

Foreigners Divided in Gauging Prestige of United States Abroad

Thursday Coldest Night of Season

Portland —UPI— Oregon had its coldest night of the season Thursday.

The mercury dropped to 20 above at Baker east of the mountains and to 32 at Medford in southern Oregon.

Some other readings east of the Cascades included Redmond 22, Bend 24, Klamath Falls 26, Burns 27, and Lakeview 28.

It got down to 40 on the coast at Newport and North Bend.

Francis Would Debate Thornton

Salem —UPI— State Sen. Carl Francis, Republican candidate for attorney general, late Thursday challenged Democratic Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to a half-hour television debate in Portland, with each of them sharing the cost.

Thornton said he would accept only if Francis paid the whole bill.

"I have no funds for such a debate," Thornton said. "If he has the money, he'll have to pay for it."

The challenge from Francis followed on the heels of Thornton's call for a debate with Gov. Mark Hatfield to answer the "irresponsible charges" against Thornton.

Hatfield turned Thornton down, saying he is "not running for attorney general."

Instead, the governor suggested a debate with Francis.

But Thornton said Hatfield made the charges and Hatfield should be the one to debate with him. He should "stand behind them or else retract them," Thornton said.

Thornton, who seeks a third term, was angered over remarks Hatfield made in McMinnville Tuesday night at a campaign dinner for Francis.

Survey Turns Up Support for Two Points of View

By United Press International

Foreigners seem to be as divided as Republicans and Democrats in gauging U. S. prestige abroad.

The rival presidential candidates raised the issue in their second TV debate last week. Vice President Richard M. Nixon said American prestige was at an "all-time high." Sen. John F. Kennedy said it had deteriorated in the past eight years.

A United Press International survey of political writers, commentators and officials in various capitals around the world turned up a measure of support for both points of view.

The answers did reveal that the word "prestige" doesn't mean quite the same to everyone. Some regarded it wholly as the amount of respect a nation can command by virtue of its military, economic or scientific power. Others, more as a measure of the general approval enjoyed by basic American objectives in the cold war.

Dominating Factors

Nor did everyone make the test with the same yardstick. To some, the big international questions — the space race, Berlin, etc. — were the dominating factors. Others appeared more concerned with narrower issues that struck closer to home.

In Chile, for example, U.S. prestige was rated as being at its highest point since 1952 because of massive American aid to victims of the recent earthquakes there.

And in Venezuela, one commentator said that otherwise high U.S. prestige had been hurt by the latest American sugar purchase from the Dominican Republic, whose government is under assault as a dictatorship.

Typical comment from some of the countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America:

France — Paul Negule, chief editor of "Ouest-France," latest provincial paper in the country: "Certainly American prestige lost momentum in October, 1956, when the U.S. opposed intervention in Suez. But since then it has gone up again thanks to the courageous efforts of President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon in defense of the free world."

Britain — Sir Linton Andrews, editor of the Yorkshire Post: "American prestige still towers in the world as it did in 1952. Russia's scientific achievements have hit it some hefty blows, but probably most of us in the United Kingdom still look with undiminished faith to the U.S. as the leader of the West against Communist aggression."

Spain — Pedro Gomez Aparicio, director of the weekly newspaper "Hoja del Lunes": "The answer is that U.S. prestige has dropped considerably. It is enough only to mention a few things which are themselves unsolved problems: Berlin, Korea, Indochina, the Middle East, Japan, Cuba, the Soviet satellites. In the space race, Soviet propaganda presents to the world only its successes while the U.S. offers both successes and failures. In international politics, the delaying of a problem is an admission of a mistake in planning a situation or of a lack of energy in solving it."

Sweden — Carl-Adam Nycoo, editor of Expressen: "The Eisenhower era has shown one thing; it is never good with a high military officer as president of a great democracy. This fact has affected American prestige, especially during the past four years."

South Africa — Nationalists largely were unhappy with the U.S. State Department's criticism of the government's use of violence to put down the Sharpeville race riots earlier this year but, as one nationalist news editor put it: "South Africa and the U.S. are both violently anti-Communist. This forms an extra strong mutual bond between us."

