

# JFK Expresses Delight Over Powers' Release

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy, expressing delight at the swap that liberated Francis Gary Powers from a Soviet prison, assured quiz-minded senators yesterday the former U.S. spy pilot would be free to answer their questions.

Kennedy offered this assurance with a news conference statement in which he voiced hope that last weekend's prisoner exchange "turns out to be a sign of possible significant progress in the lessening of world tensions."

During the session, Kennedy affirmed British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's pledge to Parliament that the United States would not use Christmas Island in the Pacific for nuclear tests in the air before the Geneva conference starts March 14. He said the past week's communications had not affected U.S. thinking on the possible resumption of atmospheric tests—and he'd be in a position by the end of February to decide whether or not to resume.

He also advised those who charge the administration pursues a "no-win" cold war policy that, "There will not be winners of the next nuclear war, if there is one."

So saying, he presented this credo as a national objective: "To



PRESIDENT KENNEDY ... holds news conference

protect our security, keep the peace, protect our vital interests, make it possible for what we believe to be a system of government which is in accordance with the basic aspirations of people everywhere to ultimately prevail. Toward the end of the 32-min-

ute conference, Kennedy finally recognized for a question a woman reporter, Sarah McClendon, who irked him three weeks ago by saying that two "well-known security risks" worked for the State Department.

He also took a question dealing with exchange delegations from a Soviet reporter, Yuri Barsakov of the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia.

The chief executive opened his conference with a statement on the exchange of Col. Rudolf Abel, Soviet spy ringleader, for Powers and Frederic L. Pryor, an American student imprisoned by the East Germans.

Kennedy wouldn't locate the hideaway where government officials—presumably including some from the Central Intelligence Agency—have been questioning Powers. The U2-pilot reportedly has been housed in a government-owned estate on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Nor did he say how soon Powers would be turned loose for public questioning.

Powers, 32, who arrived back in this country Sunday morning, has been "cooperating voluntarily" in important discussions with government interviewers, Kennedy said.

# U.S., Britain Chiefs State Geneva Meeting Terms

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan told Soviet Premier Khrushchev yesterday they will be willing to meet him at Geneva after the disarmament conference makes some progress.

Their cordially worded messages brought to the verge of certainty the prospect of a summit meeting by the Big Three—and perhaps others—within the next few months.

Strictly speaking, the Kennedy-Macmillan reply was a turndown of Khrushchev's Feb. 10 proposal that government heads themselves attend at the start of the 18-nation conference opening in Geneva March 14.

The Western chiefs stuck to their original call for a Geneva parley launching by their foreign ministers as the best way to make progress on preliminary details. They saw opening speechmaking by the chiefs of government as possibly hardening officials' disagreements.

But having made this point, Macmillan said, "I am not so much concerned with routine procedures and arguments as with results."

Kennedy said: "I do not mean

to question the utility or perhaps even the necessity of a meeting of heads of government."

"Indeed, I am quite ready to participate personally at the heads-of-government level at any stage of the conference when it appears that such participation could positively affect the chances of success," Kennedy said.

## State Democrats Discuss Candidates

HARRISBURG (AP) — Democratic policy makers failed again yesterday to agree on who the party organization will back for governor in the May 15 primary.

But at a 2½-hour meeting, key leaders agreed to back U.S. Sen. Joseph S. Clark and Secretary of Internal Affairs Genevieve Blatt for re-election.

The meeting left unresolved the question of whether the organization will back Richardson Dilworth, former mayor of Philadelphia, for the gubernatorial nomination.

His candidacy is opposed by U.S. Rep. William Green Jr., Philadelphia Democratic chairman.

## Economics Prof Suggests Changes In State Spending at Conference

HARRISBURG (AP) — "Bolder state action in state expenditures... an improved tax structure... a reverse to the 'serious negative spiral'..."

These were among the recommendations offered last night as a means to improve Pennsylvania's economic outlook. They came at a three-day Pennsylvania Citizens Conference here, conducted under the joint sponsorship of the Pennsylvania State and Bucknell universities.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS were offered by Jacob J. Kaufman, professor of economics at Penn State, and Henderson Supplee Jr., president of the Atlantic Refining Co., Philadelphia.

"Thus far, there has been too much concentration on 'tax climate' and 'labor climate' and not enough on schools, recreation,

health, libraries and other community facilities to attract industry," Kaufman said.

"TO CONCENTRATE on these areas requires bolder state action in state expenditures and an improved tax structure which will support such programs," he contended.

Kaufman also advocated an increased effort in trying to attract new industries to those communities where the population has decreased.

KAUFMAN SAID that men under 25 and over 45 constitute the two age groups with the highest percentage of unemployment.

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