



Big Four Practicing Diplomacy By Jet Plane

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Anxious citizens of the Big Four countries, checking the arrival and departure columns in recent weeks, can't be blamed for wondering: "Who's home minding the store?"

There was a time when Secretary of State John Foster Dulles had the airlines virtually to himself as he hopped around the world in quest of peace.

Now everybody's doing it, including the big guys themselves—America's Eisenhower, the Soviet's Khrushchev, England's Macmillan and France's De Gaulle.

The travel epidemic that struck the world's leaders in 1959 shows no signs of abating during the next year.

The year was hardly under way when Macmillan was off to check up on some trouble spots among Britain's dependencies and com-

monwealth partners in Africa. The Macmillan jaunt can be classified under the general heading of straightening out or mollifying some of the younger members of the family.

Other diplomatic junkets fall in the categories of (1) dropping in for a chat with friendly or neutral neighbors, and (2) having a heart-to-heart talk with the bully across the street.

Eisenhower is off next month on a mission similar to Macmillan's trip.

The President will visit Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, four friendly little nations on a continent where Vice President Nixon was stoned less than two years ago.

At the same time, Khrushchev is planning to be in Indonesia and probably India and Burma, three neutral nations which have been getting disillusioned by the activi-

ties of their neighbor Communist China.

Also on the Khrushchev agenda is Paris in March, perhaps to put a bee in the ear of De Gaulle, the proud, stubborn Frenchman who has shown signs of dissatisfaction with the Western alliance.

De Gaulle himself will be on the move in April with visits lined up to Ottawa and Washington and probably several other American cities.

Then, in June, comes the Eisenhower visit to Moscow, a return journey to even up for Khrushchev's inspection trip of the United States last September.

The travel bug first bit the world leaders in August, 1959, when Eisenhower toured England, France and West Germany to assure friends that the coming Khrushchev visit didn't mean he was deserting them.

Khrushchev himself followed up his American swing with a fast trip to Peiping, possibly to assure Mao Tse-Tung that the Atlantic crossing didn't mean that he was deserting the Chinese.

Not to be outdone, Eisenhower picked December to make the most spectacular tour of them all — his 22,000-mile trip through Europe, Asia and North Africa.

Meanwhile, De Gaulle sneaked off for a comparatively short visit to Dakar in the French African community, where cries for complete independence have grown louder in recent months.

The moral of it seems to be this: Don't be surprised if Khrushchev—or De Gaulle or Macmillan—pops up at your backyard barbecue next summer.

World peace, according to the new diplomatic philosophy, might be found anywhere.

Morse Leader Tells Plans

SALEM (AP) — Petitions to place the name of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) on the Oregon Democratic presidential primary ballot will carry 5,000 signatures, E. G. Neal said Sunday.

Neal, who is chairman of the Morse-for-President Committee, said the petitions will be filed later this month.

Neal, a retired logger and construction worker, says he hopes to have signatures from some precincts in all of Oregon's 36 counties.

At Toledo, Ohio, Sunday night, Morse was introduced by a banquet speaker as "the next president of the United States."

Morse said the chairman apparently was "suffering from illusion which I don't share."

Morse said he is considering entering the Wisconsin primary and some others. He has said he hopes to win delegates but he does not expect to win the presidency.

Sinking Told By Coxswain

NEAH BAY, Wash. (AP) — The tragic story of how a fishboat swamped while trying to aid a Coast Guard patrol boat was told here Saturday by Richard H. Miller, 25, of Beaverton, Ore., coxswain of the Coast Guard vessel.

Two crewmen lost their lives when the crabber Barbara Lee was engulfed by a wave while assisting the Invincible off the Westport bar Thursday night.

"There was nothing we could do to save them," Miller said in a telephone interview. "We had no power and were completely helpless. It's only by the grace of God that we're still alive."

The Invincible was escorting the crabber across the bar when a great wave swept over the patrol craft.

"Water in our engine room killed our power and we had no radio . . . The Barbara Lee came to help us. Then, a large breaker hit the Barbara Lee and the vessel turned completely over."

