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## JFK Concedes Soviets First In Space Race

By The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON—President Kennedy said Wednesday Americans must recognize that the Soviet Union is now first in the race for space but he declared the United States aims to be first with achievements of greater benefit to mankind.

In probing the skies above, "it will be some time before we catch up," Kennedy told his news conference.

"No one is more tired than I am," he said, of seeing the Soviet Union beat the United States in a spectacular space feat.

But the fact is, Kennedy said—and repeated it—that "we are behind."

He sent congratulations to both Soviet Premier Khrushchev and the man who was involved, the Soviet astronaut who Wednesday safely completed man's first round-the-globe rocket flight in space.

"Most Impressive"

"A most impressive scientific achievement," Kennedy called it, and one which all humans may admire.

But he added the Soviet Union concentrated on developing mighty rocket engines to hurl objects faster and thus scored with Sputnik, the first earth satellite, and now the first man in space.

"That advantage is going to be with them for some time," Kennedy said.

The United States, he affirmed, still intends to press its manned flight project this year, "with due regard to the problem of the life of the men involved."

"We are, I hope, going to go in other areas where we can be first," Kennedy said, "and which will bring perhaps more long-range benefits to mankind."

The Soviet Union's space victory and the Cuban problem dominated the President's half-hour conference. This was his ninth meeting with newsmen, and it drew 429, the largest turnout since Kennedy took office.

Kennedy, wearing a dark suit and slim, dark tie, spoke with quiet gravity most of the time. He fingered papers on the lectern as

## Aggie Mother Nominations To Close Soon

Nominations for Aggie Mother of the Year may be submitted until Tuesday, according to Bob Bower, chairman of the public relations committee of the Student Senate.

Each year, the honor of being selected "Aggie Mother of the Year" is bestowed upon some deserving mother of a student at A&M, after being nominated by her son or sons through the Student Senate.

The only requirement for nomination is that the mother be the mother of an Aggie or Aggies presently enrolled in school and must be able to attend the Parent's Day ceremonies May 14.

Since first announcement that nominations were open, there have been no letters submitted nominating any Aggie mother for the honored title; there are only five days left until nominations close.

All nominations should consist of letters from Aggies telling why they think their mothers should be honored as the Aggie Mother of the Year and mailed to Bob Bower, in care of W. D. Hardesty, Student Activities, Memorial Student Center.

Following submission of all applications, the Student Senate will confer on deciding which nomination is most worthy of the title, and an official announcement will be made prior to the Parent's Day festivities May 14.

## Campus Chest Begins Year's Second Drive

The year's second Campus Chest drive gets in full swing tonight with solicitations in all campus dormitories.

The two-day effort, which will conclude tomorrow night, is being conducted in an effort to hit the \$3,000 goal established for the fall drive.

Only \$293 was collected in the initial drive, thereby necessitating the second drive.

Funds are used to consolidate all campus drives into one single drive, provide money for feeding Reveille, provide flowers for deceased Aggies and to help Aggie families in need after tragedies.

All fund candidates are screened by the Student Senate before the money is allotted. In the past funds have been used to pay hospital bills, defray hospital expenses and as cash gifts to families of needy students.

Ben Johnston is in charge of collection tubs in the Memorial Student Center and day student donations, Lee Griggs is handling civilian donations, Roger Ratcliff is in charge of collections in the west Cadet area and Clayton LaGrone is handling donation in the east Cadet area.

Commanders and dormitory presidents are handling the collections in their respective housing units.

Plans have also been completed for the annual college blood drive, scheduled Thursday, Apr. 27, in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Students interested in donating blood may sign up at a booth in the MSC post office Apr. 25-26.

Donated blood goes to the J. K. and Susie L. Wadley Research Institute and Blood Bank of Dallas. This institute specializes in leukemia, hemophilia and various anemias, with all blood donated by Aggies used for research purposes.

## World Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press

### West German Chancellor To Visit State

AUSTIN—Week-end plans for the Texas visit of Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West German chancellor, include an address to the State Legislature Monday and a public reception at Fredericksburg.

The German Federal Republic chancellor and his party will be week-end guests of Vice President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson at the LBJ ranch 65 miles west of here.

### Spaceman Flight Confirmed By Soviets

MOSCOW—A Soviet astronaut's orbit around the earth at five miles a second sent humanity across the frontier of space Wednesday and left the Soviet Union challenging the West to try to catch up.

The pioneer astronaut, Maj. Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin, 27, plumed the cosmos for an hour and a half, sending back messages of reassurance as he passed into the realm of weightlessness.

### Kennedy Offers Election Help To Blakley

WASHINGTON—President Kennedy said today he will be glad to give some help to Democratic Sen. William A. Blakley in a Texas senatorial election if he is asked to do so.

Blakley was described by a reporter at Kennedy's news conference as a senator who is opposed to quite a bit of the administration's program and who also opposed some of the President's nominees.

### General Motors Indicted As Monopoly

NEW YORK—A federal grand jury Wednesday indicted General Motors Corp., the world's largest single industrial enterprise, on a charge of criminally monopolizing production and sale of locomotives.

The corporation denied misusing its economic power to monopolize production and sale of diesel locomotives. It claimed instead that its dominant position was "inevitable" and the result of research and development.

