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Traffic Fatalities Scaring

Deaths Running 10 Per Cent Above Last Record Year

Worst Yet To Come During Homeward Rush

By UNITED PRESS
Traffic deaths among motorists and pedestrians mounted today toward what the National Safety Council feared would be a new record for the Memorial Day week end.

A United Press survey at 9 a.m. (PST) showed 292 deaths this year, almost 10 per cent more than the 268 which had been recorded at the same hour last year. The holiday began at 6 p.m. Friday.

The total of all accidental deaths was 425, including 98 drownings, two in air crashes, and 33 from miscellaneous causes.

The highest previous three-day Memorial Day traffic toll was 364, in 1954.

"Unless the drivers slam on the brakes in the mad homeward dash during the closing hours of the week end, the nation will have established a new all-time high for the Memorial Day holiday," said Ned H. Dearborn, council president. "This seems a disgraceful way to utilize the freedom won by those whose memory we honor today."

California had 26 traffic fatalities, Ohio and Texas 21 each, Missouri and New York 15.

The National Safety Council, which made the estimate of 360 deaths, said the traffic death rate was "proceeding tragically and needlessly on schedule."

Ned H. Dearborn, council president, abandoned earlier hopes that the toll might fall below 300. Instead, he issued a plea to "honor the dead on Memorial Day by protecting the living."

The worst traffic hazards were yet to come as tired motorists clog the highways on the trip home from holiday jaunts, Dearborn warned.

Meanwhile, showery weather was expected to end in large sections of the country today to provide a sunny setting for the parades and picnics of the spring holiday.

Thousands of persons lined city streets to watch veterans parade in honor of the 1,128,393 Americans who have died in the nation's wars.

More crowds went to military cemeteries to pay tribute to the fighting men who never came back.

Guided Missiles on Nautilus Demanded

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. James T. Patterson (R-Conn.) has written the Navy that it is "downright absurd" not to arm the atomic-powered submarine Nautilus with nuclear guided missiles.

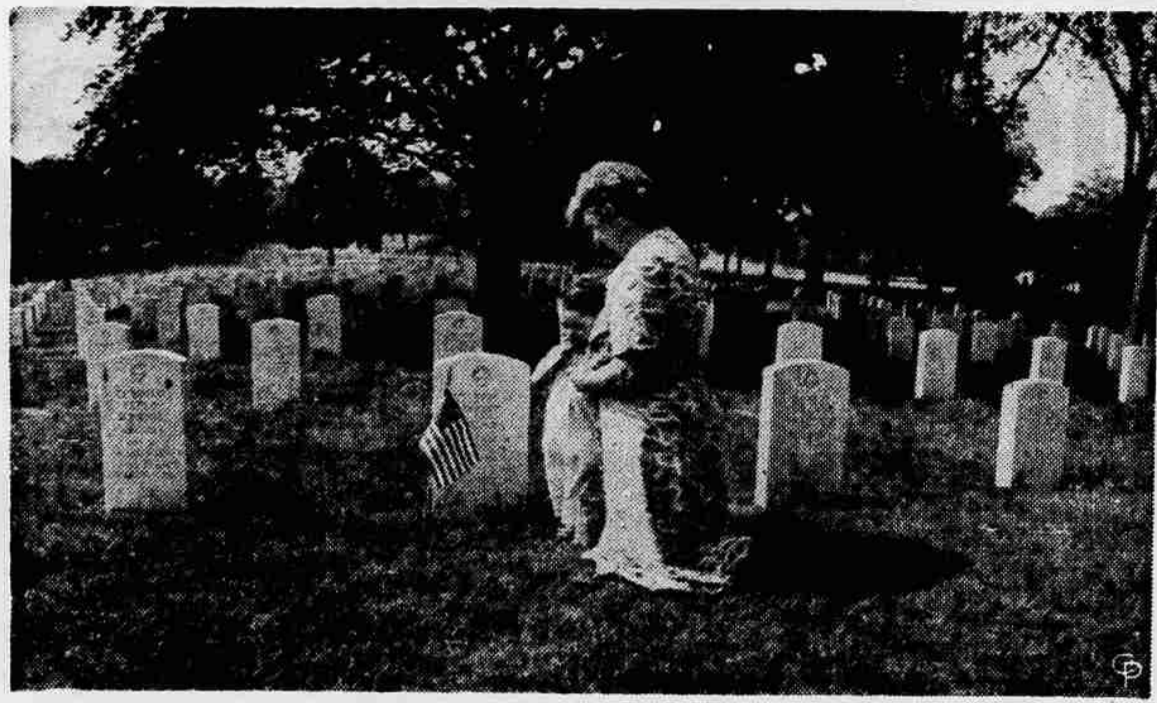
In a letter to Navy Secretary Charles Thomas, Patterson, a member of the Senate - House Atomic Energy Committee, said: "I have been assured that guided missiles carrying atomic and thermonuclear warheads could be launched from submarines and this might even be done with submarines fully submerged."

