

U.S. Prestige Report Issue Keeps Boiling

NEW YORK (AP)—Two newspapers quoted from a secret government summary which is said to report that United States prestige in the world has been slipping in comparison with that of the Soviet Union.

Both papers identified the document as the one, dated Aug. 29, which first was disclosed by Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The New York Times said the survey of world opinion showed "a decline in United States standing relative to the Soviet Union" and found the decline in prestige was "a continuing and accelerating trend."

The Times said it has obtained "pertinent parts of the report," which is labeled "secret."

The Washington Post said the summary "supports other reports that U.S. prestige has been going down while the Soviet Union's has been going up."

The Post said it obtained a copy of the summary, which Fulbright and Sen. John F. Kennedy have been seeking for weeks.

The summary, said to have been prepared by the U.S. Information Agency, has become an issue in the presidential campaign.

Kennedy contends U.S. prestige has been slipping. Vice President Richard M. Nixon contends American prestige abroad has never been higher.

The Times has endorsed Kennedy for president. The Post has announced that following its policy in five of the last six elections it will not make an endorsement.

The Times noted that the report "is one of a series made periodically as a possible guide in shaping Washington policy."

Newspapers have quoted from previous reports on declining U.S. prestige.

The Times said there was only one part of the Aug. 29 report "from which a favorable conclusion could be drawn."



BEATTY FIREMEN are, from left, Delford Crain, Benny Moore, Elmer Duwarty, foreman, and Stephen Kirk. The state took over the job of protecting the area this year from the federal government. The department's biggest job during summer was to extinguish a 3,000-acre timber, grass and brush fire west of the city. — Photo by Veston Casey



MR. AND MRS. J. M. WHITE, Weed, center and right, were present for the luncheon October 29 that honored the founder of Linkville, George Nurse. White is president of the Siskiyou County Historical Society. Members of that group were present with the sponsoring Klamath County Historical Society at the Willard Hotel. Left is Lawrence L. Cooper, administrative assistant at First Presbyterian Church, who gave the invocation.

Hold-Up Men Sought for California Bank Theft

OAKLAND (UPI)—Three Negro hold-up men who robbed the Bank of America branch in West Oakland of about \$8,000 were being sought by Bay Area law enforcement agencies.

The men were believed to be the same gunmen who held up the post office in Oakland Monday, just nine blocks from the scene of Tuesday's bank robbery.

A bank spokesman told police one of the three men walked into the bank about 10:30 a.m. and asked to open a checking account. Then the other two came in. One waited in the lobby and the other joined the first man in vaulting out the teller cages and clearing.

The robbers ordered the 10 employees and eight customers to lie down on the floor. One customer, pawnshop owner Nathan Stone, was slugged on the head with a sawed-off shotgun when he failed to obey quickly enough. The shot-gun discharged as Stone fell, but the blast hit the ceiling.

Witnesses said the robbers, who were armed with two automatic pistols in addition to the shotgun, fled in an auto five minutes after they first entered the bank. Police said the car, a late model green sedan, was the same vehicle used in the post office hold-up.

\$128,396 Slips By German Girl

LONDON (AP)—A German girl who came to England 12 weeks ago found today that \$128,396 had slipped from her fingers before she could get hold of the money.

Diepold Ute thought she had won the money betting in a soccer pool. An official of the pools firm called on her to hand her the check.

But when he found she was only 18 he told her she couldn't have the money. Under British law, no one under 21 is allowed to bet on the pools.

"What can I do?" asked Miss Ute in tears. "In Germany my parents would have given the money in trust for me. It was the first time I had ever filled in a coupon, and it came out right. And now this."

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Hatfield Wants Coverage

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Tuesday he wants half of Oregon's citizens who are over 65 years of age to be covered by a state-aided medical care program.

He told his advisory committee on medical care that 100,000 Oregonians would be covered by the plan. It would cost, he said, \$13 million in the next two-year budget period, with the federal government paying \$11 million and the state \$2 million.

The committee began work Tuesday on a broad framework for such a program, wrestling with such questions as who would be eligible, what services would be offered, financing, and methods of providing the service.

Hatfield said there now are 185,000 persons in the state over 65, and that 17,000 of them now get medical care through the welfare system.

The committee ordered actuarial studies to help it decide the extent of the program, and decided to meet again Nov. 23.

It expressed agreement with the proposal made by Hatfield.

U.S. Treasury Gives Report

WASHINGTON (AP)—The 1960 outflow of gold from the United States has passed the billion-dollar mark, the Treasury disclosed today.

The latest Treasury financial statement showed that the United States owned \$18,417,000,000 of gold as of last Friday night. This represented a drop of \$45 million from the Thursday total.

Since the first of the year, the outflow has totaled \$1,039,000,000. Of this amount \$905 million has moved into foreign hands since June 30.

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