

U.S. Economy Kicks Up Heels

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The nation's economy showed signs of kicking up its heels today but the good news was partially blunted by word that the balance of payments deficit worsened during the first three months of 1963.

The optimistic economic report came from the Federal Reserve Board which announced Thursday that industrial production in April recorded its highest percentage point increase in 22 months.

A few hours later, the Commerce Department reported that the payments deficit rose to an annual rate of \$3.3 billion during the first quarter of the year—about one billion higher than last year's rate.

The industrial production index measures the output in the nation's factories, mines and utilities. It is considered a primary indicator of how the economy is getting along.

The April advance encouraged those economists who feel that business is ready to start a healthy upward surge. The economy has been going up for the past year but at a rate too slow to satisfy the chart-watchers.

The reserve board reported that industrial production in April rose to a record 122.4 per cent of the 1957-59 average. This was 1.8 percentage points higher than in March, and the biggest advance since June, 1961.

The Commerce Department said the seasonally adjusted balance of payments dollar deficit for the first quarter was \$820 million compared to \$791 million during the last three months of 1962.

The balance of payments deficit is the difference between the dollars spent by U.S. citizens abroad and those spent by foreigners in this country.

The department said the deficit increase was caused mainly by the absence of two factors that helped keep it down in 1962. These were advance repayments of debt obligations by foreign countries and receipt of large commitments of foreign funds for military purchases.

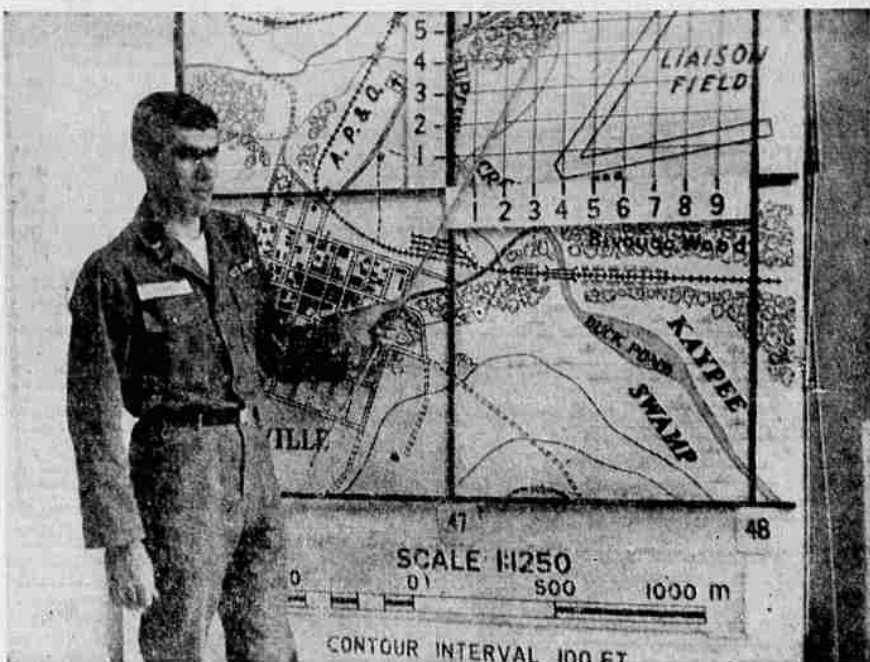
Mrs. Ted Kennedy Has Miscarriage

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mrs. Joan Kennedy, wife of Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy, D-Mass., has suffered a miscarriage, it was learned Thursday.

The senator's office confirmed that Mrs. Kennedy had lost her baby Tuesday. She was five months pregnant. A spokesman said: "She's fine. She's at home and resting comfortably."

Mrs. Kennedy has two children, Kara, 3, and Edward Jr., nearly 2. She has been staying at her rented Georgetown home. Two of her sisters-in-law, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy and Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, wife of the attorney general, are pregnant.

The President's 33-year-old wife is expecting her third child in late August. Elhel Kennedy is expecting her eighth child in July.



ARMED FORCES DAY Saturday will be an active one for the Roseburg National Guard company. But it will only be a climax to an active year, too. In this photo Lt. Richard Powell shows one of the regular activities, map reading. The result of this and other activities of the Guard may be seen at the Armory in Roseburg during an open house there. Displays will be set up downtown, also. (National Guard photo)

U.S. Senate Is Main Obstacle To East-West Test Ban Accord

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate is an "almost certain graveyard" for any test ban agreement, Sen. William Proxmire charged today.

In a speech prepared for the Senate, the Wisconsin Democrat said the Senate should be "cheering the President on" in his efforts to get a nuclear testing treaty. But instead, "the Senate is recognized as the big, black obstacle to agreement."

If a treaty embracing U.S. proposals at the Geneva conference came before the Senate now, "it would not be notified" Proxmire said.

But as "both sides continue testing and as more experimental mechanisms are designed, the chances for war and mutual destruction increase," Proxmire said.

Other congressional news: Space: Rep. Louis C. Wyman, R-N.H., suggested today that the United States scrap plans to land a man on the moon. He contended that U.S. space efforts should be aimed at military superiority.

Instead of scientific knowledge, GOP: Republicans felt today that their losing fight against the administration's feed grain bill helped boost party unity and gave some Democrats a political problem. Despite the administration's amendment line, some Democrats who must run for reelection next year voted for GOP amendments with home-state appeal. However, the Senate passed the bill without amendments Thursday.

Poison: President Kennedy's top science adviser said Thursday that nuclear fallout may be a secondary hazard compared to

chemical poisons polluting the atmosphere. Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner told the Senate government operations subcommittee, the government should direct its resources to find out more about chemical poisons such as pesticides, automobile exhaust, and industrial wastes.

