

Program Grinding To Stop—No Steel

SACRAMENTO (AP)—California's vast highway construction program is slowly grinding to a halt because of inadequate allocation of steel, it has been learned.

A report released by State Highway Engineer G. T. McCoy reveals the state is receiving only about half the steel requested for vital city, county and state highway improvement projects.

The report bluntly critical of federal agencies responsible, details only 250,000 tons of steel—about one per cent of national production—has been allocated for highway modernization in the 48 states in the fourth quarter of this year.

"Top-level defense production officials are quoted in the report as saying 'more or less routine highway maintenance is important but highway modernization and reconstruction are not essential undertakings in the interest of our national defense'."

"In the light of the great economic waste caused by traffic congestion," McCoy comments "this viewpoint appears to be short-sighted in the extreme."

"With the dependence of the nation's economic life, including defense production and military expansion, upon highway transportation, it is more than difficult to understand a viewpoint which expects production to function efficiently when highway facilities are choked with traffic because of inadequate travel lanes and bottle-necks."

Off to Good Start in Week

An army of 800 volunteer workers raised more than 10 per cent of their \$75,055 quota during the first week of the Monterey Peninsula Community Chest drive, it was announced today by Albert Lester, 1951 campaign chairman.

"Yesterday, \$8,071 in cash and pledges had been turned in by our workers," Lester said.

"This figure, while representing slightly more than 10 per cent of our goal shows that the citizens of the Monterey Peninsula are generously increasing their donations and that the newcomers to the Peninsula have joined the army of community-minded donors, since the sum of \$8,071 came from only 405 individuals or small businesses. There were over 5,000 donors last year," Lester said.

"While all of the campaign's 800 workers are busily engaged, only a few reports have reached Community Chest headquarters as yet. But assuming that the workers will continue to put their usual zeal into their task the campaign should be cleaned up within the coming two weeks—the chairman concluded.

Cow . . . Spelled C-O-W

SOBERGA Sweden (UP)—The elk hunting season in Soberga produced so many dead cows that one farmer today painted "Cow," "Horse," etc. in white paint on the sides of his livestock.

Here Vogeler Warns of Reds

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (UP)—Robert A. Vogeler, communications firm vice-president who survived a political imprisonment by the Communists in Hungary, warns that "it can happen here."

In his first public address since his 17 months imprisonment, Vogeler advised the nation to guard against "emergency laws" that might "rob us of our American heritage."

Vogeler told a National Exchange Club convention that America became great through individual efforts and work not through rationing economic controls, wage laws and the like. Of the non-democratic forces at work in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, he said, "what is happening there is happening to essentially the same kind of people as ourselves. And it can happen here if we do no guard against it."

Off Hook With Right Answers

WASHINGTON (UP)—Rep. E. R. P. Scribner, R., Kan., thought he had the Air Force caught on the ground with this stumper.

The Navy can launch and land planes from a 1,200 foot carrier deck. Why does the Air Force need two-mile runways for its planes?

Scribner posed the question at recent closed hearings of a House appropriations subcommittee, testimony of which has been released. Air Force Secretary Thomas K. Finletter "got off" with this answer:

- 1—Takeoff runs get longer in higher altitudes while a carrier is always at sea level.
- 2—The Navy can use only certain types of planes on carriers, and has to use expensive catapults and arresting gear.
- 3—A carrier has a forward

speed of 35 knots dead into the wind, increasing takeoff speed by that much.

4—The Navy also uses long runways at its shore stations.

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Nisei Lose Out In Court Rule

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Supreme Court has refused to examine the appeal of 3,400 Nisei who are seeking to regain U-S citizenship they renounced during World War II.

The action, in the form of a brief order, means the Japanese-Americans will have to fight their case further in a U S district court in California.

The petitioning Nisei — nat-
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