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Would Strengthen Bonds Between Free World Nations

Rostow Seeking to Deal With Explosions At Chemical Plant

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News Analysis

Although the Kennedy Administration has been in office more than a year it is now putting into final form a precise, balanced and complete statement of its global objectives and strategy.

In the first year, amid a series of crises, the new Administration

carried forward and built on old policies, translated the new President's aims into practice where possible, improvised where necessary.

There were fresh approaches and many changes in emphasis. The President outlined his policies in a series of public statements, often under the pressure of crisis, and issued new directives to his advisers.

But there was never time to prepare in one place a thorough and all-embracing exposition of new foreign and defense policies and their relationship with one another.

One problem was that there was no general agreement in the Administration. Even as new programs and policies were being imposed, they were being carried out in part by Eisenhower-appointed men.

Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, with one exception, were named by President Eisenhower. The changes in the top command of the Central Intelligence Agency took place only late last year.

A general shakeup in the State Department proved to

be that the station. No one knew what was going on. Various parts of the administration.

Under these circumstances, Walt W. Rostow, State Department counselor and chairman of its Policy Planning Commission, has been at work on a general statement of Administration goals, strategies and tactics.

The study embraces all phases of foreign and military policy. It seeks to explain each part in relation to the others and to the whole.

Where there are contradictions or disagreements, they are to be settled at the top or duly noted as still in existence. No attempt will be made to cover up policy ambiguities, it is said.

After the document is completed, it is to be kept up to date by changes and additions, just as the document it is replacing, prepared in the first Eisenhower year, was frequently altered.

twisted out of shape by fires that broke out after the pre-dawn accident.

The explosions ended an accident-free record which started when the 40-million-dollar plant was built near this Ohio River community 11 years ago.

To help the underdeveloped nations achieve true independence and economic strength.

To build the ties between the northern and southern halves of the globe by such measures as the Alliance for Progress, new ties with the African nations, the development of consortiums to help underdeveloped countries, and the general freeing of trade.

To build military strength in order to shore up the gaps in the defenses of the Free World and check and prevent additional Soviet probing actions. Both nuclear power and conventional power must be strengthened to discourage probing actions.

To attempt to maintain relations with nations now under Communist rule in the expectation that eventually they will move toward a degree of freedom that will result in productive ties with the Free World.

The United States should be prepared, Rostow said, as the captive nations assert their national interests, "to find limited areas of overlapping interest" with them.

"Our strategy goes beyond the crises that are forced upon us," Rostow said. "We have a clear and constructive strategy."

"Our strategy is not built on a merely defensive reaction to these turbulent situations and the Communist effort to exploit them."

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Cross-Country Wire

LOS ANGELES — Moviemakers have had their troubles with "PT 109," the story of JFK's World War II exploits in the Pacific. No fewer than two dozen actors had to be tested for the role of the President (among them: Edd "Kookie" Byrnes of TV's "77 Sunset Strip"). Final choice: 36-year-old Clifford Robertson, TV actor and wartime merchant mariner. JFK gave him the nod last weekend.

STATE DEPARTMENT — The U.S. is trying a new wrinkle in international public relations. The idea is to alert the Secretary of State and the White House to any actions by a NATO ally that would give the Administration a chance to hand out public bouquets. State's policy-planning chief, Walt W. Rostow, will be the man who acts on these accolades.

CHICAGO — Despite the impasse in the rail "featherbedding" talks here, no coast-to-coast strike will be called by the five operating unions. Neither side wants it, and both are sure Washington would never permit it. The problem now: To find some way to let the unions bargain on the basis of the Federal study of featherbedding—which strongly backed management's arguments (NEWSWEEK, March 12)—without having union leaders lose face.

Political Pipeline

GOP NATIONAL HQ — A clue to how the GOP rates its potential in the South: This fall, the party expects to field more than 60 candidates for Dixie's 106 seats in the House of Representatives.

SENATE CLOAKROOM — Usually the soul of New England chivalry, Sen. Leverett Saltonstall is blocking a GOP colleague, Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, from a key post. Mrs. Smith is in line for the second GOP seat on the subcommittee that watchdogs the CIA. (Saltonstall is on it now.) The reason for the Massachusetts senator's stand: Mrs. Smith broke ranks to cast one of the two Republican votes against confirming CIA chief John McCone.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT — A key part of Justice's campaign to increase Negro voter registration in the South has been completely behind the scenes. Besides injunctions and other courtroom

tactics, U.S. officials have been quietly using private contacts with local Southern officials to lift bars against Negro voters.

WHITE HOUSE — A new entry has been added to the list of possible successors to Abe Ribicoff as Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. He is LeRoy Collins, former Democratic governor of Florida and now president of the National Association of Broadcasters.

Diplomatic Pouch

NEW DELHI — A new job for Krishna Menon, India's fiery Defense Minister and sometime U.N. delegate? Despite Menon's sweeping election victory, Prime Minister Nehru is getting pressure from all sides to move him to a less sensitive position. Menon's critics: Army brass (who blame him for India's unreadiness against Red China), Parliament (for the same reason), his own Congress Party (for accepting Communist support) and neutral nations (weary of Menon's penchant for international acrimony).

ACCRA — Expect the University of Ghana to name a new professor of music soon—U.S. Negro singer Paul Robeson.

LISBON — The Portuguese are working on a new gesture to express their anger at U.S. failure to support them in earnest on Goa and Angola. The ploy: An incredible-sounding trade pact between staunchly anti-Communist Portugal and Red Fidel Castro. The actual trade resulting would be insignificant, but the message would hardly be misunderstood in Washington.

Behind the News

UNITED NATIONS — Eyebrows went up among veterans here when the French took Israel to task in the debate over the border-fighting with Syria. The reason: France has been a major supplier of jet planes and other arms to the Israelis. One theory: With the Algerian war out of the way, France may be moving to regain its once-influential position in the Arab world.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — When Indonesia and Holland resume their talks about Dutch New Guinea, they'll probably do so on the basis of