



Kennedy Thanksgiving Message

Johnson Urges People To Read Proclamation

The following is the text of the Thanksgiving Day proclamation issued by President Kennedy on Nov. 5. President Johnson has urged its reading by all.

Over three centuries ago our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts far from home in a lonely wilderness set aside a time for thanksgiving. On the appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the fertility of their fields, for the laws which bound them together and for the faith which united them under their God.

So, too, when the colonies achieved their independence, our first president in the first year of his first administration proclaimed Nov. 26, 1789, as "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of almighty God" and called upon the people of the new republic to "beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."

And so too in the midst of America's tragic Civil War, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November, 1863, as a day to renew our gratitude for America's "fruitful fields" for our "national strength and vigor" and for our "singular deliverance and blessings."

Much time has passed since the first colonists came to rocky shores and dark forests of an unknown continent, much time since President Washington led a young people into the experience of nationhood, much time since President Lincoln saw the American nation through the ordeal of fraternal war—and in these years our population, our plenty and our power have all grown apace. Today we are a nation of nearly two hundred million souls, stretching from coast to coast, on into the Pacific and north toward the arctic, a nation enjoying the fruits of an ever-expanding agriculture and industry and achieving standards of living unknown in previous history. We give our humble thanks for this.

Yet, as our power has grown, so has our peril. Today we give our thanks, most of all, for the ideals of honor and faith we inherit from our forefathers for the decency of purpose, steadfastness of resolve and strength of will, for the courage and the humility, which they possessed and which we must seek every day to emulate. As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.

Let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings—let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals—and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world.

Now, therefore, I, John F. Kennedy, President of the United States in consonance with the joint resolution of Congress approved Dec. 26, 1941, 55 Stat. 862, 5 U.S.C. 87 B, designating the fourth Thursday of November in each year as Thanksgiving Day do hereby proclaim Thursday, Nov. 28, 1963, as a day of national thanksgiving.

On that day let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice and understanding among all men and all nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist.

Johnson Asks Support

Authorities Reconstruct Shootings

DALLAS (AP)— Authorities reconstructed the assassination of John F. Kennedy yesterday in an effort to confirm for history their view that a lone sniper, acting without conspirators, killed the President.

Police accused Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, of firing rifle bullets into the head and throat of Kennedy from the sixth floor of a book depository building about 75 yards away.

Oswald, a pro-Communist who spent three years in the Soviet Union, died of a bullet fired Sunday by Jack Ruby, Dallas night club operator. Oswald succumbed before authorities had completed their questioning.

A task force of about 50 FBI agents working 14-hour shifts continued to sift and probe the clues.

Re-enactment
During a re-enactment of the crime, a car, similar to the one in which President Kennedy rode last Friday, drove over the same route, past the Texas school book depository building.

A man and a woman were seated in the back seat and two men were in the front seat, a policeman said. Agents stood at the sixth floor window from which the shots were fired.

No gun was used, but agents were understood to have taken photographs. The actual re-enactment lasted only a few minutes.

Ruby, who killed Oswald with the nation's television viewers watching, remained in county jail, charged with murder with malice—for which the maximum penalty is death.

No Ties Disclosed
If authorities have found any ties between Ruby and Oswald, they did not disclose them.

Gov. John Connally, riding with Kennedy and badly wounded, continued to improve. One bullet caused chest, wrist and thigh wounds in Connally.

The Dallas Morning News, without naming its source, said FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is expected to make public evidence that Oswald fired the shots, there is no proof of a Communist conspiracy, and investigators lack evidence that Oswald had help.

The report is not yet complete. FBI investigators and the Justice Department are working under great pressure to lay the full, tragic story on Johnson's desk.

"We've got to build an airtight case even greater than if we were going to court," one official said.



THE PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY concert last night featured pianist John Browning. Recreation Hall was well filled for the right, with William Steinberg conducting.

Pleads for No Delay In Kennedy's Program

WASHINGTON (AP)— Choked with emotion, President Johnson asked Congress for help with taxes, civil rights and the unceasing search for peace as fitting memorials to fallen John F. Kennedy.

The new chief executive packed into 24 minutes yesterday a down-the-line endorsement of the program of the man who died Friday at the hand of an assassin.

"This," Johnson said, "is no time for delay. It is a time for action."

Looking out over an audience that crammed the House chamber, an audience that encompassed the leadership of government of all branches and the men who represent other lands in this national capital, Johnson paused for a long, long moment. He swallowed and seemed to be trying to steel himself.

