

Britain Plans Highway 30,000 Cars A Day 70 m.p.h.

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LONDON (CP) — Britain, the most auto-clogged country in the world, will have her first modern four-lane highway in about four years.

Transport Minister John Boyd-Carpenter announced that construction of the first 53-mile stretch from northern London to a point south of Warwickshire, will begin in 1957. The £15,000,000 road is designed to handle 30,000 vehicles a day in both directions and to carry traffic safely at 70 miles an hour.

The new strip—banned to cyclists and pedestrians—is part of a four-year £45,000,000 program of road-building and repairs. Eventually the government hopes to spend £217,000,000 to bring Britain's 190,000 miles of motorways up to date.

British roads are packed with some 6,000,000 vehicles but there has been virtually no new road construction in the last 16 years. Motorists will pay more than £400,000,000 in taxation this year but, say government critics, less than one-quarter of that will be spent on roads. In the United States, they note, about 90 per cent of all motor taxation goes to highway upkeep.

EXTENDED LATER

The new road to Rugby, with two carriageways each 36 feet wide and separated by a grass strip, will be extended later 30 miles to a point near Doncaster, 30 miles south of York. Total cost of the highway is estimated at 145,000,000, about £300,000 a mile.

Part of the delay in beginning the road is due to the necessity of giving ample warning to landowners. The transport ministry has announced that about 200 public and private interests will be affected by construction of the road.

Detailed plans of the scheme will be made public and anyone wishing to object to any part of the construction program may do so. Later the ministry intends to publish proposals for alterations to about 160 side roads and public

rights of way, and another three months will be set aside for lodging objections. Public hearings will be held if necessary.

MODIFIED CLOVERLEAFS

The first section of road will have six flyovers—a modified version of the cloverleaf junction—46 bridges over roads, eight railway bridges, three canal bridges, five river bridges and dozens more for public and private paths. Where the road splits farms, the ministry has promised to provide small cross-road tunnels for livestock, fences and, if necessary, new water supplies will also be provided.

Reaction to the road program from various interested parties has

been mixed. The Royal Automobile Club, the Automobile Association and the Royal Scottish Automobile Club issued a joint statement:

"The announcements marks what we hope will be a new and more enlightened era in Britain's road policy. It is nearly 20 years since any large-scale project of the kind has come so near to reality. But the fact this relatively modest scheme has created so much interest is a fair commentary on the deplorable neglect of the country's road system since the war."

A spokesman for the road campaign council commented: "In the age of the high-speed bulldozer, the government is nibbling at this road—and indeed the whole road program—with all the power and effect of a toothpick on dry rot."

Wheat Prices Cut Up To Six Cents Within Week

VINNIPEG (CP)—Selling prices of Canadian wheat have been reduced as much as six cents a bushel in a series of changes announced in the last week by the Canadian wheat board.

Thursday's price for No. 1 northern, the top milling wheat, was \$1.70 a bushel compared with \$1.75 last Thursday.

Wheat board officials declined comment on the reason for the reductions but observers said the action might be a move to stimulate lagging export sales.

Other prices, with last Thursday's prices in brackets are: No. 2 northern \$1.67; (1.72), No. 3 northern \$1.64 (1.69) No. 4 northern \$1.59 (1.65). Prices on feed wheat also have been dropped.

The changes applied to sales in all categories: International Wheat Agreement, domestic, and outside the IWA (Class Two).

The first cut of three and four cents on top milling grades last Friday was the first major price change since June, 1954, when the board reduced prices 10 cents a bushel.

This was followed by reductions in feed wheat prices on Monday and across-the-board cut of two cents a bushel Wednesday.

Union Rules On Who's Musician

TORONTO (CP)—A comedienne who skips out on stage, raps out a few discordant notes on the piano and then takes a musical hall prat fall doesn't have to join the Toronto Musicians Union.

But, ruled union executive officer Walter Murdoch Tuesday, a performer who toots out 15 seconds of "Three Blind Mice" on a trumpet, a woman who strums a ukulele for 1½ minutes and a man who plays the bagpipes must.

The "musicians" are members of an English troupe on a six-week tour of Canada, sponsored by the Variety Club.

Controversy over their Musicians Union membership has created a furor among musicians. It ended Tuesday when three of

Ordered To Stand Trial For Murder

SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP) — Jeffrey Lowther, 26, was ordered Thursday to stand trial on a charge of murder arising out of the Sept. 17 shotgun slaying of Gilles Murray.

Judge Joseph Marier committed Lowther, 26, for trial after several crown witnesses had testified he had said he would kill Murray, 24.

No date for the trial was set.

RIVERDALE, CHURCHILL W. I. — The September meeting of Riverdale, Churchill W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. John A. and Mrs. Waldron MacKinnon with the members of New Haven W. I. as guests.

Roll call was responded to by a "Joke". Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A motion was made that all bills be paid.

Correspondence consisted of a letter from Miss Robin and one from Cancer Campaign.

Mrs. Arthur MacDonald, New Dominion, gave a talk on her trip to the Coast. She showed snaps of the scenery on the way. Miss Shirley MacDonald sang several selections.

