

U.S. Gold Reserves Fall In Feb.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal reserve board has released official figures showing that the U.S. gold stock dropped \$215,000,000 during February.

Authorities have already indicated that another \$350,000,000 worth of gold was sold during the first part of March.

Together with a January loss of \$263,000,000, this brought the total decline so far this year in the U.S. gold stock to some \$828,000,000.

In all of 1964, only \$125,000,000 in gold was lost.

Treasury figures, published daily, show the U.S. gold stock now stands at about \$14,563,800,000. This does not include gold in the government's exchange and stabilization fund from which exchanges are made.

DRAIN TRACED TO FRANCE
Some \$482,500,000 of this year's gold loss has been due to France's exchange of U.S. dollars for gold. The treasury says the March gold sales apparently completed the massive French gold-purchase program announced in January by President de Gaulle.

The drain in gold reflects the continuing U.S. balance-of-payments deficit. Last year, the United States spent, invested or gave away some \$8,000,000,000 more than it received from abroad. But it conserved its gold supply by selling U.S. bonds to foreign governments and drawing on the U.S. account in the International Monetary Fund.

Interrogation Of Guerrillas Is Protested

OTTAWA (CP) — Conservative MP Stuart Fleming, who spent several months in a German prisoner-of-war camp, has called on the government to protest interrogation methods used on captured Viet Cong guerrillas in South Vietnam.

Mr. Fleming said in the Commons he was basing his protest on published news photographs, one of which showed a young Viet Cong being questioned with a spear pressed against his throat.

Another photograph identified an interrogator as a South Vietnamese, but Mr. Fleming said outside the Commons he assumes a United States military adviser was standing nearby.

External Affairs Minister Martin said prisoners are being captured by both sides in the battle and that the situation should be looked at with a "sense of balance."

He said Mr. Fleming could not expect him to base a conclusion on the evidence of a newspaper picture.

For the last eight months of the Second World War Mr. Fleming was in Stalag III, located in what now is East Germany.

BRISTOL

Leonard Ranahan is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital following a heart attack suffered at his home in Morell East.

Mrs. Nettie Ranahan is spending most of the winter months in Charlottetown with her daughter, Margaret.

Ted McEwen, Bristol painter, was in Charlottetown Saturday on business. He was involved in a traffic snarl and accident near Marshfield on his way home. A number of cars were in a pile-up on the highway because of poor visibility during the storm. Mr. McEwen was not injured and his car was not badly damaged.

Frank McGuire was in Charlottetown Monday on business.

Although the lobster season is only a month away, the north shore looks little like it, with ice packed tightly on the shore and a north wind blowing daily. However, fishermen are going about the business of preparing for the season.

Gerald Barry, foreman for Morell packing company, is busy preparing for the lobster season. Mr. Barry has had 50 years' experience in the business and knows it from every angle. The packing plant employs some 100 persons during the season.

Mrs. Nora Arnold has returned to her home here after spending some time with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Reid of Halifax. She also visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Arnold, of Moncton, N.B., who lived here for some time before moving to Moncton.

Joseph LaPierre, who was employed at the Morell creamery until the plant was destroyed by fire, did not return to the business after the new plant was erected, but remained at his new position at Confederation Centre. Mr. LaPierre makes the trip to his work in the city each day.

The old church bell dug up by the late John Barry nearly a century ago at St. Peter's Harbor is in use today at Rollo Bay church. The bell is believed to have come originally from France.

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