Thread of Speech
Then, with perhaps a trace of a tear in his eyes, he picked up the thread of his speech:

"An assassin's bullet has thrust upon me the awesome burden of the Presidency. I am here today to say that I need your help, I (he paused again) cannot bear this burden alone. I need the help (another pause) of all Americans and all America."

"This nation has experienced a profound shock and in this critical moment it is our duty—yours and mine—as the government of the United States—to do away with uncertainty and to show that we are capable of decisive actions; that from the brutal loss of our leader we will derive no weakness but strength—that we can and will act and act now."

The appeals for help and decisive action were interrupted by applause.

Determination
And then when the President put into a single long sentence much of his thinking and determination in the field of foreign policy, he was interrupted seven times.

He said: "From this chamber of representative government let all the world know, and none misunderstand, that I rededicate this government to the unwavering support of the United Nations, to be honorable and determined execution of our commitments to our allies, to the maintenance of military strength second to none, to the defense of the strength and the stability of the dollar, to the expansion of our foreign trade, to the reinforcement of our programs of mutual assistance and cooperation in Asia and Africa, and to our Alliance for Progress in this hemisphere."

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Med Center Planning Group Schedules Opening Meeting

By NANCY EGAN

The first meeting of the planning committee for the University's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center has been scheduled for Dec. 19-22.

C. R. Carpenter, executive director of the committee and former head of the University's Division of Instructional Services, recently said he will meet with the 10 committee members at the Nittany Lion Inn.

Early last month, nine of the country's leading medical and biological scientists agreed to serve on the committee, established to set up general guidelines for development of

the center.

The tenth member of the group is Samuel F. Hinkle, president and chairman of the Hershey Chocolate Corp. and a member of the Hershey Foundation, which gave the University \$50 million for construction and operation of the center.

"Spearhead" Group
Carpenter said that at the December meeting of the "spearhead" committee (to be supplemented later by a group of consultants who will work out detailed plans for the center) its members will be given the chance to become acquainted.

The director noted that although he would like to meet

with the 10 men once a month, their activities don't lend themselves to such a schedule.

A general meeting every two months, possibly in Hershey rather than University Park, is more likely, he added.

For the time being, Carpenter said, his committee will be dealing in abstracts; its first job will be to "determine all the components of the major functional parts in the total configuration" of the proposed center.

Critical Period
The critical period in planning the center is now, the director said. His committee "cannot afford to make any errors and must make the right decisions" to shape things to come.

Carpenter emphasized that the medical center will be "University-based," although it is now an exploratory, cooperative effort between the University and the Hershey Foundation.

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Bernreuter Sees No Finals Change

The University has no plans to study or revise the three-day final examination period, Robert G. Bernreuter, special assistant to the President for student affairs, disclosed yesterday.

"As far as I know," Bernreuter said, "there is no revision of the finals period being considered."

He indicated that no concrete suggestions for a revision have been proposed, so the program will continue to operate as it now does.

The three-day finals was introduced in the fall term of 1962 after several professors had complained that they could not determine how well students had mastered various subjects without a full comprehensive examination, he said.

There was no finals period in 1961.

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Canaveral Witnesses Success

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The supercharged Atlas-Centaur rocket scored its first test flight success yesterday hurling its five-ton second stage into orbit in a performance strengthening plans for manned and unmanned exploration of the moon and planets.

The success ended months of costly, frustrating troubles for the rocket, whose Centaur second stage has the first rocket engine in the world propelled by high energy liquid hydrogen fuel.

The launching was the second of 17 hours with an important bearing on the man-to-the-moon program.

Tuesday night an Interplanetary Monitoring Platform was launched into a wide swinging orbit to investigate solar radiation which poses a hazard to moon-bound astronauts.

IMP, which settled into a near-perfect orbit ranging from 113 to 129,234 miles, is to determine if satellite instruments can predict solar flares, great eruptions on the sun which produce the deadly space radiation.

But the starring role in the space double-header went to the previously ill-starred Atlas-Centaur, whose success was important for these two major reasons:

Atlas-Centaur is the only large U.S. rocket with a chance of being operational in time to launch the unmanned Project Surveyor spacecraft to the moon on reconnaissance missions. This would be in advance of the Project Apollo manned lunar landing set for late in this decade.

Behind Schedule
Because of numerous problems, Atlas-Centaur is two years behind schedule, but the flight yesterday spurred hopes it will be ready for the present Surveyor target date of early 1965.