Mexico — Ramon Beteta, director general of the newspaper Novedades: "Mexican public opinion feels the U.S. is losing the cold war. One must not forget that only the win-

Report Filed by Tax Committee

Salem —UPI— A report covering the major recommendations and conclusions of the Legislative Interim Committee on Taxation was filed Thursday with the legislative council office.

Chairman Clarence Barton, (D-Coquille), said if the 1961 legislature adopts the major recommendations of the report, "important and significant improvements in the Oregon tax structure will have been accomplished."

One of the recommendations calls for a reduction of 10 per cent in the state personal income tax, to be replaced by a 3-cent-a-pack cigarette tax and changes in withholding.

Music, Fairy Tales, Rushing Water Ease Dentist Drill Pain

By PATRICIA McCormack

New York —UPI— The sounds of music, fairy tales and rushing water now are helping to extract the pain from many a child's visit to the dentist.

The sounds — acoustic analgesia — reach the tiny patients via stereo tape recordings beamed into their brains through two huge, padded earphones.

A child in the dentist's chair with such gear on his head looks like a pint-sized astronaut headed for the moon. The child manipulates two knobs — one in each hand — which control the volume of the sounds.

He's working in other words, while the dentist is working on his teeth.

Dr. Jerome S. Mittelman, a New York dentist, reports on the use of acoustic analgesia in the current issue of Dental Survey, a professional journal.

Avoids Pain Killers

The big thing about the technique is that in many cases it makes it possible to avoid using injectable pain killers — and the needle.

"When the dental work starts to hurt," Dr. Mittelman said in an interview, "the patient turns the knob that controls the sound of rushing water."

"It's an electronic sound that apes the sound of a great waterfall, say Niagara Falls. From what we have learned, this sound appears to lessen the patient's awareness of pain."

It's also figured that the juvenile story or fairy tale coming through the other earphone helps to distract the child, relaxing him.

Dr. Mittelman said the new-type analgesia — pain-killer — seems to work best with children who are five or older. With younger children there is reluctance to view the earphones as friendly, helpful devices and the children sometimes become alarmed.

Effectiveness Varies

The dentist said that the effectiveness of the auditory analgesia varies from individual to individual and that the success to a great extent depends on how much the patient understands what is going on.

"Results are most gratifying when patients are fully aware that they are largely responsible, through their cooperation, for successful elimination of pain," he said.

Dr. Mittelman said that the acoustic analgesia helps to solve dental problems encountered when patients cannot take the injectable type pain killers.

Among such patients are adults and children with cardiac conditions and diabetes.

"If properly used and developed," he said, "acoustic analgesia can lead to more and better dental therapy for patients, as well as add pleasure to the daily practice of dentistry."

"Many children grow up to be dental cripples because they recall only the pain associated with dental work. When they become adults, they only go to the dentist's office when it's an emergency."

children will have little chance of becoming dental cowards.

With children who respond to the acoustic analgesia, Dr. Mittelman said it's possible to do practically every kind of procedure including extractions.

There's only one problem. "Most children," Dr. Mittelman said "don't want to leave the chair until the recording of a fairy tale has come to its happy ending — even though the dental work is completed."

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Waddle, speaking at a luncheon attended by persons interested in aviation, said that the board had built the strips worth \$1 million at a cost of about \$300,000.

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Migratory Fowl Bill Ruled Out

Albany —UPI— Circuit Judge Victor Olliver late Thursday ruled unconstitutional a migratory waterfowl hunting bill passed last May in Linn and Benton counties.

The bill prohibited duck and goose hunters from hunting in an area where four or more acres of unharvested crops were left. The measure also provided a penalty of taking away licenses of any persons convicted, which would not allow them to hunt elsewhere in the state.

District Attorney Courtney Johns said he would appeal to the State Supreme court.

Both counties have a large number of private ponds for duck and goose hunting.

Judge Olliver said the bill was unconstitutional because its effects did not apply specifically to Linn county. He also said it was repugnant to the legislative laws of Oregon pertaining to control of waterfowl hunting.

DEBATE REFUSED

Jackson, Miss. —UPI— Mayor Allen Thompson turned down an invitation Thursday to debate Negro "sit-in" demonstrations with Negro leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The local white citizens council group termed the invitation "an insult."

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