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Official tally counts 226 million in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Census Bureau made its official tally of the population of the United States counted in this year's census is 226,004,420.

That number, unless changed by court challenge in 15 states, will be used to reapportion the House of Representatives. House states would gain seats in the House and 10 would lose, including New York, the biggest loser with five seats.

The biggest gainer was Florida, with an official population of 1,778,000. Florida would gain five seats for a total of 18.

Other gainer of House seats would be California, up two to 44 seats; Texas, up three to 27; and Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and Washington states, up one each.

The use of New York's five seats, will give that state 14 House members. Three other industrial states, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois will lose two seats each. Losing one seat each were Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey and South Dakota.

The controversial figures will be submitted to President Carter as required by law by the end of 1981. That makes the 1980 census crucial official.

To reach the New Year's Eve deadline, the Census Bureau needed some emergency help from the Supreme Court overruling a New York lower court ruling that the government said would have delayed reapportionment of Congress.

By a 7-1 vote Tuesday, the high court cleared the way for the bureau to certify the count.

The 1980 figures, based on the population April 1, were more than 20 million higher than the total of the 1970 census, which showed there were 203,226,000 Americans. And the official figure is about 1 million higher than the preliminary numbers that had been issued earlier this year.

The numbers issued today were broken down only by state. Officials said the population of individual states will be ready in about two months.

Vincent J. Barabba, director of the Census Bureau, took note of the controversy that has brought the court challenge.

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He said, however, that an adjustment to reflect these findings to the population estimates that are the basis for distributing federal funds.

And he added that the court challenge may require the bureau later to make widespread adjustments in the census figures.

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Fords, K cars fail 35 mph crash tests

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two of the Ford's new K cars and the government's 35-mph crash test.

The tests were conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Similar tests conducted by other cars earlier this year and in 1979 showed many of the vehicles failed.

The agency said Chrysler's Dodge Aries and Plymouth Reliant are the only cars that failed the front crash test.

Both the Ford and Chrysler models performed reasonably well overall, but in each of the tests the passenger dummy sustained significant head injuries in a significant number of cases.

However, the Ford and Chrysler models "performed better than most other subcompact," the safety agency said.

Chrysler sales reported up

DETROIT (AP)—Chrysler Corp. has reported a 30 percent increase in mid-December auto sales compared with the same period in 1979, which "is-curt" telling of their best rate since they hit the market.

Auto sales reports for the middle 10 days of the month usually are released after the holidays, but the other manufacturers reported the increase in sales.

Chrysler said it delivered 15,320 11 to Dec. 28 compared with 11,811 cars in that period last year.

Sales of the "K-car" models, in which Chrysler has placed most of its hopes for a return to profitability, is seen the best of any period since they were introduced in October. The company said, with deliveries of 7,996.

Klansmen sue families of slain Communists

GREENSBORO, N.C.—Three Ku Klux Klansmen and three federal grand juries from relatives and friends of five Communist Workers Party members killed at an anti-Klan rally in 1978. The requests name as Klansmen, Nazis and local, state and federal government personnel answered a \$10-million civil rights suit filed against them a month ago by the slain CPW members' families.

In November, the Klansmen and Nazis were acquitted of first-degree murder and felonies arising in the shooting deaths of the five CPW members a year earlier at a "Death to the Klan" rally. More than half the Klansmen and Nazis named in the suit have filed court papers denying they violated the CPW's rights. All have asked for court-appointed lawyers although the law does not provide for them in civil suits.

The suit seeks \$10 million in damages as well as grand juries of the Lavayette Express of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; Robert Caudle, a Winston-Salem, N.C., Klansman; and Robert H. 40-year-old Lincoln Klansman. Caudle also asked the court to arrest the plaintiffs and force them to undergo mental evaluation.

