

# JFK May Announce Testing Policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy will speak to the nation by radio and television tonight, presumably to signal U.S. resumption of nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere.

Word from informed sources was that Kennedy will support that he has decided to order a new series of atmospheric tests starting sometime in April.

The White House announced only that Kennedy will speak to the nation at 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time today "on the subject of nuclear testing and disarmament." The announcement said all the major networks will carry his speech, to be made from his office.

AS FOR ANY specific clues as to the content of the speech, presidential press secretary Pierre Salinger was completely silent. He

would not disclose, for that matter, whether Kennedy even has made the decision to test.

Word that Kennedy would speak was followed a few hours later by an Atomic Energy Commission announcement that a British nuclear device was tested underground earlier yesterday at the U.S. testing site in Nevada.

The AEC said the test was conducted jointly by the U.S. and the United Kingdom. It said the device was a low-yield one—meaning it has less force than 20,000 tons of TNT.

WORD HAD circulated prior to Salinger's news conference that Kennedy's decision is to go ahead with atmospheric tests. The President himself has said it is only prudent for the United States to prepare for tests since the Soviet

Union conducted a series of about 50 last fall after breaking a moratorium which both countries had kept since late 1958.

This country has been conducting underground tests in Nevada in recent months. Eighteen such blasts have been announced.

In exchange for her use of the Nevada site, Britain has granted this country the right to set off atmospheric tests at Christmas Island in the Pacific south of Hawaii.

# GOP Fails to Select Candidates

CHESTER, Pa. (AP)—Republican state leaders failed again yesterday to unite opposing factions behind compromise candidates for governor and U.S. Senator. But they held out hope for a solution by tomorrow that would prevent a primary battle.

In other GOP developments, Rep. James E. Van Zandt said he would stay in the gubernatorial race unless the Republican leaders who backed him asked that he

run for senator instead. Superior Court Judge Robert E. Woodside withdrew from the governor's race earlier in the week in favor of Van Zandt. U. S. Sen. Hugh Scott said Tuesday that he would withdraw in favor of a ticket of Rep. William W. Scranton and Van Zandt.

Meanwhile it was hinted, but not confirmed, that Scranton may have withdrawn his name as a compromise candidate.

# Jet Crash Search Continues--

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as shocked at the tragedy which befell his friend of 20 years standing.

A RESCUE force of 300 to 400 police and firemen was mobilized on the remote crash scene within half an hour.

But in the words of Patrolman Arthur Ruddick, one of the first on the scene: "There was no one to rescue."

There was not the slightest immediate clue as to the cause of the crash. The weather was nearly perfect, marred only by an icy wind. If pilot Heist, an American Airlines veteran, knew what went wrong, he died before he could radio back to the airport.

# Glenn Parades in N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP) — John H. Glenn Jr. rode in triumph through Manhattan yesterday, signalling thumbs up to the tumult of an estimated four million New Yorkers cheering his triumphant ride around the world through space.

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