

# JFK Replies to Khrushchev's Note; U.S. Will Meet Intervention in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy told Soviet Premier Khrushchev yesterday that the United States will meet any intervention by outside force in Cuba.

Kennedy, replied to Khrushchev's note earlier on the Cuban invasion by anti-Castro forces.

Kennedy said it should be no surprise that refugees from Cuba have been using what-

ever means are available to return and "support their countrymen in the continuing struggle for freedom."

Kennedy repeated his declaration of last week that Americans would not be involved in any military intervention in Cuba.

With that statement, Kennedy rejected Khrushchev's charge that the United States was supporting the invasion by Cuban forces seeking to overthrow Castro.

In his message, Khrushchev also threatened to give the Castro regime "all necessary assistance" in resisting the invasion.

Kennedy called the Castro regime "alien-dominated." He said there are unmistakable signs that Cubans find the denial of democratic liberties and the betrayal of Castro's original revolutionary principles intolerable.

The White House made public Kennedy's message at the same time Secretary of State Dean Rusk handed it to Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov at the State Department.

"I have taken careful note of your statement that the events in Cuba might affect peace in all parts of the world," Kennedy said.

"I trust that this does not mean that the Soviet government, using the situation in Cuba as a pretext, is planning to inflame other areas of the world," he said.

"In the event of any military intervention by outside force we will immediately honor our obligations under the inter-American system to protect this hemisphere against external aggression," he said.

## Committee Named For Redistricting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pennsylvania's House Democrats chose a three-man committee yesterday to consider how best to re-district the state's congressional seats.

Population shifts in the last 10 years will cost Pennsylvania three of its 30 seats two years from now, unless Congress increases the House membership to more than 435.

The committee members are Reps. William J. Green, Philadelphia's Democratic chairman; Elmer Holland, of Pittsburgh; and George M. Rhodes, of Reading.

The actual redistricting is done by the state legislature, but House members submit their own recommendations.

## GE Official Testifies On Price-Fixing

WASHINGTON (AP)—A General Electric Co. official testified yesterday that bickering and foreign competition—not fear of the law—finally ended illegal meetings to fix prices on large turbine generators.

The witness, John Peters, told a Senate subcommittee that secret meetings of representatives of electrical equipment manufacturers took place between 1951 and 1959.

His testimony about the meetings in the large generator field was seconded by another witness, R. B. Sellers, in the smaller generator business. Sellers is manager of turbine sales for the Elliott Co., a division of Carrier Corp.

Peters and Sellers testified during the second day of hearings by the Senate antitrust and monopoly subcommittee.

The subcommittee is trying to find out if price fixing was more extensive than revealed by a recent criminal case in federal court.

In that case, a federal judge in Philadelphia fined 29 manufacturers and 45 company officials nearly \$2 million and jailed seven officials after they had pleaded guilty or no contest to charges of violating the antitrust laws.

During yesterday's hearings, Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., asked Peters if the secret meetings of GE, Westinghouse Electric Corp., and Allis-Chalmers had ended in 1959 because company officials simply felt it was better business to halt them.

"I'd say that's right," Peters replied.

Did stepped-up enforcement of the antitrust laws influence the decision to end the meetings?

"I don't think so," Peters said.

## Red China Supports Castro

TOKYO (AP) — Communist China early yesterday formally expressed support to Prime Minister Fidel Castro in resisting the invasion of anti-Castro forces, the New China News Agency reported.

## House Votes For Hike In Pensions

HARRISBURG (AP) — The legislators' pay-pension package was approved yesterday by the House.

The bills would give House and Senate members an immediate \$3,000 expense allowance on top of their \$6,000 salary and increase their pension benefits 50 per cent.

The vote on the expense allowance, the most controversial part of the six-bill package, was 148-52. The pension increase passed, 161-40.

The entire package now goes to the Senate for further action.

It is estimated that it would cost the state an additional \$126,500 annually in pension payments—the legislators would match that amount—and \$780,000 for expenses.

There was no debate on any of the measures except the expense account proposal.

Rep. E. J. Farabaugh, Cambria County farmer and Democrat, led the opposition to it, warning the legislators: "I think it's about time the members in both houses start thinking of the people they represent . . . and not thinking simply of financial gains."

Both floor leaders, Democrat Stephen McCann and Republican Albert W. Johnson argued for the measure, basing their justification on the increasing length of the sessions.

Farabaugh took issue with the work involved in being a legislator. He argued furthermore that "we're going to call upon a lot of people to pay more taxes who are not making a good living."

Earlier, there were scattered hisses through the chamber when Rep. Maurice H. Goldstein, R-Allegheny, got up to propose an amendment that would have prohibited any legislator from holding any other elective or appointive public office.

The amendment was beaten, 50-149.

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# Testimony Begins In Eichmann Trial

JERUSALEM, Israel (AP) — The first prosecution witnesses in the trial of Adolf Eichmann, executioner of Jews under Hitler, yesterday told the court the former Gestapo colonel discussed his own role readily with Israeli authorities after he was seized in Argentina and brought here last year.

Israeli Police Capt. Avner Less testified that Eichmann volunteered to describe his functions under the Nazi regime in a secret interview held in a fortress near Haifa last May 29 shortly after he was brought to Israel.

Less testified that Eichmann was asked if he understood there was no compulsion being exerted to force him to make a declaration and that he answered yes.

Israeli Police Inspector Naphali Bar Shalom spoke for more than two hours about technicalities involved in cataloguing documents presented in evidence.

There are 38 more witnesses about a third of whom knew Eichmann personally. In addition, statements from 118 people have been recorded by Israeli consuls in the United States, Latin America, Canada and Germany.

Eichmann's defense counsel, Robert Servatius, indicated he will reserve the right to cross-examine on those statements if they are accepted as evidence by the court.

Hausner in his opening statement told of the Nazi extermination campaign in detail.

Some spectators silently left the building as he catalogued

Jewish communities in Germany, Austria, Poland, the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia wiped out in the Nazi "wrath of murder."

"Adolf Eichmann's guilt lies in the planning, initiation, organization and execution of the crimes as charged in the indictment," Hausner said.

"We shall prove that his deeds were crimes against the Jewish people, crimes against humanity and war crimes."

Hausner did not demand the death penalty. The Israeli law under which Eichmann is being tried — the Nazis and Nazi collaborators' law — carries the death sentence.

The prosecutions' case will be interrupted today at noon, as Israel pauses to celebrate Independence Day.

## Africans Held for Stealing

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Police yesterday announced arrest of a group of Africans suspected of breaking into armories and stealing scores of guns for use in a revolt against South Africa's white government.

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