



CHECKING IN at Los Angeles Western Union office, Motorcyclist John Penton learns he has set new transcontinental cycle record from New York of 52 hours 11 minutes 1 second. Old mark was 76 hours. Official time was certified by Jeanon Smith, Western Union operator.

Value of Property In Los Angeles Puts Buildings Skyward

Los Angeles—(UP)—America's third largest city, which sprawls 45 miles at its widest, is climbing skyward now. Gilbert E. Morris, general manager of the Los Angeles Building and Safety Department, explained: "Property is worth so much that the buildings must be taller. There also is a shortage of land in the business district."

One of the firms largely responsible for boosting the sky line is the Fishman Realty & Construction Co., which has headquarters in New York. Its 22-story skyscraper in the heart of the downtown area will soar 285 feet, making it the tallest structure in Los Angeles with the exception of City Hall. Total cost is estimated at 15 million dollars.

The firm already has five multi-story office buildings spotted along Wilshire Boulevard as well as 13-story Wilshire Terrace, a 13-million-dollar cooperative apartment project. President Norman Fishman says another 22-story office building is on the drawing boards as part of his one-building-a-year plan. Building Superintendent Morris views the growth as "just the beginning" and predicts a higher emphasis on skyscrapers.

"There's not much room left to go sideways," he says. "The only way left is up." As the city's buildings go "up," Los Angeles traffic officials are confronted with increasing congestion problems and seek ways to solve them. The downtown area is skirted on three sides by freeways, but these multi-lane roadways already are taxed to capacity. There is no freeway in the Wilshire district at present. State highway personnel say a freeway planned to run from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica will ease traffic problems along Wilshire Boulevard, but they add that completion may be 10 years away.

Los Angeles has no rapid transit system, and residents without automobiles must use buses or streetcars. The buses and streetcars run on city streets and are subject to the same delays as are individual motorists.

Best prospect to turn the transportation tide is a high-speed monorail system. The plan now is under study by



"MUTUAL PROBLEMS"—Nelson Rockefeller, governor of New York, leaves the White House in Washington, accompanied by James Hagerty (right), Presidential news secretary. Rockefeller conferred with the President for about 30 minutes on what he described as "mutual legislative problems."

Wall Street Chatter

New York—(UP)—Bache & Co. believes the stock market should either consolidate in a narrow range here or once again successfully test the support level at 610-616 in the industrial average before it will be on sufficiently strong technical ground to attack it all time high.

Another look at the key business indicators supports the contention that the market is again reaching for higher ground, according to Joseph E. Granville of E. F. Hutton & Co. He finds the building cycle calling for a 1960 peak and says building stocks continue to be favored for increased gains.

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Development of Underground Rocket Claimed by Russia

Washington—(Science Service)—The Russians claim they have developed the first underground rocket for burrowing holes in the earth.

A report circulated here by the Central Intelligence Agency said the rocket nose has a pulverizing device which contains liquid fuel and compressed air. In operation, "powerful flames spout from openings in the pulverizer" to open a path for the rocket. The rocket, which can be guided, thus opens a cylinder-like tunnel as it blazes its way through the earth, the CIA report said.

Satisfactory Results—Quoting from the magazine Magyar Nemzet, published in Budapest, the CIA report said the rocket was invented by engineers of Tadzhik S.S.R. of the U.S.S.R.

First experiments have yielded satisfactory results. In practice, the device is to be used for laying underground irrigation canals and pipes, the report stated.

U.S. Government experts here speculate that the rocket may be a further development of a technique used in the U.S. for "ten years." In this technique, known as jet flame piercing, a flame fed by oxygen is used to flake off rock—a process known as spalling. Washington mining experts believe the Russian rocket is a combination of several similar "cutting heads" which would cover an area large enough to make a tunnel.

Term Not Accurate—One U.S. Bureau of Mines expert said the Russian term "underground rocket" is probably more graphic than accurate.

The name implies the rocket gets in there and zooms there she goes! Actually, he said, the drilling process probably would be slow. The Russian underground rocket probably is guided by controlling the play of flame from the rocket head, but

about 20 percent of the motor vehicle traffic is presently concentrated only about seven per cent of the nation's highways.

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Apathy Said Cause Of People Suffering From Improper Diet

Chicago—(Science Service)—People suffer from poor diets because they also suffer from another condition—apathy, a New York researcher reported here.