Harold Perulia, 45, of Westport, was pulled to safety aboard the Invincible. Robert Bolam, 40, and Ted Sigardson, 28, both of Westport, drowned.

The Coast Guard tug Yacona went to the aid of the Invincible and towed her here when heavy seas prevented the vessels from crossing the Westport bar.

Aboard the Invincible with Miller were Mervin L. Johnson, 22, of Aberdeen; Dicky Meiers, 24, of Yakima; and Carl L. Roley, 19, of Oregon City, Ore.

Interstate Highway System Suffers From Costs

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Like a huge jigsaw puzzle, the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways is beginning to take shape. But financing the superhighways is a pressing problem.

With funds running short, the administration has clamped controls on the states. Each state has been told how much it can spend and how fast.

Meanwhile, planners in Washington are looking for ways to increase revenues or decrease costs. No solution has been found.

The Federal Bureau of Roads has not yet compiled miles-completed figures including last year's work. However, the American Automobile Assn. found in a state-by-state survey that 6,799 miles now are open to traffic (see map).

An interstate system was first proposed about 25 years ago, as a result of the frustration the Army experienced in trying to move supplies and men around the country during World War I.

The highways which are being rebuilt or newly laid to form the multi-lane controlled-access interstate system comprise only 1.2

per cent of the nation's total road mileage, but the routes carry one-seventh of all American motor vehicle traffic. They serve 65 per cent of the nation's urban population and 45 per cent of its rural population. They join 42 state capitals and 90 per cent of all cities over 50,000 population.

Under the 1956 Federal-Aid Highway Program, the government agreed to put up 90 per cent of the cost of the superhighways while the states contributed only 10 per cent.

Target date for completion was 1972.

New York, with 1,277 miles allocated in the system, has completed 612 miles for a larger percentage than any other state. Pennsylvania with 543 of an allocated 1,527 miles is next.

While not much highway seems to have been built in the first three years, roads officials explain that preliminary studies and right-of-way purchases took much of the money spent at the start.

Very few long stretches are open to traffic. Most of these are in the northeast and generally are toll roads. These highways were built outside the program but were incorporated into the system. Examples are the Pennsylvania and Ohio Turnpikes and the New York Thruway.

Rising costs have all but stymied hopes of having the network completed by the 1972 target date. In the last three years, the estimated cost of building these roads has risen by 13½ million dollars or nearly 50 per cent.

Last summer, with revenues to support the program falling short, President Eisenhower proposed a cent and a half increase in the federal gasoline tax to make up the deficit. Congress cut this to a one-cent increase for 21 months. That's when the Bureau of Roads clamped firm controls on state spending.

The Roads and Highway Safety Committee of the Council of State Governments, headed by Gov. Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, has appealed to the President to restore cuts in the spending program and lift the controls.

In his recent budget message, the President asked Congress to increase the gasoline tax a half-cent and continue the 1½-cent increase — including last year's boost — for five years.

