

REPORTERS COVER BASE
Washington - (AP) - The government has decided to allow newsmen on the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, beginning Friday. Reporters have not been permitted on the base since the Cuban crisis began. The White House notified the press associations and the three major networks of the change in policy.

Philomath Mayor Loses Re-election Bid
Corvallis - (AP) - Philomath Mayor Gordon Larson was voted out at Tuesday's election when the votes returned former Mayor Clifford Gee to office.

Critical Food Problem Faced By India's Population Boom

By R. C. PANDE
New Delhi - (AP) - India may pass her population point of no return by the end of her third five-year development plan in 1966, according to observers. With her 440 million inhabitants (1961 census), India ranks second in population and seventh in land area in the world. The Indian subcontinent now supports 15 per cent of the world's total population. The strain that this explo-

sive population growth has put on food resources worries planners. Former census registrar R. A. Gopalaswami placed food grains requirements for a population of 520 million at a minimum of 108 million tons per year. Allowing for a population of 480 million by 1966, a Ford Foundation agricultural production team, reporting in 1959, fixed a 100 to 110 million tons requirement of food grains. The team warned that on the basis of a 3.2 per cent yearly rate of increase recorded between 1952 and 1959, the annual gap between supply and demand as of 1966 would be 28 million tons.

Team Comment
Edgar T. Hoover and Ansley J. Coale of the Ford Foundation team commented: "No conceivable program of imports or rationing could meet a crisis of this magnitude." The team indicated that even a downward trend in the birth rate beginning as soon as 1966 may be too late to permit increased living standards.

India's birth rate during the second development plan period (1956-1961) was 40.7 per 1,000, against a death rate of 1.6 per 1,000.

The director of the Indian Institute of Population Studies Dr. Sripati Chandrasekhar, said recently on the All India Radio: "If all the health projects contained in India's third (development) plan are completed, the 21.6 per 1,000 death rate will register even a further decline. 520 Million

"While this may be extremely welcome from the humanitarian point of view, it is estimated India's population can reach the unmanageable figure of 520 million by 1971."

The increase in India's population has been phenomenal. Between 1871 - when the first rather incomplete census was taken - and 1921, the population in the country increased from 214 to 248 million, a rather small increase for half a century.

But between 1921 and 1951, more than 100 millions were added to the population.

While the decisive factor behind the explosion is the decline in India's death rate there are other significant socio-economic reasons that account for the tremendous increase.

Almost everyone in India, sooner or later, usually sooner, gets married. **Is Duty**
Marriage is not merely a social institution but a semi-religious duty in the country. Hindus believe girls should be married before puberty. The necessity of having a son to perform the "Shradha" (purification of the dead by means of offering sacred water and food to fire) ceremony at the funeral of the father, thereby assuring his salvation, also helps explain the universality of parenthood among Hindus.

Although the Sarda act banning child marriages was passed in 1929, millions of girls continue to marry early. In the rural areas nearly 80 per cent of all teen-agers are married. It is not uncommon in some of the remote countryside areas to see a rustic bridegroom bringing home a "baby bride" along with a basket full of dolls, rattles and other toys, apparently meant to provide entertainment for the young lady of the house.

82 Per Cent
Also to be reckoned with is the absence of any effective, widespread family planning among the rural population who constitute about 82 per cent of the total population. Birth control, even in the urban areas, is of recent origin.

Realization of the urgency of the problem is evident from the provision of 270 million rupees (\$56.7 million) for family planning in the third plan period.

Pendleton Attorney Elected as Mayor
Pendleton - (AP) - Paul Thaler, Pendleton attorney, is the new mayor of Pendleton. He defeated Jack Comfort, a radio station executive, in a close race, 2,138 to 1,875.

Both have served on the Pendleton City Council.

AFTER YOU...
Durand, Wis. - (AP) - It's Victor Seline's turn to be Pepin county sheriff now that his wife is through. Seline, who was elected Tuesday, and Mrs. Seline have swapped the job for a total of 26 years to get around a state law prohibiting a sheriff from serving more than two consecutive terms.

STEDDY AS SHE GOES
Canterbury, England - (AP) - George Steddy and Lucy Bottle were married Wednesday - 54 years after they became engaged. The couple, now 72, said they drifted apart after their engagement, and did it over again last year when they met again.



POSTERS HAIL KENNEDY-A few hours after President Kennedy announced the military quarantine of Cuba on Oct. 29, posters similar to the one shown here, suddenly appeared all over Rio de Janeiro. The sign reads "Hail

Kennedy, the Defender of the Americas." In the background in Rio de Janeiro's mail rail terminal "Central do Brasil." (UPI)

Kennedy Proclaims Thanksgiving Day

Washington - (AP) - President Kennedy has called on Americans to observe Thanksgiving day Nov. 22 by renewing an American spirit which is "always ready to confront crisis with steadfastness and achievement with grace and modesty."

"Let us renew that spirit by concerting our energy and our hope with men and women everywhere that the world may move more rapidly toward the time Thanksgiving may be a day of universal celebration," the President said.

He made the statement in a proclamation declaring the fourth Thursday of November "a day of national thanksgiving."

Trumans To Attend Funeral Services

Independence, Mo. - (AP) - Former president and Mrs. Harry S. Truman left here today to attend funeral services for Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. As usual when Mrs. Truman travels, they went by train.

Jacqueline Kennedy Reorganizes Staff

Washington - (AP) - Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy has reorganized her household staff and assigned veteran housekeeper Mabel Walker to the newly created post of "furniture researcher."

It was learned Wednesday that the First Lady picked Vassar graduate Anne Lincoln, who was secretary to social secretary Letitia Baldrige, to be acting housekeeper. It is expected to become a permanent assignment for Miss Lincoln, who took over the job of running the White House about a week ago.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

New York - (AP) - Police had it easier than usual today in seeking the holdup man who robbed photographer Vincent Armas, 33. Armas said the bandit first posed for some photographs for his mother and then slugged and robbed him. Police made prints of the robber from Armas' negatives.

The U.S. department of agriculture estimates that 98 per cent of American farms have electricity.

CHARTER APPROVED

Lyons - (AP) - This small Linn county town approved its first city charter Tuesday by a 117-22 margin. The city was incorporated in September of 1958.

AIRPORT BONDS PASS

Eugene - (AP) - Voters approved a \$950,000 bond issue for improvements at Mahlon Sweet Airport. The vote was more than two to one for the measure.

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