

Washington 'War' on Highway Slaughter Described at Conference of Governors

Chicago—(U.P.)—Gov. Arthur B. Langle of Washington told the 47th annual Governors' Conference today how his state saved an estimated 200 lives by "declaring war" on highway slaughter.

Langle's report on Washington's campaign was a highlight of the conference's discussion of how to improve highway safety. The subject is one of the most important being considered by the meeting of 46 governors.

Langle gave newsmen a preview of his special report yesterday.

He said that in 1953 he decided "this nice stuff" was not

solving the safety problem. Washington officials therefore issued a "declaration of war" against highway accidents.

Publicity Campaign
"We decided whether they liked it or not, we were going to enforce the law," Langle said.

An intensive publicity campaign was waged, to let people know of the "war" on accidents. Traffic laws were enforced ruthlessly. Even some state officials were arrested.

Safety conferences were held, stressing highway courtesy and the rules of the road.

A point system was installed

to keep track of drivers' safety violations and to rule those with poor records of the roads.

Lose Licenses
"For driving drunk, you lose your license right there," Langle said. "Reckless driving puts you right on the edge."

Those who compile enough points to be close to losing their licenses are called in and told "you have so many points to go and we take your license," Langle said.

The state also launched a drive to correct any engineering faults that might result in accidents. The governor said that within 48 hours of any fatality, an engineer, the man in charge of the area state patrol, and the officer who handled the case examine the site closely for any design deficiencies.

Langle said too much speed

is "a principal factor" in accidents. But driving too slow can be dangerous, too, by tempting following motorists to take chances when passing.

Helicopter Used
He said the state often uses a helicopter to spot these slow drivers and wave them to the side of the road so the cars behind can get by.

Langle said the result of the campaign has been that "there are about 200 more people living in the state today than there would have been otherwise."

The number of accidents is down 12 to 15 per cent, fatalities have dropped down 20 per cent, and insurance companies have slashed their Washington rates \$6,000,000.

Contrary to expectations, Langle said, the drive has proved popular with the voters—so much so that if he decided to run for reelection, "if there is one thing that would elect me . . . it would be this."

Federal Funds May Aid Pollution Study

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Federal funds may be provided soon to allow study of air pollution problems confronting Oregon, F. E. Price, dean of agriculture at Oregon State College, said today.

A \$25,000,000 appropriation for the next five years for research on eliminating or reducing air pollution has been allowed by Congress. Dean Price said air pollution control officials would confer soon as possible research problems that might be undertaken in Oregon with funds from the federal grant.

ARTICLES FILED
Salem—(U.P.)—Articles of incorporation were filed here today for Fall Creek Mining Co., Grants Pass. They were signed by Morris Herman, Max Froh-wirth and Leon Lutz.

Polio Outbreak Now In Epidemic Stage

Boston—(U.P.)—Massachusetts' polio outbreak passed into the epidemic stage today.

The Public Health Department reported 112 new cases for a total of 1038 thus far this year. A department spokesman previously said 1000 cases constituted an epidemic.

There were only 98 cases in Massachusetts at this time last year.

Today's number of new cases was the highest for one day in the state's history. Of the new cases, 51 were paralytic, 42 non-paralytic, and 19 were unclassified. Nineteen of the new cases were in Boston, hardest hit by the polio outbreak.

Chiang Not To Visit U.S. Until Mainland Regained

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek told his aides he will not visit the United States until he has recovered the Chinese mainland from the Communists, a Nationalist newspaper reported today.

The Independence Evening News said some high officials had suggested Chiang visit America at this time as it would be helpful to the Nationalist cause. The paper said the president dismissed the idea as premature.

Intercom System Being Installed For City Hall Use

A new "Teletalk" intercommunications system is being installed in the city hall building, according to Robert Duff, city manager.

The system, nearly completed, is designed to improve operations within the building, Duff said. During its short period of use, it has already helped the office staffs to "communicate much faster than through the present telephone system."

The system was purchased from Trowbridge and Flynn of Medford for less than \$200 and was installed by the city electrician, Ade Wolf, Duff added.

Consisting of a "master station" situated in the city manager's office, the system includes the city's receptionist and secretary, the city engineer, assistant city water superintendent, public works director, drafting room, building department, treasurer's office and the street department shop, which is still to be tied in. The system was installed in Wolf's spare time.

BODY RECOVERED

Roseburg—(U.P.)—A professional diver from Coos Bay, Ed Burroughs, yesterday recovered the body of Robert Fields of Roseburg from the North Umpqua near Glide. Fields drowned while swimming Saturday night.

Flying Finn Twins To Be Paroled After 100 Days in Federal Prison

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—The flying Finn twins, whose three-year-long battle with the federal government over a war surplus plane attracted nationwide attention, were to be freed on parole today from federal imprisonment.

The twin brothers, George and Charles, 41, were flown here from the Springfield, Mo., medical center for federal prisoners where they served a little more than 100 days of a year's prison term.

Release of the former two Air Force pilots was announced yesterday by Warden P. G. Smith of the federal correctional institution on Terminal Island, where the twins were to be freed at 1:30 p.m. (PST).

Joseph Scott, veteran Los Angeles attorney who led the fight to free the identical brothers, said he would be present at the release of the Finns "to protect their legal rights."

"We have brought these American boys back home on the way to freedom," Scott declared. "There is an old saying that though the mills of the gods grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly small. I think that is an appropriate sentiment to describe this whole case."

The Finns had been given a parole hearing at Springfield after they gave up a prolonged hunger strike, during which they were forcibly fed by guards. Their last lasted 71 days.

Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.) was credited with obtaining the pair a parole hearing if they would end their hunger strike. He visited the brothers at the medical center and promised them a hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights as soon as they were released.

The Statement
At that time, the Finns issued a statement, saying:

"We vowed that we would either have our constitutional rights or go out of this prison in a box. We accept the subcommittee and their established investigation of our case as tantamount to a restoration of our constitutional guarantees."

The Finns were sentenced to a year's term for interfering with a federal officer by handcuffing U.S. Attorney Laughlin Waters in an attempted citizen's arrest during a dispute over a war surplus transport they had

purchased from a school district. The government confiscated the plane, declaring the school district did not have the right to sell it.

The Finns claimed Waters acted illegally in seizing the plane and also charged their conviction was obtained in violation of their constitutional rights. Despite their conviction, they were successful in their court battle to obtain the surplus plane.

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Brereton in Holland With 'Y' Delegates; Enjoys Amsterdam

Editor's note: Terry Brereton of Medford is now in Europe as a delegate to an international YMCA meeting. This is another in a series of articles he is writing about his experiences for the Mail Tribune.

By TERRY BRERETON

Have you ever ridden in a baggage car on a train? If you haven't, it is never too late to try.

The Pacific Northwest delegation to the World Centennial YMCA conference in Paris rode in one to Amsterdam after a boat trip across the English channel from London. The passenger cars were filled, so we had to stand in the baggage car, like a carload of cattle. It was a lot of fun.

After a few stops a couple of Dutchmen climbed aboard. After introductions, they sang a few Dutch songs. In return we sang American songs. Eventually they started to teach some of us kids a few Dutch words.

17 Boys, 9 beds.

It was 7 p.m. when we arrived in Amsterdam. After meeting our guides, we got something to eat, and then loaded our baggage on a bus which took us to our hotel. When we got to our rooms, we were happy to find nice soft beds, but then the disappointment came when we found out that 17 boys had to sleep in 7 beds. We had boys sleeping on the floor, on dresser tops, and even on suitcases. It was quite late before we settled down for a "soft" night's sleep.

The next morning our breakfast of bread, butter, jam and tea was brought into our room. It was a lot of fun grabbing a slice of bread and jam, and then dress while we were eating. The wash basin was crowded—17 boys to one basin.

Finally we were all ready for our tour of the city. When we got on the bus, we were surprised for the second time in Europe

by the same thing—all chartered buses have a radio and public address system. For us it was the best thing in the world. There are many things we want to know, and our guide can make himself heard better with the speaker. We are also hungry for music. Our hotels and hostels don't have radios, so we listen to music while traveling. At first I was greatly surprised by the popularity of American songs in Europe. The armed forces radio has contributed greatly to this.

On our tour of the first morning in Amsterdam we did not see too much because of rain. We did drive along the canals and got a fairly good picture of the city. Yes, Venice is not the only place in the world which is built on islands. The boats which use the canals are mostly freight barges and tourist launches.

Saw Housing Projects

We were shown the housing projects for the city. Amsterdam has a great problem with her population. She has so many people that a few have to live in houseboats on the canals. A lot of families live on their freight barges.

In the afternoon we were free to do as we wished. A group of us started out looking for a place to rent some bicycles. We found three for rent, but that was all. Then four boys, including me, looked for a car rental. We found one, but were sent to the garage to pick up the car. We got lost looking for it, so we took a taxi back to the restaurant where we ate our meals.

During the taxi ride, we asked the driver how he and most of Holland felt about the United States. His reply was heartwarming. He said that the U.S. is very popular there, and that Ike is their friend.

Doctor Sends Mamie To Bed To Get Rest

Gettysburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower has been resting in bed at the Eisenhower farm since the week end, but a presidential aide says she is "not ill . . . merely tired."

President Eisenhower disclosed Tuesday that Mrs. Eisenhower's doctor sent her to bed to rest for three days after an active week end. But the President added that "she is all right."

The President made the remark to a group of Maryland cattle breeders, apparently to explain why Mrs. Eisenhower was not on hand with him to greet them. The group gave the Eisenhowers a registered Holstein heifer.

Told To Get Rest

Later an aide said flatly: "Mrs. Eisenhower is not ill. She is merely tired from a very active week end. She had some guests. The doctor told her to get a little rest. You know, it has been very hot up here."

Mrs. Eisenhower's health became the subject of political controversy last spring when Democrats questioned whether her physical condition would keep the President from running for reelection. Republicans struck back angrily at the Democrats for bringing up the subject. Later Mr. Eisenhower told a news conference his wife is basically in good health.

Mr. Eisenhower plans to fly back to Washington Thursday morning, but Mrs. Eisenhower will stay at the farm.

After Friday's cabinet meeting, the President will return to the farm for a day or two before leaving for an extended work-and-play vacation in Denver, Colo., probably on Sunday.

It is expected Mrs. Eisenhower will wait to go to Denver until after her husband has returned east to address the American Bar Association in Philadelphia on Aug. 24.

Talking with the breeders about the Gettysburg area, the President said, "The only thing I have against it this summer is the drought." As for Mrs. Eisenhower, he said, "she likes it here; she doesn't want to go to Denver."

Ashes of Tugboat

Captain Going To Sea

Southampton, England—(U.P.)—The ashes of tugboat Captain Dan Parker, who rushed to save the crippled freighter "Flying Enterprise" two and a half years ago, will go back to sea with his ship next week.

The ashes of the 61-year-old master of the tug "Turmoil" will be scattered in the English Channel, his wife Edith said today. He died in a fall aboard ship Monday.

Parker and the Turmoil gained world renown with their rescue of the "Flying Enterprise."

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