

Many Bridges Said Too Low To Permit Passage of Missiles

Washington—UPI—A House investigator charged today that thousands of bridges built under the interstate highway program are too low to permit passage of the Atlas intercontinental missile and other important weapons.

Rep. Jim Wright (D-Tex.) made the statement as a House Public Works subcommittee opened hearings on the highway program by calling D. Ken Chace, assistant chief of Army transportation.

Subcommittee members said they wanted to question Chace on why the Defense Department waited for more than two years to establish its minimum requirements for the highways.

Chairman John A. Blatnik (R-Minn.) said that a larger number of overpasses were constructed with a 14 to 15-foot clearance before the Defense Department decided it needed a 16-foot minimum.

Other congressional news: Defense: Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) planned to ask Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. whether the Russian missile threat was downgraded in setting the new U.S. military budget.

Symington threatened in advance to make public secret intelligence estimates of Russian missile power if the administration denied that the Soviet rocket threat was greater than ever.

Sewage plants: Congress drove to approve its first major bill of the session by nightfall and send it on to President Eisenhower for an expected veto. The measure would raise from \$500 million

to \$900 million the ceiling on federal grants to help local communities build sewage disposal plants.

Governor Said Not Opposed to Seashore Plan

Salem—UPI—The governor's committee on natural resources denied Monday that Gov. Mark Hatfield has failed to take a stand on the Oregon Dunes seashore controversy.

Jack Hayes, Florence, chairman of the Western Lane Taxpayers Association, said the governor has "not taken a personal stand on the proposed seashore but has passed the buck to his committee on natural resources. . . we people in the Florence area would like to know where he stands."

Dan P. Allen, executive secretary of the committee, said "contrary to general belief neither the committee nor the governor has at any time opposed the idea of a national seashore in Oregon."

Allen reiterated that a compromise bill drawn up by the committee and Hatfield and introduced in congress by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) is considered "minimum requirements" by the state for creation of a national park in the Florence-Reedsport area.

The new bill gives the state more say-so in the park's establishment. Allen pointed out that since Hatfield is chairman of the committee, this is his "personal" stand on the issue.



VOLCANO IN ACTION—This dramatic U. S. Coast Guard photographer flying aerial photo of Puna volcano spewing lava aboard a Hawaiian Air National Guard into the air was made early today by a plane. —(UPI Telephoto)

Queen's Decision On Surname Irks British Press

London—UPI—Queen Elizabeth's sentimental decision to attach her husband's adopted German surname to that of the House of Windsor was openly criticized in the British press today.

In a front-page editorial, the Daily Mirror said the Queen's announcement, on the eve of her third child's birth, to perpetuate Prince Philip's adopted surname of Mountbatten "will not be applauded by the British people."

The Queen announced from Buckingham Palace Monday night that all her descendants who will not be either a royal prince or princess will bear the name Mountbatten-Windsor.

This means that the first royal descendants to use the new title instead of the present family name of Windsor probably will be the second grandson of Prince Charles, now 11, and the grandsons of any other son the Queen may have.

All of London's newspapers except the Times emphasized the Germanic origins of the Mountbatten name, which Philip got from his mother's side. It was Anglicized in World War I, when Philip's grandfather, Prince Louis of Battenberg, lost his position as Britain's first sea lord because of anti-German feeling.

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Fuse, Metal Bits Tied To Explosions

Oregon City—UPI—A section of a fuse and bits of metal have been turned over to the state crime laboratory for study in connection with the Jan. 31 dynamiting of six trucks here.

They were turned over to the laboratory by Oregon City Police Chief C. D. Newman. Newman said heavy rains over the week end apparently uncovered the fuse and metal bits.

They were found by Harold Young, Oregon City policeman, and Gene Wymore, owner of the damaged trucks. Four other trucks were dynamited in northwest Portland the same night of the Oregon City explosions.

