

EXPERTS SEE RECORD TOLL FOR WEEKEND

Safety Council
Says 420 People
Will Be Killed

By WILLIAM J. CONWAY

CHICAGO (U.P.)—Experts who forecast an all-time high traffic toll for the Christmas holidays now predict a record for the New Year weekend.

"The National Safety Council today estimated that 420 Americans will be killed on streets and roads during the three-day New Year celebration—'unless there is a sharp improvement in the driving habits that shocked the nation last weekend.'"

"The council predicted 560 motor vehicle fatalities for the three-day Christmas holidays. The number added up to 609."

"The record for traffic deaths during a New Year holiday is 407. It was set during a four-day period at the end of 1952 and the start of 1953."

"The cold figures force us to the conclusion that 420 will die, Ned H. Dearborn, council president, set forth in a statement. 'We hope the terrible lesson of the Christmas holidays will be taken to heart by everyone.'"

"Let's look at the 'cold figures' of this year. Motor vehicle fatalities through October totaled 30,960. They show a gain of 7 per cent over the total for the corresponding months of 1954."

Statistics given the year's toll went up to the record of 39,996 set in 1941, but will approach 38,000."

"The blackest of the 'cold figures' were recorded this year on holidays."

"During the five 1955 holiday periods traffic accidents cost 2,119 lives and the over-all total—including deaths from all accidental causes—was 2,156."

"And the loss of life during the 1955 holidays broke four records. Here are this year's holiday tolls with traffic deaths listed first and deaths from all accidental causes second."

New Year—296 and 382.

Memorial Day—369, traffic record for that holiday, and 598, all record for that holiday.

Independence Day—417 and 601, an ever-all record for any holiday period.

Labor Day—438 and 617.

Christmas—699, a traffic record for any holiday, and 782.

The New Year holiday was two days, the others were one day—24-hour period dedicated to cautious and courteous driving—1955 failed to match the showing of 1954.

The S-D day toll last year was 351. This year it was 69.

More Polio Shots Released

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The Public Health Service today announced release of another 1,368,306 doses of Salk antipolio vaccine.

This made a total of 3,414,213 cubic centimeters—or doses—released thus far in December, and raised to 29,941,831 c.c. the total of vaccine released since April 12 when six drug houses were licensed to make it.

The new supply included 279,900 c.c.'s made by Wyeth Laboratories, Marietta, Pa.—the first Wyeth vaccine released since Aug. 9.

The remaining 1,088,406 were made by Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis.

A health service spokesman said the increased supply released this month after the low totals for October and November reflected a smoothing out in production procedures.

The health service allocated 1,353,614 c.c.'s of the new supply to the states, territories and the armed services for use under the voluntary control program. The other 149,692 were reserved for the free program of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

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Our Weather

Sunny and rather cold today. Partly cloudy and not quite so cold tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning—23.

High tonight—53.

Low today—45.

High tomorrow—50.

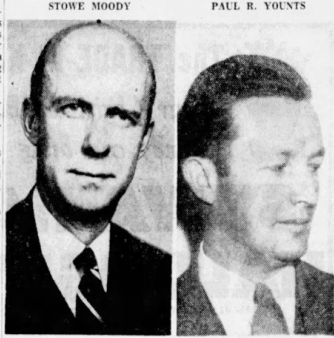
Sunrise 7:31 a.m.; sunset 5:19 p.m.

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STOWE MOODY

PAUL R. YOUNTS



THOMAS L. ROBINSON

FRANK PHILLIPS

Annual Elections Held Moody To Take CC Presidency

By J. A. DALY
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C. Stowe Moody, president of Interstate Milling Co. of Charlotte, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce when the directorate met in special session this afternoon to hold the organization's annual election of officers.

Reports circulated in Charlotte's business circles said that Col. Paul R. Younts, president of Younts Realty & Insurance Co., was slated for election as second vice president.

These reports also said that Mr. Frank Phillips, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, was the favored nominee for Chamber of Commerce treasurer.

Mr. Moody served during 1955 as first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and Col. Younts as second vice president. Normally, the Chamber of Commerce vice presidents are advanced in line to the presidency.

