

JFK Plans Budget U.S. Warships Welcomed

HYANNIS PORT, Mass. (AP)—President Kennedy sat down with the nation's top military and fiscal experts yesterday, going over plans for the next year's defense budget, which may hit a peacetime record of \$50 billion.

That was only one of a series of meetings. He also talked with commerce and trade experts on trade policies and on the future of the reciprocal trade treaties which expire in mid-1962.

The defense meeting reconvened after lunch for further talks on civil defense.

White House press secretary Pierre Salinger said the civil defense session was in the nature of a survey of "what the Defense Department has accomplished and what plans it has made for the future since the agency assumed responsibility for civil defense last August."

The current estimate of defense spending in the present fiscal year is \$46.85 billion. This estimate does

not include \$780 million which Congress voted above the Kennedy administration's request.

The Pentagon announced in mid-October that the extra funds would not be used.



JOHN F. KENNEDY
... confers with experts

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, who led two of yesterday's conference groups with the President, has said the accelerated buildup in other categories made it unnecessary to spend the money.

Most of it was for extending production of B52 heavy bombers.

The outgoing Dwight D. Eisenhower administration proposed \$42.9 billion for defense in early January.

In March the Kennedy administration revised this figure to \$43.8 billion, then raised it again when the Berlin crisis developed in the summer.

The President's series of meetings started more than an hour behind schedule when poor flying weather in the Cape Cod area delayed the Air Force jet plane which brought the officials from Washington to Otis Air Force Base.

The first meeting—on trade policies—included Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges and Undersecretary George W. Ball.

After an hour, the president joined McNamara who had already started the defense budget session.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The Dominican Republic declared yesterday it welcomed the presence of U.S. warships off its shores as a bulwark against any attempt at invasion by Cuba "or other Communist countries."

"Blessed be the moment that the United States fleet came into our waters," the Dominican delegate, Jose Antonio Bonilla Atilas, told the U.N. Security Council.

Bonilla Atilas, who said he was a member of an opposition party in his country, and Dominican Ambassador Carlos Sanchez y Sanchez both denied Cuban charges that U.S. warships and planes had violated Dominican territorial waters.

Both Dominican delegates accused Prime Minister Fidel Cas-

tro's government of trying to incite bloodshed in their country by inflammatory propaganda broadcasts.

Mario Garcia - Inchaustegui, the Cuban delegate, reiterated Cuban demands that the council condemn the United States as an aggressor and call for withdrawal of U.S. ships from the area.

He claimed the Dominican people were not represented by the two Dominican delegates.

The council put off additional debate until next Tuesday.

The government of Fidel Castro of Cuba was reported yesterday to be making an all-out effort to foster trouble in the strife-torn Dominican Republic.

Diplomatic quarters in Washington said radio broadcasts from Cuba are urging the people of the Dominican Republic to kill President Joaquin Balaguer and anybody working with him.

U.N. Council Sets Mandate on Congo

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The Security Council laid down a new mandate last night for U.N. action against the Congo's secessionist Katanga Province, but only after two Soviet vetoes had killed U.S. proposals for broader U.N. authority.

The council demanded that all secessionist activities in Katanga "cease forthwith" and authorized acting Secretary-General U Thant to use force if necessary to remove the foreign mercenaries that are said to be the chief prop of the 16-month-old secession.

Its vote was 9-0 for a resolution in those terms introduced by Ceylon, Liberia and the United Arab Republic. Britain and France abstained.

Immediately after, U Thant pledged he would do his best to carry out fully all resolutions of the General Assembly and Security Council—including the one

just adopted—to restore order in the Congo.

He appealed to U.N. member countries, particularly the Africans, for more troops to reinforce the U.N. Congo force.

The Soviet Union used its veto against U.S. amendments to a three-nation resolution to have the council deprecate "all armed action" against the Congolese central government and to authorize the secretary-general to help that government reorganize and retrain its army "for the tasks which confront it."

The vote on each of these amendments was 9-1 with France abstaining.

Scranton Declines Possible GOP Bid

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP)—U.S. Rep. William W. Scranton of Dalton ruled out yesterday the possibility of becoming a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor or U.S. Senator in 1962.

The 44-year-old congressman thus ended months of speculation about his availability for the statewide ticket.

In a statement read at a news conference Scranton said: "Every indication points to a splendid Republican victory in Pennsylvania in 1962."

Rockefeller Sought

MERAUKE, New Guinea (AP)—A 50-50 chance still exists that Michael Rockefeller survived a 1/2-mile swim through shark-infested waters and is somewhere in the jungle, a Dutch leader of the weeklong search said yesterday.

The Dutch commissioner for southern New Guinea, F. R. J. Elbrink Jansen, based his appraisal on the fact that two gasoline cans, a vital element in the hunt, have still to turn up despite the intense search by planes, ships and thousands of men.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's 23-year-old son used the two cans as a makeshift raft in his swim toward shore Sunday from his capsized native boat.

The fact that they are still to be found indicates he may have

at least reached New Guinea's southern shore and set out for the interior, Jansen said.

Rockefeller, still hopeful that Michael is alive, said he will remain in New Guinea a few more days.

"I'm a realist," said the New York governor, "and I know what he faces if he reaches that jungle."

The search has been expanded to cover 150 miles of shoreline from north of the Eilenden River to Frederick Hendrik Island. Jansen said that if Michael did not land, the current was bound to carry the two gasoline cans to the island.

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