

Power Pushed In U.S.

By CORNELIUS F. HURLEY WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—President Johnson said Wednesday the United States is years ahead of the planned progress in the economic use of large-scale reactors for electric power.

Johnson made the announcement in a commencement address at Holy Cross College. He was awarded an honorary degree as doctor of civil law.

"In the last several months we have achieved an economic breakthrough in the use of large-scale reactors for commercial power," he said.

By September, he added, he will report to the third international conference in Geneva on the peaceful use of atomic energy on the new U.S. capability to use the power of the atom to meet human needs.

"... The development of the large-scale reactor offers a dramatic prospect of transforming sea water into water suitable for human consumption and industrial use."

"Large-scale nuclear reactors and desalting plants offer in combination, economic, energy power and useable water in areas of need. We are engaged in research and development to transform this scientists' concept into reality."

WASHINGTON (AP)—An apparent trend toward using nuclear fires to generate home and industrial electricity has developed in the U.S.—at least four years ahead of earliest expectations.

That indication from the Atomic Energy Commission Wednesday stands behind President Johnson's announcement of a breakthrough in the use of nuclear reactors for commercial power.

Some U.S. firms are deciding now to build big nuclear power plants—even in the face of soaring costs of fossil fuels such as coal, the major fuel of conventional power production.

Behind their decisions are economic advantages in nuclear power from the growing experience with present reactors, the AEC noted. Also nuclear fuel costs are down because of better use of fuels, and progress in engineering design.

SIX NEW PLANTS

The AEC spokesmen said six new plants are proposed or planned—two of them under construction—by U.S. firms, to generate electric power from nuclear sources.

The two most recently announced are a \$15,000-kilowatt plant by the Jersey Central Power and Light Company at Oyster Creek, N.J., and a 500, 000-kilowatt plant by Wisconsin's Mohawk Power Company, Oswego, N.Y.

Both plants would use boiling water reactors. Others announced include three in California and one in Connecticut.

Promotions Announced

OTTAWA (CP)—RCMP Commissioner George F. McCallum announced Wednesday the promotions of two officers to the rank of chief superintendent.

They are Superintendents William Harrison Graham Nevins, 56, of Victoria, and Brian Henry Kelly, 53, of Ottawa.

Chief Superintendent Nevins now is officer in charge of the Criminal Investigation Branch at Victoria, and will take command of operations in Newfoundland in July.

Three Drowned In Car Plunge

MONTREAL (CP)—Two men were drowned Wednesday when their cars smashed through a gate and plunged 40 feet off Victoria Bridge into the St. Lawrence Lock of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The victims were identified as Roger Demers, 34, and Fernand Raebou, 19.

The first car missed an alternate exit from the bridge and tipped through a railway crossing type gate which automatically lowers when a bridge section is raised to allow passage of a ship in the canal below.

The second vehicle plunged off the bridge a few minutes later, landing on top of the first car.

Both cars were headed to the south shore across the St. Lawrence River from Montreal.

Traffic on the Seaway was halted for 3½ hours while the

LONGEST STREET

A six-lane boulevard running from the Municipal Plaza to the Plaza of the Three Powers in Brasilia, capital of Brazil, is 373 yards wide.

SELLERS ARRIVES

LONDON (AP)—British actor Peter Sellers and his 21-year-old bride, Britt Ekland, arrived in London from Hollywood Monday with Sellers cracking jokes about his recent heart attack.

Sellers, 38, was in London April 28, was scheduled to be in the United States to make a

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