

Snow And Ice Slow Traffic In State

Contribute To Large Number Of Accidents

By UNITED PRESS
A coating of snow and ice slowed traffic on Indiana highways during

the week end and contributed to a large number of accidents.

The deaths of at least three persons were blamed on weather conditions. There were five traffic deaths and one due to exposure.

In addition, two out-of-state mishaps claimed the lives of Hoosiers. Although most main roads were clearing, state police warned of new hazardous driving conditions ahead. More snow or rain was expected.

A Shoals couple, Harry Nicholson, 70, and his wife, Maggie, about 70, were killed Saturday when their auto skidded into the path of a truck on icy U. S. 50 near Loogootee.

A heart attack and exposure were blamed for the death of Edward Mohr, 38, Marysville, found dead Sunday in an auto near New Market.

Lennie G. Aldridge, 69, Evansville, was killed when he walked

into the side of a Greyhound bus. A two-car smashup at the intersection of Ind. 37 and Ind. 34 Saturday was fatal to Arthur Dorschner, 34, Goshen.

Gene R. Thomas, 40, Indianapolis, was killed at a railroad crossing Saturday when his auto crashed into a New York Central passenger train.

A two-car crash Sunday near Henderson, Ky., claimed the life of Mrs. Irma Meahl, 29, an Evansville bank teller. Near Sturgis, Ky., Zane Tucker, 57, Evansville, was killed Saturday in a car-truck crash on U. S. 60.

Mamie Eisenhower Visits White House

Next First Lady To Break In On Job

WASHINGTON, (UP) — Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower took a cue from her husband's cabinet officers today and started breaking in early on her new job as mistress of the White House.

She accepted an invitation from Mrs. Harry S. Truman to drop in and get acquainted with the 100-room mansion at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue which the Eisenhowers will call home after Jan. 20.

Mrs. Truman had every reason to be proud of the place she was showing off to her successor as First Lady. Thanks to an expensive remodeling job, completed only a few months ago, the White House looks better than it has in many years.

The visiting First Lady also could assure Mrs. Eisenhower that she would have to worry about the servants problem. Waiting for her is an experienced household staff of 64 persons — including four butlers, seven cooks, a maître d'hôtel, a valet, a platoon of maids, doormen, housemen, gardeners, plumbers, engineers, electricians and laundresses.

Coming from New York with Mrs. Eisenhower for today's visit was Mary Jane McCaffree, personal secretary to Mrs. Eisenhower for the last few months, is slated for the job of White House social secretary. The post is now held by Mrs. James M. Helm, who has announced she will retire when the Truman's leave. Mrs. McCaffree is the wife of Dr. Floyd McCaffree of the Republican national committee's research department.

If Mrs. Eisenhower has any ideas about redecorating — and what woman moving into a new home hasn't? — she will find that there are only about a dozen rooms in the White House in which she can exercise her own whims freely. Those are the family living quarters on the second floor.

Screen Actors Guild On Nationwide Strike

HOLLYWOOD UP — Some 2,700 members of the Screen Actors Guild began a nationwide strike today against producers of filmed television commercials.

Actors from New York to Hollywood walked out for the first time in the Guild's 19-year history at midnight to back up demands for higher wages and restrictions on the re-use of filmed commercials. The Guild also is seeking additional payment to actors when commercials in which they appear are used more than once.

Collar Bone Broken As Auto Overturns

Walter Schmidt, 67, of Cincinnati, O., escaped serious injury Saturday night after his auto overturned as he was headed south on state road 27 about a mile and a half south of Decatur. Schmidt sustained a broken collar bone.

According to reports of sheriff Bob Shraluka and state policeman Walter Schindler, Schmidt tried to pass E. Lehman of route 2, also heading south. Lehman, however, slowed down as he saw himself approaching an icy patch of road, experienced throughout the southern part of the county. Schmidt bumped Lehman's right fender and skidded off the shoulder. The sudden friction caused Schmidt's new auto to overturn almost in the front yard of Dr. John C. Carroll, a Decatur physician. Dr. Carroll treated Schmidt at his home and the victim was later removed to the Adams county memorial hospital, from which he was soon released. Schmidt's car was not in the worst possible condition but the top was very badly mangled.

Plan Hoosier Train To Ike's Inaugural

SOUTH BEND UP — Former Congressman Robert A. Grant, Indiana manager of President-elect Dwight Eisenhower's campaign, said today a special train may carry thousands to Eisenhower's inauguration.

Henry Cabot Lodge Heads U. S. Mission To United Nations

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WASHINGTON UP — Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., has been a "be firm with Russia" U. S. senator who would use atomic weapons against Communist forces in Korea.

Lodge was named over the weekend to succeed Ambassador Warren R. Austin as head of the United States mission to the United Nations. President-elect Eisenhower tapped Lodge for that position in recognition of the senator's so-called internationalist foreign policies and his leadership in the Eisenhower-for-President campaign. Lodge made the draft-Eisenhower movement tick.

