

NEBRASKA: Continued warmer Thursday night and Friday. Scattered showers and thunderstorms west Thursday afternoon and evening and over state Friday. High Thursday 55-55.

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SEVEN CENTS

THE LINCOLN STAR

-Mass-Killer Of 11 Dies in Chair-

STARWEATHER EXECUTED

Steel Workers Get Ultimatum

Extend Pay Contracts Or Be Laid Off, Industry Says

New York (UPI)—The steel industry handed the United Steelworkers of America a 24-hour ultimatum Wednesday to extend the current wage contracts or he laid off before the pact runs out at midnight June 30. A union source said that the ultimatum would be rejected.

Hike Gas Tax—

Road Crisis Seen

... Like Goods Congress

Washington (UPI)—President Eisenhower complained Wednesday that Congress has put the national road-building program in a critical \$4.2 billion jam by not boosting the gasoline tax.

Congress, however, shows no sign of ordering the 14-cent-a-gallon increase he has asked to pump more money into the interstate highway fund.

Without the increase, Eisenhower pictured the program as limping to an almost complete halt over the next two years. In an attempt to build a fire under Congress, he said this is the picture disclosed by a Commerce Department poll of state highway commissioners.

Ten states will have to stop letting new contracts by the end of the summer. Fifteen more and the District of Columbia must stop by the end of the year. Eleven will be suspended by July 1960. The remaining 12 will be unaffected until after mid-1960.

Motorists Alerted
"This is a critical situation in our national road-building program, and one which should give great concern to every motorist," the President said in a statement. "We are on the verge of a stalemate in the orderly development of our vital interstate road network."

The chief executive based his analysis on a report from Bertram D. Tallamy, federal highway administrator. Attached to it were reproductions of telegrams from high-way commissioners on prospects in their individual states.

Tallamy offered a batch of figures to show that unless Congress knocks down the financial roadblocks, the states will get not a penny of the \$2.5 billion of federal help authorized for the year starting July 1, 1960.

These apportionments to the states would normally be made within the next month or two, even though the money would not be available for another year. The idea is to let the states know well in advance how much they can expect in federal funds so as to enable them to do the required planning.

GOVERNOR SWITCHES TO PIPE

Gov. Ralph Brooks has switched his smoking habits—now it's a pipe.

The governor took up cigars shortly before he was inaugurated last January. However, he had to give them up last April following his "slight" stroke. Now, in the past few days, Brooks has taken to the milder resource—a pipe.



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