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Hoover Reports Noted Decrease In Crime Cases

Washington—UPI—Director J. Edgar Hoover today reported that new crime statistics show an "encouraging drop" in murders and robberies during the first three months of 1959.

But Hoover emphasized that the overall crime rate in the nation's cities showed only slight decreases—less than one per cent—as compared with the first quarter of 1958.

Crime incidence reached an all-time high in 1958.

Today's FBI report showed murders dropped 3 per cent, auto thefts tapered off by 4 per cent and robberies in cities declined by 8 per cent during January, February and March of this year.

Burglaries Up
Aggravated assaults rose 13 per cent, and forcible rape increased 11 per cent. The offenses of burglary and larceny over \$50 went up 1 per cent.

The crimes reported in the FBI index represent a count by police of offenses known to them and are not just limited to arrests.

In connection with these preliminary crime figures, Hoover appealed to all Americans "to continue and intensify their cooperation with law enforcement officers in the continuing battle against the hardened criminal and vicious juvenile delinquents."

Most Murders Solved
The FBI said that reports from 1,972 cities showed that during the 1958 calendar year, city police solved by arrest 94 per cent of all murders, 90 per cent of negligent manslaughters, 79 per cent of the aggravated assaults, 73 per cent of the forcible rapes, 43 per cent of the robberies, 30 per cent of the burglaries, 27 per cent of the auto thefts and 20 per cent of the larcenies.

Starkweather Gets Stay of Execution

Lincoln, Neb.—UPI—Mass slayer Charles Starkweather today was granted another stay of execution, it was learned here today. The stay was granted by Associate Justice Charles E. Whittaker of the Supreme Court, local authorities said.

The stay was announced by Nebraska Attorney General C. S. Beck.

Beck said Whittaker stated that a petition for a writ of certiorari may be filed on or before Wednesday, June 17.

Starkweather, admitted killer of 11 persons, was to die Friday. This was his fourth postponement of execution.



MISSING—A widespread search is being conducted for Linda J. Millar (above), 19, missing since May 30 from her dormitory at the Univ. of California, Davis. She is the daughter of mystery writers Kenneth and Margaret Millar of Santa Barbara.

Mansfield Against Quitting Conference

Washington—UPI—Senate Democratic Whip Mike Mansfield (Mont.) said today it "would be a mistake" to give up hope for reaching agreement at the Geneva Foreign Ministers' Conference.

Mansfield, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, conceded in a speech prepared for Senate delivery that little progress had been made in Geneva. But, he said, "this is not the time to scan the timetables or make preparations for the voyage home."

"Let us be in no hurry, let us be patient and let us explore every reasonable and

honorable channel in the hope that an agreement is still possible and the deepest desire of mankind can, at least in part, be achieved," he said.



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Mekvold Named To School Post

Salem—UPI—If Oregon is going to meet its increasing education demands, federal aid to education demands, federal aid to education is needed, Cecil Posey, executive secretary of the Oregon Education Association, told a meeting of county school superintendents here Tuesday.

Posey said local property could not support any more taxes for schools. School administrators should study the school finance problem now to make recommendations to the 1961 Legislature, he said. He said school costs were rising rapidly and that the state would face a \$70 million deficit in 1961.

Mrs. Rita Simmons, superintendent of Wheeler county schools, was elected president of the Association.

Other officers are E. D. Towles, superintendent of Clatsop county schools, vice president, and Florence Beardsley, director of elementary education for the State Education Department, executive secretary.

Elected to the executive committee were W. W. Sargent, superintendent of Harney county schools; William Wodje, Lane county superintendent, and Alf B. Mekvold, Jackson county superintendent.

'Dean' of Oregon Reclamation Dies

Hermiston—UPI—E. P. Dodd, 89, called the "Grand Old Man" of reclamation and power. He was president of the Columbia basin, died Monday night.

Dodd, a local resident for more than 50 years, had been in failing health for about a year. For many years he was owner and operator of the Dodd Investment Company. During his lifetime he also was a newspaper publisher, farmer, real estate operator,

Atomic Bombers May Leave France

Paris—UPI—The bulk of NATO's atomic fighter-bomber force soon will be shifted from France to Britain unless President Charles de Gaulle drops his nuclear demands, diplomatic sources reported today.

The switch of 250 American F100 jets will be carried out within a few months should De Gaulle continue to refuse the United States permission to stockpile nuclear warheads on French territory, sources said.

De Gaulle has made his permission contingent on, being allowed some control over the use of the stockpiles and on getting help from London and Washington with France's own nuclear program.

He showed no signs of budging from this position.

civic leader, a state legislator and a Republican party leader. H was president of the local Chamber of Commerce for 15 terms and for 20 years served as justice of the peace here.



HOLDING FOUR CIGARS, Ciro Bravato hugs wife, Louise, after she gave birth to three boys and girl at East Orange, N. J. In New York, Mrs. Grace Bravato, mother of two, said Bravato never had divorced her.

Plastic Bags Take Increasing Toll of Tots Across Nation

A steadily climbing toll of infants' deaths prompted widespread action against the otherwise innocent plastic bag, a United Press International survey showed today.

The survey revealed more than 40 infants have suffocated when they became entangled in the bags. The survey also showed the bags have been used for suicide in an ominously increasing number.

Practically all the victims have been only a few months old. One of the latest, Danna Clark, apparently pulled a bag over his face while he was in his crib at Neptune, N.J., Monday. At about the same time, Bridget Leddington, 3 months, died in Chicago. She was found entangled in a cleaner's bag which apparently had blown on top of her.

In many communities cleaning shops and laundries have voluntarily curtailed use of the plastic wrappings. Some legislators have considered passing laws restricting them in some manner. The plastics industry has held top-level conference on the problem.

At New Rochelle, N.Y., Paul Cohen, president of the Technical Tape Corp., one of the world's largest manufacturers of polyethylene film, said his firm was working on a "breathable" plastic bag. This plastic would be full of pinholes. The company said an infant could breathe even if caught in two sheets of it.

The plastic people and the cleaners launched an educational campaign last month. Two million folders warning of the danger have been distributed. Additionally, the manufacturers have conferred with representatives of health agencies, the National Safety Council and the American

Medical Association. The education campaign seemed to be the most direct, immediate answer to the problem.

Steelworkers Plan Divide and Conquer

New York—UPI—The United Steelworkers Union will make a divide and conquer bargaining move next week in an effort to crack the steel industry's solid front against a wage increase.

The union, unable to make any headway in joint talks between four-man bargaining teams, has called its full bargaining committees to New York next Tuesday for separate meetings with the 12 companies.

The steel industry has not yet agreed to the separate meetings. R. Conrad Cooper, chief industry negotiator, said the industry's four-man team wanted to discuss the matter "more fully" before making a decision.

Duplicate Key May Be Clue To Theft

Los Angeles—UPI—The mysterious disappearance of \$113,200 in currency from an armored truck here may have been accomplished through use of a duplicate key as was done in a recent Denver robbery, the FBI said today.

An FBI spokesman said an investigation was continuing for the sealed money bag reported missing June 4 when the armored truck arrived at a branch bank after making 17 stops en route from the main reserve vault of the Bank of America.

Thieves using a duplicate key looted an armored truck in Denver May 26 of \$165,450.

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