Lodge's demand that atomic weapons be used against Communists in Korea was made in the senate Oct. 11, 1951. Chairman Gordon Dean of the atomic energy commission had revealed on Oct. 8 that the United States was beginning to produce quantities of atomic weapons developed for use on the battlefield.

Lodge said if we had them we should use them. Battlefield weapons are called tactical weapons as opposed to strategic weapons. The A-bombs dropped on Japanese cities were used as part of the overall strategy to compel the Japanese to quit.

Tactical weapons are designed to achieve a direct and immediate effect on the battlefield, itself. Atomic artillery, for example, or an atomic weapon dropped by airplane on enemy soldiers or on other battle field targets in support of ground troops would be a tactical weapon.

Lodge said these weapons should be used immediately but he did not wholly accept Dean's assurance that the United States actually possessed them. Some members of the joint congressional atomic energy committee joined Lodge in demanding immediate use of tactical atomic weapons. But another member, Rep. James E. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) said Dean was "kidding the public," that such weapons were a long way off.

The atomic weapons incident indicates the United States will have in Lodge an aggressive chief spokesman at the United Nations, when Korea is discussed. Lodge lost his Massachusetts senate seat last month to Rep. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

Start Hearings On Political Spending

Hearings Opened By Five Congressmen

WASHINGTON, (UP) — Five congressmen who are worried about the soaring costs of political campaigning started a week of hearings today to see what can be done about the problem.

The first witnesses called by the special house committee on campaign spending were Rep. Clarence J. Brown, R-O., who has been active in national politics for many years; Hermon Dunlap Smith, chairman of the volunteers for Stevenson in the recent presidential campaign; and John Paulding Brown, counsel for the Stevenson volunteers.

Tuesday the committee will hear from Arthur E. Summerfield, chairman of the Republican national committee, and attorney general James P. McGranery. Stephen A. Mitchell, chairman of the Democratic national committee, and Walter Williams, chairman of the citizens for Eisenhower, are among the witnesses slated to be heard Wednesday.

Rep. Hale Boggs, D-La., is chairman of the special investigating committee. Members are Reps. John J. Rooney, D-N. Y., Frank M. Karst, D-Mo., Kenneth B. Keating, R-N. Y., and William M. McCulloch, R-O.

Boggs said estimates of the cost of the 1952 presidential campaign run as high as \$100,000,000. The problem of reducing campaign costs is one in which both major parties are interested, he said.

"I would like to emphasize that this is not a partisan political proceeding," Boggs said. "We have invited national and political leaders of both of the major parties, as well as experts in particular fields."

"These witnesses are all experienced in their fields, and should be able to assist us materially in making sound and constructive recommendations to the 85th congress when it convenes."

INDIANAPOLIS UP — A fire broke out Friday night in a building on Ind. 125 near the city center.

The fire was reported by a man who was walking past the building at the time.

Trade in a Good Way, Decatur.

Purdue Professor Is Granted Award

CHICAGO UP — Dr. William Malcolm Beeson of Purdue University today was awarded the American feed manufacturers association's \$1,000 award for outstanding contributions to animal nutrition research.

The award was made by W. E. Glennon, association president, during the 44th annual meeting of the American society of animal production, which chose Beeson for the award.

Prague Purge Trial Used Against Jews

Sentence 11 Czechs To Death By Hanging

LONDON, UP — The Kremlin used last week's purge trial in Prague to hurt East European Jews, to arouse the Arabs against the west and to offer more "proof" to American imperialism, an analysis showed today.

Soviet and Cominform propagandists put out three versions of the trial, in which Rudolf Slansky, former foreign minister Vladimir Clementis and nine others were sentenced to be hanged.

Version No. 1 was broadcast by the Prague Radio in Czech and other Eastern European languages. It emphasized at every turn the Jewish origin of at least 11 of the 14 defendants, and the alleged "intrigues" and crimes of Zionism and Israeli officials mentioned in the trial. The emphasis was on Zionism as the enemy of "socialism" and the "people's democracies"—Russia, and its satellites.

Version No. 2, broadcast to the Middle East in Arabic through Cominform-controlled radio stations, was that the existence of the state of Israel endangers the Arab world.

Version No. 3 is the Russian one. Presented to the Russians in their newspapers and on the radio, it pictures the trial as having proved the aggressiveness of the United States and the hostile activities of its intelligence agents.

This version also was broadcast by Moscow and other stations to Western Europe, the United States, the Far East and the Arab countries in the appropriate languages.

The Czech version was given much space by East European newspapers and radio stations. Prague Radio devoted more than five hours a day to broadcasts of reports of the trial in Czech.

The version put out by the Cominform—the Communist Bureau of Information, comprising the Soviet bloc countries—is shown by an editorial published by Rude Pravo, the newspaper organ of the Czechoslovak Communist party.

"The Zionist organs which enjoyed Slansky's support were based on the capitalist state of Israel, which has become the property of the United States monopolists who converted it into a war base against the Soviet Union and a base for criminal plans against the enslaved Arab nations," Rude Pravo said.

