

### State Highway Department Masses Snow Fight Crews

Salem—UP—The State Highway Department today massed 1,200 maintenance men and 1,253 heavy-duty vehicles to launch the annual battle to keep thousands of miles of state highways open to winter traffic.

State snowplows have been ordered into action in Santiam Pass, Willamette Pass and at Warm Springs junction with sanding crews at Government Camp, Meacham and McKenzie Pass.

State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams said 132 full maintenance crews will be thrown into the fight to keep traffic moving at winter's peak.

Williams said the highway department's daily morning road report on highway conditions throughout Oregon would be transmitted to newspapers and radio stations beginning Nov. 1 and continuing throughout the winter.

The department's heavy equipment which included 32 rotary snow plows, 90 motor graders and 145 heavy trucks with blade snow plows, will operate out of 132 section headquarters throughout the state.

**Mountain Passes Troublesome**  
Main trouble spots in Oregon, Williams said, are in the Government Camp area and in the Portland area.

"All mountain passes also may be classified as trouble areas," Williams said. He said the McKenzie highway was closed at its summit for almost seven months last year.

### Meat Imports Said Only Slightly Higher

Kansas City, Mo.—UP—Meat imports into the United States during the first four months of 1956 were only slightly ahead of last year, when they were the smallest since 1950.

Figures released at this market and packing center showed beef imports of 32,401,682 pounds this year, compared to 29,718,470 pounds during the same period last year.

Four years ago, beef imports for the first third of the year stood at 80,716,055 pounds.

The story was much the same in the other main American meat staple — pork. This year, pork imports were 51,023,245 pounds, the smallest in three years. Canned and cooked hams and shoulder imports totaled 33,426,503 pounds this year, compared to a record 36,767,737 pounds two years ago.

Lamb and mutton imports of 821,514 pounds were the smallest in four years.

Low prices and plentiful supply of domestic meat were main causes of cuts in imports.

### Atomic Depth Charge Confirmed by Navy

Washington — UP — It's official that the Navy has an atomic depth charge that can kill submarines miles away. Its name is Lulu.

Vice Adm. W. V. Davis Jr., deputy chief of naval operations for air, confirmed Lulu's existence Thursday in an extemporaneous talk before an aviation writers group.

His remarks were not cleared in advance by the Defense department. They touched off a flurry of telephone calls between high defense and Navy officials.

The United Press in a dispatch published 20 days ago noted there were strong indications that the Navy had perfected an anti-submarine nuclear depth bomb.

Davis said Thursday that Lulu had a killing range of miles compared with yards for the conventional depth charge. He said it can be detonated at considerable depth.

## Saudi Arabia Being Transformed From Ancient Land To Modernity

Editor's note: The vast desert kingdom of Saudi Arabia is the least known of Westerners of all the Middle East nations. United Press correspondent Kazi Salama of the Cairo bureau has just completed one of the few tours there permitted newsmen. In the following dispatch he reports on the revolution in social and economic life underway.

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Djeddah, Saudi Arabia — (UP) — The nomadic Bedouin and the camel, the two romantic symbols of storybook Arabia, are fast disappearing.

In their place has come a modern trio—the car, the airplane and the air conditioner.

King Saud, with the vast profits from Saudi Arabia's fabulous oil resources, is transforming this ancient kingdom to modernity in the most far-reaching revolution in Arabia's history since Mohammed proclaimed Islam.

The late King Ibn Saud, father of the present monarch, carved the Saudi Arabian kingdom with his sword and spent the rest of his life protecting and safeguarding what he had won.

His son, though an absolute monarch, has brought new horizons to the land aimed at parliamentary government and a modernizing of the social and economic system without dropping time-honored traditions or weakening the Islamic religion.

**Settle Nomads**  
The most important move has been the campaign to fold stationary the Nomadic tribesmen. King Saud has decided the roaming desert life yields a subnormal standard of living in an age of relative plenty. It is a primitive way to earn a living compared with industry and agriculture.

It deprives the Bedouin of government services in health, education and social care. Furthermore, nomadic life conflicts with the exercise of central governmental control.

To keep the Bedouin still, Saud is giving each tribesman \$60 a month, the chiefs more. With this subsidy from oil revenues, the Bedouin does not have to herd his sheep and goats to far pastures. In return, he must keep the peace. In the case of a crime, a whole tribe faces imprisonment until the culprit is produced.

Saud is setting up community centers in the desert with a hospital, school, a mosque and one or more artesian wells. The government is pushing a state hous-

ing program to keep families at home.

**Plenty of Color**  
Long, asphalted roads criss-cross the peninsula and over them pass the new speedboats of the desert, the automobiles. They are late American models, brilliantly colored in several hues.

The car has even made a small inink in the social wall

between women and men other than their family. It has become a common sight for an Arabian woman to speed past in a car, the breeze giving a saucy life to her veil.

But the airplane has been, perhaps, the most powerful instrument in transforming Arabia. A land of great distances, once traversed in months of camel-back journeys, it now can be

crossed in a few hours. Forty airports and landing strips have been built, knitting the land into one nation.

Air conditioning has brought changes in indoor life, both at the office and home. It has made clerical work bearable in terrible heat. In the past few years air conditioners have been installed in most government offices, commercial establishments,

homes of the wealthier and in the better hotels.

King Saud has taken big steps in education. In a resort town on the Red Sea shore at the northern tip of Djeddah, he has converted 10 former royal palaces into a "city of science."

Some 900 boys study and play in the pillared halls and marble corridors. They are admitted on the basis of their early school

records and all expenses are borne by the state. Saud hopes it will be a model for future education centers.

His one determination to stick with the past is in perpetuating Mohammedism. He has ordered that religion should be a basic course in school. He has encouraged the pilgrimages to Mecca and built one of the greatest mosques on earth around the

prophet Mohammed's tomb in Medina. In his personal life, his daily prayers and recitals from the Koran, he sets an example

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