### South Koreans Battle Communist Gunboats

SEOUL, South Korea—A destroyer-escort attacked and chased six small Communist navy torpedo boats from South Korean waters Wednesday, a navy spokesman announced.

### National Civil War Observance Ends

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The national Civil War observance, dampened by rain and racial differences, ended Wednesday, but Southern delegates went ahead with the re-enactment of the firing on Ft. Sumter.

## Muster Schedule Disclosed

AT SATURDAY BANQUET

### Dr. Walter Kerr To Speak To RV's

By GERRY BROWN

Final arrangements have been made for the annual Ross Volunteer Ball and Banquet to be held Saturday night.

The Banquet will be held in the Dining Room of the Triangle Restaurant and is scheduled to begin at 6 p. m.

About 250 persons are expected to attend the Banquet and will hear Dr. Walter K. Kerr, who will serve as honor guest and after dinner speaker for the event.

Kerr was born in Texas and graduated from both Hardin-Simmons University and the University of Texas Graduate School and Law School. He became a minister of the Methodist Church after receiving his Doctor of Divinity Degree from McMurray College.

Kerr is author of the book "Child by Child We Build a Nation," which presented the plan for the State Youth Development Council enacted by the Texas Legislature. He served as chairman of the council for six years and now serves as a member. He is also vice-chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth.

In 1959 Kerr was a delegate to the International Youth Conference held in Stuttgart, Germany. After the conference concluded, he began a tour of cities throughout northern Europe. He spoke for large youth rallies in such cities as London, Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Moscow. He climaxed a week's stay behind the iron curtain with a meeting with Premier Khrushchev in the Kremlin.

The National Council of Churches selected Kerr to appear on the CBS Television program "Look Up and Live." Kerr also represented the Methodist Church on the world-wide radio series "The Protestant Hour," and served as technical assistant for the motion picture "Day of Triumph."

The Ross Volunteer Ball is scheduled to be held in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom and will begin at 9 p. m. The music for the Ball will be furnished by the Aggieband Combo and the MSC patio will be open for dancing. Glenn Jones, Ross Volunteer Commander, will head the reception line.

Honor guests invited to both the Ball and the Banquet are Chancellor and Mrs. M. T. Harrington, President and Mrs. Earl Rudder, Dean and Mrs. J. P. Hannigan, Col. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, Col. and Mrs. F. L. Elder and Col. and Mrs. C. E. Gregory.

Monday morning the Ross Volunteers, under the command of Jones, will journey to Austin to march in a parade honoring Vice President Lyndon Johnson.



Dr. Walter K. Kerr ... guest speaker for RV Ball

## Consolidated FFA Rodeo Sets Opening

The Fourth Annual A&M Consolidated FFA "Huge Rodeo" will be held this Friday and Saturday nights in the Bryan Saddle Club Arena on Tabor Road.

The rodeo, larger this year than ever before, will include five main events: bare-back bronc riding, junior breakaway, bull riding, girls barrel race and calf roping.

All but the calf roping are open only to those 21 or younger, and the calf roping is open to anyone who can handle a horse and a rope. The first event will start at 8 p. m.

Advance sale tickets are now available from the A&M Consolidated High School or any FFA member. Prices are 35 cents for students through high school, and 75 cents for adults. If bought at the gate, they are \$ .50 and \$ .90.

## Three-Act Play To Highlight Pan American Week Tonight

"The Browns Go South of the Border" is the title of a three-act play to be put on by members of the Pan American Club tonight in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom at 7:30 p. m.

Written and produced by students from the Latin American countries, the play is based on the actions and situations of a couple vacationing in Mexico. The main action is centered around their experiences in a cafe, the language difficulty and the problem of the

prices given to tourists from the United States.

The play, a "comedy of sorts," will star Johnny Penrod, sophomore English major, as Mr. Brown, and Kathy Blackburn, a student at Stephen F. Austin High School, as Mrs. Brown. The Pan American Club called upon several girls from the Bryan High School Spanish class to help in the play.

Under the direction of Eduardo Alvarez from Mexico and Juan Terraza from Puerto Rico, the

play will feature special music, dancing and sound effects. Portions of the music for the production will be provided by a Latin American combo.

The play is open to the public and will be free.

Following the play will be a session of musical entertainment for the audience, featuring music of the Latin American countries.

Last night the main event of the day's Pan American Week program was a presentation of documentary films on several of the countries of Latin America. The movies, "Architecture of Mexico," "Lake Maracaibo," "High Spots of a High Country" and "Colombia" presented many facts and features on some of the countries of Latin America. They showed the architecture, products and the way of life in each of the respective areas illustrated.

The panel discussion on Latin American Problems presented in the MSC Assembly Room Monday night was presented yesterday in a meeting of the Rotary Club. After the presentation the group was invited to give their talks before the Shriners Ladies Meeting April 27.

## Class Officers Being Chosen

Election runoffs for class officers are now in progress in the Memorial Student Center, with 38 candidates' names on the voting machines from a 177-candidate primary.

Last week's elections showed a lack of interest in the event of selecting next year's class leaders, with only 1,825 students taking time out to cast their votes. The booths will be open until 5:30 p. m. today, enabling all who forget to vote another chance after their last afternoon class.



Restaurant Scene, With Music ... from Pan-American play, "The Browns Go South of the Border"