

Government Hopes To Cut Transportation Costs With Car Pools

Washington—(U.P.)—The government is hoping to cut the rising cost of transportation by increasing automobile pools and by using newer, fewer and smaller cars.

A car pool program, probably to take effect this June or July, was instituted by executive and congressional order.

Outlined by the General services Administration, the plan calls for certain agencies to pool their cars. These cars would then be dispatched wherever needed.

However, GSA said this plan would be very flexible. It said many agencies will still have cars assigned to them for economical reasons. Some cars will also be dispersed over the city and not necessarily kept in a centrally located yard.

Three Points
Some cities with many agencies also may rate a fleet of radio-dispatched vehicles. The GSA said costs could be reduced by this method.

1. The pools will use fewer cars. Each car costs the taxpayers \$500 a year to keep up.

2. Cars will be newer. They will be sold before major repairs are needed.

3. Civil service employees will use smaller cars instead of the larger makes. This will save on initial cost and operation.

Under the direction of the GSA, various departments have already reduced costs by putting a tentative pool plan in operation.

An experimental inter-agency car pool here cut expenses by

\$500,000 last year. Employees were urged to use a shuttle bus service, public transportation and taxicabs.

Other Plans

Other methods of tightening the purse strings are often planned by the GSA. Last year, a "drive less" campaign helped to save the government \$11,000,000. Couriers drove 75,000,000 miles less than in the previous year. The saving was made despite an increase in gasoline prices.

GSA also is continuously seeking ways of reducing the government's motor pool. The government now owns 211,198 automobiles, trucks and jeeps. This total does not include any combat vehicles.

Of the total, 116,276 are operated by the Defense Department, 21,731 by the Post Office Department, 21,467 by the Agriculture Department, 19,181 by the Interior Department, and 9,034 by the Atomic Energy Commission.



IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR—Sailing from New York aboard the liner Constitution are members of Grace Kelly's family who are to attend her wedding to Prince Ranier in Monaco. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Levine, sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. George Davis, another sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, Grace's parents. In foreground are Mrs. Davis' children and Grace's nieces, Mary Lee, 8, and Meg, 9.

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Eden Finishes First Year on Job Found To Be Bundle Of Troubles

London—(U.P.)—Sir Anthony Eden completed his first year as prime minister late last week to opposition jibes that "Churchill made the shoes too big."

Eden's friends say he has done a workmanlike job and his enemies claim he has dithered. Nobody claims he has achieved Sir Winston Churchill's reputation for inspirational leadership but few seriously call him a failure.

If the first year is the hardest, Eden must be glad. For after waiting 15 years to inherit the job, he has found it a bundle of trouble.

His friends say it was simply the dice roll of history. His critics blame his crashbusting.

Mixed Assessments

These mixed assessments of the handsome Eden's first year as Britain's leader stem from the following blows that have shaken this kingdom since Churchill stepped down and virtually out of sight last April 5:

1. An optimistic, tax-cutting budget that helped Eden win the general election last May turned sour. An emergency budget had to be introduced in the autumn, raising taxes again.

2. Inflation that forced the budget revision staggered the economy. A remedial series of credit squeezes and spending cuts hit the purse of the workingman. The Labor party raged that it was too little, too late. The economic crisis continues. Polls show Eden's political strength has dropped.

3. Back bench Conservative members of Parliament who never would have dared defy

wounded by extremists as he cycled through a street in the city of Famagusta.

At the court martial in Nicosia, Captains Robin Linzee and Gerald O'Driscoll were ordered dismissed from the service for brutality toward a prisoner. Sentence is subject to review by higher authorities.

Both had denied the charges.

Churchill started muttering against Eden's leadership in January, due largely to the economic crisis. There was a flurry of speculation that he would be ditched but Eden rode out the tempest.

