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(Hottel substituting)

President Kennedy's emphasis on jobs in today's address - was appropriate enough, speaking before - the nation's largest labor organization. The AFL-CIO.

Still, Mr. Kennedy's insistence - was worth noting. He went out of his way - to put employment before civil rights. Stressing that it's impossible to take advantage of civil rights - unless you have the financial wherewithal. Unless you have - a job.

That's why the President reiterates - what he has said so often - that we need a tax cut now. He thinks a tax cut would prevent - a recession. AND keep employment - on a high plateau.

## TAX FOLLOW KENNEDY

In spite of the President's appeal - work on his tax bill is not going to be speeded up. The Senate Finance Committee, so deciding - by a vote of eleven to one. The sole "aye" - Hartke of Indiana, who sponsored the proposal.

What this means in practice - is that Congress almost certainly will not pass a tax cut this year.

## FOREIGN AID

The foreign aid <sup>authorization</sup> that has just passed the Senate

- calls for over three and one-half billion dollars. A lot of money - but eight hundred million less than President Kennedy asked for.

A good example of Senate cuts in the Administration figure - is the contingency fund. The "kitty" - for emergencies. The President wanted - three hundred million dollars. The Senate reduces that amount - by almost half.

Even so - foreign aid is not out of the woods. The measure now goes to a Senate-House Conference Committee - where differences between the two chambers will be discussed.

## BARGHOORN

One indication of how little the Soviets understand the West - is their attitude to the arrest of Professor Bargoorn. Not merely the want of legal guarantees - to protect the individual in the Soviet Union. That point has been clear enough - since Stalin's reign of terror.

The really mystifying angle is the Soviet assumption - that the United States would treat the Barghoorn case as an isolated incident. And go ahead with negotiations - for new cultural exchanges. The Russians seem genuinely surprised - that Washington has brought those negotiations to a dead stop.

More than that, Americans are showing our resentment in both the United States and the Soviet Union. The Russian cultural mission over here - is twiddling its thumbs. Our officials have been ordered to give the members the cold shoulder - until

*Professor Barghoorn is released. And in Moscow, Americans boycotted - today's anniversary celebration. It's thirty years since Franklin Delano Roosevelt restored diplomatic relations - with Russia. A lot of Russians turned up at Moscow's Friendship House - for the festivities. Americans from the Moscow Embassy - were conspicuously absent.*

*And the Russians insist - they don't know why! Maybe they should ask - Frederick Barghoorn.*

## WEST BERLIN

The American delay of two Soviet vehicles today - was meticulously timed. Exactly twenty minutes - for the command car. Exactly nineteen minutes - for the bus. Each case - retaliation. That's how long the Soviets held up two American patrol cars - in East Berlin. A fact that an American officer explained to the Russians - before they were allowed to proceed.

As for Allied traffic on the Autobahn to West Berlin - it's moving without hindrance. British, French and American convoys are being waved on through - the Communist checkpoints.

BAKER

The investigation of Bobby Baker - who used to be Secretary to the Democrats in Congress - took a new turn today. We've heard the questions about - Baker's activities outside Congress. Today the question came up - about his activities inside Congress.

Did the Majority Secretary - work against members of the Majority? At least two Democrats are answering - "yes." Namely - Burdick of North Dakota, and Young of Ohio. They say that they told Baker - about wanting seats on the Judiciary Committee. They both charge that Baker reported to the Democratic leadership - that they were <sup>NOT</sup> ~~were~~ interested in the Judiciary Committee.

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## VIET NAM

That bomb plot in South Viet Nam was supposed to kill - two hundred American military advisors. The place - Mytho, about thirty-five miles south of Saigon. The Communist conspirators, using an oil drum - full of explosives. Intending to sneak their crude bomb into the basement of the building - that houses the American advisors to the Seventh Vietnamese Division.

Fortunately, an agent from Saigon worked his way - into the circle of conspirators. Tipped off - Vietnamese Intelligence. And helped round up nine would-be assassins - along with their infernal machine. Outwardly - just another oil drum.

Meanwhile, the American command in Saigon announces - that the first detachment of military advisors will be going home. Some three hundred due to leave - on December third. One thousand - by the end of the year.



## COLLISION

The tanker "Dynafuel" sank today - because the Coast Guard pulled her free of the "Fernview". Both of the vessels remained afloat - as long as they were locked together by the impact of their collision. And the freighter was able to proceed under her own steam - after <sup>they</sup> ~~the~~ were parted.

But the tanker began to ship water - where she had been torn open. She settled slowly - and then went down stern first.

The water isn't deep - at that point off Buzzard's Bay, Massachusetts. So the bow of the tanker - is above the surface. A danger to shipping - until the U.S. Army Engineers removes the wreckage.

## ATOMIC

*The second American atomic explosion in two days - makes exactly one hundred since we resumed testing. And tonight there is more information about what our scientists are doing - in Nevada. They are carrying out experiments - to see how far underground explosions can be detected.*

*Here's - how the system works. Large scale photos are taken of the area - before the blast. And - afterward. The idea being - to pick up any discrepancies. To see how the surface of the earth is rearranged - when a nuclear device goes off underground.*

## AFRICA

The Emperor of Ethiopia spoke very circumspectly today - but there was no mistaking his implication. Haile Selassie is moving to prevent - any Soviet penetration of Africa. The Emperor's first concern being his neighbor - Somalia - which he says is getting Soviet Union apparently is trying to buy alcohol in the arms from Russia. Secondly, he appeals to Algeria and Morocco to settle their border quarrel - without foreign intervention. Without bringing in - Communist troops or weapons.

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## RUSSIA

*We reported last night that the Soviet government is trying to reduce alcoholism by making drunks pay to sober up in state hospitals and drying-out establishments. Today comes a report that runs the other way -- or perhaps even explains the first. The Soviet Union apparently is trying to buy alcohol in the United States to meet a shortage of vodka. The President of a big American distilling firm says that it has been approached about the possibility of selling thirty thousand tons of drinking alcohol to the Soviets. Such an amount would cost about \$50 million. The insuiries come on the heels of negotiations to buy 150 million bushels of US wheat for a quarter of a billion dollars.*

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than yours". Of course he could do three things at once, salve his pride, save his money and dry out his drunks by not importing any.

That's the news. As LT would say, so long until Monday