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Christmas Death Rate Dropping; 312 Die on Roads

Fires Take 27 Lives, 3 Die in Air Crashes

By United Press International The Christmas highway death rate took a heartening drop through the day Saturday but the biggest homeward rush was yet to come.

At 11 p.m. a United Press International count showed at least 312 persons killed in traffic so far. Fire had taken 27 lives, plane crashes accounted for 3 fatalities and 61 deaths were attributed to miscellaneous causes for an overall total of 403.

California led the nation with 23 highway deaths, followed by New York, with 22, and Pennsylvania and Texas, with 18 each. Michigan and North Carolina each had 15.

The highway death count, however, compared favorably with the corresponding figure for 1953, the nation's 3-day Christmas weekend, when 523 persons eventually died in traffic. In 1953, at least 309 roadway deaths had been recorded by 1 p.m. EST Saturday.

530 Deaths Predicted The National Safety Council had predicted 530 persons might die in traffic this year during the 72-hour Christmas stretch. To fit according to that prediction, then, the current toll could be expected to run similar to that of 1953. Council officials pleaded with drivers to use every bit of caution on homeward trips.

"Plan to leave early," the council said. "Avoid the pressure of hurry and worry. Wouldn't you rather lose a few hours of your holiday than spend months in a hospital?"

The nation's weather, for the most part, was wet. Sleet plagued highways in parts of the east and unseasonable warmth brought slush-producing rains to the middle west. Light snows fell over the Rockies.

Dangerous driving warnings were posted in spotted areas stretching from New England to Minnesota.

Multiple-fatality crashes accounted for a good portion of the highway death toll.

Eagle Point Home Destroyed by Fire

Eagle Point—Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Arthur, Brophy rd., Eagle Point, about 3 p.m. Friday, while the family was at a Christmas dinner of the family in Medford.

Cause of the fire was not known. The family's personal belongings were destroyed, as were many wedding presents owned by the Arthurs' daughter, who was recently married.

Mrs. John Klukkert, 176 Winema Way, Medford, said she will accept items for the family, including clothing for the four children, whose ages are 20, 13, 12 and 1 year. She may be contacted at her home 241-5750.

ARMY SENTRY KILLED

For Belvoir, Va. — A young sentry was killed and the son of an army officer wounded Friday night in a mysterious shooting spree, an army spokesman disclosed Saturday.

The dead soldier was identified as specialist 4/C Harold G. Davis, Jr., 21, overboard and drowned Friday when the Danish ship Essoborg ran into stormy seas off Portugal.

One of the worst traffic accidents occurred at Pont De Buis, France, when a military truck collided with a sports car, killing six persons, including three children.

Near St. Albans, England, Donald Newstead, 17, loaned his crash helmet to his girl friend, Susan Haines, also 17, and started to take her home on his motorcycle. The machine crashed, Susan lived, suffering a broken leg. Donald, without protection, was killed.

Extremes in the weather across Europe contributed to the rising number of accidents. Two sailors were swept

Back From The Troubled Waters



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Nehru Vows to Act Against Aggression

Alahabad, India.—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru vowed again Saturday to protect India's frontiers "at any cost" against Red Chinese aggression in the wake of new, unofficial reports of Communist troop concentrations and road-building near the border.

Speaking to a crowd of several thousand at nearby Sirathu, in his native Uttar Pradesh province, Nehru appealed to the people to strengthen themselves and make the country self-sufficient.

India not Spectator "We did not achieve independence to remain a mere spectator" in world affairs, he said.

Martial Law Ends At Albert Lea St. Paul, Minn. — Minnesota Gov. Orville L. Freeman Saturday ordered an end to martial law at Albert Lea, Minn., but kept 100 National Guardsmen at the gates of the Wilson & Co. packing plant.

The 16 days of martial law were to end at midnight Sunday. A spokesman for Freeman said, however, that the present force of 100 troopers would remain until authorities determined how many were needed.

The guardsmen were to serve only as auxiliary policemen to the Albert Lea police force and the Freeborn county sheriff.

