

New Highways Seen Rough on City Planning

By LEIF ERICKSON
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A city planning expert predicted today that highway construction over the next 20 years will change the character and structure of metropolitan areas more than all the work of metropolitan planners since 1945.

John T. Howard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology associate professor, offered with his prophecy on the impact of the expanded federal highway construction program this forecast.

"We are ill prepared, now that the new highways are upon us, to say where they should be built in the best interests of the metropolitan areas."

Howard, addressing the American Society of Planning Officials, argued that the purpose of highways was not "the carrying of traffic but to serve the community."

He said a highway so designed and built that it produces land development patterns "worsening the livability and efficiency of a metropolitan area is a disservice to the community."

He declared the U.S. Highway Act of 1956 proposing the building of billions of dollars worth of modern highways "does not recognize these all-important aspects of highway design."

"In the absence of metropolitan planning and development policies, each decision on highway location will be based on highway engineering, traffic engineering and costs," Howard contended.

He noted that the federal act—on planning—gives route locating authority to state highway departments.

He expressed hope "that the state and federal engineers, even though they are in a hurry and even though the law does not require, will pause and listen to what metropolitan planners have to say."

"And, where it is not too late, that they will modify their plans if they recognize the soundness and wisdom of what they hear."

Ward Wells, Anchorage commercial photographer, toured the Aleutian Island chain where more than 80 aftershocks have been felt since the heavy March 9 quake that caused Pacific tidal waves.

Wells said most of the damage was on Adak, midway in the chain. He said some roads there have splits 15 feet wide and 3 feet deep, some buildings are damaged and road guardrails "look like they have been put in by some drunk."

"The children are taking a beating on this," Wells reported. "They wake up screaming at night from just the slightest noise or shake. Their nerves are all on edge from the continuous shakes. The adults are standing it pretty well."

Wells said construction projects on Adak were damaged heavily, but that completed buildings had mostly minor cracks and broken windows.

FRB Chief to Talk at Meet

PORTLAND (AP)—Herman N. Mangels, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, will be a featured speaker at the annual meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. here March 27-28.

He is expected to discuss the money market in relation to the lumber industry.

N. B. Gustina, Eugene, president, and H. V. Simpson, executive vice president, will make their annual reports March 28. Other speakers will include Eliot Jenkins, Springfield, treasurer, and R. M. Ingram, Aberdeen, vice president of Washington.

Some 250 lumbermen from Oregon, western Washington and northern California are expected to attend.

Body of Recluse, 82, Found Under Her Bed

NORTH BEND, Ore. (AP)—The body of Mrs. Mary Manaka, 82, sought since neighbors reported her missing Monday, was found Wednesday under the high, old-fashioned bed at her home where she lived alone.

She had lived here about 30 years and had no known relatives. She had neither electricity nor running water in her home which was filled with piles of old newspapers.

Death was presumed due to natural causes, the coroner's office reported.

Yong Woo Kim on Way

HONOLULU (AP)—South Korea's Defense Minister Yong Woo Kim departed last night aboard a Pan American plane for San Francisco. He is en route for a two-week inspection tour of U.S. military installations and conferences with Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson.

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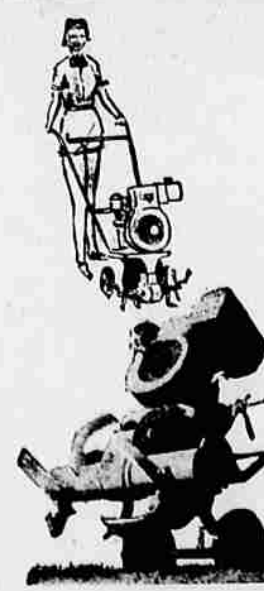
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