"I wish to express to you my personal and deep conviction that the accomplishment of this deserves the utmost priority."

Patterson told reporters that the men of our submarine fleet, because of lack of truly modern armaments, must approach within a few thousand yards of an enemy convoy before launching their attack with convention torpedoes.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with a few afternoon showers today. Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Tuesday. Breezy both days. High today 65. Low tonight 38. High Tuesday 68. Temp. Highest yesterday 78. Lowest this morning 46.



OBSERVING MEMORIAL DAY as suggested by President Eisenhower, with prayer for a just and lasting peace, Mrs. Henrietta Weist and grandson James Dunsith kneel in Cypress Hills National Cemetery, N. Y., before grave of Mrs. Weist's husband, killed in World War I. (International)

Veterans Honored in Morning Ceremonies

Memorial Day ceremonies at Hawthorne park and at Bear Creek bridge this morning honored veterans who died for their country.

The ceremonies followed a parade from Library park which included Medford Senior and Junior high bands and veterans organizations and auxiliaries.

Carlos Morris, principal speaker at Hawthorne park, commemorated those who lost their lives during wars so the United States could continue its freedom and American way of life.

Nathan Douthitt, a student at Crater High school, briefly outlined the history of Lincoln's

Oregon Mishaps Take Six Lives

Portland — (U.P.) — At least six persons have died in Memorial week end accidents in Oregon. Two of the fatalities occurred in Portland auto accidents.

Killed in Portland Saturday were Paul Murray, 19, of Eugene, and Nicholas S. Freund, 80. Driver of the car which hit Freund in a cross walk was Charles F. Pearce, 39, who was cited and held in lieu of \$1000 bail.

David Wayne Houser, 22, of Tygh Valley, was killed early Sunday when his car spun from Highway 197, 35 miles south of The Dalles. Two passengers were seriously injured.

Harry B. Hussey, 48, a Madras salesman, died Saturday night near Brownsboro when his car left the road after he apparently went to sleep at the wheel.

Drowning in a home fish pond cost the life of 22-months-old Pamela Lynn McCartney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lennual McCartney of Portland.

James Palmer, 69, was killed on his farm about 20 miles north of Warm Springs when he fell from his tractor and was crushed to death by the machine.

Hawthorne Park Pool To Open Week of June 6

Hawthorne park swimming pool is tentatively scheduled to open the week of June 6 for the summer season, according to City Park Director Darrall Huson.

He said that the opening probably will be toward the end of that week.

Ed Knapp again will be pool manager and Phil Sanders will be one of the lifeguards. They are beginning their fourth season at the pool.

Swimming classes will begin some time after July 1, Huson stated.

Williamsburg, Ky. — (U.P.) — Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland questioned today whether the forthcoming Big Four talks will include the Russian official who is actually at the "summit" of the Soviet regime.

Big 3 Proposes Lausanne as Site Of July Meeting

Washington — (U.P.) — The Western Big Three have proposed to Russia that the forthcoming Big Four meeting be held at Lausanne, Switzerland, according to authoritative sources.

The exact date was not disclosed but the sources said the proposed date is "in the vicinity" of the July 18-21 date previously "announced" by French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay.

When Pinay said President Eisenhower had agreed to the July 18-21 date with Lausanne as the place, State Department officials were miffed. The White House replied at that time that Lausanne was only one possibility under consideration.

Russia has suggested Vienna, Austria, as the site for the talks. The United States was reported to be opposed to Vienna, partly because President Eisenhower would have to travel through a Soviet occupied zone to get to the meeting.

Meanwhile, Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland questioned whether the Big Four talks would include the Russian official who is actually at the "summit" of the Soviet regime.

He indicated he was in doubt as to whether, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin or Communist Party Leader Nikita Khrushchev actually heads the Soviet Union.

The California Republican expressed concern that the West might lose face throughout the Communist world if Russia sends "a man with a title but without power" to the Big Four meeting after sending the "de facto ruler" to the Yugoslav meeting.

Sen. Walter F. George told the reporters he thought chances for success in the Big Four talks have been strengthened by the large margin of victory of the conservatives in the British election.

Truck Strike Idles Chrysler Plant in LA

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The 11-day-old Western trucking strike today idled the big Chrysler Corporation assembly plant, putting 4,800 employees out of work.

Dan Ringis plant manager, said employees were instructed not to report for work until the strike had ended. Ringis said 2,000 new cars jammed all storage space with no trucks available to haul them to dealers.

It was the second auto plant idled. The Studebaker-Packard assembly plant, employing 650, was shut down for the same reason last week.

