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Toll Roads Require Regional Planning

HEELS may be slow on the draw but not on the draw. They are frequently impatient with neighboring southern states who seem to have their juleps when there is plowing to be done. This is the case with the multimillion-dollar toll highway project Virginia and North Carolina have talked about for years. The Old Dominion has dawdled and dragged its feet. North Carolina is anxious for action.

In Raleigh this week, the State Highway and Public Works Commission finally stamped approval on plans for a preliminary study of the feasibility of a turnpike route through North Carolina. The desire to get started with the project is understandable. But serious questions have been raised about whether Virginia really will get down to business on its segment of the expressway. It has not ordered a feasibility survey of its own yet. It would be absurd for North Carolina to go ahead with its project if Virginia decides to forget about the whole thing.

But if all goes well, the North Carolina turnpike will run from the Charlotte-Gastonia area diagonally across the state to the Virginia line near Mt. Airy. The Virginia turnpike would connect the North Carolina road with one already under construction in West Virginia. Obviously, close cooperation between the states involved will be an absolute necessity. This is a project for the three turnpike authorities to work on together—not apart. Fortunately, first steps toward a coordinated program have already been taken.

The painful mistakes of other states in other regions must certainly be avoided at all costs. The road building program one foresees how extensive toll road development was to be following World

War II. Also, each expressway built was planned primarily to meet a local need and was laid out in a way that was certain to attract enough traffic to insure a return on the original investment. Regional needs were considered to be of secondary importance.

There were some strange results. A typical example of the confusion caused by a lack of interstate planning was reported recently by V. T. Broughton in *Engineering News-Record*. It occurred in the area between Pittsburgh and Chicago. Extension of the famous Pennsylvania Turnpike to the Ohio line was begun before a commission now constructing a toll road across Ohio was created. Similarly, Ohio did its planning before the Indiana commission was set up. Indiana started a turnpike before Illinois had an opportunity to make its plans.

In most instances, decisions on where a toll turnpike in one state should stop at the border of another state have been made on the basis of expediency rather than on sound regional planning. Toll roads are serving an important purpose in upgrading the nation's highway system. They are not the final answer to the problem—America needs more and better free highways too. But the roadbuilding task is great and every available resource will be needed to meet it. In the case of toll highways, each project is judged on its economic soundness. The investment banker, not the politician, is the chief judge. And the turnpike authorities are getting things done, fast.

In both toll roads and free roads, more interstate cooperation is needed if America's basic system of highways is to be at all costs. The road building program one foresees how extensive toll road development was to be following World



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Throw the Book At Road Hogs

THOUSANDS of dollars have been spent marking the highways with yellow solid center lines on blind hills and curves. What chance has a driver coming in the opposite direction in these localities if the markings are ignored?

The Alabama State Highway Department investigated 103 fatal and injury accidents, in the rural area, during the 12 year period—December 22, 1933 through January 3, 1954. It found:

Twenty-one of these accidents resulted in the death of 25 people.

Eighty-seven injury accidents were investigated—in these and the fatal accidents, 150 people were reported injured.

Six of the 25 deaths were the result of violations of the solid center line markings.

Six of the 25 people killed and 40 of the injured were caused from driving on the wrong side of the highway or failure to yield the right-of-way.

Of the 87 injury accidents, 45 were due to the violation of the center line markings.

Thousands of lives would be saved if the various state legislatures passed more stringent laws, and these laws be enforced, for driving on the wrong side of the highway and driving in the wrong lane of traffic on the super highways.

—C. C. McLEAN, M.D.

New Interest In An Ancient Sport

Just as a prosecuting attorney. We do check and double check as best we can—sometimes against great odds imposed by the executive department. In the case of Mr. Matson, all the evidence he submitted to us identifying persons as Communists has been verified.

In no case has it been upon or even attacked so far as we can learn. Certainly no one has come before us and attempted to dispute the identification.

I am sorry your editorial is so worded as to carry the implication that you have accepted the lying misstatements and propaganda put out by left-wingers generally concerning Communists and our witnesses.

The phrase "professional informers" was invented by the Communists as a sneer word to discredit all efforts to expose subversion. I am afraid there are some people in this country more interested in preventing the exposure of these people than in seeing to it that the nation is protected.

My committee is entrusted with a large responsibility it's trying to discharge in a fair manner. No one who has witnessed our hearings has ever become critical unless he belongs in the camp of ADA or the other left-wingers whose chief aim in life is to destroy all investigations. I hope you will not be taken in by the kind of propaganda these fellows are distributing.