Newman said the evidence was the only thing new in the case since the explosion. Children in Britain start the secondary school stage at about 11 years of age.

Stocks Regain Part Of Monday Decline

New York—UPI—Stocks recovered nearly half of Monday's sharp decline during the first hour today.

Industrials, which closed off more than 7 Monday, showed a gain of 3.40. American Tobacco with a gain of 2 and Westinghouse with a gain of 1 helped pull the average up in the initial trading.

Electronics were among the better performers showing gains of more than 2 in General Time and more than 4 in International Business Machines.

Jones & Laughlin and Youngstown added more than a point in the steel where Bethlehem firmed and Republic eased.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES:
New York - 191 - Dow Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrial 619.43, off 7.34; 20 railroads 149.74, off 1.76; 15 utilities 85.49, off 0.26, and 85 stocks 205.20, off 2.08. Sales Monday were about 3,350,000 shares compared with 2,530,000 shares Friday.

Monday's prices on selected stock:

Allied Chemical (xd)	47 1/2
Alum Co. Am.	83
American Can	81 1/2
American Motors	81 1/2
A. T. & T.	81 1/2
Anaconda Copper	63 1/2
Armco Steel	63 1/2
Bendix Aviation	69 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	49 1/2
Boeing Air (xd)	28 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	30 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	60 1/2
Continental Can	42 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	47 1/2
Curtis Wright	25 1/2
Dow Chemical	89 1/2
Du Pont	230 1/2
Eastman Kodak	96 1/2
Firestone	123 1/2
General Electric	88 1/2
General Foods	101 1/2
General Motors (xd)	47 1/2

Unander Denies Interests in Steamship Firms

Washington—UPI—Former Oregon State Treasurer Sig Unander said Monday he held no interests whatsoever in any steamship firm.

Unander, who recently was named to the Federal Maritime Board, was questioned by Sen. Bob Bartlett (D-Alaska), a member of the Senate Commerce committee which is considering the appointment.

Bartlett said he had no doubt that Unander would be confirmed but that he was "now taking the brunt of criticism for all the misdeeds of the maritime board in the past."

No Connections: Unander said he appreciated the reasonableness and propriety of Bartlett's inquiry and was glad to "give him complete satisfaction in this matter."

He said he held no direct or indirect connections "of the remotest degree with the steamship industry or any financial connection with any allied or subordinate activity of the shipping industry." He said if he had he would have divested himself of any interest before coming to Washington.

Bartlett had been critical of Unander's recent attendance at a Portland reception he said was sponsored by numerous shipping firms.

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Eisenhower Likes Benson's Wheat Plan

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Eisenhower dealt mainly with the problem of solving the wheat surplus. He said he prefers the plan drafted by Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson to reduce wheat supports and eliminate production controls. But he said he would accept whatever "constructive" plan Congress enacts.

"Whatever the legislative approach . . . it must be sensible and economically sound, and not a political poulitice," Eisenhower declared.

Wants Quick Action
The President said quick action is necessary "to avoid visiting havoc upon the very people this program is intended to help."

Pointing out that the government is spending \$1,500,000 each day—\$1,000 every minute—to stabilize wheat prices alone, the President said unless constructive action is taken promptly "the danger is very real that this entire program will collapse under the pressure of public indignation."

The framework Eisenhower laid out for a compromise wheat bill appeared broad enough to cover production-curling plans which the administration rejected last year in its effort to push the Benson program.

Message Held Up
The message, which had been scheduled to reach Congress last week, had been held up for 11th-hour conferences with GOP wheat belt senators. The administration's willingness to accept "alternative" wheat plans was believed to be due, at least in part, to warnings from these legislators that Congress would not accept the Benson plan. The senators apparently feared an all or nothing administration stand might backfire against the GOP in the 1960 elections.

The one clearly new proposal in the program suggested that farmers participating in the soil bank program might be given "payments in kind" from out of the existing government held crop surpluses.