Meanwhile, Frank Brewster, president of the Western Conference of AFL Teamsters, said a new proposal by the California Trucking Association reached after three days of negotiations last week will be submitted to a vote of union members tomorrow or Wednesday.

Road Conditions

Highway 230 from Union Creek junction to Diamond lake is still closed by snow, state police advised motorists today. They said the highway department may have the route open by late this week end. The route is open to the lake from Highway 99, however.

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Yugoslav-Russian Talks Seen Eyeing Long Range Goals

Belgrade, Yugoslavia — (U.P.) — A Soviet spokesman said today further relations between Russia and Yugoslavia appeared bright but he indicated there may be no immediate results in conferences between the Kremlin's top leaders and Marshal Tito.

"Our leaders do not act only on immediate goals, they are thinking into the future—and the future is bright," the spokesman, a Russian embassy official, said.

He issued the statement as Communist party Chief Nikita Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai Bulganin went into retreat at Tito's resort villa on Brioni. They retired to the villa after almost a week of conferences here.

The official statement was interpreted here as an indication the Russians are seeking long range goals. But it was considered an admission that the Soviet leaders had thus far failed to win Tito back into the Communist fold.

The Yugoslavs adopted a cool attitude toward the overtures of the Russian leaders during the Belgrade meetings indicating they were not impressed by the big names of the Soviet delegation.

But at the same time the Russians appeared to have cleared away a trouble spot on their Southern frontier and generated some feeling that they may be desirous of a "peaceful co-existence" with countries outside the Iron Curtain.

The Yugoslavs also had cause to be pleased with results of the conferences. They refused to budge from the stand taken seven years ago when Tito broke with the Cominform and they received what amounted to a left handed apology from the Communist leaders who once denounced them as Fascists.

Informed sources said Yugoslavia might also win important economic gains through the conferences.

Ellender To Seek Foreign Aid Fund Cut

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Allen J. Ellender served notice today that he will make a "determined fight" to slash the administration's \$3,408,000,000 foreign aid bill.

The Louisiana Democrat, a member of the Senate Appropriations committee, said "all this aid we have given has missed its mark" in many countries.

Ellender said he will try to cut the \$165,000,000 item in the bill for so-called "development assistance" aid and also will seek to trim the bill's biggest item, \$1,278,000,000 in military aid.

The Senate Foreign Relations committee approved the aid measure by a 13 to 2 vote last week. The Senate is expected to begin debate Thursday.

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Spectators reported that Elisian spun and rolled end over end. He hit the wall. Ward crashed into a bridge attempting to avoid

CONDITION

OFFICIALS HOPE OTHER PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED

Washington — (U.P.) — The State Department said today it hopes the release of four American fliers by the Chinese Communists signifies the Reds intend to act swiftly in releasing other American prisoners.

The announcement that the four prisoners would be released within hours was made in New Delhi, India, by Indian Ambassador V. R. Krishna Menon who has been negotiating with Red Chinese leaders.

"Such action on the part of the Chinese Communist regime," the department said, "would eliminate one cause of international tension."

It said "the U.S. government is gratified that the prolonged and unwarranted separation which these airmen and their families have endured with such great patience and fortitude will soon be brought to an end."

The four airmen were captured during the Korean war. Eleven other American fliers are still in jail in the Communist country, in addition to about 40 civilians.

As "Trumped Up" Charges
Officials here believe the Reds chose the four fliers for release because they never have been sentenced to jail terms as far as this government knows.

They are Capt. Harold Fischer of Swea City, Ia.; Lt. Lyle W. Cameron, Lincoln, Neb.; Lt. Roland W. Parks, Omaha, Neb.; and Lt. Edwin L. Heller, Wynnewood, Pa.

The other 11 fliers were sentenced to long prison terms on what the State Department has assailed as "trumped up" spy charges.

"Sounds Wonderful"
Fischer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fischer, told United Press Sunday that news their son would be released "sounds wonderful."

The State Department said it hopes release of the fliers signifies the intention of the Communists "to act swiftly" to release the other American citizens, civilian as well as military, whose continued imprisonment in Communist China has profoundly aroused the American people.

Rebels in Saigon Under Heavy Attack
Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.) — Rebel Hoa Hao troops were reported retreating into the Mekong river marshlands north of Saigon today under a heavy attack launched 48 hours ago by forces of American-backed Premier Ngo Dinh Diem.

Front reports said heavy fighting was in progress throughout the Kekong river rice bowl in driving rainstorms.

Ho Hao Commander Gen. Oran Van Soai has abandoned his field headquarters near Caidau, close to the Cambodian frontier, and transferred it to an undisclosed place in the Mekong river area.

Six crack army battalions lashed out against Gen. Soai's chief lieutenant, Gen. Ba Cut, who has been harassing government troops in a wide arc from Hatien to Rachia on the Gulf of Siam.

