

Demos Doing Spade Work On Road System Problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats at the Capitol already are doing spadework on one of the first domestic problems the Kennedy administration will face—financing of the national superhighway system.

The problem comes to a head with submission to Congress early in January, before the new president takes office, of two major Commerce Department reports on the 41,000-mile interstate roads system.

Another key factor is the scheduled expiration next June 30 of a one-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax increase voted last year to keep construction of the superhighway network from falling too far behind schedule.

Staff members of the congressional committees which handle road construction and financing legislation will be prepared to help the committee members go into the problem early in the 1961 session.

Democrats who put through the 1956 act setting up 90 per cent federal financing for the interstate system are hopeful that the 1961 review will come up with permanent solutions for the troubles plaguing the big road program.

They would like to revive prospects for completion of the entire 41,000 miles by 1972, or as soon thereafter as possible. This was

the goal of the 1956 law, but it is not now in sight.

Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., chief sponsor of the 1956 act, and Sen. Pat McNamara, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate public roads subcommittee, both sought to find some way to bolster the lagging program in the 1960 Congress.

But they said they had to put over any such action to 1961 in the face of Eisenhower administration opposition to any financing moves other than another gas tax increase. Congress was under heavy pressure from state governors not to raise this levy further.

The 1956 law set up a 13-year financing program for the superhighways, and a 16-year construction deadline.

But, because of a pay-as-you-go financing provision insisted on by President Eisenhower, the federal government has not met its commitments to the states under the original law.

Even if it had done so, the allotments would have fallen far short of meeting the full cost of the system.

The reason is that the superhighways originally were figured to cost \$27½ billion, with Washington paying 90 per cent or about \$25 billion.

But a new cost study in 1958 came up with a \$40 billion total, including a federal share of \$36 billion.

Liquid, Green Gold Will Boost Alaska And Canada

SEATTLE (AP) — Liquid gold from northern sands and green gold from tourists' pocketbooks will boost Alaska and Northwest Canada to new heights of prosperity and growth in the next 20 years, the Battelle Memorial Institute predicted Friday.

The Columbus, Ohio, research organization recommended, however, the early construction of five major highway projects at a cost of \$240 million as a necessity in developing the huge northwest area.

Climaxing a 15 months study, the Battelle Institute presented to the Alaska International Rail and Highway Commission a report which predicted that in the next 20 years there will be:

An increase of nearly \$1.4 billion dollars in annual income;

A population increase of from 564,000 now to 698,100;

A potential of 850,000 travelers annually to Alaska and an additional 50,000 to Northwest Canada. They are expected to spend about \$380 million annually.

An increase by more than \$400 million annually in the value of petroleum produced, with the Canadian section of the area claiming a large share of the increase.

The Battelle study concluded in its report with this recommendation:

"Alaska and appropriate Canadian agencies should develop a planned, integrated program to encourage travelers to the region. This would involve a considered

assessment of the attractions within the region, planning for and encouragement of the development of desired facilities to meet the travelers' wants and needs, and stimulating travel to and within the region through proper promotional activities."

A member of the institute noted that at the present time "really effective promotion has not been done."

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash., acting chairman of the commission, and member Sen. E. L. Bartlett, D-Alaska, praised the report as "an excellent base from which the interested state, provincial and national governments can work."

They pointed out, however, that it does not represent the conclusion of the Alaska International Rail and Highway Commission, which will be reached at a later meeting in Washington, D.C., and then be submitted to Congress.

It may be expected, they said, that the commission's conclusions will be based principally or altogether on the studies of the Institute.

B. D. Thomas, Renton, Wash., president of the Institute, also painted a glowing picture for the vast area from the Willamette Valley of Oregon through Washington, Western Canada and Alaska.

"This area has the most promising future that the human race can show anywhere," he said in a luncheon address.

"The time is going to come," he said, "when the area from the Willamette north to Vancouver will be one vast metropolitan area with 50 million people."

"The northland will be the ultimate frontier. The population there will increase extremely rapidly. The northland will feed on this area (Willamette to Vancouver) in a way that will make all our predictions conservative."

Hale Champion, the governor's executive secretary, said Monday that the Division of Industrial Safety has assigned safety engineer Frank Johnson to the inquiry.

Officials of the Tunnel and Rock Workers Union, AFL-CIO, in a telegram to Brown requesting the investigation, said they believed the disaster was caused by an electrical storm.

One worker was killed when a charge of explosives went off prematurely Saturday 2,500 feet inside a tunnel at the construction site of the Orville-Wyandotte Irrigation District's \$82 million power project on the South Fork of the Feather River. Another worker died late Saturday from injuries suffered in the blast.

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'Hot Money' Causes Sharp Increase In Trade Deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — A flight of "hot money" to Europe caused a sharp increase in the U.S. balance of payments deficit in the July-September quarter.

The Commerce Department issued a preliminary estimate to day that the deficit reached an annual rate of \$4.3 billion during the three months. The rate for the preceding quarter was \$2.9 billion.

This situation has led directly to an increased loss of gold by the United States and has prompted top-level moves to stem the worrisome gold-dollar drain.

The balance of payments represents the difference between the amount which foreigners spend

and invest in the United States and the larger amount which this country spends, invests and gives away abroad.

As foreigners build up a dollar surplus in their dealings with the United States, they use part of the surplus to buy American gold.

The Commerce report showed that gold purchases by foreigners during the third quarter amounted to \$637 million compared with \$94 million in the preceding three months.

The big factor was a movement of "hot money." This term is applied to money which is shifted about to gain the highest interest yield available.

Scientists Take Step Toward Unraveling 'Code'

BERKELEY (UPI) — A team of scientists at the University of California today revealed another step toward unraveling the genetic "code" that governs the growth and form of all living things.

The scientists, among them Nobel Prize winner Wendell M. Stanley, have determined that there are 156 amino acids in the subunit of the virus protein. And they have established the sequence in which these acids are linked together in a pattern.

Dr. Stanley termed the understanding of the amino sequence—the largest genetically governed molecule and first virus protein to be analyzed in this manner—a "base on which to study mutation."

The virologists used the tobacco mosaic virus as a model. The virus is a long, thin, rod-shaped structure. It is made up of a protein coat and a nucleic acid core. The protein coat is made up of subunits. Each subunit is made up of amino acids. The sequence of amino acids in the subunit determines the shape and function of the subunit. The sequence of subunits in the protein coat determines the shape and function of the protein coat. The sequence of amino acids in the nucleic acid core determines the shape and function of the nucleic acid core. The sequence of nucleic acid cores in the virus determines the shape and function of the virus.

of "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences."

Other members of the six-man team included Dr. Akira Tsugita, U.S. Public Health Service fellow from Japan; Dr. Duane T. Gish, now with Upjohn Research Laboratory, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Dr. Janis D. Young, junior research biochemist; and Drs. Heinz L. Fraenkel-Conrat and C. Arthur Knight, professors of virology.

Discovery of the amino sequence will also help accelerate research along these lines:

—Understanding many types of cancer by studying the way viruses affect the growth and metabolism of living cells.

—Progress toward immunization treatments by searching for the nature of disease resistance by way of relations between antibodies in the blood and corresponding proteins of virus particles.

—Determining how the protein subunits are "folded" into the complete viral particle—another factor in virus behavior.

—Relating variations of virulence to the viral protein composition. This composition is known to exert great influence on the disease causing nature of viruses.

Dr. Stanley, who won the Nobel Prize in 1946 for his work on virus crystallization, said the benefit in cancer research would be "indirect."

"I, like many, believe there are cancer viruses," Stanley said.



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