

Kennedy Supports High Court Decision

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy said yesterday the Supreme Court decision banning official prayers in public schools gives American families an opportunity to do more praying with their children at home. He said he advocates home prayers.

Kennedy said that despite disagreements among the people, it is important that high court decisions, once made, have the support of the American people.

Kennedy got into this subject at his news conference in which he also:

• Called on the House of Representatives to pass his new trade bill on which a major vote is due today. He said the measure is "vital to the future of this country."

• Declared U.S. policy in the Formosa area is unchanged—that the United States opposes using force in that area but will defend Formosa if the Chinese Communists attack it and will defend Quemoy and Matsu, the offshore Nationalist Chinese islands, if an attack against them is aimed also at Formosa and the Pescadores.

The President's comments on the Formosa situation and on his trade bill were volunteered at the outset of the meeting with newsmen.

As to the trade bill, he asserted that if the House sends it back to the committee, it would spell defeat for the measure. And he added that if the chamber simply extends the existing trade bill for one year, that also would defeat the purpose.

The new bill would give the President sweeping new powers to cut U.S. tariffs, or abolish some of them altogether, in bargaining for concessions from foreign nations. One main idea stressed by its backers is to keep export markets open for U.S. goods in the face of European economic integration.

While Kennedy opened up on the subject of Formosa himself, there were several questions about it.

Asked what the position of the United States would be towards a Nationalist attempt to return to the mainland, Kennedy said he had meant in his statement to

stress that "our arrangements in this area are defensive."

Other subjects arising in the conference:

TAXES—Kennedy, in response to a question, said if it were decided that a tax cut was needed, he would ask for it. He said the standby tax-cutting authority he had asked from Congress would be beneficial if the economy continued to sag because it would not require delay while legislation moved through Congress.

RUSK—Asked for an evaluation of Secretary of State Dean Rusk's trip to Europe, particularly in relation to French nuclear power hopes, Kennedy said he believes France's example of building its own bombs encouraged other countries to do the same and that it is not in the interests of the Atlantic community to do so.

RADIATION—Asked about radiation dangers and under what circumstances he would halt testing, Kennedy said the present testing of nuclear weapons is in the interest of the country and that there is no health hazard in the United States at this time.

LAOS—Asked about the present situation in Laos, Kennedy said he was concerned that the neutral government agreement should become implemented. He said, "We have never suggested there is any final, easy answer for Laos."

Warmer Weather Expected Today

Sunny skies and comfortably warm weather are indicated for today as dry Canadian air continues in control of the state's weather pattern.

Early morning readings are forecast to be in the chilly 50's, but bright sunshine is expected to push the mercury a few degrees above yesterday's maximum. A high of 84 is likely.

Clear to partly cloudy skies and cool temperatures are seen for tonight, and a low of 58 is expected.

Sunny and warmer weather is predicted for tomorrow, and a high of 87 is expected.

The slow movement of the Canadian air mass should cause starry nights and sunny days to continue into the weekend.

Tax Petition Nets 1,500 Names

A petition "to get expression of opposition" to application of the state's 4 per cent sales tax on textbook purchases netted 1,500 signatures in the week it was displayed at Keeler's bookstore, S. Benjamin Swanson, president of Keeler's, Inc., said last night.

THE PETITION protesting the tax as "discriminatory in nature" was first placed inside Keeler's doors on June 19 and remained there through Monday evening. The ruling in question exempts

from the sales tax only those texts sold to students at stores run by educational institutions.

The petition will probably be used to supplement a letter campaign protesting the tax, Swanson said.

"We are originating letters to authorities in Harrisburg," he said, adding that Dean Wharton, Undergraduate Student Government president, has promised to write one of these letters.

Swanson said that a letter was mailed yesterday from the State College Chamber of Commerce, and Sen. Jo Hays, D-Centre, plans to write a letter to David B. Kurtzman, state secretary of administration, requesting clarification of the rule.

HAYS SAID Monday that if no new interpretation is forthcoming and if he is re-elected, he will sponsor legislation in the 1963 legislature to "remove this inequity."

