

Federal Highway Program Has Chance of Being Enacted This Session

Plan Now Before Congress Will Cost About 51 Billion

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Washington—(U.P.)—The jumbo road building program now before Congress adds up to much better than a shot in the arm for the American economy. It is more like a built-in boom. The money involved would run a good-sized war for a considerable time. It is roughly \$51,000,000,000 to be spent over a 13-year period. Approximately \$36,000,000,000 would be put up by the federal government, the rest by the states.

The dispute on financing some of these road projects ended when President Eisenhower

Low Bids of Italian Firm Are Rejected

Washington—(U.P.)—The Interior Department yesterday rejected low bids from an Italian firm to install equipment in two federal power projects. Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay said the Italian firm of Stabilimenti Eletro-Meccanici Rinunati, of Genoa, submitted the lowest bids received for installing equipment in the Roza Power Plant of the Yakima, Wash., project and the Deer Creek Power Plant of the Provo River project in Utah. Its bid for the Roza project was \$124,000, and its bid for the Deer Creek project was \$124,489.

McKay said the State Department reported that the labor force of the Italian firm is dominated by the Communist-controlled Italian Labor Union, CGIL.

McKay acted under an executive order by President Eisenhower on Dec. 17, 1954, giving executive agencies the power to reject bids when the national interest is involved.

The apparent low domestic bidder for the Roza hydraulic turbine is the Baldwin Lima Hamilton Corp., Philadelphia. Its bid was \$222,000. Apparent low domestic bidder for two generators for the Deer Creek power plant was the Elliott Co. of Jeannette, Pa., for \$145,402.

ARTICLES FILED
Salem—(U.P.)—Articles of incorporation were filed here yesterday for Bachelor Butte, Inc., Bend, with capitalization listed at \$7,500. They were signed by Gene Gillis, Carl Backstrom and Alvin J. Gray. Articles also were filed for Lakeview Lumber Products Co., Bend. They were signed by H. H. DeArmond, Alva Goodrich and Robert H. Foley.

withdrew his request that special new bonds be issued. He accepted Democratic proposals to lay heavy new taxes on motorists—gasoline, tires and such. The roads project has a green light now and a good chance to be enacted this session.

The proposed new taxes would raise \$10,000,000,000 to \$12,000,000,000 over a period of 13 years in the form in which the House Ways & Means Committee is expected to propose them. But the overall hike in federal road spending is expected to be around \$23,000,000,000. **Thirteen-Year Period**

Both federal and state spending would extend in this good roads project over a period of 13 years. That breaks down to an average of about \$4,000,000,000 of spending annually for all the things that go into the building of roads. There will be machinery heavy and light, shovels, kerosene lanterns, hard surface material of almost every kind. This money is going to be spread around widely for ma-

terials. It will be spread around by payrolls throughout the states. It is a major spending program which should be an important protection against recession, unemployment and human want. Proposed is 40,000 miles of an interstate highway system. Some of this money would have been spent, anyway, on regular programs. But Congress and the President are acutely aware of the death, accident and property loss toll which inadequate highways now extort from motor-minded America. All concerned agreed that road building must be stepped up.

Stymied By Dispute
The big project was stymied in Congress last year by the dispute over finances. House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. moved to get action by accepting the political fact that the Democrats controlled Congress and would not agree to Mr. Eisenhower's bonds.

Mr. Eisenhower accepted Martin's advice and accepted the new tax proposal. Levying of taxes in an election year is unusual. Both parties would like to avoid it. As it works out, the Democratic congressional majorities are stuck with responsibility for the new taxes which will annoy motorists.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS
Washington—Prime Minister Anthony Eden in telling Congress Great Britain no longer needs U.S. economic aid:
"Apart from a measure of defense aid, we now stand on our own feet. We intend to continue to do so."

Buenos Aires, Argentina—Dr. Albert Gainza Paz, editor and publisher of La Prensa, in an editorial in the first edition of the new free newspaper:
"After more than five years of forced silence we return to take our place in journalism and renew our labor in service to the Argentine nation and for the democratic ideals and liberties which we have invariably defended . . ."

"The capture of liberty and the enjoyment of the essential rights of man repay the efforts and sacrifices which are necessary to put our country back on the track of rehabilitation."

