

'K' Admits Tests Harmful JFK, Nehru Confer— Discuss Arms Race

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet Premier Khrushchev acknowledged yesterday that nuclear tests in the atmosphere are harmful to the health of the world's people and that the Soviet Union is being criticized for them but said: "We will stop when the others stop."

The premier's statements were made in a toast and to newsmen at a huge reception in the Kremlin on the 44th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. The reception followed the traditional Red Square parade, including a 21-minute military show.

Foreign attaches said they noted only two new items in the section given to weapons. They included what appeared to be a short-range solid-fuel rocket with a heavy undercarriage, and an amphibious vehicle slightly larger than seen here before.

In his wide-ranging chat with

newsmen, who pushed up to a barrier of tables separating high-ranking guests from the 4,000 persons in the top-floor dining room of the new Kremlin auditorium, Khrushchev declared:

"It is not good to push one another around" about Berlin. The Soviet Union, he said, is not "superstitious about dates, whether the date is the 13th or 31st" but will not wait indefinitely for a solution. Khrushchev once set Dec. 1 for the signing of a German peace treaty but has since withdrawn the deadline.

He denied reports that three Soviet cosmonauts were killed in an abortive Sputnik launching in October, or that launchings had been planned for the traditional observance yes-

terday during the recent Soviet party congress.

"No matter how sure we are, certain risks are involved, launching is not 100 per cent sure," he said. "It would be too bad if we had had to interrupt the congress to go to a funeral." He added that there will be other launchings but none is planned in the immediate future.

Khrushchev replied with a smile. "We stop at night, in the morning we start again" when asked if the Soviet Union had stopped its nuclear experiments. Khrushchev told the party congress on Oct. 17 the current tests apparently would be ended the last of October, but several more bombs have been exploded since then.

He shook his head in the negative when asked if the Soviet Union plans to shoot off any more 50-megaton bombs and finally told the reporters what is to be done with former Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov "is of no practical importance."

"We haven't decided," he said.



Nikita Khrushchev

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WASHINGTON (AP)—India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and President Kennedy discussed major world problems yesterday and were reported to have disagreed over how to achieve a nuclear test ban treaty and general disarmament.

Informants said Nehru held that a voluntary moratorium on testing should be renewed with the Soviet Union and that this would not rule out an agreement on controls during the moratorium period.

The United States view is that a moratorium on testing places restraint on open societies such as the United States but does not prevent closed societies such as the Soviet Union from preparing new tests.

Nuclear testing was one of the points of sharpest disagreement between India and the United States before Nehru's arrival Monday on an official visit.

Salinger said five topics dominated the talks. Besides nuclear testing they were:

●Berlin—Kennedy presented the U.S. position in detail. A general discussion followed.

Indian sources said later Nehru told the President that free access to the city must be fully guaranteed for the Western powers and that Soviet Premier Khrushchev took the same position. Nehru met

with Khrushchev in September.

●Southeast Asia—They talked about Laos and South Viet Nam, both now menaced by Communist forces, and dealt with these two problems: How independent governments can be maintained and how such governments can be protected from intrusion from any quarter.

●The Belgrade conference—Nehru gave his interpretation of the September meeting of 25 non-aligned nations in Yugoslavia. Positions taken there by some of the nations, particularly on nuclear testing, were widely criticized in America at the time as favoring the Communist world.

Huge Fires Destroy S. California Homes

LOS ANGELES (AP) Flames burned uncontrolled over 10 miles of the picturesque Santa Monica Mountains yesterday, threatening more ruin to rich residential areas already devastated.

But winds calmed and authorities said they hope for control today.

The worst fire in Southern California history has destroyed at least 250 plush homes in the movie star studded Bel-Air district and damaged uncounted others. Loss is estimated at \$15 million or more.

Thousands of men, including soldiers and trusted prisoners, massed to combat new flare-ups in Bel-Air and a separate threat to its deluxe sister community, Pacific Palisades.

Two huge fires, which broke out about the same time Monday eight miles apart and ballooned overnight to more than 5,000 acres each, burned to within less than a mile of each other.

They threatened to join near Pacific Palisades and sweep down upon the small seaside community, which has hundreds of homes extending back into brushy canyons. Many in the Pacific Palisades are ready to move, and a few had left, but there was no

evacuation order. The main effort yesterday was to prevent a repeat of Monday's Bel-Air holocaust. There, during a nightmarish six hours, "fire storms" roared down brush-choked canyons lined with homes, igniting them one by one.

Along one street alone, Roscomare, more than 50 homes in the \$50,000 and up class were destroyed.

In Bel-Air, this area's richest residential district with homes ranging up to half a million or more in value, the scene yesterday was one of ruin and sorrow.

The two big blazes broke out about 9 a.m. Arson is suspected in each.

President of Ecuador May Offer Resignation

QUITO, Ecuador (AP)—President Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra, caught up in the worst crisis of his tumultuous political career, will offer his resignation today, informed sources said last night.

Informants said Velasco Ibarra informed Gen. Gonzalo Villacis, director of the national military academy, that he would submit his resignation to his Cabinet.

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