Freeman thus bowed to a panel of three federal judges who ordered him to reopen the Wilson meat packing plant and lift martial law.

Explosion Reported At Gold Rey Estate

State police reported Saturday someone had blown up steel cattle-guards at the Gold Rey estate Friday night.

The steel grill-work was set in the Gold Hill-Sam's Valley rd. Officers said the explosion caused the grill-work to hump and would wreck any speeding car. State police are investigating the explosion.

Holiday Death Toll Rises In Europe; 130 Killed

London — The Christmas holiday weekend death toll rose across Europe Saturday in accidents on land and sea.

Since the holiday weekend began at 6 p.m. Thursday, at least 130 persons had been killed, a United Press International survey showed.

France had the heaviest traffic toll with 25 fatalities on Christmas day alone and 47 thus far this weekend.

Two skiers were killed in an avalanche in the Austrian Alps. Traffic deaths rose to at least nine in West Germany.

Allies to Confer On Dates for Summit Meeting

K's Demurral of Date Causes Snags

Washington — The United States planned Saturday to consult with other Western allies on Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's demurral to April 27 as a summit conference date.

Officials hope the problem can be worked out despite some snags. Khrushchev notified the Allies that he would welcome a summit conference but suggested April 21 or May 4 as the date.

No Official Statement Mrs. Anne Wheaton, associate White House press secretary, said there would be no official statement on Khrushchev's request but made it plain there would have to be close consultation with the British, French and West German governments.

Mrs. Wheaton noted that Khrushchev's alternate dates would conflict with British and French arrangements. British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is scheduled to meet with Commonwealth Ministers in London May 3.

The earlier date of April 21 would undoubtedly be inconvenient for French President Charles de Gaulle who has planned to visit the United States and Canada about that time.

Mrs. Wheaton said Allied consultations have not yet gotten underway inasmuch as President Eisenhower wants to confer on the problem with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter who was out of town.

The President goes to his Augusta, Ga., vacation retreat Sunday to remain until after New Year's Day.

Reports Unconfirmed Government officials refused to confirm or deny the reports, but a spokesman said it was a well-known fact that the Chinese government had troops concentrated at various border points.

Diplomatic sources reported the Chinese army has 10 divisions in Sinkiang Province, which borders on India's northeast frontier and Tibet.

Blinding Blizzard Hits New Mexico

Vaughn, N.M. — A blinding blizzard struck much of eastern New Mexico Saturday and ended just as suddenly late Saturday night—before 600 stranded motorists could settle in makeshift beds.

The storm, described as one of the worst in the state's history during the 10 hours it existed, dumped 10 to 12 inches of snow on the ground. Winds up to 35 miles an hour whipped it into a blizzard as temperatures dropped to 20 to 26 degrees and visibility was zero.

Motorists abandoned their cars and were helped to shelter at the small communities of Vaughn, Encino, Santa Rosa, Willard and Corona by state police and highway department crews. State police closed all highways within a 50-mile radius of Vaughn.

Then, at 9 p.m., about 10 hours after the storm had begun, the winds calmed, the snowfall ended and temperatures began to rise. All highways were reopened and motorists were permitted to resume their journeys.

PanAm Boeing 707 Sets Speed Record

Honolulu — A Pan American World Airways Boeing 707 jet carrying 102 passengers and 11 crewmen set a new commercial speed record Saturday of five hours and 45 minutes on the flight from Tokyo to Honolulu.

The plane was piloted by Captain Dent Terrell and eclipsed the old mark of six hours and 12 minutes set Nov. 14. Riding on a tail wind averaging 138 miles an hour, the jet hit maximum speeds up to 780 miles an hour while flying at 33,000 feet.

Athens — The Greek cargo ship Risa Vlassi sank during a storm in the Adriatic Saturday with the loss of 16 crew members.

