

Highway Safety Delegates Map Plans To Alert Own Communities

San Francisco —(U.P.)— Delegates to the western regional conference of President Eisenhower's Committee for Traffic Safety mapped plans today for "do it yourself" safety programs in their own communities.

The 700 delegates, taking their cues from warnings that the federal government may step in if the highway slaughter gets any worse, met in state panels to discuss alerting their own cities, counties and states to action.

Foremost in their thoughts was the problem of reducing the nation's annual highway toll of 38,000 deaths, 1,350,000 injuries and \$4,000,000,000 economic loss.

Great Penalty
In a message to the opening session of the two-day conference Thursday, President Eisenhower said the nation is paying a "great penalty" because "we have not been willing to discipline ourselves to live together on our public roads."

Howard Pyle, former governor of Arizona and now deputy assistant to the President, told the delegates that "no domestic problem facing us today is more critically urgent than the problem of highway safety."

He warned that if the people themselves don't solve the problem, "some demagogue will see that the federal government gets

into it—and then you'll have a police state." He said the lives of 100,000 Americans can be saved in the next five years.

"The answer is an organized citizenry, dedicated to the idea that the automobile should not be known and used as a guided missile for the destruction of life and property."

"If organized citizens will support methods of accident prevention, they can cut traffic deaths in half within six months," Pyle said.

"That will mean 20,000 lives saved every year—100,000 in the next five years."

Another warning of possible federal intervention came from Judge William J. McGuiness of Oakland, Calif. He said: "People who fight against road blocks, against use of radar in traffic control, against automobile inspections and similar enforcement devices on grounds that their constitutional rights are being infringed upon, have some surprises in store for them in the way of far greater restrictions if the nation's driving record is not improved."

"Today's traffic fatality emergency calls for drastic measures. I am hopeful that American motorists will come to their senses and correct the situation through their own efforts."

Virgil Pinkley, editor and pub-

lisher of the Los Angeles Mirror-News, called on traffic media to "humanize" cold traffic statistics. He said this would bring home to the public the mounting highway carnage.

He also warned that the nation is well on its way this year to surpassing the record number of highway deaths reached in 1954—39,969 persons.

1954—39,969 persons. success Los Angeles has had. In 1939, he said, it had the worst traffic rate in the country. Ten years later, it led the nation in safety.

Washington —(U.P.)— A House interior and insular affairs subcommittee approved today a Senate-passed \$6,339,000 authorization for construction of the

Oklahoma City —(U.P.)— Mrs. Henry Martin, 79-year-old mother of Lyle C. Wilson, vice president and Washington manager of United Press, died Thursday night after a long illness.

Crooked river reclamation project in Crook county, Ore.

Buffalo Officials To Study Race Riot On Excursion Vessel

Buffalo, N.Y. —(U.P.)— Buffalo city officials and civic leaders held a special meeting today to discuss means of preventing another teenage race riot like the Memorial Day fracas that result-

ed in scores of injuries. The FBI investigation is conducting a full-scale investigation of the riot at the request of U. S. Attorney John O. Henderson.

Masked Men Kill Two in Bungled Holdup Attempt

New York —(U.P.)— Two masked gunmen killed two men, one of them a Polish-language newspaper editor accused of having Communist ties, and critically wounded a third man Thursday night during a bungled holdup attempt.

The shooting broke up a homecoming party for Polish-American tourists in a tough neighborhood on New York's lower East Side.

Thomas Dombrowski, 40, editor of the weekly Glos Ludowy (The People's Voice) in Detroit, was killed instantly when he lunged at one of the bandits, grabbing for his mask. The thug fired once, hitting the editor in the chest.

Killed on Wild Shot
Frank Grodzki, 45, of New York was mortally wounded by one of the two wild shots fired by the jittery second gunman. Grodzki died undergoing surgery to remove a bullet from his head.

Walter Nogas, 72, of Newark, N.J., was in critical condition at Bellevue hospital from a stomach wound.

The panicked gunmen, who wore handkerchiefs over their faces and hats pulled sharply down on their foreheads, escaped without any money from banquet quarters of the Club Polonia on the tough-infested lower East Side.

Charge Investigated
Police investigated a charge from unidentified Communist sources in Detroit that the killings had political implications.

Dombrowski, who in 1952 refused to tell the House Un-American Activities Committee whether he was ever a member of the Communist Party, was one of some 30 guests attending the party in honor of 48 Polish Americans who toured Communist Poland.

The travelers had just returned aboard the French liner Liberte after spending seven weeks in Poland.

Cause To Be Studied
Mayor Steven Pankow called today's meeting of city fathers, police officials and civic organizations to discuss causes of ten rioting between white and Negro gangs that boiled most of Memorial Day at Crystal Beach, Ont., and on the aged excursion boat that shuttles New Yorkers between Buffalo and the amusement park.

The rioting started on an early afternoon boat trip from Buffalo to the park, 12 miles across Lake Erie, and continued most of the day. It reached a climax of terror that night when gangs of boys and girls ran wild on the three-decked boat, the Canadians, terrorizing hundreds of fellow passengers.

When the boat docked in Buffalo late Wednesday night it was met by police who took some 30 sobbing, hysterical white girls to headquarters until their parents could call for them and calm them down.

12 Youngsters Arrested
Both white and Negro teenagers sustained injuries in the rioting and 12 youngsters were arrested by Buffalo and Crystal Beach police. Six of the injured received treatment for minor injuries at hospitals.

One of the problems up for discussion today was an international agreement which left both Canadian and New York police helpless to do anything about the rioting that took place during the one-hour boat trip back to Buffalo. Since the boat plies international waters, neither Canadian nor American police can board it.

Crashes of School Buses Leaves 30 Persons Hurt

Montgomery, Iowa —(U.P.)— A school bus plowed into two other loaded buses Thursday, injuring 30 persons, including 27 children.

Authorities said the mishap occurred when the brakes failed on the bus traveling third in line behind the other buses. The leading vehicle had stopped while the driver attempted to quiet rowdy children.

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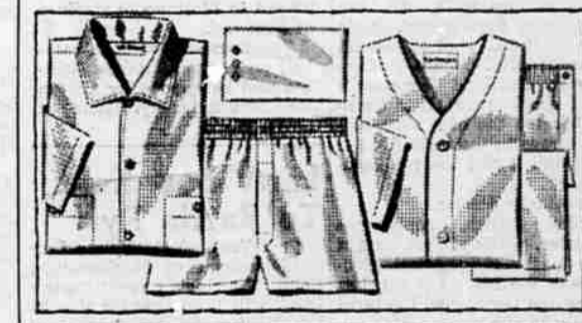
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