



BEATS HIGH ODDS — Bernard Harris, 23, looks at his four daughters born at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago June 30. The quadruplets, born to his wife, Dolores, 19, weighed in at 4 lbs., 10 oz.; 4 lbs., 15 1/2 oz.; 4 lbs., 14 1/2 oz., and 4 lbs., 7 1/2 oz. The Harris' have one other child, Shawn, 15-months. The odds are 700,000 to one against having quads.

Chicago Factory Worker's Wife Bears Quadruplets, Beats Odds

CHICAGO (UPI) — The teen-aid wife of a factory worker gave birth to quadruplets Sunday. The Negro quadruplets, all girls, were born to Mrs. Dolores Harris, 19, within 10 minutes — the first at 11:09 a.m., the last at 11:19. They were reported in good condition.

Any Change In Bill Hit

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy said he opposed any changes in the administration's civil rights bill that would "water down" the proposed ban on discrimination in public accommodations.

Kennedy said a federal ban was needed to stop "one of the most embittering forms of racial discrimination" that stamps a "badge of inferiority" on Negroes.

"While people of whatever kind — even prostitutes, narcotics pushers, Communists or bank robbers — are welcome at establishments which will not admit certain of our federal judges, ambassadors and countless members of our armed forces," Kennedy said.

Kennedy told the Senate Commerce Committee that he and the President "emphatically" wanted the seven-point rights legislation passed this year.

Reply To GOP

His strongly worded statement was regarded as a rebuttal to Republican charges that the administration was ready to sacrifice the public accommodations provision to get the rest of the bill through Congress.

The President's brother threw his full support behind the proposal to outlaw discrimination in hotels, theaters, restaurants and stores and other facilities open to the public.

Kennedy urged passage of a separate accommodations bill just five days after he appealed to the House Judiciary Committee to enact the entire civil rights package.

The attorney general dismissed as a "smokescreen" the arguments raised by some Republicans and southern Democrats that the bill would seriously infringe on property rights.

"The only right it will deny is the right to discriminate — to embarrass and humiliate millions of our citizens in the pursuit of their daily lives," he said.

Notes Celler Proposal

Kennedy took note of the proposal by Chairman Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., of the House Judiciary Committee that Congress should exclude business establishments from coverage if their volume of sales was below a certain point.

He said the standards for coverage in the administration's bill would be plain enough in the great majority of cases.

"We intentionally did not make the size of a business the criterion for coverage because we believe that discrimination by many small establishments imposes a cumulative burden on interstate commerce," Kennedy said.

Test For Coverage

Kennedy said public accommodations would be covered if they met the following tests:

—Public lodgings, if they are public and the lodgers are transients.

—Place of amusement, "if they customarily present entertainment which moves in interstate commerce."

—Restaurants and retail stores, (1) if a substantial part of their business is with interstate travelers or (2) if their activities substantially affect interstate commerce or (3) if they are an integral part of another business covered by any of the provisions listed above.

Their weights were 4 pounds 10 ounces, 4-15 1/2, 4-14 1/2, and 4-7, in order of delivery. They were about one month premature.

Physicians planned to run tests today to determine whether the infants were identical. They said the possibility of identical quadruplets is far less likely than the occurrence of quadruplets, which is about one in 700,000.

Mrs. Harris and her husband, Bernard, 23, a tractor assembly-line worker for International Harvester whose take-home pay is \$90 a week, have one other child, Shawn, 15 months. They learned in March that they might have quads.

It wasn't until April 11, the day after Mrs. Harris entered Michael Reese Hospital, that an electrocardiograph detected four separate fetal heartbeats.

Dr. Frank E. Rubovits, chief of obstetrics at Michael Reese, where the babies were born, said "extreme precaution" was a definite factor in assuring the safe delivery.

Physicians were optimistic about the quads' prognosis. Generally, only one set of quads in 2 million births survive the first year.

In English language medical literature up to a few years ago, there were only 16 living sets of quadruplets for the last 30 years.

The father said he didn't think the rapid increase in his family would be "too much of a hardship."

"I feel great," he said.

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First Spleen Transplant Performed

DENVER (UPI) — A 10-year-old patient at Colorado General Hospital had a new spleen today following a historic transplant operation performed during the weekend.

Both the boy and his mother, the donor of the organ, were reported in "fair" condition after surgery, but the youngster still faces a crisis, probably some time this month, when his body is likely to attempt to "reject" the spleen as foreign matter.

The operation was the first spleen transplant in history.

The mother and son are from Pueblo, Colo. They have not been identified.

