

KENNEDY

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President Elect - Kennedy's offer to Adlai Stevenson - had been expected; asking the former head of the party to serve as Ambassador to the U. N.

They met at the Kennedy home in Washington - and later came out to talk to newsmen. The Stevenson final reply to come in a few days. He says he wants to look over the situation - first. But - from his attitude - the guess is that he'll say "yes".

Another name keeps cropping up - in the talk about the Kennedy Cabinet. Byron White - for Attorney General. Remember - Whizzer White? Star football player back in the 'thirties. Best running halfback - the University of Colorado ever had - almost as good as the legendary Harold "Dutch" Clark of Colorado College. Or maybe just as good. The Whizzer twice made All-American. Later - a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. Then a successful lawyer in Washington - and now in Denver.

Touted for the top job - in his profession.

Whizzer - I mean Byron White - Attorney General.

Maybe.

SYMINGTON

The Kennedy administration will have to lift the ceiling - on defense spending; says Senator Symington - commenting on his new plan for a reorganization of the Armed services. The Symington report predicts, as you have heard, a possible saving of eight billion by tightening up the organization. But today the Missouri Democrat added that what he terms "the absolute cost of defense" is sure to go up. Reason - more expensive weapons. Also - more space exploration.

ECONOMY

Our national economy is moving too slowly at the moment, but will pick up next year. That's President Eisenhower's verdict - on the current unemployment. The number of jobless now too high; six percent of our national labor segment. But ~~the~~ President Eisenhower considers that the national economy is still strong. We're not facing anything a recession; and, he looks for an upturn - by next spring.

MANILA

They were reminiscing - in Manila, today.

Reviving memories of World War Two - on Pearl Harbor Day. Among them, Admirals Kincaid and Spruance who carried the American attack westward after what happened at Pearl Harbor. Admiral Spruance has been called - the best strategist our Navy produced during the war.

Representing the Army in Manila today were Generals Krueger and Swing, who played a key role under MacArthur, ashore - while the Navy was destroying the remnants of the Japanese fleet. Krueger and Swing - with MacArthur right there too - driving forward to defeat the Japanese - then sweeping into Manila.

Today the four Americans - two Admirals and two Generals - stood at attention - while a bugler sounded taps; solemn moment of the ceremony when they dedicated a marble monument to the men who fell in the Battle of

the Philippines. Memories? Well, as they stood at attention before the monument, Kincaid, Spruance, Krueger and Swing - in the distance they could see the mountains of Bataan - and the Rock of Corregidor.

NEW ORLEANS

In New Orleans, the curve of attendance at William Frantz School - is ~~on the downslide~~ ^{slipping} again. Today only fourteen white pupils - turned up for class. A drop of five - from yesterday.

This - despite good police protection. There wasn't any violence at the school today. The hecklers held so far back - their jeers couldn't be heard. The youngsters - entering school without trouble. Going home with their parents - as usual.

The reason for the drop in attendance, ~~is~~ - violence at their homes. The segregationists, giving up the school blockade - turning to the harassment of parents who take their children to the integrated school.

A spanish authority remarked in Madrid today -
"we can't pick him up, unless Paris asks us to." The
reference - to Pierre LaGaillarde, ~~a~~ hot-head of the
anti-DeGaulle movement in Algeria. ~~He is~~ Actually on
trial in Paris - ~~but~~ he broke his parole, fleeing across
the Pyrenees ^{where he is} now under surveillance by the Madrid
police.

Meanwhile, DeGaulle is going forward with his
plan - to visit Algeria. But he's not taking any
chances. Today the President of France ordered nine
hundred special security guards into Algiers - to keep the
peace while he's there.

BANK

The Cuban branch of the Royal Bank of Canada - is being bought and paid for. This Havana announcement puts an end to the rumor - of another Castro expropriation. The Cuban dictator is still playing up to - Canada. Paying for Canadian assets instead of simply seizing them - as he seized American businesses.

Why the distinction? Canada hasn't joined - the American boycott of Cuba. So Castro figures he has something to gain from being friendly with - Canada.

CHURCHES

The new President of the National Council of Churches - is an industrialist from Columbus, Indiana. Erwin Mitler - the first layman ever to head the group. He's a top figure in the Baptist Church - who faithfully donates one third of his income to charity, *and constantly* has served his church in a lay capacity. *He* Now ~~take~~ over from the theologians - as President of the National Council of Churches. *A unique honor,*

CHRISTENING

The Georgetown University hospital in Washington - was crowded today. Crowded with - secret service men, as well as curious bystanders. And the cause of all the excitement - acted as if he didn't notice a thing. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Jr. - not even impressed by the President-elect.

The youngest of the Kennedy clan, ~~exactly~~ thirteen days old - ~~was~~ christened in the chapel, by Father Martin Casey. As infants generally do - Junior stole the show. While his proud parents - ~~was~~ were standing by, receiving congratulations. ~~Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy of Hyannisport, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C.~~

TRIP

If you're going to Australia - you may be interested in this item. It concerns a round-trip ticket - New York to Melbourne. Cost - Fifteen Hundred Dollars. Flying time - one-hour-and-twenty-two minutes, in a jet traveling at Ten thousand miles an hour.

No, it's not - science fiction. It's a real flight - or will be, according to William Swenson of the Bell Laboratories. Swenson who today exhibited his plane tickets - at a Washington news conference, predicts they'll be redeemable - around Nineteen Eighty-five.

A trip down under a half way round the world - in an hour-and-twenty-two minutes. In a mere twenty-five years, Dick.

Indeed they think President John Kennedy may start a new trend - in man's year. A trend to - more haste. Including - tappers for formal occasions. How about higher taxis - so you can wear hats?

HAT

One decision just taken by President-elect Kennedy - seems rather important. At least - to the hatters of America. We are told by Cholly Knickerbocker of the New York Journal American that Mr. Kennedy has decided to wear a topper at his inauguration. An old-fashioned high silk hat - to lend dignity to the occasion, when he takes the oath of office. Being a Boston Irishman what else could he do but don a topper.

The President elect has never been noted - for wearing a chapeau. We've usually seen him - bare-headed. But, he's bowing to tradition. He'll proceed up Pennsylvania Avenue in a topper. Which pleases - the traditionalists in Washington; also - the hatters around the country. Indeed they think President John Kennedy may start a new trend - in men's wear. A trend to - more hats. Including - toppers for formal occasions. How about higher taxes - so you can wear 'em?