

Nations Reply To Save Dollar Drive

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Under former president Dwight Eisenhower and continued under the Kennedy administration, the United States has been carrying on a determined campaign to "save the dollar."

It was based on the simple fact that for years the United States has been spending more abroad than it was taking in, and was draining off its gold supplies at the rate of more than \$3 billion annually.

Orders went out to "buy American."

Armed services post exchanges were ordered to discontinue purchases of European goods, including Scotland's most exportable product, Scotch whisky.

The State Department cut out its foreign aid procurement purchases in 15 nations and Hong Kong, most seriously affecting Japan.

U.S. tourists were limited to \$100 in duty-free purchases they could bring back from abroad, instead of the former \$500.

U.S. Explains Action

Altogether, the savings were expected to amount to more than \$1 billion annually, and the United States abroad to explain its actions.

But if the United States had eloquent spokesmen, other nations also had theirs.

In Japan, touring U.S. Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy encountered fervent pleas on behalf of Japanese textiles.

And in New York, in an office 12 floors above Fifth Avenue, a Frenchman speaks the case for his industry.

He is Henri J. Lesieur general manager of Air France for the North, Central American and Caribbean division.

Lesieur points out that his firm has spent \$180 million to equip itself with American jet airliners.

He adds that Air France spends \$20 million annually just for

space, spare parts and other related expenses within the United States.

He feels that while France is being asked to follow an open door policy, the United States itself is following a protectionist line.

The Dutch Protest
In this, he echoes other foreign businessmen. The Dutch, for example, have protested bitterly their failure to obtain certain air rights in the United States.

the need for the "save the dollar" campaign if applied indiscriminately also can lead to retaliation, whether it be in bicycles, watches, or travel.

As the European Common Market grows in size and strength, with trade barriers of its own, the problem will become more acute. It is with this in mind that President Kennedy is pressing his own program of liberalized trade.

State Traffic Toll Is Boosted To 81

By United Press International
A head-on collision of two automobiles killed two Mount Vernon residents early today and pushed Indiana's 1962 traffic toll to at least 81—the same as this time last year.

John Mattingly and Lillian Crow, 36, were killed in a crash south of Evansville on U. S. 41.

Elmer Robison, 48, Mount Vernon, also in the Mattingly car, was taken to St. Mary's hospital at Evansville in critical condition.

Nicholas Clark, 45, Evansville, the other driver, was hospitalized in fair condition.

Authorities said one car swerved over the center line, causing the crash.

Two traffic deaths occurred Wednesday, one resulting from an earlier accident.

Malcolm D. Baker, 65, Sheridan, an Indiana state highway department employee, was killed in a two-car collision at the intersection of Indiana 13 and a Hancock county road near Fortville.

Police said the accident occurred when Donald Ezell, 17, Greenfield, drove into the path of Baker's car. Baker was enroute to Indianapolis to attend the funeral of a co-worker.

Alfred Martin Johnson, 90, New Harmony, died in a Princeton hospital of injuries suffered Monday when his car went out of control on old Indiana 65 west of Princeton and struck a bridge abutment.

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Salinger's Russian Trip Is Criticized

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Backstairs at the White House:

President Kennedy's press secretary, Pierre Salinger, is well aware of certain pockets of doubt here concerning his forthcoming mission to Moscow.

By now, the 36-year-old Salinger is hardened to criticism of youth in the Kennedy administration, particularly his own youth. Salinger realizes, however, that youth and experience are relative terms, and that productivity and end results are more reliable indicators of performance quality.

Generally, criticism of Salinger's planned spring trip to Russia runs along these lines, and some of it obviously motivated by politics:

He is a comparatively inexperienced man stepping into the field of diplomacy, up against some hard-headed Soviet experts; experts at blandishment, conviviality and stern diplomatic dealing. Also, there are some here who question the wisdom of a press secretary becoming involved in rather extensive operations outside what has been the more or less expected area of the job.

Has President's Backing
So much for the criticism. The White House sees Salinger's trip in a much different light. In the President's own words last week, "I believe that any exchange of information, any exchange of views, any cooperation of any kind in these very hazardous times will be very useful, so we are glad for them."