4. Then things came unstuck in foreign affairs. Eden's specialty, Britain's backing of the Baghdad pact backfired. Jordan wouldn't join and instead disowned its foster mother, Britain, by expelling Gen. John Glubb Pasha. Egypt seemed to be shaking the British hold in the Middle East. Shooting started in the Cyprus colony and Eden deported Archbishop Makarios. It split Britain into angry factions with varying views on how to handle

Cyprus.

Critics claim Eden's touch has been wooden in these crises. They accuse him of changing from the timid to the belligerent without thinking things through.

Yet Eden has hit peaks of popularity. The British people by and large approved his trip to Washington to see President Eisenhower and the pleasant impact of his speeches on Americans pleased most Britons.

Nobody here believes that anything short of a general calamity can unhorse him anytime soon.

Vocal Approval for Tax Clause Measure

Salem—(U.P.)—A November ballot measure to allow the Legislature to put the emergency clause on tax measures in Oregon received vocal approval by a group attending an all-day tax clinic Friday.

William Bade, manager of Oregon Tax Research, said the state could not expect to have a well planned tax program so long as "a small minority" could block the Legislature's laws until they came to a vote.

The emergency clause would allow the Legislature to pass tax measures without their being subject to a vote of the people.

'Suicide Squads' Active Near Gaza

Jerusalem, Israeli Sector—(U.P.)—Egyptian "suicide squads" invaded Israeli territory Saturday near the Gaza strip wasteland in the fourth straight day of border warfare, Israel charged. The fighting also spread to the Syrian and Jordanian borders.

An Israeli military spokesman reported several Israelis killed or wounded by the Egyptian raiders who, Israel said, were spreading terror north of the bloody strip. A general alarm was sounded throughout the Israeli western Negev desert.

The report was the first one to mention infantry attacks in the sporadic fighting which each side accused the other of starting across the Gaza demarcation line. The danger area spread beyond that of the past three days when artillery shelling killed at least 67 persons and wounded 108.

Israeli army spokesman Col. Nehemia Broshi said the Egyptian "fiddeen" (suicide) squads attacked a dozen settlements on the Israeli side of the border.

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Oil-Rich Bahrain Claimed by Iran

Tehran, Iran—(U.P.)—Iran laid formal claim Saturday to the tiny oil-rich British protectorate of Bahrain as an "inseparable part of Iran." The action threatened new headaches for Britain who is already involved in a bitter dispute with Greece over Cyprus.

The Iranian action was disclosed by Foreign Minister Aligholi Ardalan at a news conference.

A few hours later Premier Hussein Ala announced that Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi and Queen Soraya will leave for a visit to Moscow on June 1.

Officials said the Shah's acceptance of a long-standing invitation followed the recent discontinuance of inflammatory broadcasts by radio Moscow.