—REF. KIT CLARDY

The Loosening Bonds Of Empire

THE Churchill gamble paid off. The man who declared in 1942 that he had not become prime minister to preside over liquidation of the empire had staked the life of his Cabinet on a motion demanding approval of his decision to withdraw British troops from Suz.

The House of Commons passed the evacuation policy by a vote of 257 to 25.

For the 70-year-old statesman, the victory was not as easy as it looked. This was another "retreat" in the thin red line of empire. To sensitive Britons, it meant giving up another jewel in the crown of the realm. There was much soul searching to be done in Parliament.

The Commonwealth was accorded legal acceptance five years later. The loosening of the bonds of empire continued after World War II. Ireland severed its last tenuous ties with the Commonwealth. Burma gained complete independence. India was partitioned into two self-governing nations, and then passed from colonial to dominion status.

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The final decision—by such an overwhelming majority—was a wise one. It indicated again how the British are adjusting themselves to the realities of a changing world. Britain no longer sees herself as the sole guardian of peace in the Middle East. She recognizes that this role must be shared. It must be a collective effort embracing as many nations as are willing to take part.

The British agreement—completed after years of bloodletting—actually will strengthen the vital outposts of the free world in the Middle East. A worrisome friction point has been relieved and yet an important military base will be available for the free world's defense. As for the British retaining their grip on it, the H-bomb had made this rather senseless.

Was it really a "retreat"? Actually it was just another example of Britain's realistic response to the tides of nationalism that have been sweeping the world.

It might be well to note that the very year Queen Elizabeth was born (1926) an imperial conference at London declared the equality of the dominions with Great Britain. The status of the dominions as autonomous communities within

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And Away We Go

ADJOURNMENT fever has suddenly reached the epidemic stage on Capitol Hill. As bags are being mentally packed, momentous problems are getting Washington's best lick-and-a-run promise treatment.

"It is a curious thing to watch," says Rep. Richard Bolling of Missouri. "After weeks and months of delay suddenly the heat is on. Unfortunately, bad legislation is often the result of the last few weeks of a session."

Mr. Bolling is right. But this slap-dash, last minute legislative rush has become a tradition in the whacky world of American politics. Perhaps the only way to make it over the nation, created the impression that Matson had told him that he had lied when before our committee finally threw the gloves.

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Solon Says News Is Far Off The Beam

Washington, D. C. Editors, The News: I AM SORRY your editorial about Harvey Matson's testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee is not as intentional.

Bishop Oxnam now agrees with Mr. Matson that there had been no references to congressional investigating committees in anything Matson said to the bishop. Unfortunately, the bishop, in the extremely wild and undocumented charges he has made over the nation, created the impression that Matson had told him that he had lied when before our committee finally threw the gloves.

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Catawampus And Wampus Cats

By Wm. Morris In The Winston-Salem Journal

THERE is a fascinating dialect word—catawampus. It means catercornered or placed on the diagonal, and, like most dialect terms, is listed in dictionaries as "origin uncertain." I note that, down Texas way, the term catawampus cat is used to describe a bad-tempered scolding woman.

Today a fascinating letter comes to hand from Mr. J. R. Kitchin of Alley, Ga. I suppose you are familiar with the word, but in correction and amplification but, in any event, I found it interesting reading and I think you will, too.

"Catawampus means crosswise in the deep South same as anywhere else. But, brother, wampus is a verb, and it has a color. A wampus cat is made with a hollow cyprus knee five inches in diameter with all the bark removed and both ends cut off down to 22 inches in length and with a piece of wet goat skin stretched over one end and laced secure. Make a slit in the skin. Insert leather string, the knot, so it will not slip out. Put on a pair of leather gloves with plenty of

VACATION IN A WOODLOT

IN SUMMER nobody goes around asking a thrush, a squirrel or a crow, "Where you going to spend your vacation this summer?" A crow, for instance, never packs a suitcase with such things as bathing togs and sun glasses, and proceeds to fly to a beach where neither field mice nor wild raspberries are on a shore menu. A squirrel, like other natural vacationists of paw and feather, just moves a little away from a cornfield and relaxes in a nearby woodlot where no reservations are needed, where verandas are never crowded, and if any orchestra chose to strike up a winged melody, it most certainly would be a version of Eddie Fisher singing "Green Years."