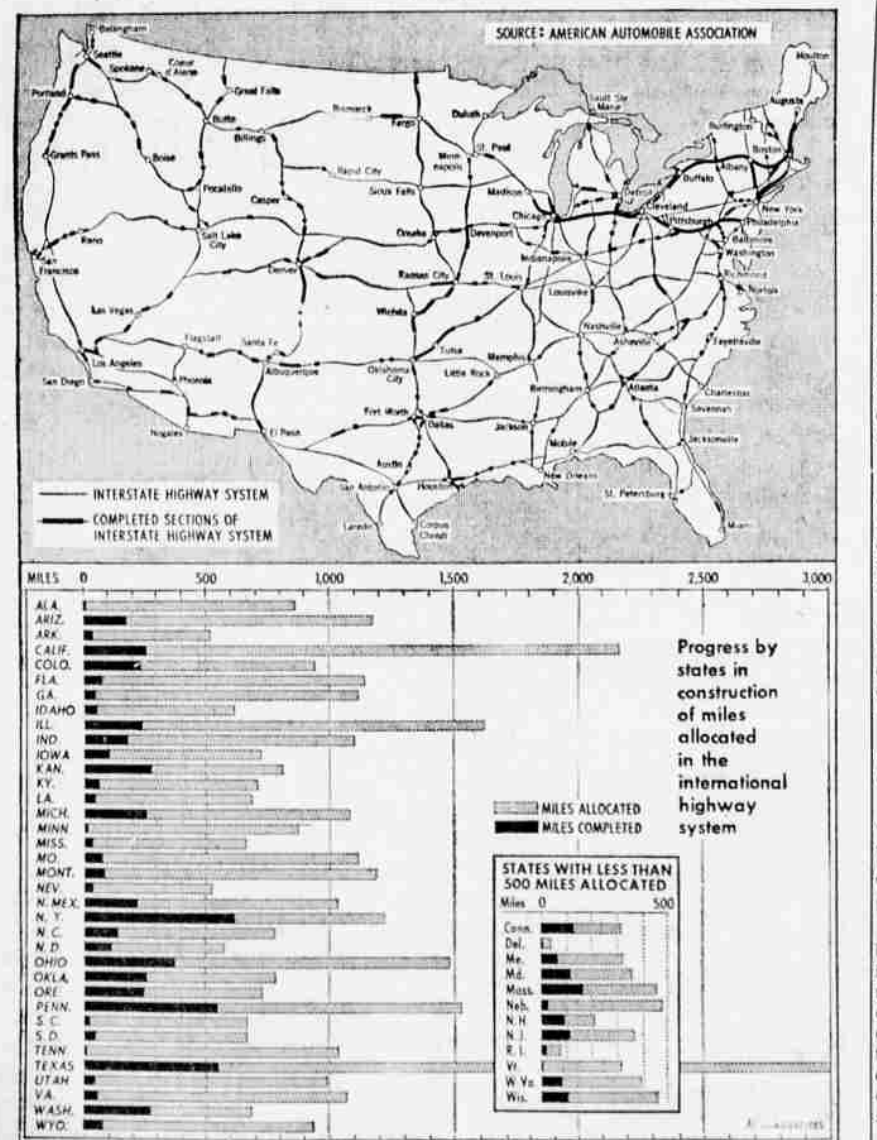
He also has a special White House group studying ways of increasing revenues or cutting costs.

By law, the program must operate on a pay-as-you-build basis, and the administration seems determined to keep it that way. This precludes financing by long-term bonds.

It has been suggested that urban superhighways be eliminated from the program since they represent very little mileage but account for an estimated 42 per cent of the program's total cost. But this is a politically explosive proposition. Urban motorists will pay close to half the cost of the interstate system.

Sens. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) and Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) have warned that there would be bipartisan opposition to a proposal of this kind.

There is also a chance that the government will lower its share of the contributions. But this would have to be approved by a reluctant Congress.



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Toy Rocket Kills Youth

VAN NUYS, Calif. (UPI) — A 13-year-old boy was killed accidentally Sunday by a toy rocket fired by a playmate.

John J. Berg was struck in the chest by a three-inch metal capsule loaded with match heads. He ran about 50 feet into a chain-link fence and fell over dead.

Police said the cylinder, of the type used to store compressed gas for inflating rubber life jackets and rafts, was fired through a four-foot pipe by William Wirts, 13. The boys were playing "rocket launching" in the backyard of the Wirts' home when the accident occurred.

League Chief To New Post

PORTLAND (AP) — Tillamook Mayor Loren McKinley will become full-time director of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry when Douglas Hegli's resignation becomes effective March 1.

McKinley, also president of the League of Oregon Cities, said he would resign his position as mayor.

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The higher rates, authorized last Nov. 20 by the Interstate Commerce Commission, are aimed at boosting Post Office revenue by \$8 million dollars a year.

Committee Hits Siberian Move

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Committee on Un-American Activities reports that hundreds of thousands of men, women and children are being forcibly resettled in Siberia and Turkistan by the Communists.

The committee released Sunday the sixth in a series of reports of the "crimes of (Soviet Premier Nikita S.) Khrushchev." The report said the relocation was from the Baltic states, the Ukraine and Byelorussia.

Masked Man Robs Market

PORTLAND (AP) — The masked man walked into the supermarket Saturday night and, sure enough, he pulled out a pistol. In rapid succession he:

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