

# Kennedy Says U.S. Still Holds Lead Among Nations in Nuclear Strength Allied Recognition Sought by Ulbricht

WASHINGTON (AP) — Another "gap" figures significantly in President Kennedy's get-ready policy on testing nuclear weapons in the air.

In this case, Kennedy has declared the United States continues to hold a lead between its nuclear strength and the corresponding powers of any other nation, including the Soviet Union.

This country, he indicated, will resume atmospheric testing if it finds that the Soviet

Union is narrowing—or threatening to narrow—the gap.

With the current series of Soviet tests, Kennedy in effect acknowledged this week the U.S.S.R. may be making advances. But that does not mean the world can expect an early U.S. shot into the atmosphere.

Officials close to the subject note that the preparations Kennedy ordered on Thursday cannot be made immediately. Conclusions also must be reached on the nature and achievements of the Soviet tests, which apparently have not ended, and on what purposes the United States may want to explore.

A year ago, Kennedy's allegations of a "missile gap" had burst into a campaign issue. Republicans disputed his claim that the Soviet Union was in a superior position.

Administration officials now contend the United States packs equal "deterrent" strength and may overtake the U.S.S.R. with its missile arsenal by 1963.

Declaring the United States is "many times" ahead in the nuclear gap, Kennedy emphasized in his policy announcement: "It is essential to the defense of the free world that we maintain this relative position."

Kennedy hinged the actual firing of atmospheric shots to military necessity, but clearly laid the basis for going beyond the expensive and time-consuming underground operations to which the United States has limited itself since the Soviet Union broke the three-year moratorium on tests.

## Interim U.N. Head Called Neutralist

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The man chosen yesterday as interim secretary-general of the United Nations is a practicing neutral who has sought to get along with both the Communists and the West—but only when he believed they were right.

Burma's U Thant, 52, firmly believes a true neutral must be an active one, who calls the shots as he sees them.

"Peace cannot be achieved through passive neutralism, which would mean a withdrawal from the battle for peace," he once told the U.N. General Assembly.

As head of Burma's U.N. delegation, he has denounced the Soviet Union for intervention in Hungary, the United States for its position on Cuba and France for its Algerian policy.

Performance has shown him a man of action, opposing any attempt to weaken the authority of the United Nations executive.

When Premier Khrushchev demanded last year that Dag Hammarskjold be replaced by a three-headed troika, U Thant told the assembly he was against any scheme that would water down the secretary-general's powers. His record of impartiality and belief in a strong United Nations have prompted may diplomats to liken him to Hammarskjold. A believer in Buddhism, U Thant considers it essential for a man to keep his "emotional equilibrium."

## Reds Might Have Anti-Radiation Drug

OTTAWA (AP)—Charles B. Limbrick, a Canadian missile and radar expert, said yesterday he believes the Soviet Union has perfected an anti-radiation drug.

He said that in such circumstances the Soviets can detonate many more nuclear bombs, lure the West into testing its own nuclear weapons and "can wait a long while for results."

Limbrick told a reporter that Western nations for some years have known that Russia was "on the track of a chemical pill or substance to offset most of radiation sickness effects."

"In my opinion," he added, Russia now has a "medical counter to radiation."

"Obviously, Russia is not worried about contamination," Limbrick said. It has set off at least 30 nuclear bombs since Sept. 1.

## Luthuli Given Visa to Oslo To Get Prize

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP)

—Lulu leader Albert Luthuli won permission yesterday to go to Oslo, Norway, and receive the 1960 Nobel Peace Prize he won for fighting South Africa's racial policy. But the government insisted the award was either a mistake or propaganda.

Banished by the white supremacy government to an African reservation in the eastern province of Natal, the 62-year-old Christian leader said, "I am delighted." He is an advocate of nonviolence in resisting racial discrimination.

A statement by Interior Minister Jan Deklerk said the granting of Luthuli's passport "is a very exceptional case." He will be allowed 10 days for the visit.

The announcement emphasized, however, that this does not mean the detention orders against Luthuli have been lifted. He must return to the farm village on the Natal reservation.

"This permission is given notwithstanding the fact that the government fully realizes that this award has not been made on merit but in order to further propaganda objectives," Deklerk said.

## Princess Margaret Has Boy; Mother, Child Reported 'Well'

LONDON (AP) — Princess Margaret—a royal rebel most of her life—became a mother yesterday strictly on schedule and apparently without complications.

At 10:45 a.m., Margaret, 31, gave birth to a son. Weeks ago, she said her baby would be born either the last week in

October or the first in November. Two days ago, she tied a blue—for a boy—ribbon on the baby's cot. She was right once more.

Automatically, Princess Margaret's first-born became Viscount Linley. He is fifth in line of succession to the British throne.

"Both mother and baby are well," said an official announcement.

Asked the baby's Christian names, a Clarence House spokesman replied: "We don't know yet."

The baby weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces, a court announcement said.

To reporters, the father, Lord Showdon, also 31 said: "Everybody is absolutely delighted and could not be more thrilled." Before he was made an earl by Queen Elizabeth II on Oct. 3, he was Antony Armstrong-Jones, a former society photographer.

BERLIN (AP) — Walter Ulbricht, Communist leader in East Germany, came back from Moscow yesterday insisting he wants recognition from the United States and other Western powers for his satellite regime.

But his short airport speech was peaceful in tone. He did not say, as he has in the past, that he would get what he wants by separate peace treaty with the Soviet Union by the end of the year.

Khrushchev was quoted in Moscow as saying he wants negotiations on Berlin and, "We understand that negotiations means not only getting but giving."

Giuseppe Codacci Pisanelli, Italian minister without portfolio and president of the Interparliamentary Union, quoted the remark after seeing Khrushchev. He also has an appointment with President Kennedy in Washington next week.

Ulbricht also said talks between Washington and Moscow had shown that negotiations for a peaceful settlement on Berlin and Germany are possible.

But he outlined a settlement that the West already has refused.

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