A guessing contest was led by Mrs. Waldron MacKinnon, prize being won by Mrs. Sterling MacLeod, New Haven. The members were entertained with piano selections by Mrs. Stanley Newman and Miss Shirley MacDonald. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. MacDonald for her interesting talk and to Miss Shirley MacDonald for her singing and piano selections and to the Riverdale, Churchill W. I. from the members of New Haven W. I. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Oliver MacLeod.

The troupe paid their \$50 union fee.

The union ruled that the fourth comedienne Betty Jumel, didn't have to join.

"In her case the piano is just a prop," said Mr. Murdoch. "She doesn't have to join us to fall off a piano."

Alec Finlay, a member of the troupe, said his bagpipes "collapsed from shock" when the union ruled the pipes are a musical instrument.

"It struck me as humorous," said Mr. Finlay. "The bagpipes are hardly regarded as a musical instrument."

Howlan

Allison Carruthers accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Carruthers returned on Wednesday night from their recent trip to Halifax. The St. Anthony's Altar Society held their September meeting on Sept. 29 at the home of Mrs. H.J. Gallant, Howlan, with a fair attendance. Mrs. John F. Gallant, Woodstock will be hostess for the October meeting.

Mr. Sylvain Gallant of Charlottetown attended the marriage of his youngest son Kenneth at Tignish on Tuesday, Sept. 27 and from there came to Howlan where he spent a day or two at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tennis Peters. On Friday he went to Summerside before returning to Charlottetown.

Mrs. John A. Gallant of Woodstock has been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Albert Gallant of Rumford, Maine.

The principal of Howlan school, Miss Lorraine Gallant, spent Sunday at her home in Abram's Village. Her sister, Edna whom she had not seen for four years arrived from Mass., in the evening.

Edna will spend two weeks at home and return to U. S. A. accompanied by her mother for Edna's graduation in nursing on Oct. 22 in Newton, Mass.

Mrs. Isadore Gallant of Halifax has been visiting at her old home in Lot 6 during the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gallant and family of Halifax are spending two weeks holidays with their folks in West Prince Co.

Mrs. John A. Gallant of Woodstock and her sister-in-law Mrs. Albert Gallant of Rumford were visiting in Howlan on Tuesday at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Arsenault, and Mrs. and Mrs. Tennis Peters.

U. N. Put Korea Back On Feet

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP) —Canada commended the UN's Korean Reconstruction Agency Tuesday for its "obvious dedication in the work of putting a nation back on its feet."

Pat Conroy, Canadian representative, delivered a prepared statement in the general assembly's Second committee congratulating U.S. Gen. John B. Coulter for his work as UNKRA's agent-general.

Referring to Coulter's report to the general assembly on UNKRA activities, Conroy said: "The first reflection of the report is the obvious dedication of the agent-general and his loyal staff of assisting in the work of putting a nation back on its feet."

He said Canada, which has contributed \$7,750,000 to the agency, "is pleased that it has been allowed to help in the restoration of the Republic of Korea."

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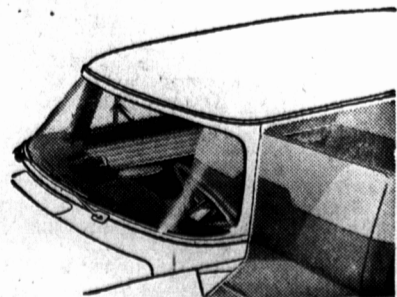
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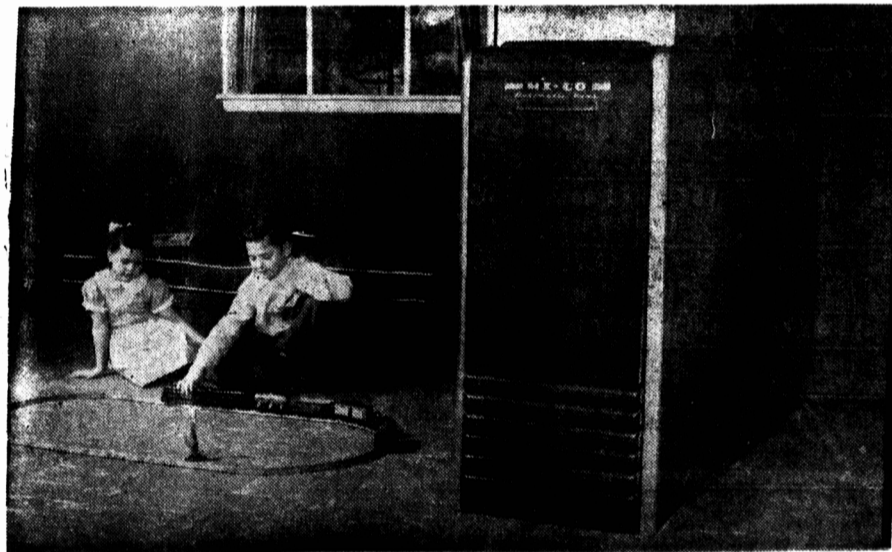


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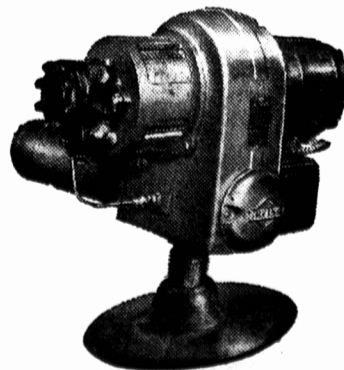
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