

# Parkway Link to End Northern Blvd. Jams

A multi-million project to eliminate the Northern boulevard bottleneck in Flushing by constructing a direct link between the Grand Central and Whitestone Parkways will get under way in 1960, City Construction Coordinator Robert Moses revealed today.

The link will be part of a \$12,500,000 program for easing traffic congestion heading toward the Whitestone

Bridge and the soon-to-be built Throgs Neck Bridge.

Moses has previously revealed one phase of the program—the widening of the Whitestone Parkway to eight lanes and the construction of a new bridge over the Flushing River.

However, this was the first announcement that the ambitious traffic relief program will also provide a link between the two park-

ways. At present motorists must use heavily-travelled Northern boulevard to get from one parkway to the other.

The cost of the twin projects will be borne by the federal and state governments, Moses said. The new link will become part of the Federal Interstate Highway System.

**MOTORISTS HAVE** complained for many years that

the present Northern boulevard connection between the two parkways is a "horrible bottleneck," probably the worst on Long Island.

Not only does the stretch of Northern boulevard between the parkways carry the heavy through traffic, it also is a major link between East and West Queens on the North Shore.

In addition, the huge Willets Point parking field ad-

joins Northern boulevard in this area. The rush hour traffic from the parking field further complicates the overburdened thoroughfare.

Commenting on a recent Star-Journal editorial calling for the elimination of the tremendous bottleneck, Moses said the two projects would do away "with the intolerable traffic problems on Northern boulevard."

The new set-up will sep-

arate "through" and "local" traffic on Northern. Traffic going between Grand Central and Whitestone parkways will not have to mix with the east-west traffic headed for Flushing or the Corona-Jackson Heights-Long Island City area.

This will ease jams for both types of traffic and will aid motorists who use the Willets Point parking field.

And when Grand Central

parkway is widened to eight lanes from Kew Gardens to Astoria in a few years, the new projects will give Long Island motorists eight lanes of high-speed highway to and from the Whitestone Bridge.

The preliminary designs for the Whitestone parkway widening and the new bridge across the Flushing River are almost completed, according to the State Department of Public Works.

No date for construction has been set but the project will take about 18 months. It is possible the work could begin by summer if the designs are completed by April as scheduled.

The present drawbridge over the Flushing River is one of the major congestion factors. Several traffic surveys have shown the four-lane span "obsolete" due to the great increase in traffic.

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# IKE GIVES U. S. THE SCORE



**THIS IS THE DAY!**—They say every dog has its day. Well, this is Midgey and today's his day. With his head held high and his nose in the air, Midgey

hitches a ride to the corner with two of his friends, Eric Braun and Jean Rovoluo, two Flushing 5-year-olds.

## Air Force \$\$ Snafu Probed

**By DAYTON MOORE**  
WASHINGTON (UP)—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson today pushed an all-out investigation of charges the Eisenhower Administration refused the Air Force urgently needed ballistic missile funds.

Johnson's preparedness subcommittee also was expected to delve deeper into Lieutenant General James M. Gavin's broadside that the Army is rapidly "deteriorating" in the arms race with Russia.

Air Force Chief of Staff General Thomas D. White yesterday flatly contradicted after-Sputnik Defense Department assurances there was no money-caused missile bottleneck. He told the subcommittee funds to speed up the Atlas and Titan intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) projects were denied although he had made "every plea before every proper authority."



District Attorney Frank D. O'Connor as he questioned 16-year-old Warren Yeager shortly after the youth was arrested for murder. Yesterday a Grand Jury handed up a first degree indictment against Yeager. O'Connor has indicated he will demand the death penalty at the trial.

## Leadership At Stake In Speech

**By MERRIMAN SMITH**  
WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower gives Congress and the nation today his prescription for winning U. S. space-age supremacy.

The occasion was widely regarded as the acid test of the former five-star general's leadership in the new era opened by Soviet sputniks.

The President appears before a joint Senate-House session at 12:30 P. M. to deliver the most important state-of-the-union message since he entered the White House.

**FROM ALL ADVANCE** indications, he was expected to assure the nation that it is militarily stronger than Russia despite recent Soviet missile and space technology advances.

