

Voting Machines in Nevada Break Down

Las Vegas—UPI—A mechanical breakdown in 20 of the 100 Clark county voting machines used in Nevada's general election caused an uproar among thousands of voters Tuesday.

The breakdown resulted when a last-minute error in the voting machine ballot used in the voting was discovered and the mechanical tabulators got out of kilter after adjustments were made.

U.S. Attorney Howard Babcock requested the FBI to investigate to make sure no one had tampered with the machines. However, all indications pointed toward a mechanical breakdown.

There was some indication that results of the balloting might be challenged because of the breakdown but no formal action along this line was filed by the time the courts closed.



ATTEMPTS SUICIDE—Mary Florsheim Picking Jones, 38, shown here in a file photo made after her marriage to singer Alan Jones last December, is in critical condition in a Los Angeles hospital after a reported suicide attempt. Mrs. Jones, heiress to the Florsheim shoe fortune, was found unconscious at her Bel-Air, Calif., home after an argument with her husband.

U.S. May Eventually Become Dependent on Imports of Oil

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New York—UPI—The time may be approaching when the United States will be dependent on imports to satisfy its growing requirements for petroleum according to the investment firm of Calvin Bullock.

The firm carries a detailed analysis of the oil industry in its monthly publication, "Perspective," and notes that we have been slipping back in new discoveries of oil reserves over the recent years.

prevalled since 1947 but the U. S. still uses more petroleum than all the rest of the world combined.

This year the U. S. domestic demand is expected to show a gain of 2.1 per cent over 1957 and it is predicted the rise in 1959 will be 4 per cent. The annual average increase between 1949 and 1957 was 5 per cent.

In this connection, the article ventures the belief that a saturation point may have

been reached in unit consumption of gasoline in the U. S. which has shown a constant decline from 686 gallons per passenger car in 1953 to an estimated 647 in 1958, according to National Petroleum News.

Just now there's a world surplus of crude oil, the article notes and it likely will remain with us for another three years. After that the industry may be hard pressed to keep up with demand.

Elmer Walter

"This has become increasingly difficult to achieve in the U. S. and as a result supply of oil measured in terms of a year's requirements declined from 14.0 in 1949 to 12.4 in 1957.

Imports Increasing

"During the period from 1947 through 1957 an average of 3,550,000,000 barrels have been found each year. Three times during the past four years this average has not been attained and in 1957 only 2,560,000,000 barrels were found, while 2,910,000,000 were produced, causing year-end reserves to fall by 349 million barrels from the previous year."

The article admits that finding of oil tends to be quite erratic from year to year and recent results therefore are not conclusive. Also, it notes that increases in our imports are reportedly to blame for the weakening trend of supply.

Since 1947, it is pointed out, imports of petroleum have risen by 254 per cent to the point where net imports of crude and products averaged 983,000 barrels daily in 1957.

Efforts have been made by the government to curtail imports. But the Bullock article expresses the hope this policy will not be carried to the point of encouraging excessively uneconomic production and thus cause this country to lose the competitive advantage of relatively favorable energy costs.

U. S. Uses Most Oil

Demand for petroleum products is rising in the Free World at a rate twice that of the U. S. rate, the article points out. This situation has

Scientists To Use Stars in Tracking

London—UPI—Four American scientists reported success today in several dry runs with British scientists in an Anglo-American effort to keep tab on the third U. S. moon rocket to be launched soon.

Officials using a powerful radio telescope said stars giving off radio waves are being used as targets to ensure the telescope works if the moon shot goes off on Friday.

The Americans headed by William Young have been at Jodrell Bak for several weeks. Their tracking equipment, linked electronically to the 250-foot diameter telescope, is contained in a trailer nearby.

Young said his group was "collecting signals from radio sources in the universe and feeding it into our data storage equipment." He said if the moon shot comes off the data will be relayed to Los Angeles and broken down there.

18-Year-Olds Lose In South Dakota

Pierre, S. D.—UPI—For the second time in six years South Dakota voters refused to extend the voting privilege to 18-year-olds.

A proposed constitutional amendment was defeated by a margin of better than 2 to 1, with returns from more than one-fourth of the precincts counted.

The same proposal lost in 1952 by a scant 700 votes out of the total of 250,000 cast.

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