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North and Midwest may 'lose their seats'

United Press International
WASHINGTON — In the last quarter of the century, the South and the West will grow so much faster than the North and Midwest that New York may lose four congressional seats and Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois two each, the Census Bureau said Thursday.

Should recent migration and fertility and mortality trends continue, the bureau said, states in the booming South and West will grow at more than twice the rate of their northern neighbors.

In its first projections of states' census since 1972, the bureau said it generally appears Florida, Arizona, Nevada and Colorado will be the fastest growing states, while the District of Columbia, New York,

Pennsylvania, Illinois and the Dakotas would be slowest growing.

The report provides three projections for each state. The first assumes interstate migration will continue to reflect the trends in population from 1965-75, the second is based on the period from 1970-75.

A third forecast presumes no net interstate migration from 1975-2000. Dr. John Long, chief demographer for the population projections branch, said the separate projections are needed because growth trends differed substantially in 1965-75 versus 1970-75.

During the latter period, Long said, "metropolitan areas grew much more quickly than they had before.

"In fact, in many cases, they went from decline to growth," he said, adding that the result is a "fairly large amount of difference" in the three sets of projections and the Census Bureau has no way of knowing which trend will prevail.

If the 1965-75 forecasts hold true, the bureau said, Florida could pick up three extra congressional seats by the turn of the century, while Texas would gain two new seats and California, Arizona, Maryland, Oregon, Utah and Tennessee one each.

States losing in the congressional numbers game under 1965-70 projections, the bureau said, include New York, four; Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois, two each; and South Dakota, one.

If the population shifts follow the 1970-75 trends, the bureau said, Florida could gain four seats instead of three and Colorado would gain two instead of one. Michigan and Missouri each would drop a seat.

NASA officials keep Skylab flying longer

United Press International
HOUSTON — Skylab flight controllers will add a Chilean station to their tracking network Sunday, enabling 24-hour worldwide monitoring of the space station they are increasingly hopeful can be kept flying indefinitely.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration discovered last fall Skylab's orbit was deteriorating faster than expected. Scientists have worked since March to keep it in a streamlined flight path intended to minimize outer atmospheric drag on its orbit.

The aim is to extend the fading orbital life of the 74-ton station, which was abandoned in 1974, until a space shuttle crew can use the remote-control add-on rocket to boost it higher or destroy it harmlessly away from populated areas.

Santiago, already tracking other satellites but modified for Skylab, will close a six-hour daily gap in Johnson Space Center's contact with the space station. Prior 18-hour monitoring was from Bermuda, Spain and California.

Santiago began a series of shakedown operations Wednesday and will start full Skylab network tracking Sunday.

"We just increase control one more degree," spokesman Charles Redmond said. "If we thought we were flying on a rail up until now, we will probably be flying on an autotrail from now on because we won't have any blind spots."

Redmond's optimistic comments reflected NASA's recent success in controlling the previously cantankerous space station, which several weeks repeatedly wobbled out of minimal drag attitude before first being positioned in June.



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New dollar coin to replace old faithful paper 'George'

United Press International
DENVER — U.S. Mint Director Stella B. Hackel understands that Americans do not want to carry bulky silver dollars in their pockets, but she hopes they will change their attitude when the new dollar coin goes into circulation next year.

A half billion of the coins bearing the image of American suffragette, Susan B. Anthony on one side and an Apollo 11 Eagle on the other, should be ready for the public by the first week of July 1979. If they become popular — as Mrs. Hackel hopes they do — they could save the government millions of dollars.

At a news conference Wednesday, Mrs. Hackel displayed an

enlarged likeness of the new coin and announced the plan to have it in production early next year. None of the coins will be released until 500 million are minted to prevent collectors from hoarding them.

Mrs. Hackel said she and other federal officials will make a major effort to have people accept the coins because they think it is important. Without such action, consumers might continue using dollar bills because "people don't like to change their habits," she said.

The coins actually should be a lot easier for Americans to use, Mrs. Hackel said. They will not wear out as fast as dollar bills, should be easy to carry since they are only slightly


larger than a quarter and will be handy for getting change from vending machines which Mrs. Hackel described as "the American way of life."

The cost of minting each coin will be 3 cents and it will be estimated 15 years. Dollar bills produced at a cost of 1.8 cents apiece, but can be kept in circulation only about 18 months.

If the coins replace half the dollar bills now in circulation, it could result in immediate savings of \$20 million, Mrs. Hackel said. She said the coins would meet the current demand on \$1 bills is so high that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will have to undergo a million expansion.

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Amin may retaliate against Americans

United Press International
NAIROBI, Kenya — Uganda's President Idi Amin Thursday said he is on the verge of retaliating against a U.S. trade embargo by taking "very drastic" action against the 300 Americans who live in his country.

Amin's threat, broadcast by Radio Kampala, gave no hint of what steps the dictator contemplated.

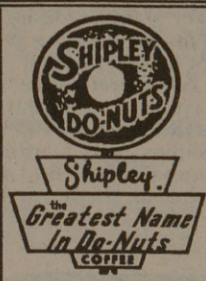
The U.S. congressmen who sponsored the trade embargo said their action also was retaliation, against the "ferocious, institutionalized brutality" that has killed tens of

thousands of Ugandans since Amin's rule.

After Amin was stung by criticism last year, he rounded up Americans living in Uganda and held them hostage while he searched for a series of threats.

Faced with a stern response from the Carter administration, however, he later released them.

There was no immediate U.S. response to Thursday's Radio Kampala broadcast, which came before the U.S. State and Uganda have not resumed relations, but the U.S. Embassy in Kampala has been closed for a time and the U.S. government has tried to dissuade all Americans from entering the landlocked East African nation.



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