Moscow, in version No. 3, tried to blend objective news reports with violently anti-American propaganda material in its Arabic language broadcasts. The anti-American tone of Moscow broadcasts to the Arabs has been getting progressively more violent for the last month. It especially tried to convince the Arabs that "American imperialists" are encroaching on their independence by setting up military bases.

Legion Commander Urges Offensive

WASHINGTON, UP — American Legion commander Lewis K. Gough believes the United States eventually may be forced to settle the Korean war through a big offensive without the backing of its United Nations allies.

Gough, who recently returned from Korea, said this country should present the Communists with "our minimum terms of agreement for an honorable truce and establish a termination date for further negotiations."

"If the Reds continue to stall, he said in a radio interview Sunday, 'then we should prepare to launch an offensive that will achieve victory and peace with honor and punishment for the aggressor.'"

More Rain Or Snow On Tap In Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS UP — More rain or snow and freezing temperatures were on tap for Hoosiers tonight and Tuesday, the weather bureau reported today.

Indiana's main highways, which state police said were mostly cleared today, were due to become slippery again Tuesday. The forecast calls for snow to develop in the west portion of the state tonight, with snow or rain throughout the rest of the state Tuesday.

Temperatures were to range as high as 35 today and as low as 23

December Ushered In By Bitter Cold

Four Persons Feared Drowned In Colorado

By UNITED PRESS
December was ushered in today by bitter cold weather in many parts of the country, including the deep south.

Temperatures ranged from eight degrees below zero at Big Piney, Wyo., to 31 at Memphis, Tenn., and 33 at Atlanta, Ga.

The frigid cold in the west hampered authorities and volunteers in attempts to locate four persons believed drowned in the Colorado river about 10 miles east of Glenwood Springs, Colo.

The body of one other person, 30-year-old Robert Lee Stevenson, was found frozen in the ice about six feet from the river bank.

Packed snow and ice made driving hazardous in southern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio and as far east as New York. Slippery roads were responsible for at least three traffic deaths in Illinois, two in Indiana and one in the New York metropolitan area.

Forecasters predicted a fair weather east of the Rocky Mountains with some snow or rain moving into the middle Mississippi Valley today.

Early today snow fell over eastern Kansas and northern Missouri and northward through eastern Nebraska and extreme western Iowa. Light snow flurries were reported over sections of the northern Appalachian mountains, the eastern Great Lakes region, western Washington and New Mexico.

Moderate to heavy snow was reported from time to time in the Chicago area, and a drizzling rain fell throughout eastern Texas. Scattered showers were predicted for the Pacific Coast states.

"The only other spot reporting below zero temperatures today was Cadillac, Mich., with three degrees below."

Husband Arrested For Death Of Wife

ANDERSON, Ind. UP — Mrs. Lou LaMar, 35, died Saturday night of bullet wounds suffered in a fracas at her home. Authorities held her husband, John 35, pending an investigation.

Luther Yager Quits As Hospital Trustee

Representative-elect of Adams-Wells counties, Luther Yager, filed his resignation from the Adams county memorial hospital board today, it was announced by county auditor Thurgood I. Drew.

Drew said the position will be filled before the end of the year. Since the board is bipartisan and has traditionally contained an appointee from Geneva, Berne and two from Decatur, says Drew, the next choice of the commissioners will probably be a Republican of Berne.



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Moderate Leftists Lead In Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela UP — The moderately leftist Republican-Democratic Union URD claimed victory on the basis of early scattered returns today in Venezuela's first national election in five years.

Mexico City Tense For Inauguration

Police And Troops Patrol City Streets

MEXICO CITY, UP — Police and army troops patrolled the streets of this tense capital today as Adolfo Ruiz Cortines was inaugurated president of Mexico.

The 62-year-old successor to retiring President Miguel Aleman was scheduled to take the oath of office for a six-year term at the downtown Palace of Fine Arts surrounded by secret service agents alerted for a possible outbreak of violence.

Security officers hoped a pre-inaugural roundup of "agitators" still disgruntled over the outcome of the national election last July would avert any protest demonstrations. But heavily armed troops lined the inaugural parade route through the city.

The capital and the nation meanwhile began a round of traditional inauguration "fiestas" to usher in the new administration. Special diplomatic delegations from 53 nations were on hand for the swearing-in ceremony and celebrations to follow.

The occasion brought together two antagonistic political figures from the United States, Vice President-elect Richard M. Nixon and Ambassador William O'Dwyer, Nixon, who arrived by plane Sunday, avoided any social contact with the former New York mayor whom he attacked so vehemently during the recent campaign in the United States.

Nixon, representing President-elect Eisenhower at the inauguration, said his relations with O'Dwyer would be limited to those which "our positions require." At an official diplomatic reception Sunday night, the young Californian ignored the presence of the retiring ambassador.

Nixon said he would give Ruiz Cortines an invitation from Eisenhower to visit the United States. "The United States mission at the inauguration was one of the largest from a foreign country. Besides Nixon and O'Dwyer it included secretary of agriculture Charles Brannan, Gov. Earl Warren of California, Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas and Sen. Dennis Chavez of New Mexico.

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