A countryman, having finished the toll and heat of having known just as thoroughly as a withdrawn thrush that a woodlot is a mighty cool, quiet and restful place just now. A woodlot knows that, too, a man believes. A woodlot itself is on vacation. A winter woodlot is the sound of an axe. An autumn woodlot heard the crack of a gun. A spring woodlot often had shouting school kids chattering arbutus and anemones. But a summer woodlot suffers none of these invasions and alarms. In a summer woodlot has passed through all the earlier excitements and incitements of dogwood, shadblow and azalea. It is ready now to

settle down in a green surcease and let foolish men run around seeking restless ways of spending a vacation and \$10 a day.

The creatures who enjoy a woodlot vacation know the best resorts. A hawk knows the tallest trees. A raven is familiar with the most desirable suites in all the hollow basswoods. A countryman knows his summer woodlot, too. He believes that he can recognize the accents of the same thrush that vacationed last July in the same hemlock overlooking a little ravine. A thrush, a man thinks, is a mighty changeless and returning thing. Its song never varies in place on the chords of disk jockies.

Although a thrush is so much of an eternally, a man can't walk in the sort of primitive woodlot where an Indian vacationed. An Indian knew enduring crows and thrushes but he also knew oaks that were 19 feet in circumference. A poet has written that an Indian's face was "the color of a faded oak leaf." This is nicely said, a man thinks. Of course, oak leaves aren't fading yet in a vacationing woodlot. And it takes a lot of sultan cream and less shady places than a vacationing woodlot. A raven is familiar with the most desirable suites in all the hollow basswoods. A countryman knows his summer woodlot, too. He believes that he can recognize the accents of the same thrush that vacationed last July in the same hemlock overlooking a little ravine. A thrush, a man thinks, is a mighty changeless and returning thing. Its song never varies in place on the chords of disk jockies.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

TWO short summers ago at Chicago, in similar tropical weather, scores of delegates were throwing coin-operated caps in the air, shouting, voting, and yowing in fight to the bitter end for a man named Kefauver.

This gangling, bespectacled young man had captured the national imagination. His crime probe had exploded in the news as no other expose in history. He had won primary after primary, even trouncing the President of the United States. And on the floor of the emotion-packed Chicago convention, people actually wept when Kefauver finally threw the gloves.

Today, things have changed. Today, Frankie Costello, once omnipotent king of the gambling world, is in jail. Today, there first by the Kefauver committee, today, a hundred top leaders of the racket underworld are listed for deportation. The race wire, one-time lucrative racket of Mickey McBride, has been put out of business. Today, a law is on the statute books putting a tax on bookmakers and requiring them to register.

But today also, one of those Kefauver legends at Chicago, Albert D. Patterson, newly nominated attorney

20 Blocs Push For Action On School Construction Aid

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

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Expect More Koreans Unless U. S. Policy Is Changed

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON. Korea and Indochina, the Communist policy is not limited by any such commentaries.

In practice, a direct and unprovoked attack on this country will continue to be unlikely, so long as we constantly maintain the certain power of retaliation. But if the history of the last eight years means anything at all, it means that what one may call "direct Soviet attacks are more and more likely every day. More and bigger Korea and Indochina almost certainly must be expected."

To simplify the argument, let us suppose the area threatened by a Soviet attack is essentially essential to American security—say Japan or Western Germany. Suppose, further, that the threat of direct forces were almost very strong, and the West was almost inconceivably weak.

CHURCHILL FORESAW IT

But that was the time of the American atomic monopoly. Long ago the monopoly was broken. Beyond that, the danger to the United States from the Soviet Strategic Air Army will be just as great as the danger to the Soviet Union from America's S.A.C. The results of this revolutionary change have also been forecast by Sir Winston Churchill. Six years ago, before either Korea or Indochina, he made his prophecy:

"The question is asked," he said, "what will happen when the Soviets get the atomic bomb themselves?" And then he answered his own question.

"You can judge yourselves what will happen by what is happening now. If these things are done in the green wood, what will be done in the dry? If the Russians can continue month after month disturbing and tormenting the world, trusting to our Christian inhibitions against using this strange new power against them, what will they do when they themselves have large quantities of atomic bombs?"

Sir Winston implied, although he did not specifically state it, the most important feature of the new world situation that lies ahead.

In brief, the Kremlin has initiative, and can rely on us to stay on the defensive, both globally and locally. We are committed not to use our air-power except in "retaliation." We are committed further not to launch local aggressives like those in

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