Apathy, or indifference, is one of the major causes of inadequate diets, Dr. L. A. Maynard of Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., said. Although sufficient food supplies are available, surveys continue to show that a considerable number of persons fail to follow diets that meet the recommended dietary allowances.

There is a widespread lack of appreciation of the importance of a good diet and a lack of knowledge of how to select a diet, he asserted. An adequate diet can be obtained by selecting foods from each of the following

basic food groups. Milk is the first group. This includes cheese and ice cream. Dr. Maynard recommends that children have three to four cups of milk daily; teen-agers, four or more cups; adults, two or more, and expectant mothers, four or more cups. Meat is the second group. Two or more daily servings of beef, veal, pork, lamb, poultry, fish or eggs are recommended. Dried beans, peas, and nuts may substitute for meats.

The third group includes fruits and vegetables. Four or more selections should be included each day. These servings should consist of at least one dark green or deep yellow vegetable at least every other day, citrus fruit or other fruits containing vitamin C, and vegetables including potatoes.

Dr. Maynard's remarks appear in the Journal of the American Medical Association (May 23).



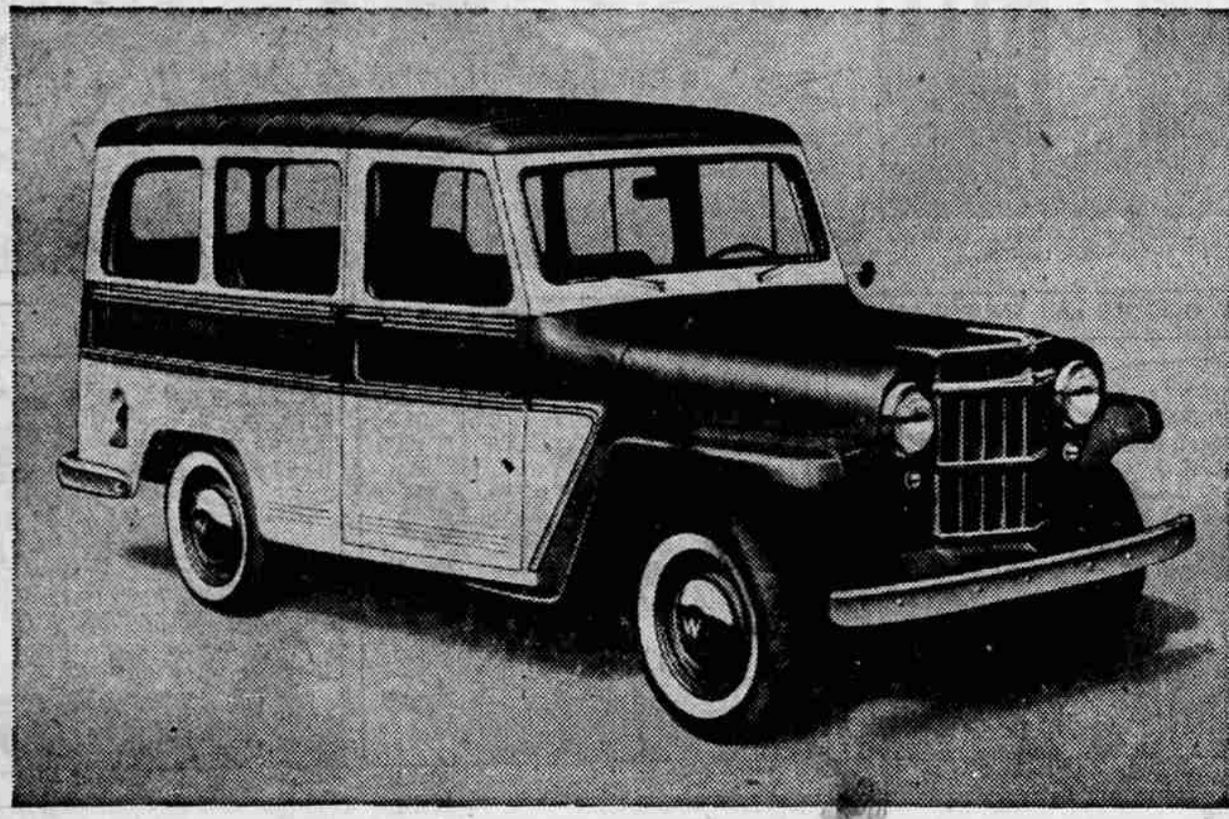
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