tentatively plan to leave March 29 and return about April 4. Congress is expected to be in recess during that time.

LEAVES DRAFT BEHIND
DURHAM, England (UPI)—Two prisoners roused guards in Durham jail before dawn Monday to complain they could not sleep because of the draft whistling through a hole in their cell.

Investigating, the guards discovered that a metal grill was missing. Also missing—prisoner Tom Heslop.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"TRY AN ACT LIKE ME, JOEY. I'M NOT 'FRAID OF NOTHING'.....'CEPT A FEW THINGS."

Doctors Being Informed About Effects Of Drugs

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recently expanded a program to keep doctors up to date on reports of adverse reactions to new drugs.

Dr. Irvin Kerlan of the FDA's Bureau of Medicine started the adverse drug reaction program on a pilot basis about three years ago. Today, more than 20 hospitals voluntarily send information to the agency about patients' reactions to drug treatments.

"There have been so many unfortunate episodes with new drugs in the past," Kerlan said in an interview, "that it is clear we must keep very close watch on them."

The FDA has no authority to require drug companies to supply it with information on drugs once they have been cleared by the agency. The basic purpose of Kerlan's program is to aid the FDA in its continuous re-evaluation of

Smog Causing LA Exodus

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — More than 10,000 persons have been advised by doctors since 1955 to leave Los Angeles because of the effects of smog on their health. About 2,500 took the advice last year alone.

That information was given to the county board of supervisors Thursday by Dr. Francis M. Pottenger Jr., chairman of the Air Pollution Committee of the County Medical Association.

Pottenger said the statistics were gathered from questionnaires sent out to 9,000 doctors. About 60 per cent of the doctors returned the forms with information.

Pottenger was one of four physicians who spoke with the supervisors in deliberations on a smog control bill.

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Newsman Finds Barnum Adage Still Holds True

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The postulation by P.T. Barnum that a sucker is born every minute has long been accepted, particularly in places like Las Vegas, as one of the eternal verities.

Lately, however, I have been wondering whether Barnum's theorem is still valid. After all, people have become much more knowledgeable and sophisticated in the past decade or two.

If someone took a new gullibility census, I believe it would show that the sucker birth rate has changed a lot since Barnum's time.

I doubt that suckers are born at a one-a-minute clip any longer. Nowadays, the rate probably is closer to five per minute.

The need for updating Barnum became apparent to me as I was reading a report issued by the Food and Drug Administration on some of its recent cases.

People "Wiser"

The report tended to support by contention that people have become too wise to fall for the "gold brick" hoax and other tricks of the old fashioned confidence man.

What people do now is pay \$3.75 a gallon for sea water in the belief that it will cure serious illnesses and otherwise act as a "fountain of youth."

According to the Food and Drug Administration, an Ohio promoter bottled 93 gallons of ocean water near Belmar, N.J., and offered it for sale.

Literature used as promotional material promised that "by taking a little sea water per day we can thus offer our body glands a 'chemical smorgasbord.'"

"Figuratively," it said, "the pancreas, liver and spleen, bone marrow, thyroid, adrenals and other organs can march around this chemical smorgasbord helping themselves to whatever they require to produce the manufactured secretions that guard our health."

Scared Off

The mere thought of my liver and spleen marching around inside my body would have been enough to deter me from buying any of the stuff.

But the sea water impresario presumably would have done a brisk business had not the food and drug agents stepped in and booked him on a false labeling charge.

The agents likewise cracked down on a vitamin product that was billed as a treatment for arthritis, high blood pressure, goiter and various other ailments. Among other ingredients, it contained alfalfa, water cress, pars-

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