Uses Softer Language
He recommended an orderly expansion of the soil bank program, under which farmers take land out of production to hold down surplus output, from the present 28 million acres to 60 million acres.

The President repeated his recommendation for a wheat program which would eliminate acreage allotments and marketing quotas beginning with the 1961 crop. He also

recommended wheat price supports as a percentage of the average price for the three preceding years.

Eisenhower's other recommendations called for: —Continued use of the "food for peace program"

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: A terrifying wave of arrests is going on in the Dominican Republic, according to reliable reports reaching here. These reports say a special "detention camp" has been built in the countryside outside Trujillo (capital of the Dominican Republic) and the fate of perhaps 1500 persons herded into it is completely unknown.

The persons arrested are reported to have suffered extreme PHYSICAL ABUSE. They have no communication at all with relatives or friends on the outside and their names have never been announced by the Dominican government.

WHAT'S in the wind?
It's like this: The Dominican Republic is ruled by a despot-who, AS LONG AS HE HAS ALL THE GUNS, has supreme power. He can do as he pleases with the lives and fortunes of the people and NOBODY (except somebody with MORE GUNS) can say him nay.

That's despotism? What's despotism? It's TOO MUCH POWER in too few hands.

A WORD here to the people of Cuba: In your country, one despot has just overthrown another. It looks very much at the moment like your new despot may be worse than your old one. Among other things, he's flirting with COMMUNISM, which is as cruel a despotism as has ever existed.

You'd better turn thumbs down on ALL the despots. They're dangerous. They're as dangerous as an atom bomb in unscrupulous hands.

MORE from Washington: The U. S. senate voted by a decisive majority the other day to increase the federal aid to education that is proposed in a bill pending before the congress to \$1,834,000,000 (a billion, 834 million dollars) and to include aid for teacher salaries as well as school construction.

Under the bill, if enacted into law, the state of Washington would get \$14,015,000 in federal funds for each of the next two years, Oregon would get \$9,435,000 and Idaho would get \$4,672,000.

IT'S a lot of money. And—At the first glance, it looks like a GIFT from our generous old Uncle Sam.

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Romances Spotlight Finch Murder Trial

Los Angeles—UPI—Dr. R. Bernard Finch, who has admitted being intimate with at least three women prior to the slaying of his estranged wife, today faces prosecution cross-examination about the details of how he killed Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch.

It was romance day at the sensational murder trial Monday and Finch took the occasion to wittily characterize himself as a sophisticated man of the world.

The spectators liked his wise-cracks about his intimacies with two married women and a divorcee, but whether the jury felt the same appreciation remained to be seen.

Mrs. X, Mrs. Y
The 42-year-old doctor went into detail about his love affair with Carole Tregoff, 23, his red-haired co-defendant for the murder of Barbara Jean, 36, at the luxurious West Covina home of the Finches last July 18.

Finch admitted without an outward trace of embarrassment previous love affairs with two other women, identified as Mrs. X and Mrs. Y, beginning in 1953. The point made by prosecutor Fred N. Whichello was that, at one time, Finch was cheating both on his wife and a mistress in behalf of Carole.

Today Whichello will attempt to discredit Finch's claim that his wife was killed accidentally after he struggled with her for possession of a gun. Finch testified he wrested the pistol from his wife and that when he threw it away it discharged accidentally and the bullet struck Barbara Jean in the back.

The prosecutor asked him whether he didn't think society — let alone his wife — would disapprove of setting Carole up in an apartment. "I didn't expect the rest of the world would find out about it the way the rest of the world is now," Finch replied.

British Traffic Fatalities Higher

London—UPI—British traffic fatalities last December were the largest in number in any month since the blackout of December, 1941, according to the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

The ministry said 881 persons were killed in road accidents last December. This was 185 more than the previous December and the highest monthly toll since the grim December in 1941 when Britain was under almost constant blackout because of air raids.

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