

# Home Asks U.S., Soviets To Halt Arms for Laos

GENEVA (AP) — Britain's Foreign Secretary Lord Home called on the United States and the Soviet Union last night to cease supplying arms to warring groups in Laos.

His appeal, made as the international conference on Laos opened here, was followed by an attack on U.S. Vice President

# 'Riders' Tell Of March To Alabama

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — One of the 18 "Freedom Riders" — nine white persons and nine Negroes testing segregation practices in the South — said yesterday hatred of the Negro "prevails as a spirit" in Birmingham, Ala.

Fourteen members of the group held a press conference in the lobby of a dormitory on the campus of the predominantly Negro Xavier University.

They said their violence-marked trek through the South had ended and they would leave New Orleans tonight for their homes.

James Peck of New York, the chief target of attackers at Birmingham Sunday, told newsmen: "It is disheartening to see a city engulfed in such a state of hatred."

Peck had 57 stitches in his head from a melee in Birmingham. He talked to newsmen with his head wrapped in white gauze bandages.

Peck, who is white, termed the trip a success — "not completely successful" — because it proved that "one could not travel freely in this country."

One of the Birmingham attackers, Peck said, had taunted the group: "You dirty Communists! Why don't you go back to Russia? You're ashamed of the white race, and you're ashamed of the nigger race."

Peck said he hoped the trip "would have a sobering effect on our country."

# Voting Sparks Election Probe Of Primaries

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvania's special election to fill a congressional vacancy yesterday sparked a federal probe into complaints of irregularities in widely scattered polling places.

The day produced these fast-paced developments after voting began in the four-county 16th District:

●The Justice Department in Washington ordered the FBI to investigate the failure of voting machines to function properly in various precincts. The action followed complaints filed by the Democratic National and State committees.

●Voting machines jammed shortly after the polls opened in the morning. Democrats estimated as many as 29 districts were involved. But officials in Dauphin County—where the failures occurred—put the figure at no more than 15.

●The Democratic candidate, Mrs. Kathryn Zimmerman Vanderslice of Harrisburg, protested in Dauphin Court that votes "are being stolen right out from under me . . ."

●GOP workers in various precincts said the machine trouble was working against their candidate, John C. Kunkel of Harrisburg just as much.

Democratic State Chairman Otis B. Morse told a hastily called afternoon news conference that he had asked the FBI to intervene. The chairman said he didn't want to blame anyone for the trouble at this time but added:

"It seems strange that after all these years, the Dauphin County Board of Elections would be unable to set up a special election correctly and that the confusion which exists should have been permitted to happen."

## Japan May Appoint Woman

TOKYO (AP) — Foreign Minister Zentaro Kosaka is reported considering naming Japan's first woman ambassador in a reshuffle of foreign diplomatic representatives expected soon.

# 'K' Sends Message On Possible Meeting

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy received a personal message from Soviet Premier Khrushchev yesterday amid maneuvering for a possible meeting between the two chiefs early next month.

Soviet Ambassador Mikhail A. Menshikov brought Khrushchev's letter to Kennedy and remained at the White House for more than half an hour.

Informed sources said the Khrushchev message and the Kennedy - Menshikov conversation did nothing to hinder the possibility of a get-together between the President and Khrushchev during Kennedy's forthcoming European trip.

Under his schedule, a convenient time would be right after the President's May 31 - June 2 visit with French President Charles de Gaulle in Paris.

The likeliest site for a no-agenda parley lasting a day or two would be Vienna, informants said.

Shortly after receiving Menshikov, Kennedy flew to Ottawa on his first trip out of the country as President.

Just before boarding his airplane, the President turned aside a reporter's question as to whether he would see Khrushchev in Vienna next month.

Menshikov, at his own request, was invited to the White House bearing what he said was a reply from Khrushchev to Kennedy's Feb. 22 letter to the Soviet leader. Presidential press secretary Pi-

erre Salinger confirmed that this was the nature of Menshikov's errand. But neither he nor the Soviet envoy would give any further details.

Salinger stood on his weekend statement that there are no plans for a Kennedy-Khrushchev meeting "at present."

U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson delivered the Feb. 22 letter to Khrushchev on March 9 at Novosibirsk, Siberia, and the two had a conference lasting more than four hours.

Authorities stressed that the meeting, if it comes to pass, will not be a formal summit conference at which issues are negotiated.



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# JFK May Give Major Talk

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy discussed with Democratic party congressional leaders yesterday the possibility of his addressing Congress or sending it a message on the state of domestic and world affairs.

Kennedy told the party leaders that his foreign aid message to Congress will go to Capitol Hill in about 10 days.

This was reported to newsmen by Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana and House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas after the President's weekly White House session with them.

There had been speculation that Kennedy planned some

sort of major message to Congress. Mansfield said the topic came up but there was no detailed discussion of the subjects the President could be expected to cover if he decides to send up or deliver a message.

The senator said he assumes Kennedy would have in mind alerting the people to the problems that confront the nation at home and abroad.

As to when such a message might be delivered, Mansfield said it is the understanding that it would be before Kennedy leaves for Paris May 31.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, the assistant Democratic leader, said he expects Kennedy to review the U.S. economy and its inter-

national commitments in a message before the President leaves for Paris.

Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, said, however, that it would be premature to speculate now whether such a Kennedy message might come before he goes to France.

Rayburn described as not accurate a Newsweek magazine article saying Kennedy would send a second State of the Union message to Congress. Rayburn said the President didn't have anything like that in mind.

Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges told a news conference he had not heard reports that the administration was considering price and wage controls to offset the inflationary effects of rising defense outlays.



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