

JFK Creates 'Arms Agency'

NEW YORK (AP) — President Kennedy signed a bill yesterday creating a disarmament agency, which he called a symbol of U.S. desire to disarm mankind of the weapons of war. Its name, a compromise of House and Senate versions, is "Arms Control and Disarmament Agency."

'Corps' Hopeful Meets Defeat

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A 21-year-old Miamian rejected by the Peace Corps and facing the military draft said yesterday he will enroll today at the University of Chicago.

The youth, Charles Kamen, was one of 25 students who failed to meet Peace Corps selection standards in a Philippine teacher training project at Pennsylvania State University.

"Naturally, I'm disappointed," Kamen said. "It hurts. I don't understand it at all, and perhaps I'll seek a fuller explanation. But my plans now are to continue study in my field, sociology."

While awaiting a decision by the Peace Corps, Kamen was reclassified J-1 by a Miami Draft Board after he had applauded a Rotary Club showing of a film "Operation Abolition." He was ejected from the meeting. He applauded as the film showed the House Un-American Activities Committee being heckled at a hearing in San Francisco.

Kamen said later he was sorry for his action which "may have shown a little immaturity."

As he signed the new agency into law, Moscow radio was reporting Soviet rejection of Kennedy's disarmament proposals to the United Nations.

The legislation to set up an arms control and disarmament agency was passed by Congress four days ago, and was the first bill the President has signed outside Washington since he took office.

Kennedy said the new agency offers "renewed hope for agreement and progress in the critical battle for the survival of mankind."

Purpose of the new agency is to further a disarmament program which the United States could place before the world to offset the threat of future war. It is designed to keep abreast of all developments in the complex field of general disarmament, with an eye toward any possible method to eliminate arms as instruments of national policy.

Named to head the new agency was William C. Foster, 64, undersecretary of commerce, economic cooperation administrator and deputy secretary of defense under President Harry S. Truman. Foster is a Republican, and currently is board chairman and president of the United Nuclear Corp., an organization for the development of peaceful uses for atomic energy.

Foreign Aid Allotments Announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate and House conferees blasted through the biggest obstacle to congressional adjournment by settling on a foreign aid appropriation of nearly \$4 billion yesterday.

The foreign aid figure represents a compromise between the \$3,657,500,000 voted by the House and the \$4,196,600,000 approved by the Senate.

President Kennedy originally asked for \$4,775,500,000 to finance his military and economic aid program during the 12 months ending next June 30 and Congress authorized up to \$4,253,500,000.

Foreign aid supporters in both parties fought to keep the figure from being reduced below \$4 billion, which Kennedy urged as a minimum.

One of the last arguments to be settled involved a \$40-million fund to finance the President's new Peace Corps through its first year of operation.

The conferees compromised on \$30 million for the agency. The Senate had approved the full \$40 million and the House had voted nothing.

NEWPORT, R. I. (AP) — President Kennedy's plane blew out a tire on the main landing wheel when it hit the runway here yesterday. But the President and his wife disembarked safely.

West Denies Charge Of Warlike Action

MOSCOW (AP)—The United States, Britain and France have rejected Soviet charges that the flight of two West German fighter planes to West Berlin Sept. 14 was a warlike act.

In similar notes replying to Moscow's protest of Sept. 17, the Western Big Three advised the Soviets yesterday to avoid getting excited over such incidents.

They said the two jets had clearly lost their way, run out of fuel and had to land. The planes touched down at Tegel Airport in Berlin's French sector.

"Under these circumstances," said the American note, "the United States government is surprised that the government of the U.S.S.R. finds it possible to talk of 'provocations' and 'execution of a warlike mission, including the delivery of atomic bombs to their

targets." The Western powers declared that Soviet planes had made numerous illegal flights over West German territory recently.

"These incursions were brought to the attention of the Soviet authorities by the responsible military authorities," the U.S. note said. "No one thought of characterizing them as 'provocation' or announcing military measures, which the Soviet government threatens to take."

The Soviet protest warned that any more military planes violating the territory of Communist East Germany would be shot down by any means, including rockets. The West feared the Communists would seize on the incident as a pretext to restrict air access to Berlin.

The American note suggested that "at times like these, more than ever, governments should avoid complicating by unfounded accusations these incidents which inevitably occur."

Johnson Comments on Crises

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—The United States seeks "only a sign from those who speak for the Communist world" that they want to negotiate in good faith, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson said yesterday.

"If negotiation between governments is to have any true meaning, it must be conducted in an atmosphere of reason and of responsibility," Johnson told the Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association.

Negotiation, Johnson said, "must speak the language of honorable compromise. It must shun all hints of a negotiation conducted under an ultimatum."

He added that negotiators must grant concessions for the sake of agreement "and not merely grab every concession that can be ex-

torted by the display of power or the trick of diplomacy."

"We seek only a sign from those who speak for the Communist world that they are ready to respect these principles and will not simply use the conference table as the forum to ratify their own demands and gain new advantages," the vice president said.

Johnson's remarks came in what he termed a review of the world situation. It followed a chart-illustrated outline of what he described as major accomplishments of the Kennedy administration.

Johnson said Congress passed

11 major bills in its first session after election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "and we thought we had saved the republic."

In the first congressional session under the Kennedy administration, 33 major bills have been passed, he said.

He said net farm income has increased 10 per cent over 1960 to \$12.8 billion — the highest in eight years.

The gross national product reached \$528 billion in the second quarter of 1961, Johnson said — "highest in the history of this nation or any other."

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