

# Ethiopian Radio Reports Massacres in Capitol

LONDON (AP)—The Ethiopian radio reported last night an "inhuman massacre" in Addis Ababa, where Crown Prince Asfa Wassan has been proclaimed king replacing his father, an "inhuman massacre" in Addis Ababa, where Crown Prince killed and many wounded.

The broadcast said "a group of bandits" opened fire on "peaceful civilians demonstrating for the new representative people's government."

## Final Election Vote Tallied

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the closest presidential race in 76 years, Democrat John F. Kennedy scored a popular vote plurality of only 111,957 over Republican Richard M. Nixon in final official tabulations Thursday.

Little Rhode Island came through with its official vote to complete the 50-state total.

The total vote for president on Nov. 8 was 68,833,254. This was 6,804,195 over the previous record in 1956.

While his popular vote margin was the smallest since Democrat Grover Cleveland won by only 29,209 over Republican James G. Blaine in 1884, Sen. Kennedy was assured of a comfortable electoral vote margin.

## 2 Nations Prepare Congo Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—India and Yugoslavia were preparing a resolution last night aimed at placing all Congolese military forces under command of the United Nations.

Other main points of the resolution to be submitted to the UN General Assembly this morning—called for immediate steps to reconvene the Congolese Parliament, and for release of all political prisoners.

It reported later that "the two fighting parties have settled their dispute" and agreed to work with the new regime.

But the Ethiopian Embassy in Paris, still loyal to the bearded 68-year-old "King of Kings," said the fighting was between partisans of father and son. Claiming rising support for Selassie, the embassy said fighting also had broken out in Asmara, a city of 90,000 between Addis Ababa and the Red Sea.

The role of the military in the kingdom of northeast Africa was in doubt. But at least part of the army in the capital was known to be loyal to the new regime. Officials in London were told army units were guarding British, U.S., and French embassies in Addis Ababa.

The Ethiopian radio declared those who attacked the demonstrators were "under the influence of two traitors."

They were named as Gen. Kabeda Gabre, former commander in chief of the Ethiopian army, and Merid Mengesha, who was Selassie's minister of state under the Defense Ministry.

Selassie headed home from Brazil, cutting short a visit abroad. Apparently bent on keeping him from landing, the Ethiopian regime barred all flights in and out of the kingdom.

# JFK Picks Ag, Labor Secretaries

WASHINGTON (AP)—President-elect John F. Kennedy last night chose Minnesota's Gov. Orville Freeman to be his secretary of agriculture. Kennedy also picked AFL-CIO lawyer Arthur J. Goldberg, an apostle of labor-management peace, as his secretary of labor.

Freeman and Goldberg — both Democrats—were the sixth and seventh Cabinet selections made by Kennedy and left him with three spots yet to fill—secretary of the Treasury, attorney general and postmaster general.

Earlier in the day, Kennedy disclosed that Rep. William L. Dawson, 74, of Illinois had declined appointment as postmaster general, passing up the chance to be the first Negro Cabinet member in the nation's history.

Kennedy said tonight he would have at least one more Cabinet appointment to announce today, and maybe all three of those still to be made.

# Laos Capital Burns; Foreigners Flee

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Foreigners fled southward into Thailand Thursday from Vientiane, as civil war raged in that flaming Laotian capital for the third day. Forces of the left and right struggled for control.

