

# JFK Discusses Reservists, Berlin

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy offered hope yesterday to Reservists he said were summoned to active duty "to prevent a war" that they may be out of uniform in less than the required 12 months.

"We call them in to prevent a war, not to fight a war," Kennedy said. "We are going to get them out as quickly as we can."

Kennedy bristled a bit about the whole subject. He put in more time on it than on any other at a 31-minute news conference.

This was against a background of published reports about Reservists having poor equipment, little to do or being square pegs in round holes.

Kennedy answered a questioner who asked about complaints of Reservists that most of them are making heavy sacrifices; that they gave up jobs and their lives are disturbed. The President said they are performing a vital service.

"These men who may be serving in a very cold and windy camp in Ft. Lewis, Wash.," the President contended, "are rendering the same kind of service to our country as an airplane standing at 15-minute alert at a SAC—Strategic Air Command—base in Omaha is rendering."

"Their function today is to indicate that the United States is serious about its commitments; that it means to meet its commitments."

The U.S. wants to negotiate a peaceful settlement if it can, but we do not propose to surrender."

Reservists were called up, he said, because the administration felt U.S. conventional forces lacked sufficient strength at a time of increased tension in Viet Nam and a clash of interests over Germany and Berlin.

The important thing, he said, "is to maintain the peace, and they are helping to do it," however unsatisfactory it may be to be sitting in a camp.

## Bridges' Funeral Held

CONCORD, N.H. (AP)—Leaders of nation and state paid final tribute to New Hampshire Republican Sen. Styles Bridges yesterday and his body was laid to rest in a grave on a windswept cemetery hill.

Colleagues in Congress spoke at a solemn public funeral in the stately, circular Hall of Flags of the New Hampshire State Capitol.

Bridges, who suffered a heart attack earlier this year, died in his sleep last Sunday, at age 63.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy said yesterday establishment of international control over the highway connecting West Germany with West Berlin will be one of the chief points in future negotiations with the Soviet Union.

Kennedy briefly raised the possibility of internationalizing the 110-mile-long Helmsstedt Autobahn in an interview with Alexei Adzhubei, editor of the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia. It was published Tuesday in Moscow.

The West, the chief executive told the Soviet newsmen, wants to maintain a limited number of troops in the city and have "an international administration on the autobahn so that goods and people can move freely in and out."

Kennedy's suggestion, State Department specialists said, represents the only idea proposed from the Western side thus far on how free use of the autobahn can be obtained.

Kennedy, explaining it at his news conference yesterday said: "What I am anxious to do is to work out some system which will permit freedom of access for the people of West Berlin without harassments which endanger their freedom and which increase the tension between the countries."

This means, officials said, that any formula developed by the Western powers for the use of the highway will cover both occupying forces in the city, and West Berliners.

Some kind of an international authority to control the autobahn's traffic and to guarantee Western access to it is under consideration, Kennedy told reporters.

The control agency could be the United Nations, the four occupying powers, or "some other body," he added.



JOHN F. KENNEDY  
... holds press conference

## Izvestia Interview Approved by West

By The Associated Press  
President Kennedy's interview with Izvestia's editor was looked upon by much of the Western world as the opening of a new frontier behind the Iron Curtain that could bring better understanding of Western views.

Reaction was mixed among Russians interviewed in Moscow. Most found it hard to believe the statement of the President to Alexei Adzhubei, editor of the Soviet government paper, that West Germany has a puny nine army divisions and is no threat to the Soviet Union.

An Izvestia dispatch from New York, however, called the interview a "step forward in Soviet-American understanding."

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# Veep Says U.S. Policy 'Successful'

NEW YORK (AP) — Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson said last night bipartisan foreign policy has won "impressive successes" toward the building of a livable world community.

In a reply to critics who demand total victory in the cold war, the vice president said Americans could be proud of the gains they have made over communism in the struggle for the world.

"Our strategy and our successes are not the possession of any one party or administration," he said in a speech prepared for a Medico award dinner honoring U.N. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson.

"They belong to all the American people," he continued. "For they represent the labor and sacrifices made by all the American people over 16 troubled years since World War II."

Medico is a nonprofit organization founded by Dr. Peter D. Comanduras and the late Dr. Tom Dooley which sends American volunteer doctors and nurses throughout the free world.

Stevenson was honored with Medico's "world humanitarian award," which will be presented annually, not necessarily in the medical field.

In obvious reference to Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., a spokesman for conservatives who has called on President Kennedy to make victory in the cold war the objective of American policy, Johnson told the Council on World Affairs in Philadelphia he was not aware "that this—or any preceding — administration has been committed to defeat."

## West Germans Declare New Policy on Berlin

BONN, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's new government set forth a new policy yesterday, declaring that immediate negotiations with the Soviet Union should concentrate on abolishing the Berlin crisis.

Heretofore, the West German government has insisted that the Berlin question should be discussed only in connection with the entire German problem—including the reunification of Germany and European security.

The declaration was read by Vice Chancellor Ludwig Erhard.

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