But, acknowledging Russia's giant military strides, he was expected to warn against complacency and lay down a positive program for out-distancing the Soviet Union in weapons technology.

The President was expected also to put heavy stress on the need to help other countries, particularly the world's underdeveloped nations, to counter a mounting Russian economic offensive.

There were no signs the President would make startling revelations of U. S. weapons progress, or that he would pinpoint U. S. military weaknesses as reported by some high military and civilian officials.

**HIS 35-MINUTE** speech, on which he was making revisions almost up to the hour of delivery, was to be broadcast and telecast to the nation and relayed to the world via the radio "Voice of America."

The 74-billion-dollar question was whether his blueprint for strength would ease the fears of foreign nations eyeing Russia's sputniks and of critics at home—both political and military. That is the expected total of the new budget to be presented Monday.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson had sounded a clear warning the nation demands positive leadership from the chief executive in meeting the Soviet challenge. If Democrats do not feel this is forthcoming—and thus far they have indicated they do not—they are certain to seek the initiative in

## DA Wants Killer, 16, To Get Sanity Check

**By ROBERT MINDLIN**  
District Attorney Frank D. O'Connor will request to have Warren Yeager committed for mental observation when the 16-year-old confessed slayer is arraigned today in County Court on a first degree murder indictment in the death of Mrs. Mary Nerich, receptionist for a Jackson Heights doctor.

"We want to see justice done," O'Connor said. "My office will not go ahead with the prosecution if this boy is found to be unable to stand trial."

O'Connor added that if Yeager is found sane, then the prosecution will demand the death penalty at the trial.

## Wanted Hood Found in Cuba

**HAVANA (UP)**—Santo Trafficante, one of two gamblers wanted for questioning in the murder of Albert Anastasia, said last night he will be glad to discuss the matter "the next time I'm in New York."

Trafficante told United Press he was "more pained than angered" by the "wanted" alarm District Attorney Frank S. Hogan broadcast throughout the United States.

"I don't know what this is all about," he said. "I'm not hiding from anyone... This is bad publicity for my business, which is gambling. Gambling is legal here. It's just another business."

## Ave, GOP Square Off For Long Tax Battle

**ALBANY (AP)**—Governor Harriman and the Legislature's Republican high command settled down to an election-year war of nerves At stake — 40 million dollars of the taxpayer's money. The struggle was joined at yesterday's opening session of the 1958 Legislature, where the popular topic was not crime or Sputnik but that 40-million income tax abatement allowed the last two years.

Rank-and-file lawmakers in both parties, looking ahead to the November rendezvous with the voters, were heartily in favor of renewing the \$35 maximum markdown from the full tax rate.

**MOST OF THEM** brushed aside the suggestion that the state might not be able to afford it this year—because tax revenue had fallen below estimates and spending continued to soar.

But the leaders masked their intentions behind silence or statements that hinted rather than stated. Political strategists in both parties occupied themselves with plans for seizing the credit if there is another tax cut — or shifting the blame — if there is none.

The situation is delicate for both sides, but especially for Harriman, who

## Mom Meets Son in China

**HONG KONG (UP)**—Mrs. Ruth Redmond of Yonkers met her imprisoned son Hugh, 38, in a Shanghai jail today—their first reunion in more than five years.

Mrs. Redmond, in a telephone conversation with the United Press Bureau here, said she talked for two hours with her son who is serving a life sentence in the Communist jail on an "espionage" charge.

The Communists said originally they would allow her only 30 minutes.

She said her son, former employe of an export-import firm in Shanghai, was wearing a suit and tie and was "wearing a pair of gloves I sent him for Christmas."

"**HE LOOWED** very good," she said.

Mrs. Redmond was one of three American mothers granted passports by the State Department and entrance visas by the Peiping government to visit their imprisoned sons.

The other two, Mrs. Mary Downey of New Britain, Conn., and Mrs. Philip Fecteau of Lynn, Mass., were reported in Peiping to visit John Downey, 27, serving a life sentence, and Richard Fecteau, 30, serving a 20-year sentence, for "espionage."

Mrs. Downey was accompanied by another son, William

## Cop Rescues Nun in Fire

A policeman was overcome by smoke yesterday while helping a nun escape from a fire in a Rego Park church.