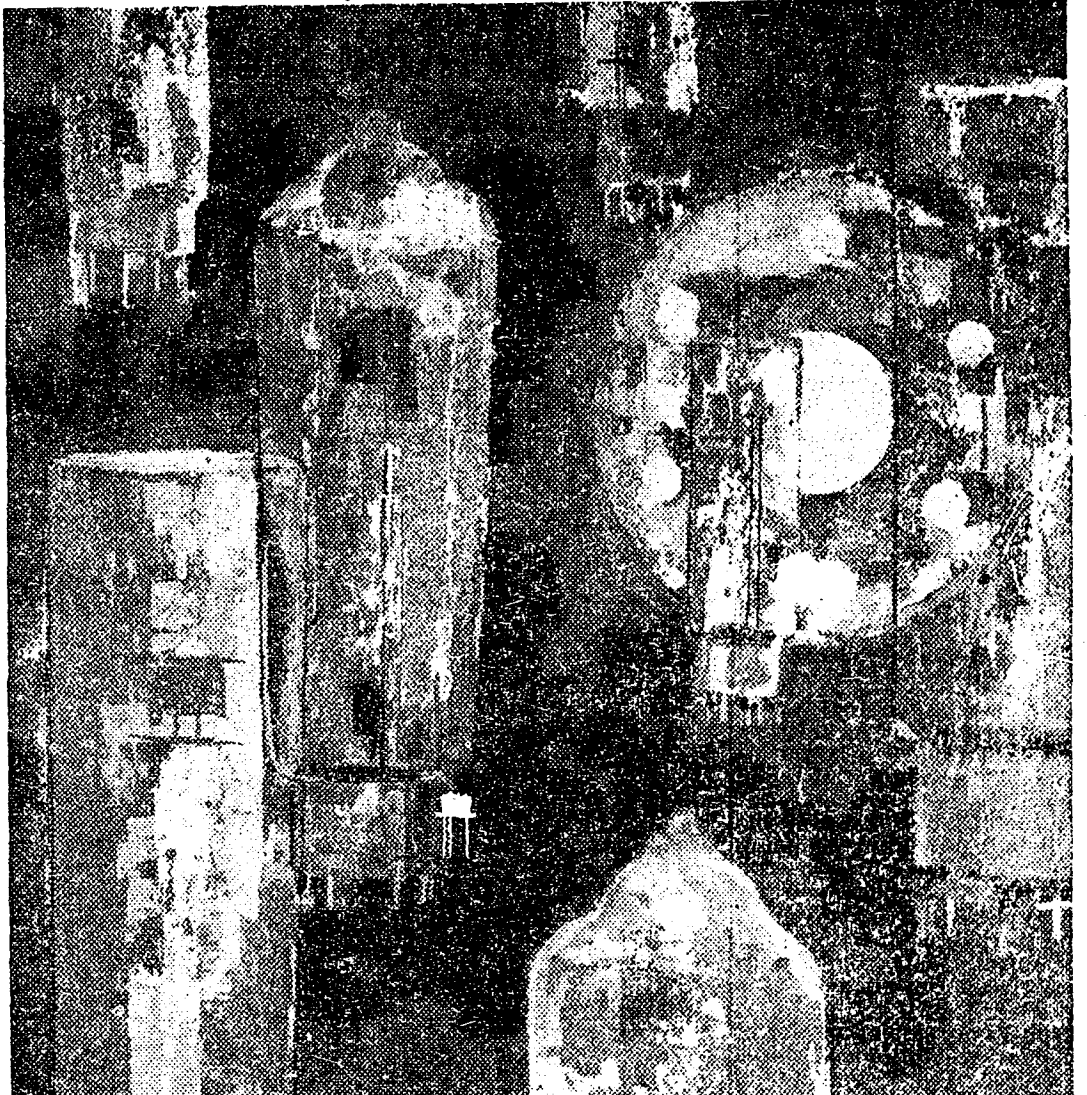
Intense artillery fire slammed shells into the U.S. Embassy, the Laotian premier's palace, a French hospital and downtown government and public buildings, according to information reaching this capital of neighboring Thai-

land. Many of the buildings were reported set afire, including the embassy.

Vientiane dispatches said shell casings, burned out automobiles, broken glass and shattered tree limbs littered the capital's streets. Telephone and power lines were down and a food shortage loomed as anti-Communist forces sought to wrest control from pro-Communists.

The U.S. Embassy radioed Bangkok that a shell struck its building and started a fire. The embassy staff was evacuated. Four Americans were described as slightly injured. No names were given.

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