

# State of Union Address Scheduled for Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy met with congressional leaders of both parties on the eve of a new legislative session last night and agreed to deliver his State of the Union message Monday.

The chief executive brought his top advisers on defense, diplomatic and intelligence affairs into a meeting with Republican and Democratic leaders from Capitol Hill for a briefing on defense and foreign policy.

WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS said no legislative matters of any kind, foreign or domestic, had come up.

But Kennedy will go over what he wants in the way of domestic legislation in another meeting today around the breakfast table with just the Democratic chiefs, from Congress in attendance. White House press secretary Pierre Salinger said that Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., for the House and Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana for the Senate invited Kennedy to deliver his State of the Union address at a joint Senate-house session in the House chamber at 12:30 p.m. EST Monday. Kennedy accepted.

IT IS IN THE annual State of the Union message that the President looks back on the year past and then lays down his program for the year ahead, putting legislative requests sometimes in general and sometimes in specific language.

The budget message with its recommendation for funds to



JOHN F. KENNEDY ... meets with Congressional leaders

carry out the program will come along later.

Kennedy was flanked at last night's meeting by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, and John McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The

conference lasted little more than an hour, and Salinger said it was limited to foreign policy and defense matters.

A mild revolt flared in House Republican ranks as the Democratic leaders marshaled their forces for today's opening session of the 88th Congress.

A group of younger members toppled Rep. Charles B. Hoey of Iowa from his post at GOP caucus chairman and elected Rep. Gerald R. Ford Jr. of Michigan to replace him.

House Democrats voted at a party caucus to support Kennedy's plea for a bigger and friendlier House Rules Committee, and Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., predicted the President's legislative record in the coming session "will be a very good one."

THE CONFERENCE took no formal vote on the issue of enlarging the House Rules Committee, but Ford and Halleck said GOP sentiment was overwhelmingly against the increase sought by Kennedy.

Senate Republicans re-elected all their leaders at a harmonious party conference. The list was headed by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois as minority leader.

# U.S. Will Demand U.N. Cancellation Of Agricultural Experiment in Cuba

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—As part of its economic squeeze on Fidel Castro, the United States will demand that the United Nations cancel a project to help build a \$3-million agricultural experimental station in Cuba.

This was disclosed by U.S. sources yesterday. These informants said Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson had been instructed to fight right down the line to halt previously approved plans under which the U.N. Special Fund would grant \$1.1 million for the project.

The plan was approved in May

1961, but so far it has not been signed. The United States voted against the grant at the time.

THE UNITED STATES took the position that the project could not be carried out because of the large number of Cuban agricultural technicians fleeing the country. U.S. sources said this situation is even more complicated now because of Soviet technicians in Cuba.

Stevenson was reported ready to:

● Make strong representations to former U.S. industrialist Paul G. Hoffman, head of the Special Fund, in an attempt to convince him that the project should be canceled.

● Go before the Special Fund's governing council, which meets next week, and continue the fight there if his appeal to Hoffman fails.

## Da Vinci's Mona Lisa Exhibited in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — A feminine smile that has intrigued multitudes down the centuries cemented U.S.-French relations last night at one of the most surprising politico-artistic ceremonies in history.

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