

Kennedy's Promise To Preserve Sound Dollar Has Experts Worried



MAID OF COTTON — Paulette Adams, Linda Hagen, left, Riverside College, strawberry blonde from Los Angeles City College, has been chosen as 1961 California Maid of cotton. Flanking her are first alter-

AFS Program Discussed With Representatives of NY Office

Two representatives of the New York American Field service office recently met with nearly 40 local AFS committee members to answer questions and discuss problems.

Among those present at the dinner at the Rogue Valley Country club were four exchange students spending this school year in Medford, Grants Pass, and Crescent City. They are attending school as seniors, and will return next summer.

Visiting were Miss Suzie Warner and Miss Pam Stafford. They arrived late Wednesday and left Friday. They were on a three-week trip through Oregon, Washington and northern California meeting with AFS workers.

Electro-Plating Subject Of Roundtable Session

Verne Reavis, co-owner of the Medford Plating company, 329 North Fir st., told the Medford Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon Monday that many of today's everyday items have been electroplated.

Such things as keys, television set parts, car parts, bed springs and many industrial items have all been electroplated. Electroplating is done not only for looks, he said, but also to make a metal corrosion-resistant.

Reavis and his brother recently set up shop in Medford, coming here from Australia where they also conducted an electroplating business. Reavis, however, is no stranger to Medford, having attended school here a number of years ago.

Only One of Kind
The Medford Plating company is the only company of its kind in Medford. Reavis said, however, that trucks come here regularly from both Portland and Yuba City to do electroplating.

One of the first objectives of Reavis' firm is to corner enough of the plating market to make it unprofitable for the trucks to come here. Once this is done, he said, the company can then think about expanding its plant and variety of services. The firm now employs five persons.

At the present time the company is concentrating on the "automobile trade." Such items as bumpers and grills now provide the company with its main source of business. Reavis said they have also done some industrial plating for local firms and hope to do more.

The company now confines its activities to chrome and silver plating although it intends to expand into zinc and cadmium plating. The latter metal is used mainly for anti-corrosive purposes, Reavis explained.

Time-consuming
The most time-consuming aspect of the business, according to Reavis, is actual preparation of the metal for plating. During the preparation the metal must be smoothed and cleaned.


For chrome plating the next steps, as outlined by Reavis, are as follows:
The metal is given a copper plating; it is buffed and re-cleaned; it then is given a nickel plating; buffed and re-cleaned a gain; and then chrome plated.

Reavis explained that the copper and nickel plating serve both to smooth the metal and to add corrosive resistance. In the case of the chrome plating, he said, the chrome is merely decorative.

Dipped in Solution
Under electroplating, the article to be plated (the anode) is dipped in a chemical solution. Already in the solution is another article (the cathode) containing the actual plating material. During the chemical reaction the substance moves from the anode to the cathode.

Reavis pointed out that many kinds of materials can be plated. These include aluminum, stainless steel, plastics and even wood. Each of the materials is treated differently, and requires varied methods of plating.

POOR BRUSHES
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Washington Can't Afford To Allow Barrier Breached

New York —UPI—The promise of President-elect Kennedy to preserve a sound dollar has experts on both sides of the Atlantic wondering about the \$18 billion gold barrier.

Quotes From the News

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Washington—Alice Burwell, a housekeeper in a home near President-elect Kennedy's Washington house where activity has stepped up considerably lately:
"I'll lose my job from standing in the door watching all day."
Miami—Sen. Stuart Symington, (D-Mo.), on reports that President-elect Kennedy would name him secretary of defense:
"That's not for me. I want to stay in the Senate."
New Orleans—City school board president Lloyd Rittiner, after the successful but tense integration of four Negro girls into the public school system:
"The people are beginning to realize that we have to have this or no schools at all."
Denver—Francis McKinley, keynote speaker at a convention of 45 Indian tribes, calling on the redman to change the image that white Americans hold of them:
"The Indian image extends all the way from that of a feathered heathen on television to an image of a nickel. He also is perceived by some—but all too few—as an American citizen with equal rights and opportunities."

Our falling gold reserve now stands at \$18.1 billion. If it should tumble below \$18 billion it would become "negative" because the claims of our short-term creditors abroad are almost \$18 billion. Something drastic.

So there has been much talk that \$18 billion is a "gold barrier" that Washington can't afford to allow to be breached—that something drastic like devaluing the dollar would have to be done to prevent it. President Frederick Stahl of Standard & Poor's found this talk rife among financial experts in Zurich, Paris and Geneva.



Children's Book Week Events Set By Local Library

National Children's Book Week, Nov. 13 to 19 is being celebrated at the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County by a story hour, a science program and other events.
The story-teller at the story hour tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the children's department. Mrs. Garcia invites children from pre-school to nine years to attend.
Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Merrill Haggard, a McLoughlin Junior High school student, will present the California Oregon Power company's Story of Electricity. The program includes demonstrations and experiments involving the basic elements of electricity. This program is another planned by the public library to highlight National Children's Book Week. Display material in the children's department is correlated with the program.

But British experts point out that the United States took no drastic action when the gold reserve fell below an earlier talked-of barrier of \$20 billion. There was no prospect of a "negative reserve" at the \$20 billion level, they say.