Rockefeller Throws in the Towel Comments on Withdrawal

WELCOMED BY BRICKER

Columbus, Ohio — John W. Bricker, former three-term governor, U.S. senator and 1944 Republican vice presidential nominee, welcomed New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's withdrawal as a candidate for the GOP presidential nomination.

"It's very fortunate that we won't have an interparty fight," the white-haired Bricker said.

NIXON THE CHOICE Seattle — William C. Goodloe, Washington state republican chairman, said he thought the withdrawal of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller from the GOP presidential meant that Vice-President Richard Nixon was a cinch to win the nomination.

NIXON A CINCH Austin, Tex. — Thad Hutchison, chairman of the Republican party in Texas, said that Richard Nixon is certain to get his party's nomination for President in the 1960 convention.

ROCKY FOR V.P.? Salem, Ore. — Gov. Mark Hatfield, Oregon Republican, expressed hope that Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, now that he has withdrawn as a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, would "reopen the door to the vice presidential possibility."

'DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED' San Francisco — William F. Brinton, an organizer of "Citizens-for-Rockefeller" in California, said supporters of New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller would be "deeply disappointed" that he had decided not to be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

NOD TO NIXON San Francisco — Former Sen. William F. Knowland and California GOP Chairman George Milias both said that Vice President Richard Nixon is a cinch for the republican presidential nomination.

GLAD HE 'SPOKE OUT' Louisville, Ky. — Republican National Chairman Thurston B. Morlon said he was glad that New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller "spoke and stated his position" in withdrawing as an candidate for the presidential nomination.

CLUB UNDECIDED Washington — The "Rockefeller for President" committee that opened here last week was in a state of flux" following Nelson Rockefeller's statement withdrawing from the GOP White House race.

Washington attorney Leo Howard Kerns, chairman of the committee, told a reporter he didn't know yet whether the office would close up shop or stay open and work for a "draft Rockefeller" movement.

BROWN VIEWS DECISION Sacramento, Calif. — Gov. Edmund G. Brown, viewing Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's decision not to seek the Republican presidential nomination, said that conservatives are "in complete charge" of the Republican party.

NIXON UNOPPOSED Salt Lake City — Utah Republican leaders said Vice President Richard Nixon is certain to be unopposed for the GOP presidential nomination now that Nelson Rockefeller has withdrawn from contention.

HAILS WITHDRAWAL Hattiesburg, Miss. — Mississippi Republican Chairman Wirt Yerger Jr. hailed the withdrawal of New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller from the presidential running.

V.P. CANDIDATE Norfolk, Va. — Lester Parsons, Virginia Republican National committeeman, said New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller would make an excellent vice presidential running mate for Richard Nixon.

SOUTHERNER'S VIEW Lenoir, N.C. — J. E. Broynhill, North Carolina Republican committeeman, said he did not think Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York ever had "any strong sentiment" as a possible presidential candidate.

WILL HELP PARTY Los Angeles — Former California Gov. Goodwin J. Knight said he hoped Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's decision to withdraw as a presidential hopeful would do away with "protracted primary contests that only divide and weaken our party."

'A VICTORY' New York — Bernard Newman, chairman of the New York County Republican Committee said that Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's decision, "made with characteristic dedication to country and party, assures a decisive Republican victory in 1960 — a victory in which he will have a key role."

WEATHER FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness today through Monday with night and morning fog in the valley. Windy and possibly a few showers this afternoon. High today 50. Low tonight 25. High Monday 38.

Our Skies Tonight Sunset today 4:45 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:40 a.m. The Moon rises 1:30 a.m. tomorrow and three planets are in its background. Jupiter, Mercury and Mars. Jupiter, the brightest of the three and nearest to the Moon, is the only one easily seen. It is now more than 15 times as bright as Mars.

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Clashes Reported On Iraq Borders; Five Said Killed

Tehran, Iran — One hundred Iraqis were reported Saturday to have clashed with Iraqi border patrols while trying to flee into Iran.

Press reports said that four of the group trying to leave Iraq were killed, along with one border guard. Iranian border patrolmen apparently were not involved in the clash, the latest in a series of incidents along the long frontier between the two countries.