Army sources said 40,000 men, including shock troops that fought the Communist Viet Minh, are involved in the struggle against the Hoa Hao sect's private army which opposes Ngo Dinh Diem's efforts to establish a regime in Free Viet Nam.

Sources placed the Hoa Hao strength at 20,000 to 30,000, plus several thousand irregulars.

San Francisco — (U.P.) — George S. Mitchell, executive director of the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, urged social workers today to apply "three master rules" to speed up desegregation of schools.

Must Never Cease Trying
"People of the world have right to hope for and expect real progress towards peace from this conference. If it fails, the responsibility will rest squarely on the Communist leaders."

Despite the Communist record in international conferences, he said, the United States will sit down with Red leaders again "because we must never cease trying to find a peaceful way to settle differences between nations."

Eisenhower Attends Memorial Services
Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower decided to attend Memorial Day services today at historic Gettysburg National cemetery, where Abraham Lincoln made his famous address.

Switching plans, the President decided to ride in from his nearby farm after playing 21 holes on the nine-hole Gettysburg Golf course.

He had intended to attend church services today in keeping with his proclamation of Memorial Day as a national day of prayer.

But none of the local churches scheduled services, since most of the ministers were participating in the traditional ceremony on the Gettysburg battlefield.

Foreign Operations Administrator Harold E. Stassen, Mr. Eisenhower's special adviser on disarmament, was the day's principal speaker.

Amid the graves of Union soldiers killed in the great Gettysburg Civil War battle of July 1-3, 1863, Stassen said in his prepared text that the United States must continue strong "until the immoral law of force gives way to the force of moral law."

Broadcast Says Quartet Sentenced To 'Deportation'

No Word Received At Hong Kong Border

United Nations, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Red China announced today it was releasing four of the 15 American airmen held in Red China jails since before the end of the Korean war.

An announcement carried by the Communist New China News Agency and broadcast by the official Peiping Red radio said the four had been sentenced to "deportation" from Red China after being convicted of "such criminal actions as flying their military aircraft into China's territorial air to conduct harassment and provocation."

The men are Lt. Col. Edwin L. Heller, Wynnewood, Pa.; Capt. Harold E. Fischer, Swea City, Ia.; 1st Lt. Lyle W. Cameron, Lincoln, Neb., and 1st Lt. Roland W. Parks, Omaha, Neb.

The announcement gave no indication as to when or how the "deportation" order would be carried out.

Today's announcement issued by accident or design on the same day that America honors its war dead, came as a climax to UN Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold's dramatic flight to Peiping last Jan. 5 on the flier's behalf.

It also came scarcely a week after the return to New Delhi of Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's roving ambassador, V. K. Krishna Menon, from a mission to Peiping in which he discussed the case of the American fliers with Red China's Premier and Foreign Minister Chou En-lai.

No Mention of Others
Today's announcement made no mention of 11 other American fliers shot down when their B-29 reconnaissance bomber 15 miles south of the Yalu river in North Korea, Jan. 13, 1953, while on a leaflet dropping mission.

Red China announced that on Nov. 23, 1954, the 11 were convicted on spy charges. The Reds exhibited photographs of allegedly captured equipment which the Reds said proved the men were on an espionage mission.

Also unmentioned were two American civilians also held on spy charges. They are John T. Downey, 24, New Britain, Conn., and Richard George Fecteau, 27, Lynn, Mass. Downey was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Reds and Fecteau to 20 years.

All Believed Well
The Reds said their transport plane was shot down over North-east China Nov. 29, 1952. The U.S. Air Force, however, said their aircraft discharged cargo in Seoul and was heading back to Tokyo when the two civilians hitchhiked a ride.

It was presumed, however, that all still were in good health.

American officials at the United Nations welcomed today's announcement and a statement by Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., U.S. ambassador and chief representative to the United Nations, credited Hammarskjold with most of the work that secured the men's release.

No Direct Word
However, it was assumed the men would leave Red China via Hong Kong, probably within the next few hours, according to the pattern set up in the past when the Reds have released so-called political prisoners.

However, there still was no sign of their arrival when the border between Red China and Hong Kong closed for the day, and Americans in Hong Kong said they had received no official word of any kind.

Of the four, Parks had been held the longest. He bailed out of his F86 Sabrejet Sept. 4, 1952, after reporting that his radio and gyro-compass were out and that he did not know his position.

Cameron's F84 Thunderjet was shot down over North Korea Oct. 26, 1952.

Heller's damaged F86 last was seen near the Yalu river in North Korea Jan. 23, 1953. Later, Peiping broadcast that he had bailed out over Manchuria.

Fischer, a leading Korean war ace, was shot down April 10, 1953.

The release of the four leaves 40 Americans known still to be held captive by the Chinese Reds and the fate of some 500 others still in doubt.

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Bulletin

Indianapolis — Bob Sweikert won the 500 mile auto race here today.