N.J. Students Force Show Cancellation

Union, N.J. —UPI—Newark State college officials cancelled a scheduled showing of the 1914 silent film "The Birth of a Nation" Monday night following student protests that the movie degraded the image of the Negro.
About 100 students, including a majority of the college's 48 Negroes, had been persuaded to see a preliminary showing of the film at the college theater Monday afternoon before carrying out their threat to picket the evening showing.
The movie depicts the story of the Reconstruction period after the Civil War.
After the first showing, the students renewed their protests, and college president Dr. Eugene G. Wilkins agreed to cancel the evening performance.

Wouldn't Be Too Hard
As a matter of fact, says the London Financial Times, there's no reason to think the U.S. government would find it harder to get along on a mortgaged or negative gold reserve than Britain has. And Britain has lived for long periods that way.
Of course, for a nation to live on a negative gold reserve is rather like an ordinary chap, who having gotten in a bit too deep, decides to stick it out and worry along with his bills from month to month instead of bankrupting.

Alternative Suggested
Many Americans think devaluing our dollar would be much the same as bankrupting—offering creditors both at home and abroad less than we really owe them. Most American economists say raising the gold price and devaluing the dollar wouldn't help in the long run anyway. They suggest that Europeans who advocate that are sometimes governed by selfish motives.

There's another alternative—higher taxes, lower imports and extreme austerity, and less foreign aid spending, leading to some temporary increase in unemployment. That could stop the drain on the gold reserve.

50 Persons Killed In Bolivian Riots

La Paz, Bolivia—UPI—Reports reaching here today said more than 50 persons were killed and "numerous" others were wounded Sunday in a clash between rival peasant factions in the suburbs of Cochabamba.
The pro-government press said the clash involved groups of peasants from the villages of Cliza and Ocurena, on the outskirts of Cochabamba, Bolivia's second city.
The reason for the clash was not clear, although it recalled outbreaks of political violence which occurred in the same area during the recent election campaign.

Great Decisions Meeting Slated

A district Great Decisions meeting for Jackson and Josephine counties will be held Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the county courthouse in Medford. Great Decision participants of 1960 and anyone interested in taking part in Great Decisions 1961 is invited to attend, according to Mrs. Leona Sheehan and John McLoughlin, county coordinators.

Bruce Blake of the Foreign Policy association, San Francisco, Dr. Charles Dean, general extension service, Eugene, and Mrs. Mabel Mack, cooperative extension service, Oregon State college, will attend to discuss the 1961 Great Decisions program.

Plans are now under way in Jackson county for the organization of a county council and a county chairman will be named in the near future. Great Decisions 1961 will be held during February and March when local community groups will have a chance to discuss problems facing us in foreign policy. Kits to be discussed in this year's program include Germany, France, Japan, South Africa, Latin America and the Soviet Challenge.
Further information may be obtained by calling the extension office at the courthouse, SPring 3-6211, Extension 211.

DOESN'T LAST LONG

Bournemouth, Eng. —UPI—Workmen had just finished setting a plate glass window in place Saturday and were standing back to admire their work when a car crashed through it.

DIE IN FIRE

Evansville, Ind. —UPI—Two men died and two others were injured Sunday in a fire apparently caused by faulty wiring in a former brewery building that had been converted into an apartment house.

UPTON CLOSE KILLED

Hollywood —UPI—Upton Close, 66, retired radio commentator and former newspaper correspondent, was killed Sunday in an auto-train accident near Guadalajara, Mexico.

Phoenix Debaters Win 7 Out of 10 Debates at Meet

Phoenix —Members of this year's Phoenix forensic speech squad entered their first competitive tournament of the year when they participated in the Invitational Debate Tournament held Saturday in Coos Bay.
More than 160 students from 11 schools including Medford, Ashland, North Bend, Marshfield, Reynolds, South Eugene, Phoenix, Stayton, The Dalles, Albany and Crater took part in the early season tournament. Since all the members of this year's Phoenix squad are first year speakers this was their first debate experience and all were entered in the junior division.
The four-man team of Karen Mocabee, Liz King, Barbara Gysin and Kay Demers tied for second place in the junior women's division with teams from Medford and North Bend. Stayton received the first place myrtlewood plaque. Debating the proposition "Resolved: That the United Nations should be transformed into a Federal Government," Karen Mocabee and Liz King defended the affirmative position while Barbara Gysin and Kay Demers took the negative side.
A mixed team with Shearon Poole, Pat Diederich, Gene Holt and James Tompkins, affirmative and negative respectively, entered in the junior men's division where they won three of their five debates, but did not place. Also making the trip with the squad were Penny Simmonds and Cheryl Bowman. A final count showed Phoenix debaters winning seven out of ten debates.



POSTER GIRL—Little Linda Breese, 4, of Columbus, Ohio, makes sure her feline passenger stays put as she goes for a ride on her tricycle. Linda is the national poster girl for the 1961 New March of Dimes. She was born with an open spine and water on the brain. She was operated on when only one day old to close the spine; another operation was performed at the age of 5 months for hydrocephalus. Linda symbolizes the millions of children who may benefit from the March of Dimes expanded program

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