Country in Turmoil The border is rigidly sealed and guarded by well-armed troops against flight by Iraqis who oppose the regime of Premier Abdel Karim Kassem.

The country is in turmoil with waves of arrests reported. A trial opened in Baghdad Saturday for a number of persons accused of taking part in the attempt to assassinate Kassem last Oct. 7.

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NELSON ROCKEFELLER Not in the Race

Nomination for Nixon Believed Assured Now

Washington — Republicans generally greeted Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's withdrawal announcement Saturday as insuring the nomination of Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

Although some said they had expected Rockefeller to bow out, the announcement caught Nixon's closest associates by surprise. The vice president himself was reported on a Washington sight-seeing tour with his two daughters and a nephew.

In a statement through his office, three hours after the Rockefeller announcement, Nixon said: "Excellent Impression"

"Gov. Rockefeller has made an excellent impression in the states he has visited in the past few months. People throughout the nation have recognized him as a leader of national and international stature.

"Regardless of the decision he has announced today, he is a man destined for continuing leadership in the Republican party and the nation in the years ahead."

Nixon's statement still did not make him an avowed candidate for the nomination. He has indicated that this announcement could be expected about Feb. 1.

Nomination Assured Rep. Clarence J. Brown of Ohio, veteran GOP National Committee member, said Rockefeller's action seemed to assure the nomination of Nixon, who might now need to formally announce his candidacy.

Rep. John W. Byrnes (R-Wis.), chairman of the House Republican policy committee and a Nixon backer, said the announcement made it "perfectly clear" that Nixon would be nominated.

While the Rockefeller announcement was taken generally at face value, it was greeted with skepticism in some quarters, where there was speculation the New York governor might be trying to encourage a draft.

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Governor Claims Party Leaders Oppose Contest

Decision 'Definite,' Says Rockefeller

Albany, N.Y. — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller bowed out Saturday as a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, leaving an open field to Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

In an announcement that he was not a candidate, Rockefeller said without mentioning Nixon's name that he had found party leaders were "opposed to any contest for the nomination."

The wealthy New York governor said his decision was "definite and final" and based on criss-cross trips throughout the country. He also slammed the door shut on acceptance of the nomination for vice president.

Rockefeller said that to make a fight for top spot would "entail a massive struggle — in primary elections throughout the nation — demanding so greatly of my time and energy that it would make impossible the fulfillment of my obligations as governor of New York."

The governor's statement was issued to newsmen by Robert McManus, assistant press secretary. Rockefeller was in New York City. When interviewed just before he boarded a train to go to Philadelphia to visit his wife's family, he said: "I feel fine. It was just a decision."

Rockefeller smiled and waved but refused to say anything further. When he arrived in Philadelphia, he told newsmen he would not have anything to add to his statement until he holds a news conference in Albany, N.Y., "sometime next week." Rockefeller apparently was referring to his regular news conference as the state's chief executive.

The 5-year-old multi-millionaire, who gained national prominence with an overwhelming gubernatorial win over Democrat W. Averell Harriman last year, said he felt his decision to avoid the national race this year was in the best interests of country and party.

Pressed For Action Rockefeller's decision came as supporters pressed him for action in New Hampshire where the first-in-the-nation primary will be held in March.

The governor said he expected to support the choice of the GOP convention as well as the party's campaign platform.

"I am a Republican — seriously concerned about the future vigor and purpose of my party," he added. "I believe that we live in an age that challenges representative government and the two-party system that is its American expression. The vitality — the sense of realism and the sense of purpose — of so great an institution as the Republican party is, therefore, quite truly a matter of national interest and national need."

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BIG FOUR — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev accepted Friday the West's proposal for a summit conference in Paris next Spring. Shown here against a background of Paris with the Arc de Triomphe in center, are the Big Four who will meet. They are, left to right, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan; U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower; French President Charles De Gaulle; and Soviet Premier Khrushchev. (UPI Telephoto)