Rates: Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash., said Congress should give the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) power to limit the landings of foreign airlines in this country. He made the statement as his Senate Commerce Committee continued its study of an administration proposal to give the CAB specific powers to regulate international air fares.

Magnuson's suggestion was that Congress give the CAB powers to apply other sanctions, as well.

Rights: Civil Rights Commission staff Director Bert I. Bernhardt reported the commission has been investigating police handling of Negro demonstrators in Birmingham, Ala. He told the House Judiciary Committee that "at least" four staff investigators have been in the racially troubled city for the last month. He said that the investigators have concentrated on what the commission calls administration of justice — police brutality, discrimination in jails, and an unequal treatment for Negroes in the courts.

Tax Cut: A bill to grant employers throughout the country a one-shot tax cut of about \$181

million cleared Congress. Action was completed when the House unanimously accepted a minor Senate amendment. This sent the bill to President Kennedy who is almost certain to sign it.

It would rescind part of a temporary boost in federal payroll taxes enacted in 1961 to pay for a temporary extension of jobless pay benefits during a period of heavy unemployment.

Recreation: Congress approved and sent to the White House legislation that would allow the interior secretary to coordinate and develop a nationwide outdoor recreation plan. By voice votes, both the Senate and the House accepted the final version of a bill worked out by conferees from both chambers. The measure would authorize the secretary to establish a bureau of outdoor recreation.

Cooper: The House applauded the space flight of astronaut L. Gordon Cooper following a speech by Rep. Tom Steed, D-Okl. Steed said he was "the proudest member of the House" because both he and Cooper hailed from the same hometown, Shawnee, Okla., and he had known Cooper's family all his life.

Cooper's Mother's Birthday Exciting

TECUMSEH, Okla. (UPI)—Mrs. Hattie Cooper celebrated the most exciting birthday in her 63 years Thursday and said what she wanted most was a safe landing for her astronaut son.

She spent the day watching and listening for news about the 22.9-orbit flight of her son, Maj. L. Gordon Cooper, in her mother's Tecumseh home.

Newsman presented Mrs. Cooper with a birthday cake decorated with 22 candles, one for each orbit, and a replica of the rocket that boosted the Faith 7 capsule into space. She also had two other birthday cakes, presented by neighbors in Tecumseh.

"Oh my goodness, what a wonderful surprise," she exclaimed when she saw the cake.

"The greatest birthday present I could have would be to get Gordon down safely. I feel sure that everything is going to be all right. This is the most exciting birthday I've ever had."

Mrs. Cooper said she stayed up Wednesday night until about midnight watching television, got up "two or three times" during the night to catch the latest news bulletins and arose early Thursday morning.

All Americans Praise Cooper

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy, Congress and the American people today saluted astronaut L. Gordon Cooper with a proudness reserved for a lone man who has conquered peril.

Formal honors will be paid Cooper Tuesday at White House and congressional receptions for the 36-year-old Air Force major and his family.

A far more spontaneous tribute to Cooper's heroism and skill was evidenced late Thursday when Kennedy and millions of other Americans kept a prayerful vigil as the astronaut's space capsule developed automatic control trouble.

"This was one of the victories for the human spirit today," Kennedy told a nationwide television audience shortly after Cooper's safe landing.

Within minutes after Cooper was plucked from the Pacific and brought aboard the USS Kearsarge the Chief Executive delivered his personal congratulations to the astronaut for making the most hazardous and longest U.S. space flight.

Acting with the same promptness, the House and Senate passed by standing ovation, resolutions of congratulation. Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara and Air Force Secretary Eugene A. Zuckert dispatched telegrams of praise for Cooper's space feat.

Cooper, who in a space sense "flew by the seat of his pants" in bringing his capsule Faith 7 back to safety, received the praises with laconic modesty.

In his brief phone conversation with Kennedy, the astronaut remarked: "Thank you, sir. It was a good flight. I enjoyed it."

Kennedy, who followed Cooper's re-entry progress through the crucial closing stages, also called Mrs. Cooper at Houston, Tex., to congratulate her.

Speaking of the Coopers in his television remarks, the President said: "We are proud of both of them and, indeed, we take the greatest satisfaction as Americans in this extraordinary feat."

Mrs. Cooper Heads For Hawaii Reunion With Famed Flier

TAYLOR LAKE VILLAGE, Tex. (UPI) — Mrs. L. Gordon Cooper, who remained calm during her husband's nearly 23 orbits in space, flies with her two daughters to Honolulu today for a reunion with the astronaut.

Trudy Cooper and her daughters, Janita, 13, and Camala, 14, expect to see Cooper Saturday. The family flies to Cape Canaveral for a news conference Sunday. They accepted President Kennedy's invitation to visit the White House Tuesday.

Mrs. Cooper, a trim, attractive brunette, said she never got worried while Cooper was orbiting the earth.

"I wasn't tense at any time," she said, "I knew he could do it."

The worst part of the whole thing, she said, was the news conference after her husband landed safely in the Pacific within sight of the carrier USS Kearsarge.

She indicated with a gesture the glare of newsreel camera lights "all these cameras and all the questions."

Mrs. Cooper seemed more excited by a telephone call from the White House than by her husband's deft handling of the Faith 7 spacecraft.

She said the President wished the family well and invited them to visit him.

Cheers rang through the Coopers' ranch-style house when it was announced that Cooper had landed perfectly.

Mrs. Cooper emerged to talk with newsmen and cameramen who had camped outside since Cooper went into orbit Wednesday.

Mrs. Cooper said she was only "partly successful" in trying to follow her husband's trip about the earth on a radio borrowed from the Sigma 7 spacecraft used by astronaut Wally Schirra.

"We could hear his (Cooper's) voice, and that was good to hear," she said, "but you could make out only a few words."

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