Kennedy and those around him also have some other ideas. For one thing, Salinger is going to Russia to explore and encourage a freer exchange of information between the two countries. What this really means is greater distribution within Russia of undecoded versions of American policy and action.

The White House inner circle has no idea that Salinger will concern himself with such basic issues as Berlin and nuclear testing. In a direct sense, negotiating in these sensitive areas is none of his business. This is the province of professional diplomats.

But if Salinger can produce any sort of better communications climate between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., those in high places reason that this will contribute to more serious problems.

Young Soviets Rising
As for youth and inexperience in the international arena, the White House thinking runs counter to more or less conventional criticism. Members of the Kennedy staff make this point: Younger officials also are rising in the Soviet establishment. There is also a feeling that we cannot forever reject Soviet gestures of hospitality and expressions of desire for greater understanding as entirely devious. The current theory seems to be to explore each opportunity, determine whether it's on the level and proceed accordingly.

There have been these sunbursts of Soviet friendliness before. Witness Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's attitude when he was here in 1959. But also, witness his shoe-pounding at the United Nations in 1960. The Russians undoubtedly will give Salinger the red carpet treatment during his visit, and he'll be welcomed, dined and toasted. When and if this adds up to any basic improvement in East-West relations is entirely another matter. Salinger does not seem likely to forget that. Should there be an unlikely unfortunate lapse of memory, however, Pierre may find that travel is not only broadening, but flattening, too.

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SPACEMAN—A well-guided missile is the figure created by Wolfgang Happle of West Germany in an international contest at Le Brassus, Switzerland. This won at 267 feet.



BRUISERS IN THE MAKING—Two of the newest, cutest babies at the Cincinnati, Ohio, zoo are Kodiak bears cubs, each weighing just two pounds. Now in an incubator and fed a baby formula, the cubs will be 1,700-pound brutes at maturity, according to zoo director William Hoff who, with his daughter, is feeding the cubs.

JAPANESE

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would be held. Speaking to moderate labor leaders he said the world has not come to a point "in which we can unilaterally disarm and expect to survive."

When Kennedy visited a textile plant in Kyoto shortly before noon, he was met by his first group of placard-waving Communists shouting "go home, Kennedy" and other slogans.

The next demonstration was a feeble effort at a village outside Kyoto where Kennedy inspected the town office, a farmers' cooperative and a warehouse.

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Death Toll In Germany Mine Disaster Grows

SAARBRUCKEN, Germany (UPI) — Grimy rescue workers searching for possible survivors of one of the worst mine disasters in Germany's history found more bodies today, raising the death toll even higher than previously feared.

A Saarland Mine Commission spokesman told newsmen early this afternoon that the official death toll stood at 263. The commission-sometimes called the Coal Board — had placed the toll at 260 and then 248 this morning.

Officials said the toll may climb even higher because it was not known how many miners still were trapped a quarter of a mile beneath the surface.

The Luisenthal Mine, which is just outside Saarbrücken in the village of Volklingen, was turned into an incinerator by a gas explosion Wednesday shortly after a crew of nearly 480 miners descended into the shaft to begin their

day's work. 200 Miners Escape
Mine commission officials said about 200 of the miners clawed their way out. They said 88 men were injured, 13 of whom died on the way to or in hospitals.

The rescue operations were carried on throughout the night at grief-stricken relatives and fellow miners waited in a cold, driving rain for any word of the men trapped below the ground.

The explosion which ripped the mine was believed to have been touched off by an overheated engine driving a conveyor belt. A spark, probably from the engine, ignited the mixture of gas and oxygen, officials said.

The death toll was the highest in a West German mine disaster since 1946, when 412 miners were killed in a Ruhr explosion.

Ripped Up Ground
Officials said the miners rode an elevator down into the mine shortly before the blast rocked the area at 7 a.m. It ripped the ground above the mine, crumpled shaft supports as if they were match-sticks and heavily damaged the elevator tower.

"The blast knocked us against the shaft wall — and then came a ball of fire 300 feet long," said one survivor.

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