Centaur long ago was selected to pioneer liquid hydrogen technology. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has made a heavy commitment to use this frigid fuel for upper stages of big boosters for several years.

Students selected for the 1964 Study Abroad Program have been invited to a reception in the main lounge of the Hertz Union Building at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dagobert de Levie, program director, announced yesterday.

The reception will be the first official gathering of the 115 to 120 students selected to study in Europe during the spring term. Countries in the program include Spain, France, Germany and Great Britain.

The names of students selected to participate in the program have not yet been released.

De Levie will give preliminary information at the reception concerning passports, transportation and other details of the trip. Complete details will be made known to students during an orientation program in the winter term.

Faculty advisers, deans and members of the administration are expected to attend the reception, the director said.

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SURE Chairman, Foreman View U.S. Race Relations

By JOHN THOMPSON

The future of race relations in the United States is largely a question mark since the death of President Kennedy, two persons concerned with race problems at the University said yesterday.

Jacob Heyman, chairman of the Student Union for Racial Equality, said he is "less optimistic" about the passage of strong civil rights legislation by Congress since President Johnson assumed office.

Might Hurt Cause
The fact that the new President is a Southerner may hurt the racial cause, he indicated.

Paul B. Foreman, professor of sociology, said he sees little change in the racial outlook since President Kennedy's death. Foreman, who teaches Soc. 19, a course in race relations, said chances that effective civil rights legislation would be passed soon were dim even before the late President's death.

Heyman, commenting on President Johnson's appeal to Congress yesterday for passage of the civil rights bill, said he feels the new President has the power to push the bill through both houses, but doubts if he will.

Take Others' View
"I'm afraid Johnson will take the view of other Southern senators when the time comes for action," Heyman said.

The SURE chairman believes a civil rights bill will be passed in the near future, but will be largely ineffective. There is little hope for a bill stronger than the one Kennedy proposed, he said.

However, the fact that Kennedy's assassination took place in the South may have a beneficial effect on the racial situation, he said.

"The nation as a whole may now look down on the South and realize the need for congressional action," Heyman explained.

Prof. Foreman said he feels Johnson's plea yesterday for passage of the civil rights bill was sincere, but can also be viewed as a wise political move.

Johnson's only hope of reelection is to maintain a firm position on civil rights," he said.

Wait To See
The professor said he believes Johnson could secure quick passage of the bill if he concentrated his efforts on that measure but "we'll have to wait to see whether he places more emphasis on the tax cut or the civil rights bill."

The heart of Kennedy's bill lies in the sections ensuring equal voting and registration rights to Negroes, Foreman said.

If Negroes are given fair voter representation in Southern states, he said, "George Wallace-type politicians won't have a chance."

"Extreme racists" are the cause of most of the racial turmoil in the South, Foreman said.

Other important aspects of the civil rights bill are the clauses dealing with unemployment, public housing and public accommodations, he added.

Stumbling Block
The public accommodations clause, Foreman said, may be the stumbling block of the bill because its proponents have instated its constitutionality on interstate commerce legislation instead of the post-Civil War amendments which guarantee Negroes equal rights.

If passed, the bill may soon be nullified by the Supreme Court just as much emergency legislation passed during Franklin Delano Roosevelt's early years in the White House was blocked on constitutional grounds, Foreman said.

Politically, the professor added, Kennedy's assassination will have a more immediate dramatic effect on Republican policy than on that of Democrats.

Goldwater Hurt
Johnson's "conservative image" will hurt Sen. Barry Goldwater's chances of obtaining the Republican nomination, he said, and leave the path open for a "middle-of-the-roader" such as Pennsylvania Gov. William W. Scranton or former Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Scranton has a "good chance" of the nomination, Foreman said.

Thesians Plan To Induct Twelve

Penn State Thesians will induct 12 new members next week, president Jerry Bartell has announced.

New members include Joe Furst, Steve McMillan, Pete Gano, Gave Willard, Steve Monheimer, Jeff Moss, Jim Frey, Rhoda Blecker, Bob Barber, Ernie Smith, Nancy Keller and Louise Jenkins.

Thesians are tapped for work on various stages of theatre production, including acting, lights, building, makeup, costumes, and others.

In other business, Thesians will close their spring term production next week from a list including "Brigadoon," "Damn Yankees," "Kismet," "Little Abner" and "Oklahoma."

The production will be staged Mother's Day Weekend for four performances, including a Saturday matinee.

Services Today
A complete schedule of special Thanksgiving Day church services at the University today appears on page two.