Patrolman George Ackerson of the Maspeth Precinct was treated at Elmhurst General Hospital for smoke poisoning and released.

The fire broke out at 2:45 P. M. in the Resurrection-Ascension Roman Catholic Church at 85-10 62nd road. Maspeth firemen extinguished the flames in 10 minutes and little damage was caused.

**PATROLMAN** Ackerson spotted smoke pouring out of the church and turned in an alarm. He then dashed inside and helped Sister Mary Pius to safety. The nun was not hurt, police said.

The cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

## Costello Free — For Awhile

A federal court of appeals has ruled that gambler Frank Costello may remain free in bail at least until March pending his appeal of a five-year prison term.

Costello, 66, was convicted in 1954 on income tax evasion charges. He served 11 months and was freed in \$25,000 bail pending appeal.

Costello was denied a new trial and reversal of conviction by Federal District Court but allowed to remain free in bond over the holiday season.

The Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 decision yesterday, ruled that Costello may remain free in bail but must file his appeal brief by Feb. 10, with argument set for the week of March 10.

## Beatings and Threats Fail to Stop Them

**By AUSTIN PERLOW**  
Beatings, threats and intimidation haven't shaken the Teamsters Rank and File Committee.

They're convinced they're going to win a court battle to keep James R. Hoffa from attaining his 20-year goal: To become president of the 1,500,000-member International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

A federal court in Washington is investigating charges brought by the group of 13 New York and Long Island teamsters that Hoffa was elected by hand-picked convention

## Anti-Hoffa Truckers Won't Be Scared Off

delegates. Meanwhile, he cannot take office.

**THE COMMITTEE**, headed by Jack Cunningham of Flushing, is bringing dozens of witnesses from teamster locals all over the country to Washington to try to prove illegal delegates were seated at the union convention.

The court fight started last July when Cunningham and Pat Kennedy of the Bronx walked into the office of a noted, high-priced lawyer who had fought for management against the union for years. They were lifelong union mem-

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bers trying to get free help in breaking the iron dictatorship of their leaders.

Cunningham and Kennedy had been battling to clean up their union for more than a decade, but had gotten nowhere. They admired the lawyer, Godfrey P. Schmidt, for a first-class lick he handed the teamster hierarchy last year in an intra-union fight.

**EVENTUALLY**, members of five teamster locals wound up in Schmidt's office. All had the same complaint: They never had a chance to say who would

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## Trip to the Moon U. S. Airman Tested

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas (UP)**—A young airman from New York will enter a three-by-five foot space chamber next month in an attempt to live a week under the same conditions that will face man on his first voyage to the moon.

Airman First Class Donald Farrell, 23, volunteered yesterday to enter the tiny cubicle at the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Air Force Base. Officials at Randolph said the cubicle was believed to be the only one of its kind in the world.

Doctors at the School of Aviation Medicine said the 6-foot airman would remain in the chamber for a week, seated in a canvas chair. He will be unable to either stand or lie down, and will be completely cut off from the outer world except when food is passed into him.

**ATTACHED** to the chamber will be a second small rectangular cubicle which will contain radar, radio and other instruments needed for a voyage into space.

Oxygen supply will be controlled by a special apparatus and chamber pressure will be maintained to simulate flight conditions at 18,000 feet.

The only clothing Farrell

represent them in voting for international officers.

Schmidt agreed to take the case without a fee and found the rebels office space. Thirteen men were picked from the five locals to head the committee.

A veteran of many no-holds-barred battles in one of the toughest unions in America, Cunningham is the dedicated leader of the group. A milk wagon driver for 17 years, he is 39, quiet, spare-framed, bald, and looks like a bookkeeper.

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Yeager admitted knifing the mother of a 6-year-old son to death with a pocket knife when she resisted a pocketbook snatch. She was slain two nights before Christmas as she was hurrying to her home at 221-31 Fairbury avenue, Queens Village.

Police tripped up the youthful killer through his penchant for writing an obscene word found on the dead woman's pocketbook after it was tossed away by the killer.

If Yeager is tried and convicted of the first degree murder charge he will be the youngest person ever sentenced to the electric chair from Queens.

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