

HUGE U. S. ROAD PLAN SUGGESTED

Presidential Group Unveils 10-Year Building Program

By FRED S. HOFFMAN WASHINGTON (AP)—A presidential commission is preparing to recommend a \$4-billion-dollar state and federal highway program to run over the next 10 years.

The five-man advisory commission headed by retired Gen. Lucius D. Clay agreed yesterday to recommend to President Eisenhower federal sponsorship of a \$4-billion-dollar addition to the 47 billion-dollar state and federal highway program normally would spend in the 10-year period.

Eisenhower is expected to stay pretty close to the group's line of reasoning when he submits his highway program to Congress Jan. 27.

ADVANCE LOOK Congressional leaders were given an advance peek at the commission's report last night at a certain amount of bipartisan support for a major highway development program already has cropped up on Capitol Hill.

Proponents regard such a program as vital to national defense and as a stimulus for the economy. But there appeared to be divided opinion about proposed financing.

Only a rough outline of the commission's report was made public yesterday by its executive director, Frank Turner.

It wraps up (1) Eisenhower's own "grand plan" for additional expenditure of about \$4 billion to modernize American highways to the maximum use in a possible national emergency, and (2) present plans calling for spending of \$17 billion on highway improvements.

All but 10 billion of this latter amount would come out of the state coffers. No definite figures were given on the added amount the states would be expected to provide under the expanded program.

FEDERAL MONEY As outlined by Turner, the commission proposal calls for the federal government to pay "substantially all" of the approximately \$4-billion-dollar cost of updating the \$9,000-mile "trunk network" of interstate highways.



MIGHTY CONFUSED may be Susie, a mongrel dog drafted into nursing service at the San Diego zoo. Two of her new litter are six days old. Susie, the mother, refused to nurse. Dorothea Carbett holds the little howler. (AP Wirephoto).

Financial Problem Assembly's Biggest

By JULIAN SCHER Charlotte News Staff Writer

RALEIGH — The Governor's message met nothing like full accord this week from the General Assembly, but he has a right to be encouraged today by the lawmaker's reaction.

The most encouraging thing for the governor is, perhaps, that the members of the 1953 General Assembly feel the gravity of the state's current fiscal situation.

"I am not one of those who believes that the state is facing a crisis in its fiscal affairs," he said.

BIG PROBLEM While those remarks were encouraging, there is a large financial problem and one which will consume the greater part of the time the Assembly is here.

Such a proposal, if it ends up in Eisenhower's recommendations to Congress, might run into trouble on Capitol Hill. Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) earlier this week had a look with favor on the idea of issuing bonds under the project debt limit to pay for the projected highway development.

Diapers Dwindling As Flier, Baby Start Home NAPLES, Italy (AP)—Homeward bound Lt. Norman "Moose" Donahoe arrived here today from Athens with his adopted baby before dawn headed for Morocco, then the Azores, and will land at the Navy's Patuxent Air Base in fast dwindling supply.

Peress Plans New Army Names 2 Responsible For Discharge

Adams, Gen. Weible Gave Final Approval

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army said last night final approval of an honorable discharge for Maj. Irving Peress—an action opposed by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.)—came from Army Counselor John G. Adams and Lt. Gen. Walter L. Weible, a deputy chief of staff.

The Army announcement sparked preparations by McCarthy for a new probe of the case. Adams and Weible made the final decision to discharge Peress, the Army said, because a review indicated "there existed no basis for reconsideration of the case" and that the discharge was the best and quickest way to remove him in the absence of evidence he had engaged in subversion on active duty.

In a 10,000-word chronology of the case, the Army noted however, that the 1st Army Intelligence Division reported nine months earlier it had "sufficient evidence of disloyal and subversive tendencies to warrant removal of Peress from the service."

ZWICKER MENTIONED The Army also reported that Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker, a frequent target of McCarthy during the Senator's initial study of the case, had several times urged Peress be discharged because his retention was "clearly not consistent with the interests of national security."

Zwicker was commander of Camp Kilmer, N. J., where Peress was stationed.

McCarthy, swinging quickly back into action, called a Monday meeting of the Senate Investigations subcommittee and said he would demand new hearings, possibly Tuesday, with subpoenaed Peress, the Army officials conceded. McCarthy said he is still acting as chairman of the committee, which is reorganized under Democratic control.

Peress is the New York dentist whom McCarthy has called "Fifth Amendment Communist" and who was discharged after he had refused to answer questions about Communist affiliations in an appearance before McCarthy's subcommittee.

