

'Man In The Street' Says Kennedy Victory Biggest Story Of The Year

NEW YORK (UPI)—The "man in the street" in the United States believes the Kennedy election victory was 1966's biggest news story, closely followed by the U2 incident and the summit collapse.

That was indicated Saturday in results of a poll taken by United Press International in which a cross section of citizens in six metropolitan areas across the country was asked to name the "ten biggest stories of 1966."

Those polled included waitresses, salesmen, grocers, elevator operators, cab drivers, executives, housewives, students, clerks, a stock and bond analyst, parking lot attendants, merchants, store managers, policemen, steelworkers, social workers, librarians, maintenance men—as varied a list as possible.

The "man in the street" vote totals from Boston, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Chicago, and Dallas—produced a 10-biggest list that differed with that voted by UPI subscribing editors earlier. It left out four stories selected by the editors: the Congo's troubles, the heads-of-state United Nations General Assembly, Hurricane Donna, and the Pittsburgh Pirate World Series win.

The man in the street poll selected three stories the editors left out: U.S. submarine Triton's voyage around the world, Nazi executioner Eichmann's capture and the Polarix missile.

It divided the editors' No. 2-U2 and aftermath—into two stories. The poll was made before the recent New York air collision. Here are the two lists.

Man-in-Street

1. Kennedy's election.
2. U2 incident.
3. Khrushchev summit break-up.
4. Ike-Japan trip canceled.
5. Chessman executed.
6. Negro sit-ins.
7. (Tie) Cuba; Triton.
8. Eichmann.
9. Polarix.

Editors

1. Kennedy.
2. U2 and Khrushchev break-up.
3. (Tie) U.N.; Congo.
5. Cuba.
6. Ike-Japan.
7. Chessman.
8. Negro sit-ins.
9. Hurricane Donna.
10. Pirates win.

After the airliner collision in New York, the UPI revised its original editors' list to insert the United-TWA collision as No. 9, push the hurricane down to No. 10, and drop the Pirates.

Goldberg Must Enforce Laws He Has Fought

WASHINGTON (AP)—As secretary of labor, Arthur J. Goldberg will be administering laws he has condemned as unfair to unions and has tried to have amended.

He has particularly criticized the Landrum-Griffin and Taft-Hartley Acts in his previous capacity as general counsel of the AFL-CIO.

"Landrum-Griffin is complicated, confusing, cumbersome and ambiguous," he stated in an article he and Kenneth A. Meiklejohn, AFL-CIO consultant, wrote in the Northwestern University Law Review early this year.

In testimony before congressional committees he has charged that the Taft-Hartley law curtailed union rights to picket, delayed labor dispute settlements through injunctions, and abridged the right to strike.

Goldberg has hit at the general philosophy behind these two major labor-management laws in numerous speeches. He is known to support fully the Democratic party platform which pledges repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act's authorization for right to work laws and other "antilabor excesses." The platform also seeks improvement of the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Acts.

The 1959 Landrum-Griffin law stemmed from the Senate Labor-Management Committee's investigations of corrupt labor practices. The complex law requires secret ballot elections of union officers, regulates union trusteeships, and attempts to insure membership control over union decision-making processes.

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Egg Production Shows Increase

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon's egg production in November was an estimated 54 million—up 4 percent from the same month a year ago.

The Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service said the increase stemmed from a greater number of layers on hand and about the same rate of lay.

The production from January through November was 606 million, 3 percent above that for the same period last year.

EXPORT-IMPORT REPORT

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The value of United States exports will top imports by more than \$5 billion during 1966, the Commerce Department predicts.

The department's office of business economics said Monday night that exports in July-August-September reached a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$20 billion while the yearly rate for imports was just under \$15 billion.

1,534 RETIRED

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The South Korean army today retired 1,534 officers and noncommissioned officers as part of its plan to cut 30,000 men from the army. Each was given two years' salary.

Laos' Value Is Mostly Moral One

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As a piece of real estate, Laos has no railroad, scarcely more than footpaths for roads and a few grassy strips that pass as air fields. Its wild mountains work against large-scale military maneuvers either for against invasion.

Its people have no great political consciousness such as in, say, West Berlin.

Yet in Southeast Asia, Laos has a moral value approaching the equal of Berlin or South Korea in the battle to contain Communist aggression.

And how the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, of which the United States is a charter member, reacts to the attempted Red take-over of Laos could well have just as much effect on Asians as would be the effect on Europeans in a similar situation against Berlin.

This is an effect well recognized in Washington and other SEATO capitals, most of which already have declared their willingness to act either on a call for help from the Laotian government or in case of proven outside aggression.

It is recognized by Red China in its pledge of its "utmost efforts" to stop "U.S. imperialism's intervention and aggression in Laos."

And it also is recognized among Laos' neutral neighbors who are showing increasing nervousness over the possibility that in Laos another Korea may develop.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Nehru called for re-establishment of the international truce commission in Laos and noted with alarm that both United States and Communist arms are pouring into Laos.

Nehru noted that the flow of Communist arms to Laotian Reds was through Communist North Viet Nam, run by Ho Chi Minh.

In 1945, Ho proclaimed the "independence" of Viet Nam from France and at the same time received a call for help from Laotian nationalists led by Prince Suphanu Vong.

With Ho's help Suphanu Vong organized the Pathet Lao (Free Laos), which today is the Red arm in Laos and which today is making its most energetic bid to take over the whole of the nation.

INVESTIGATE MINE DISASTER

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI)—Premier Sharif Emami ordered a special commission Monday to investigate the Shemshak mine disaster in which 19 miners and two rescue workers died Saturday.

Six of the miners were crushed to death by rocks after an explosion and the rest died of suffocation when ventilating equipment failed. All 21 bodies were recovered.

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