Swanson said that he would wait to hear the response to Hays' letter before having the petition presented to state authorities.



CONSTRUCTION OR DESTRUCTION? Workmen continue to renovate the old Livestock Pavilion across from the University Creamery. Soon a theatre in the round will be made from the old structure. It's the breakdown before the buildup.

Building Plans Set

The summer term is the time of concentrated construction work and planning at the University, and this summer is no different.

Preliminary plans for a Forestry Research Center west of the present center on the east end of campus were approved by the Board of Trustees recently. Construction is scheduled to start in the near future.

THE NEW CENTER will house a pilot saw mill, laboratories, classrooms and offices. Two greenhouses will adjoin the main unit.

Preliminary plans for beef cattle and sheep barns were approved by the University and construction work is scheduled to begin in the spring. The barns will be located on farm no. 3 near the orchard area, east of the apple-packing facilities.

Construction has already begun on a radio-astronomy building located on farm 15, two miles north-west of campus. The construction on the addition to Pond Laboratory has also begun.

Mateer Playhouse

Strong Acting Saves 'Period'

By JOAN MEHAN and KAY MILLS
Collegian Reviewers

Strong individual performances but an overall lack of spark characterized the Mateer Playhouse company's opening presentation of Tennessee Williams' "Period of Adjustment" Tuesday night.

The four leading characters, representing newlyweds and a middle-aged couple reacting to marital problems, came through strongly, but their roles did not interact enough to move the play smoothly.

SET IN 20TH CENTURY Nashville, the play offered ample opportunity for Lydia Bruce, cast as one-day bride Isabel Haverstick, to display a fine Southern accent and convincing charm. Even in anger at the husband who treated her as though she did not exist, she retained her character to perfection.

Her husband, George Haverstick, was played with polish by David Frank. He displayed great realism as the bridegroom who suffered from acute nervous tremors.

The 37-year-old Ralph Bates, Haverstick's war buddy whose wife of six years had just left

him, was convincingly portrayed by Leon B. Stevens.

WILLIAMS' PLOT posed a problem for Miss Bruce and Stevens in that they had to provide background for their difficulties before the comedy could really begin. Consequently, the first scene, dragged in spots although the two performers handled their task with finesse.

Stevens' most effective scenes were with Miss Bruce when he tried to quiet her qualms about marriage and men. Here Stevens combined drollness and sincerity to give the play added depth.

Constant reference to the couples' "period of adjustment" reminded the audience of the dilemma these people faced in living together. Esther Benson, who played Ralph's wife, convinced the audience she would defy her parents to remain with her husband. She helped solve the Bates' problem in raw contrast to the tenderness displayed by Miss Bruce in closing scenes.

Playing Dorothea Bates' parents, Max Gulack and Jo Laing provided blustery relief. Gulack, however, seemed to remain in his Jewish uncle role of the preceding Mateer production rather than the Nashville Irish millionaire his part demanded.

Mrs. Laing encountered some line problems but was able to disguise a majority of these in her flighty character's manner.

GRACE SHEARER entered the intimate dilemma as the servant dispatched by Dorothea's parents for their grandson's Christmas presents. Miss Shearer carried out her small character part with the air of a more experienced actress.

A graduate student at the University, James Marvel seemed a little confused about his part as

a Southern police officer. Marvel had an excellent English accent but hardly a drawl.

The play's high spots indeed came when Miss Bruce displayed her range of emotions, from anger through homesickness to a wife's tenderness. Hers was easily the star performance of the night.



LEAFY LIBRARY—Carol Imbt and Becky McClay, State College High School students, discovered a quiet place to enjoy their summer vacation. The campus crowded with con-

vention guests and students was just too much for them, so they followed the squirrels up a tree near Graduates Hall. There they were finally able to read their library books in peace.

Behind the News

An analysis of communism as a myth—ideas which do not match with reality—provides The Summer Collegian with this week's "Behind the News," written by Kay Mills, 10th term political science major from Chevy Chase, Md.

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