ADAMS AND WEIBLE were among 62 names named in the Army chronology as having had a part at one time or another in the promotion and discharge of Peress. Adams was the only civilian. Others ranged from warrant officers who signed papers to a four-star general, Charles L. Bolte, vice chief of staff who approved an officers' board finding that Peress should be discharged.

Adams declined to comment but See ADAMS on page 8-A

Major Issues Already Before N. C. Assembly

Legislators Tackle Problems Early

By ELTON C. FAY

RALEIGH (AP)—Although the 1953 General Assembly has been in session only four days, some of the major issues to be threshed out during the coming months have already been presented.

After the Legislature completed its organization at its opening session on Wednesday and heard Gov. Hodges' "State of the State" address on Thursday, bills were introduced Thursday afternoon and Friday which brought up the following issues:

1. Increased taxes or reduced spending.

2. Segregation in the public schools.

3. Reallocation of Senate and House membership in accordance with the Constitution.

4. SECRECY ISSUE Measures dealing with the legislative "secret law" issue were introduced Wednesday and Friday.

5. The budget for the 1953-54 biennium, prepared by the governor and the Advisory Budget Commission, calls for an expenditure of \$67,875,004, requiring a tax boost of \$52,863,004 to bridge the gap between appropriations and expected revenues.

To get this added revenue the commission and the governor called for the state's next tax on cigarettes and soft drinks, increased levies on liquor and domestic insurance premiums, and changes in the sales tax, including the elimination of the present \$15 maximum tax on a single item.

Whether tobacco-minded Tar Heel legislators will place a tax on the "golden weed" is one of the big questions before the Assembly.

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Grief, Hope Attend Sheppard

CLEVELAND (AP)—Grief and hope where companions to Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard today in his county jail weeks since July 4 when his pregnant wife, Marilyn, was clubbed to death in her bed. A jury convicted Sheppard of the crime Dec. 21.

The cell was not the same one. After he got the news that his white-haired mother had shot her self to death, Sheppard was moved, in spite of his protests, to the jail's observation cell where he will be under constant watch.

BROKE DOWN Members of his family who told Sheppard of his mother's death yesterday afternoon said he had "broken down completely," but he regained his composure before transferring to the new cell.

"Mother was very proud," said Sheppard's oldest brother, Richard, one of those who visited the

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Two Americans Freed After Long Captivity

BERLIN (AP)—Two Americans gave physical examination in the Army hospital here.

They last saw their captors were released by the Russians to a Soviet slave camp. They were described by U. S. officials as being in remarkably good physical condition.

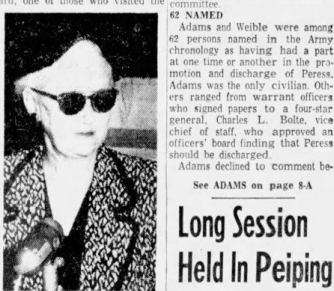
The two men banded over by the Russians in Berlin are Pvt. William Marchuk, 36, of Norfolk, Va., and John H. Noble, 31, of Detroit.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and mild today. Some cloudiness and cool tonight. Tomorrow, increasing cloudiness and mild followed by occasional rain tomorrow night.

Low temperature this morning 28 degrees. High temperature expected tonight 35 degrees. High temperature yesterday 37 degrees. High temperature expected today 60 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow 60 degrees. Sunrise 7:32 a.m.; sunset 5:28 p.m. More Weather Data on Page 8-A



MRS. ETHEL SHEPPARD

She had complete faith in Sam's innocence, but all of this was just too much for her.

Her husband of 39 years, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, is hospitalized with pleurisy. In a carefully planned two-sentence suicide note she wrote: "I can't manage without dad. Thanks for everything."

Just about the time yesterday morning that Sheppard's mother learned that her son had been freed, she suffered a stroke two months ago.

Long Session Held In Peiping

TOKYO (AP)—U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai had their third and longest official meeting to date here.

The Communist radio gave no hint whether they were making progress in having the Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai's request prompted by a resolution of the General Assembly.

The United radio said she had not told its listeners the purpose of Hammarskjöld's mission. It has repeated the message, now totaling more than 12 hours, in briefest detail.

Evening Prayer

Gracious God, we rejoice that in the Holy Scriptures a great cloud of witnesses bear testimony to Thy love and Thy greatness. Give us, we pray, a hunger for the reading of Thy Holy Word. May the enablement of Thy Spirit be upon us to make of us witnesses for Thee, to the glory of Jesus, Amen.