

Nation's Traffic Death Toll Near Million Mark



HEADS PAKISTAN — Al-Haj Khwaja Nazimuddin, above, former governor-general of Pakistan, resigned his post to take over the premiership following the assassination of Premier Liaquat Ali Khan. Nazimuddin, friendly to the U. S. and Britain, is considered a moderate who avoids inflammatory statements.

CHICAGO, (P)—Traffic deaths on the nation's highways are mounting as expected, toward the one million mark, the national safety council said today.

The council announced the total number of deaths for the first nine months of this year—28,630—which surpassed the grand total since the advent of the automobile "well past 990,000."

That leaves less than 10,000 to go before the millionth traffic death is recorded. The council said its earlier estimate that the millionth fatality would occur during the third week of December was unchanged by the latest figures.

September alone accounted for 3,650 persons killed in traffic accidents. A factor in this total—the highest for any month since September, 1941—was the highest Labor Day traffic death toll on record. The nine-month total of 28,630 was eight percent higher than for the same period in 1950.

Last year's toll on the highways was 35,000. That was the highest total since 1941—the all-time record year for traffic deaths—39,969.

The sea coast of Canada, one of the longest in the world, comprises 17,86 miles of mainland and 41,809 miles of islands.

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MILTON, Mass. (P)—Three would-be robbers used the wrong approach Monday on liquor dealer John P. Weldon, 65, so they got nothing.

Weldon tells the story this way: The three entered and asked for some liquor. When he turned to fill their order one of the men picked up a bottle and struck him.

"After that," he said, "it seemed as though they hit me with everything in the store." Weldon said he fired back as quickly as he could pluck the bottles from the shelves.

Before taken to a hospital to be treated for deep cuts on the head and over each eye, Weldon said:

"If they had asked for the money in the register, or even for a couple of bottles, I probably would have complied. But when they began throwing things at me, I got mad."

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Dual Action Atomic Blast Studied

By BILL BECKER

LAS VEGAS, Nev., (P)—Scientists were busy today evaluating a brilliant atomic explosion which shot a towering, ice-topped cloud 30,000 feet over the Nevada desert.

Yesterday's spectacular blast, third in a series being conducted at the atomic energy commission's Yucca Flat test site north of here, was unlike anything ever seen before. It had a dual action.

The fourth explosion, scheduled for tomorrow, is expected to be even more spectacular.

MUSICIAN DIES
PORTLAND, (P)—William Robinson Boone, widely known in musical circles in Oregon, died in a hospital here Monday. He was named head of piano instruction at Oregon State college in 1908. Two years later he came to Portland. He was organist and pianist for a number of churches and civic clubs.

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launch operation Desert Rock, which combines army maneuvers with a nuclear detonation.

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To observers on Mt. Charleston, 50 miles away, the bomb appeared to have a fireball reaction, even though the total illumination lasted only four seconds. Two sound waves were heard a second apart and the fiery red heat of the explosion rose and burst again.

This phenomenon, which points to design improvements in the basic A-bomb which leveled Hiroshima and Nagasaki, has no exact counterpart in the EC's own manual of atomic explosions.

Veteran atomic observers said the cloud, which soared at least 30,000 feet, provided a spectacle rivaled only by the 1946 Bikini underwater tests, in which a great base column of water rose hundreds of feet and merged with

the nuclear cloud. There was some surprise indicated over yesterday's icecap formation.

The sight was undoubtedly an impressive one for the nearly 2000 military observers.

Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing, sixth army commandant, arrived from San Francisco to be on hand for the Desert Rock maneuvers in which 1000 GI's will take positions about seven miles from the spot

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where nuclear weapons will be tested for the first time in support of troops.

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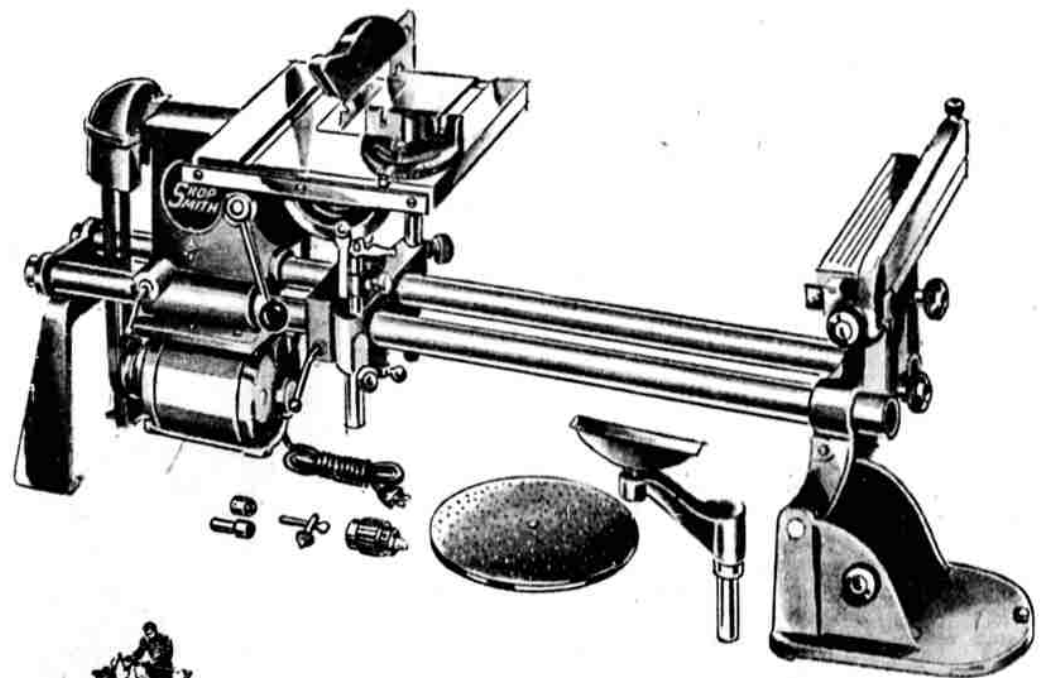
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