

## **SENATE SUPPORT**

# **President Appeals For Pact**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy appealed Thursday for overwhelming Senate support of the nuclear test-ban treaty to let all mankind "breathe easier" and prove to the world America's leadership in the quest for peace.

The President, noting that the treaty had been signed by some 90 nations, said only "grudging" support from the Senate would mean that "the nation cannot offer much leadership or hope for the future." He called for ratification by "the widest possible margin."

At a wide-ranging news conference, the President also praised local leaders who helped desegregate schools in 150 Southern cities this fall. He revealed plans to address the United Nations later this month, and said U.S. policy on Viet Nam was designed to win the war against the Communists.

In other areas, the President brushed off a recently published book that was sharply critical of him, defended his civil rights program, and disagreed with both Sen. Barry Goldwater and the Air Force Association in their opposition to the test ban treaty.

The President volunteered opening news conference statements on the test ban and "the courage and responsibility" shown by Southern community leaders who integrated schools this autumn with a minimum of disorder.

Ticking off the results he foresaw from the treaty, the President said:

"This treaty will enable all of us who inhabit the earth, our children and our children's children, to breathe easier, free from the fear of nuclear test fallout."