Arrest in racial attacks

MARTINEZ—Deputies say they have started to solve the mystery of racial attacks on black families in Contra Costa County with the arrest of a 16-year-old man in one of the attacks.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Garvin said that Scott J. Haddock, 16, of Martinez was one of two youths who drove the back of a car into a window at the Tere White home of Oak and Gertrude on Nov. 23. Haddock was arrested Tuesday on charges of felony malicious mischief and deputies said they are trying to identify his accomplice.

The attack on the Terrence home was one of a series of assaults on four black families in the northeast San Francisco Bay area in recent months. Homes have been attacked with guns, rocks, eggs, baseball bats and arson and families have been threatened with violence.

Paraphernalia law upheld

SAN BERNARDINO—A state court of appeal today ruled that a Westminster ordinance prohibiting display and sale of drug paraphernalia is not unconstitutional under the First Amendment.

The ordinance, prohibiting sale and display of paraphernalia in a store or place unless accompanied by parents, was challenged by West Plus Four Inc., which operates 15 music stores in Southern California. The 6th District Court of Appeal overruled on Orange County Superior Court decision that the ordinance, adopted in 1979 by the Westminster City Council, is not vague. Nearly 60 other cities have similar ordinances. Mayor's decision said the ordinance does not violate First Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution because it doesn't prohibit display or sale of drug paraphernalia, such as marijuana, hash, pipe or carburetors, but only regulates it.

The Nation

Trade deficit declines

WASHINGTON—The nation's trade deficit for the first 11 months of 1980 narrowed to \$2.3 billion and the trade gap for the year is expected to be significantly below last year's \$2.3 billion, the Commerce Department says.

November's trade deficit was \$1.6 billion, as big declines in oil and auto imports were recorded, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. U.S. exports last month fell 2.4 percent, from a seasonally adjusted \$21.1 billion to \$20.4 billion. Imports declined 1 percent, from a seasonally adjusted \$22.7 billion to \$22.3 billion.

Cyanide found in drink

SACRAMENTO—State health officials are hoping today that additional tests would determine the source of potentially lethal cyanide contained in a soft drink consumed by three children in South Lake Tahoe. The children were hospitalized but have been released. The state food and drug laboratory in Berkeley confirmed Tuesday it found traces of cyanide in two samples of a popular flavored iced tea. The state Department of Health Services information officer Frank Rimmer said the additional tests were being conducted on the powder and the sugar used to make the drink and to determine the concentration of the poison.

Auburn Dam hits snag

SACRAMENTO—The federal government says it opposes construction of the controversial \$1.4 billion Auburn Dam and questioned on court and the dam's impact on the environment are required. The decision was announced Tuesday by Interior Secretary James Watt in a statement released here and in Washington, D.C. Watt repeated, however, that a suit does not hold up the dam's construction.

Watt said that the "reconstruction of the dam is the most important federal policy problem in the state which is of great concern to a state of tightening budgets."

A brilliant 'star'

CHABON, N.J.—Judge and future, the largest player in the solar system, will be visible in the sky through New Year's Day as a double, brilliant star, astronomers say. The conjunction "should be visible through the entire night," into New Year's morning, said Arthur Caeleis, an astronomy lecturer at Middlesex College in Newark and Union College here.

Salt restrictions asked

WASHINGTON—A scientific panel has recommended that the Food and Drug Administration should restrict more tightly the amount of sodium chloride in processed foods. The panel said, California, a standard found in coffee, tea and cola beverages, was put in a category of substances for which additional scientific studies were recommended, such as sodium chloride, which is added to make available while the studies are conducted.

Economic index up

WASHINGTON—The government's index of leading economic indicators rose 1.3 percent in November, the sixth monthly increase in a row. The Commerce Department reported Wednesday. The index had risen 1.1 percent in October, the smallest increase in the last six months. The index is a composite of 11 indicators, which is designed to forecast changes in the economy. It is expected to show in the fourth quarter of 1980, despite the impact of the prime mortgage rate, a record 11.5 percent.

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