Admission H. Bessie, president of American Trust Co. of Charlotte, was the commercial organization's treasurer through the past year.

George W. Dowdy, of Bell Bros. Co., whose term as president is expiring, presided at the directors' meeting this afternoon in the Selwyn Hotel.

LONDON (U.P.)—Britain's streaked monoplane across the Atlantic from Montreal to London today in a shattering six hours, eight minutes. The plane's builders immediately claimed a North Atlantic record for civil aircraft.

The 74-ton, four-jet aircraft, the Comet 4, streaked the 3,250 miles to the London airport beam at an average speed of 548 miles an hour, whizzing through overcast skies to touch down at London airport for a tumultuous welcome.

Strong tail winds boosted the plane's speed over the Atlantic to more than 600 miles an hour at times.

The trip ended a 35,000-mile round-the-world journey. Flight by Capt. John Cunningham and his crew of 10 which began in Hatfield, England, Dec. 2 and took the Comet to Cairo, Bombay, Singapore, Darwin, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Auckland, Fiji, Honolulu, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal.

BOYS PACKED The boys packed the observation bays at London airport as the British Overseas Airways Corp. (BOAC), stepped out of the welcoming crowd to congratulate the team.

The Comet III, forerunner of Britain's newest bid to take the lead in commercial jet aviation, is now flying the world's air routes with a payload.

It is a proving model for the de Havilland Comet IV, the bigger and more luxurious Comet IV, which the British Overseas Airways

To Stay At Key West President Flies Southward For Rest Under Florida Sun

Defense Cut By Russians Is Misleading

Mansfield Warns
Against Let-Up

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Sen. Mansfield (D-Mont.) said today "we should not be taken in" by Russia's announced plans to cut its military budget by 10 per cent next year.

"We must keep our defenses up," he cautioned.

Mansfield, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, suggested the development could mean a Soviet switch to heavier reliance on atomic striking power.

Several other senators of both political parties also were openly skeptical of the Soviet Union's intentions.

ANY TRUTH?

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) said he is "very skeptical that there is any truth in the statement that Russia is reducing its military expenditures by 10 per cent."

Sen. Dwyer (R-Iowa) said, "When I have proof, I'll believe it."

Sen. Potter (R-Mich.) said he takes the Russian announcement "with a large grain of salt."

McClellan, Dwyer and Potter serve on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The Soviet Parliament, meeting in Moscow, has been asked to approve a 1956 budget which provides for defense appropriations totaling 102 1/2 billion rubles. This is nearly 10 per cent below the 1955 level of 112,122,000,000 rubles. Apparent is a foregone conclusion.

HEAVY LOSS

Although the Russians peg the figure at 25 cents, its purchasing power is considerably less.

The action Russian military policy is not fully reflected in the defense committee: a report by the board at this session, are G. D. Aitken, Irwin Bell, J. F. Burr, C. W. Gilebert, H. M. Mird, C. H. Gleibart, Carl J. McCraw, C. H. Robinson and Kenneth Tredwell.

The newly elected officers of the Chamber of Commerce will be installed formally at the Chamber of Commerce annual membership banquet the evening of Jan. 6 at the Hotel Charlotte.

NO MORE MUSCLE

He said the Eisenhower administration's proposals to ask Congress for a billion-dollar increase in defense budget for the bookkeeping year starting July 1 "will not provide any more muscle" but would go to meet higher costs of defense items.

Potter said the Russians' "public announcements and their actions are far different things."

"Our intelligence agencies tell us of a large buildup in their air force and their submarines, which doesn't seem to fit in well with a 10 per cent cut in their budget."

Help Available

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The Internal Revenue Service stands ready to fill out your income tax returns for you.

The Associated Press today completed a poll of 134 Republican governors, state chairmen, national committee members or national committeemen.

They were asked: "Do you believe Eisenhower will run again?"

Yes, if... 77

No, if... 19

Don't know or no comment. 21

The "yes" classification is for those who said yes, if he has recovered sufficiently from his heart attack of last September.

A follow-up question also was asked: "If not, whom do you consider most likely to win the GOP nomination?"

Since most of the politicians already had said they thought the President would run again, not many cared to speculate on what will happen if he doesn't.



