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The Treaty Is Born

The step has been taken. The nuclear test ban treaty has been signed by the President of the United States. The Senate gave its advice and consent. The American people surely concurred as did the peoples and governments of more than 100 other countries all over the globe.

As President Kennedy said, there will be a little less fear, a little more hope. Mr. Kennedy in his first message on the treaty told of the Chinese proverb that a journey of a thousand miles begins with

one step.

There must be more steps on the long journey to world peace, but the next may be a little easier because of this one. From the beginning, the concept of even this limited nuclear test ban treaty stirred hope in men's hearts. That is why so many nations approved it. The hope has not been crushed. It took wings and life when President Kennedy signed the treaty Monday.