Doctors said the boy was suffering from a disease which depleted the supply of antibodies in his blood, Anti-divis fight infection, and because he did not have enough of them, he was chronically ill.

A team of surgeons which has performed kidney and liver transplants here in recent months undertook the spleen operation. Their idea was that the new spleen, an organ which produces antibodies, would provide the boy with more immunity from infection.

A normally healthy person like his mother can get along without a spleen because antibodies also are produced by other organs — the thymus gland and lymph nodes.

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Promise Of Seaway Still Unrealized In Midwest

CHICAGO (UPI) — The Midwest is still waiting for the St. Lawrence Seaway dream to come true.

It was less than five years ago — in April, 1959 — that the passage was breached and the way cleared for salt water vessels to tap the wealth of the nation's heartland.

That was a time of superlatives. There was talk of 35 million tons of cargo within the seaway's first year, 50 million annually within 10 years. Duluth and Toledo were to become the harbor rivals of New York and New Orleans. Who could tell? Some day ocean liners might be docking at Detroit and Chicago's harbor lights would be as famous as Singapore's.

It hasn't happened yet. In a few cities along the seaway route the channel to the Atlantic has been everything the civic planners dreamed. In a few others, the age of the seaway has been a bitter disappointment. In most, the potential is still there. But it could be years before it is realized.

Passes Expectations

After four years on the seaway, Toledo port director Louis C. Purdy estimated the city's annual income is \$20 to \$25 million richer. Tonnage passing through the Toledo port has "gone far beyond the original projections."

The median age of all women workers is now 41 years, reports the U.S. Department of Labor.

made prior to completion of the seaway," he said.

But at the twin ports of Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis., which had dreamed of a new iron age of prosperity, there were many who felt they'd be better off if someone filled in the St. Lawrence River.

In Chicago, once touted as the potential queen of the seaway cities, port director Capt. John J. Manley took the hard-nosed view. "The seaway has more than lived up to the expectations of realistic people," he said, "but not the dreamers."

In most seaway ports there was agreement that the cities which have made the channel pay off for them are the ones which worked hardest at it.

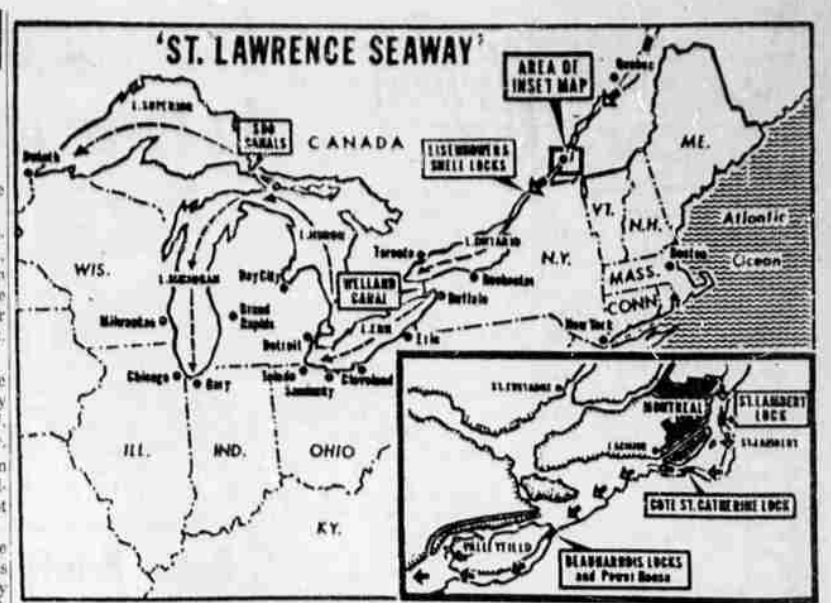
Tonnage Below Anticipation

It is almost as easy to speak gloomily of the seaway as it was to hail its coming five years ago.

The first year the channel opened, total tonnage was about five million below expectations. Latest figures from the Senate public works appropriations subcommittee have total tonnage 34 million below anticipations since 1959.

Tonnage increased 10 per cent last year to a total of just under 26 million. McCann rated that a "banner year," but the original hole had been for 37 million tons.

Shippers have recited a litany of troubles — unwillingness of some cities to promote their ports; Congress' refusal to let



the Seaway Development Corp.

spend money to tool its own horn; the need for still further work on the seaway itself; inexperienced longshoremen; docks which should have been modernized years ago; foreign competition; international labor snarls.

However many cities appeared thoroughly happy with life on the seaway. In most cases, these were the cities which had made sure they would be ready when the "salties" sailed in.

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