THE MAINLINE of the No. 100 Southern Railroad at Alton, Calif., looked like this after flood waters from the Eel River receded leaving a toll of life and property. (AP.)

Big Flood Cleanup Begins; Damage Rated 150 Million

SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.)—Northern California faced the herculean task of cleaning up after the worst floods in its history today as threats of further danger diminished before the first generally fair weather in two weeks.

But the rising toll of known deaths was up to 34 today, and no one could say how many more bodies might be found. Estimates of those missing and possibly dead ranged from 19 to 25 or more.

Heroic work of Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard men who manned boats, trucks, amphibians, helicopters and planes cut the loss of life by hundreds.

Damage estimates rose to 150 million dollars as flooding food waters permitted new assessment of the inundated area. Army engineers said more than a million acres had been under water.

31 INCHES RAIN

The Weather Bureau reported last night in its weekly summary that as much as 31 inches of rain fell last week in north coastal California and that floods from the Oregon line to Visalia 300 miles south were the worst the state had ever experienced.

The crews battling the still swollen rivers appeared to have surmounted the last major danger about the state in recent months. The high ocean tide yesterday. The high ocean tide

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Follows Suggestion Of Doctors

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—President Eisenhower's stay out of Washington's cold today headed for Key West, Fla., and about two weeks of the sun, rest and outdoor exercise his doctors have prescribed.

The presidential plane Columbine III took off at 9:15 a.m. It was due at Boca Chica airport, Key West, in something under four hours.

Physicians recommended warmer weather and more chance to get outdoors to help with Eisenhower's convalescence from his Sept. 24 heart attack. The time for the trip and the choice of Key West were announced only yesterday.

Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, North Atlantic Treaty Organization commander, was announced this morning as a late addition to the party but will not be aboard at launch. He may go to Key West later.

COULD BE FACTOR

Eisenhower's stay could be a factor in the decision whether to seek another term. His doctors hope the trip will condition him for resumption of the full work load in about two weeks.

The Columbine's takeoff was delayed 45 minutes to await the arrival of Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, the President's brother, who flew here from University Park, Pa., where he is President of Pennsylvania State University.

The President, dressed in a gray suit and gray overcoat and hat, boarded the plane at 8:30 a.m., carrying a few suitcases.

Eisenhower's plane did not land until 11 minutes later.

The airplane's temperature was around 20 degrees. The aim of the Key West trip was to get away from West.

Mrs. Eisenhower is not going. The White House noted that her mother Mrs. John S. Doud of Denver is in Washington for the holiday season.

Another reason Mrs. Eisenhower is staying behind is the birth last week of a new granddaughter.

The baby and her mother Mrs. John S. Eisenhower still are in Walter Reed General Hospital. The President and his wife visited them yesterday.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen it is unlikely Eisenhower will return to Washington for the opening of Congress next Tuesday. Hagerty called such a return unnecessary.

The President's annual State of the Union message, outlining the administration's 1956 legislative program, will be sent to Congress Jan. 3, two days after the lawmakers convene.

BERLIN (U.P.)—A U. S. Air Force sergeant from Brooklyn, held for 24 hours by the Communists in West Berlin, has been released.

The incident was back in West Berlin last year.

U. S. Army officials said the sergeant's "drunkenness" accident was due to poor visibility in a foggy night. Soviet authorities turned him over to American officials last night at Karlshorst.

The East German Communist claimed Kilmann ignored a traffic stop sign and that several persons were injured in an ensuing accident. He took the injured to a hospital where they received first aid and were dismissed.

The Red Police told Kilmann his car would be returned if he accompanied them to their headquarters. He said they kept him in a barred room.

Evening Prayer

We thank Thee, dear Father, for the common blessings that surround us. We thank Thee for the peace and unity that we have. We especially thank Thee for Christ. Through Him bind us closer to Thee in Thy sacred communion of love and giving. We pray in His name. Amen.

Attress Has Fall

HOLLYWOOD (U.P.)—Movie actress from Dunes fell in her home Friday and had to eat her Christmas dinner from a wheel chair. She said she feared at first the public seriously injured her hip, but X-rays disclosed no broken bones.

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