Paris—Mario Menicucci, an Italian office clerk, on Christian Dior's new flat "arrow look" in fashions:
"An ugly thing. Bosoms are important to women. What is Actress Sophia Loren going to do now?"

London—Prof. A. L. Goodhart, master of University college, Oxford, in a lecture on Anglo-American differences:
"Americans are prepared to work harder than the more philosophic English. It is interesting to note that an American hardly ever retires from business but is either carried out feet first or jumps from a window."

San Mateo, Calif.—Adlai Stevenson in praising President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Eden for their "reaffirmation of Anglo-American policy":
"The declaration is also reassuring evidence that the United States and Great Britain are in agreement on broad policies aimed not simply at containment of Soviet expansion, but at the reduction of tension and, finally, disarmament."

New York—Former President Truman on administration foreign policy in a "give-em-hell" speech:
"I believe that the policies of this administration are leading us into a situation of growing danger where the balance of strength may shift strongly against the free world."

Missile Program May Be Increased

Washington—(U.P.)—Defense leaders are preparing drastic actions to speed ballistic missile development and pump more life into the military reserve program.

About 100,000 draftees may be released from the Army six months before ending their two-year stints so they can join reserve units and use their experience to step up training. If the plan now being studied is adopted, present draft calls of 6000 a month for the regular Army may be doubled.

In the guided missiles field, where the Russian challenge admittedly is grave, a "czar" soon will be named by Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson with unprecedented power to push robot weapons development and production.

Wilson unfolded the twin defense moves at a news conference late yesterday in the wake of congressional criticism of both the missile and reserve manpower programs.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, (D-Wash.), a constant critic of missile progress, today applauded the decision to appoint a "czar" but contested a Wilson claim that all possible is being done to develop intercontinental and 1500-mile range automatic weapons. He called for an "all out, wartime" effort.

Says Ike Decided Not To Run Before Attack

Beverly Hills, Calif.—(U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson's campaign manager says President Eisenhower had decided before his heart attack that he would not seek reelection.

James Finnegan, here in advance of Stevenson's appearances in Southern California, said that Mr. Eisenhower never intended running again because he was not happy in the White House. Finnegan did not give the source of his information.

Stevenson can defeat any Republican candidate in the November election, Finnegan said. He said however, that Vice-President Richard M. Nixon would not be the "pushover" some Democrats seem to think if he is the GOP candidate.

Steel pipe installed in the Pentagon building would reach from Chicago to Indianapolis—about 200 miles.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Prince Rainier III has given actress Grace Kelly a second, flashing engagement ring and—despite skeptical movie-townners—a blueprint for a fabulous four-day wedding in Monaco.

While some local experts still bet the romance might fade, the mustached prince quietly has slipped a diamond the size of a small spotlight on her finger to replace the minor ruby-and-diamond bauble he gave her in New York.

And the Prince also spends his days here on the long distance telephone to Monaco discussing a schedule for their April wedding that outdoes the plans for the fall of Rome.

Sources inside the house say the wedding will make Rita and Aly's knotting look like an informal elopement.

Meanwhile, Grace and Rainier are spending their celebrated courtship by doing practically nothing. The blonde actress works every day from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

St. Lawrence Seaway Project Bids Opened

Buffalo, N. Y.—(U.P.)—The Willamette Iron and Steel Co. of Portland, Ore., was the apparent low bidder for the latest St. Lawrence seaway project contract, it was announced today by the Buffalo District, U. S. Corps of Engineers.

The Portland firm bid \$834,340 to supply wire rope fenders for installation along canal sections of the seaway. The second lowest bid of \$834,956 was submitted by the Goslin-Birmingham Manufacturing Co., Inc., of Birmingham, Ala.



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Busy Doing Nothing

While Grace works with Frank Sinatra in "High Society," the prince plays tennis on the courts behind her house.

He refuses to visit Grace on her movie set. In fact, her romance came up only once during shooting—when director Chuck Walters let Grace wear her engagement ring. It will be one of the "stars" of the picture.

They dine either at her ranch-style, walled home in Pacific Palisades or his Italian-style mansion in Bel-Air. Only once have they appeared in public. That was when they dined at the Bel-Air hotel.

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