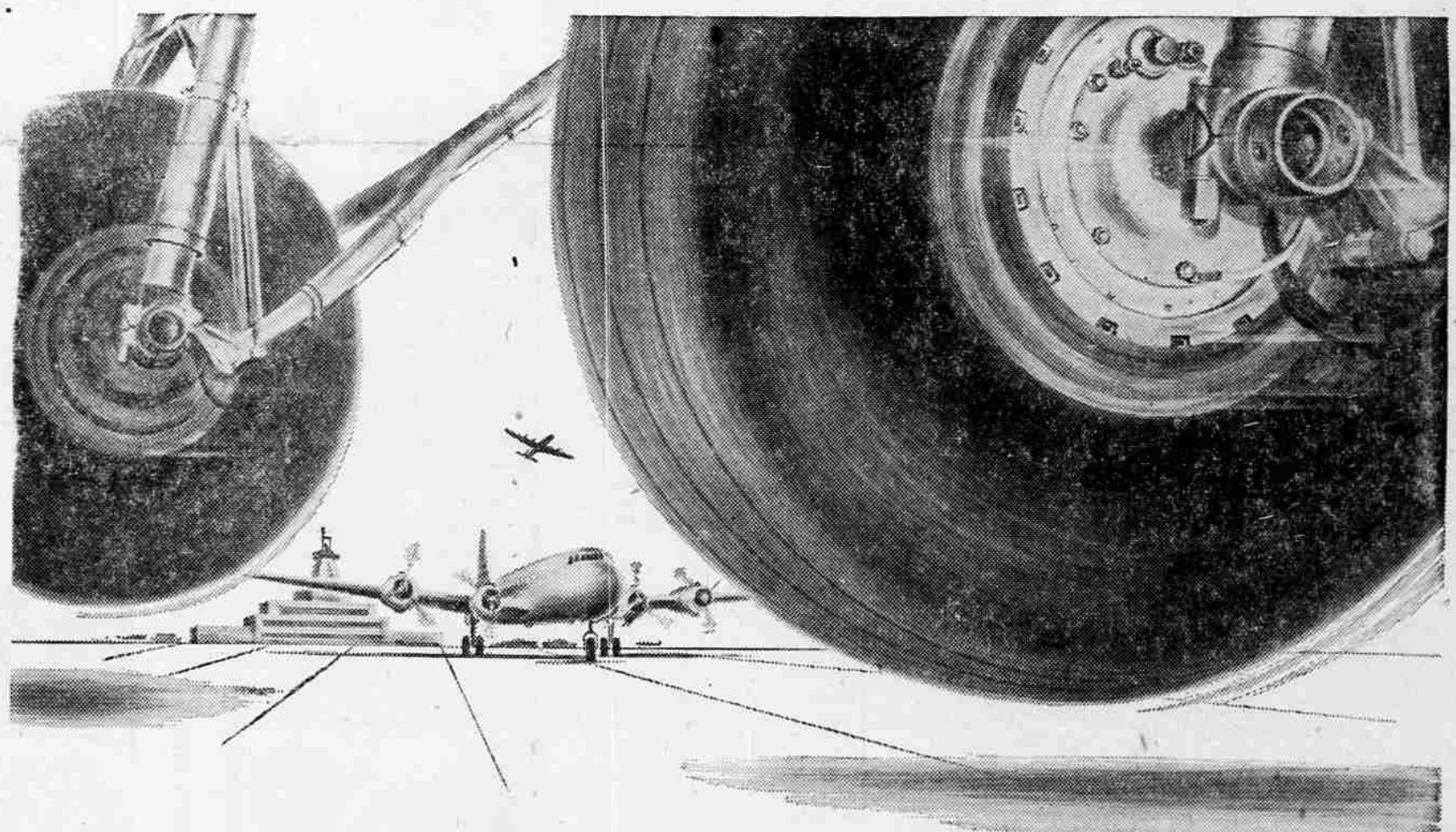
"Iran cannot remain inactive and silent any longer in view of recent events," Ardalan said.

The foreign minister said the Iranian position toward Bahrain in the Persian gulf was made clear to British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd on his visit to Tehran last month. Bahrain has been under British protection for more than 100 years.

Officers Ordered Out of British Army

Nicosia, Cyprus—(U.P.)—A British Army court martial Saturday cashiered two officers from the service for beating a Greek Cypriot prisoner with a length of chain.

Elsewhere across this terror-stricken island, Cypriot turned on Cypriot. Extremist gunmen shot and killed one Cypriot Greek in a coffee shop at Plataniastassa, a village 32 miles southwest of Nicosia, the capital. Another was shot and seriously



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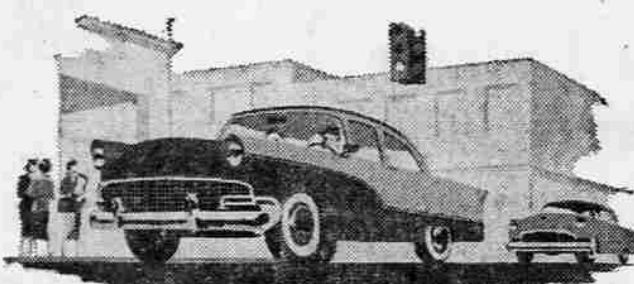
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