

Kennedy's Election Tops List of Year's 10 Biggest News Stories

U2 Incident, Summit Failure Ranked Number 2

New York—UPI—Sen. John F. Kennedy's election as the first Roman Catholic President of the United States topped this year's list of 10 biggest stories, announced by United Press International.

No. 2 of the "ten biggest news stories of 1960" — selected by UPI editors of the United States and Canada — was the downing of the U2 spy plane by Russia and its aftermath in the summit collapse and trial and sentencing of pilot Francis Gary Powers.

Two stories tied for third place: The 15th session of the United Nations General Assembly attended by Khrushchev, Castro, Nasser and other heads of state; and the gaining of sovereignty by the Congo, setting off a wave of violence.

List of Selections

The "10 biggest" list follows:

1. Kennedy's election.
 2. U2 incident and aftermath; summit collapse and Powers trial.
 3. (tie) 15th session of United Nations General Assembly, and The Congo.
 5. Cuba.
 6. Japan cancel's Ike's visit.
 7. Caryl Chessman executed.
 8. Negro sit-ins.
 9. Hurricane Donna.
 10. Pirates win World Series.
- In choices after the first 10, the editors, representing hundreds of UPI subscribing newspapers, balloted a tie for 11th — Princess Margaret's wedding and the Chilean earthquakes.
- The firing of a Polaris missile from a submerged submarine by the United States was 13th; Russian-Chinese disagreement on co-existence policy was 14th, and the capture and holding for trial by Israel of Nazi executioner Adolf Eichmann was 15th.



TOP NEWS STORY—Sen. John F. Kennedy's election as the first Roman Catholic president of the United States topped UPI's list of the 10 biggest news stories of 1960. Kennedy, right, lays down congratulatory telegrams as members of his family watch at the army in Hyannis, Mass., following his election. From left are Kennedy's brother, Bob; his father, Joseph Kennedy; R. Sargent Shriver, his brother-in-law, and his mother, Mrs. Rose Kennedy.

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Medicare Proposal Gets Endorsement

Salem—The Medicare program proposed by Gov. Mark Hatfield's advisory committee on medicare won the endorsement "in principle" Thursday of the Legislative Interim committee on Public Welfare.

Seven of the eight committee members approved it and Rep. Ed Benedict, (D-Portland) abstained saying he wanted to study it further. Much of the committee's discussion centered on extent of coverage under the proposed \$13 million program.

Joseph Harvey Jr. of Portland, chairman of the advisory committee, said the proposed program would provide less than the comprehensive medical coverage that those on old age assistance now receive. Under federal law, medical recipients must be ineligible for welfare.

In other action the interim committee approved a bill authorizing the State Public Welfare commission to pay travel expenses of county welfare commissioners to attend meetings called by the state agency.

Final Returns Show Kennedy Victorious By 112,494 Votes

Washington—UPI—Final official returns from all 50 states showed that Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Richard M. Nixon for the presidency by one of the narrowest margins in history—112,494 votes.

Certification of Rhode Island's vote today completed the tabulation. The official result there gave Kennedy 258,032; Nixon 147,502.

Official Results

Here is the United Press International tabulation based on official results of the states: Kennedy — 34,233,808 (49.707 per cent).

Nixon — 34,121,314 (49.544 per cent).

Others—905,658 (0.734 per cent).

Total—68,860,780.

Kennedy had 50.082 per cent of the 68,355,122 two-party vote while Nixon had 49.918 per cent, a record low difference of 1.64 per cent.

Western Research Center Suggested

Salem—UPI—Economic advisors to 13 western governors have recommended establishment of a Western Research Center to coordinate and compile research information for economic development in the Western U. S.

Delegates from 11 of the states were represented at a meeting here, California and New Mexico were not represented.

This recommendation and others will go to Gov. Mark Hatfield, chairman of the Western Governors' committee on Economic Development, and he will make his report to the committee of governors which includes Oregon, California, Washington, Hawaii and Alaska.

The research center would be located at a college or university in the west but no site was recommended.

Other recommendations:

—A regional approach to the west's tourist potential.

—Greater return of mineral revenues by the Federal government to the states.

Soviet Subs Said To Outnumber Pre-War Germany

London—The Soviet Union has amassed more than five times the number of submarines with which Nazi Germany almost cut the Allied supply lines across the Atlantic in World War II, according to the authoritative Jane's Fighting Ships.

Jane's said the Russians now had more submarines than all of the rest of the world put together including half a dozen atomic submarines built or building and six missile-firing submarines. It put total strength at between 450 and 500.

Could Sweep Seas

The new edition of Jane's said the Russians based their strategy on belief that should war come they could sweep the seas clear of shipping and starve America's NATO allies into submission—a feat Adolf Hitler almost accomplished.

Editor Raymond Blackman, in a foreword to the 83rd edition published today said the just over 100 Nazi submarines in the last war were "enough to bring the United Kingdom to the brink of starvation, not only as regards food but as regards the vital raw materials necessary to prosecute the war."

COASTLINE LENGTH

Massachusetts has a coastline of about 300 miles.

U. S. Pledges Backing Of Pro-Westerners

Washington—UPI—The United States has pledged full support to the new pro-Western government of Laos against any aggression by its Communist neighbors. It also charged the Reds with a "long history of subversion" in Laos.

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