

# Rusk, Gromyko Confer For 4 Hours on Berlin

NEW YORK (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko conferred for four hours yesterday on the Berlin crisis, then announced they will meet again Saturday.

Rusk, leaving Gromyko's headquarters at about 5 p.m., declined to say whether any progress had been made in arriving at a formula to start detailed negotiations on a possible



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Berlin settlement. He would say only, "We'll see, we'll see."

The two men and their advisers met at 1 p.m. Rusk said they had "a very good lunch and a very good talk." Gromyko, who had accompanied him to the sidewalk, said, "Our conversations are not concluded."

After Rusk left, Gromyko was asked whether he thought it would be possible to work out a compromise on the problem of naming a temporary successor to the late U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold.

Referring to some reports that the Soviet Union has proposed the appointment of four secretaries-general, Gromyko said he had made no such proposal. What he has in mind, he said, is to select four persons, one of whom would be considered as a chairman. The other three would be deputies.

Western diplomats consider this a slightly disguised form of the Soviet "troika" plan which calls for three men to hold the office of secretary-general jointly. For an interim period, Gromyko is willing, as he made clear again yesterday, to have the "troika" at the level of deputies or under-secretaries.

Asked whether there would be a veto in this interim arrangement, Gromyko in effect affirmed that there would, although he did not use the word. He said the four persons should work as a team and do their utmost in association with the U.N. Security Council to "solve questions on the basis of understanding."

Adlai E. Stevenson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, who was among the advisers present, left at about 2:30 p.m. to attend a U.N. meeting.

To questions from newsmen, Stevenson said: "It was a very agreeable luncheon. It was a lovely lunch, and we spilled no blood."

Asked if there were signs of progress, he replied: "I live in hopes."



ANDREI GROMYKO

## Fuel Endangered In Tanker Fire

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. (AP)—The broken hull of an \$8-million Navy tanker continued to burn in Morehead City Harbor yesterday, a short distance from 10 million gallons of stored aviation fuel.

One crewman died, one is missing and 23 other persons were injured when leaking fuel which coated the harbor waters Tuesday night ignited and engulfed the tanker Potomac.

The ship, berthed to unload four million gallons of aviation gasoline and jet fuel, was consumed by flames which touched off a huge explosion, followed by a series of lesser blasts. Captain and crew scrambled to safety, many leaping overboard.

A Coast Guard fireboat hurled tons of water and 1,500 gallons of foam on the burning ship during the night.

"It didn't do much good," said George Lawrence, assistant fire chief at the nearby Cherry Point Marine Corps base. "We couldn't get close enough."

## Escapes Continue From E. Germany

BERLIN (AP) — East Germany's Communists turned more of their side of the Berlin border into a forbidding no-man's land yesterday but fugitives continued to find holes in the city's Iron Curtain.

Even as the Reds demolished houses, dug trenches and leveled ground to help border guards tighten the grip on parts of the 25-mile border, at least 10 persons escaped into the Western sector of the divided city.

An East Berlin family of three attempted an escape through barbed wire in the northern part of the city. Red police spotted them and opened fire. The man got through but his wife and child were caught and led away.

Another man escaped into the French sector under a hail of Communist bullets.

# 87th Congress Ends Session With Call

WASHINGTON (AP)—Shortly after 6 a.m. yesterday a long-distance telephone call routed President Kennedy out of bed.

It was a U.S. Senate Committee calling to tell him Congress was about to adjourn unless he had other ideas.

Thus ended, at 6:16 a.m., the session that began last Jan. 3 and lasted longer than any since the Korean War year of 1951.

The President said "Thanks," reported Sen. Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., after the call to Newport, R.I., where Kennedy is vacationing.

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, R-Ill., the other half of the two-man committee assigned to make the call, assured the Senate: "We did get the President of the United States out of bed."

Mansfield and Dirksen are the majority and minority leaders respectively and they were carrying out an American tradition.

Kennedy's "Thanks" was for what Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson called a session "which can fairly be characterized as successful" from an administration standpoint.

Despite a number of reverses at the hands of a Republican-

Southern Democratic coalition. Democratic leaders said they were well-pleased with the record and predicted that many Kennedy proposals that failed this year will be passed in 1962.

The windup came at the end of a 19-hour session that produced fireworks between the two chambers and left the Senate crying out in frustration against the House.

## McCone Picked By President To Head CIA

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — President Kennedy chose Republican John A. McCone, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, as the new director of the nation's highly secret Central Intelligence Agency.

The President called a special meeting with newsmen yesterday to announce the appointment of the wealthy West Coast businessman and shipbuilder to the \$21,000-a-year job.

Kennedy introduced McCone and the man he is succeeding, Allen W. Dulles, as two who have made personal sacrifices to serve their country.

Both said they regarded service to the nation a privilege.

McCone and Dulles flew from Washington to nearby Quonset Point Naval Air Station and shuttled by helicopter to Hammersmith Farm where the President is spending a week's vacation with his family.

White House press secretary Pierre Salinger said the final decision to appoint McCone was made in the morning. The two visitors met for half an hour on the patio outside the farmhouse before going by boat to the Naval War College auditorium for the announcement.

McCone is to join Dulles in the CIA in about two weeks and is to take over when Dulles retires in November.

After the doomed Cuban invasion attempt last spring, the CIA was criticized for its intelligence-training role but Kennedy did nothing to make Dulles the scapegoat.

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