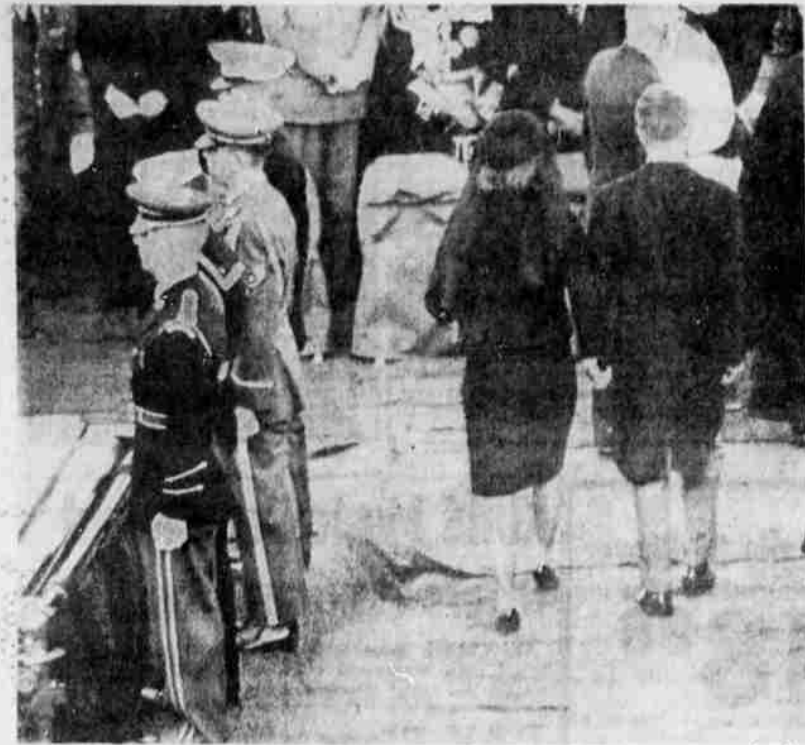


Assassination Top Story Of '63



PRESIDENT SLAIN — The assassination of President Kennedy on Nov. 22 completely dominated other news stories in 1963, according to a poll of editors compiled by United Press International. In this file photo, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy leave the Arlington National Cemetery after the funeral. — UPI Telephoto



TREATY SIGNED — The signing of the partial nuclear test ban treaty by the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union Aug. 5 was ranked fifth in the list of the top 10 stories of the year. Signing are, left to right, U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and then British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home. — UPI Telephoto



FIVE OF A KIND — The birth of the Fischer quintuplets in Aberdeen, S.D., was ranked 10th in the list of top news stories for the year. Mrs. Fischer, mother of the quint, smiles proudly in this picture taken outside the hospital nursery several days after the birth. — UPI Telephoto

NEW YORK (UPI) — The assassination of President Kennedy — one of the top stories of the century — completely dominated a news year that ranked highest in drama and impact of any year since World War II. That was the consensus of editors who selected the "ten biggest news stories of 1963" compiled by United Press International.

The integration story in the U. S. A. was the overwhelming choice for second place on the list, announced Wednesday night. The annual poll of editors represents hundreds of UPI subscribers in the United States and Canada.

The Pope John XXIII-Pope Paul VI story and the Gordon Cooper space flight contested closely for third place. The



COOPER GOES UP — The 34-hour-plus space flight by U.S. Astronaut Gordon Cooper was named as the fourth top news story of 1963. This May 18 photo shows Cooper waving as he steps from the space capsule on board the aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge upon completion of the flight. — UPI Telephoto



POPE DIES — The death of Pope John XXIII was ranked third among the top stories of 1963. The richly robed body of the late Pontiff is borne in state through St. Peter's Square during the procession from St. Peter's Basilica in this June photo. — UPI Telephoto

- paper death-and-succession took third, Cooper fourth. Here is the 1963 list:
1. Kennedy assassination.
 2. Integration U. S. A.
 3. John XXIII dies, Paul VI succeeds.
 4. Cooper space flight.
 5. U.S.A.-Britain-Russian nuclear ban.
 6. Assassination of Premier Diem and brother in Viet Nam.
 7. Atomic submarine Thresher lost.
 8. Profumo sex scandal in Britain.
 9. Supreme Court rules against reciting Lord's Prayer in schools.
 10. Fischer Quintuplets.

The ban by the major powers on nuclear testing in the air held steady in fifth place throughout the balloting. Fairly close to the quintuplets of Aberdeen, S. C., as runners-up but not quite big enough to make the list, were two stories of widely dissimilar news import: The 14-day ordeal and rescue of two buried coal miners at Shepperton, Pa.; and the widening split between Red China and Russia.

Those two finished in a virtual tie for the 11th spot. Others close in the honorable mention list were De Gaulle's veto of British membership in the European Common Market, and the Russian launching of "twin" astronauts, one a woman.

Many editors remarked that 1963 seemed the newswiest year since the war. Some said the list might have better included the 15, or perhaps 20, "biggest." UPI submitted ballots containing 32 major events of the year for the consideration of editors. They usually base their judgments on significance, public impact, shock value, human interest, readability, and the amount of space the story oc-

Polio Vaccine Given To 2400

LAKEVIEW — Approximately 2,400 persons in Lake County took advantage of the Sabin oral vaccine clinic for type one polio vaccine held at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview on Saturday, Dec. 7, according to the report of Mrs. Ruth McKinney, county health nurse.

The clinic was sponsored by the Lake County TB and Health Association, and the work was done through the health office. There will be a clinic for type three on the first Saturday in January and for type two on the first Saturday in February. Adults are urged to take advantage of the vaccine as it has recently been determined that, while not suffering from the disease, they could be carriers.

"MAKING HIS MARK"
At one time, smiths and pottery makers had individual marks which they put on their products and, when these marks or brand names became well known, the person had "made his mark," giving rise to the expression.



COURT RULING — The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against reciting the Lord's Prayer in schools ranked among top stories of the year. The case was started by Mrs. Madalyn E. Murray of Baltimore shown at right with son, Garth, and her mother, Mrs. Bonna Mays, after historic ruling. — UPI Telephoto

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