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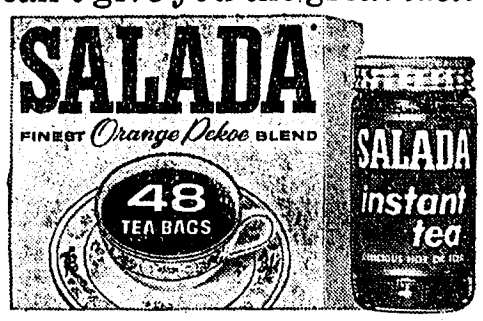

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Cambridge and Somerville Told Rail Route Inner Belt Inadvisable

By A. S. PLOTKIN

A yes-or-no answer on a proposal to run the Inner Belt Highway over the Boston & Albany Railroad tracks in Cambridge and Somerville will be forthcoming in about 10 days.

This assurance to officials of those two cities, came yesterday from State Public Works Commissioner Jack Ricciardi at separate meetings.

But D.P.W. engineers, and private consultans indicated strongly the proposal to run a double-deck highways over the B. & A.'s Grand Junction branch was not to their liking.

CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY ROUTE gets a going over at D.P.W. meeting. From left: City Mgr. John J. Curry, Mayor Edward A. Crane and City Councilor Thomas McNamara.

Fear Increased Congestion

A study showed, they said, that it would provide much poorer traffic service than other proposed routes; would lack adequate service roads and ramps, and increase traffic congestion in nearby streets.

In addition, the D.P.W. survey showed that, while fewer homes would be taken, the rail route would displace far more businesses with a consequent loss of jobs.

Said Ricciardi: "I personally feel that the loss of jobs is more important than the loss of homes. The human element is important, but it won't survive if that weekly pay check goes."

In his inaugural message, Gov. Volpe had criticized D.P.W. for being "delinquent" in pushing the $150 million Inner Belt.

Asked yesterday if he had discussed the morning and afternoon meetings with Volpe, Ricciardi replied with a slight smile, "Gov. Volpe is aware of them."

The commissioner also indicated that a final decision on fixing a definite line for the total circumferential expressway should not be far away.

The railroad route study was made after hundreds of incensed citizens of Cambridge and Somerville roared disapproval last May 10, at a **Hits Roads "Obsession"** public hearing, of other suggested routes.

Only one person, Somerville Public Works Commissioner Edward T. Brady, displayed yesterday the intense emotion that marked the May hearing.

The state government, charged Brady, is "obsessed" with the idea of building costly highways, and is ignoring the needs of the M.T.A. and rail commuters.

Cities and towns, he charged, are being "bisected and dissected "with toll roads and freeways."

"Somerville is literally being cut to pieces . . . I suggest we declare a moratorium on highway construction."

At the morning meeting, Cambridge officials displayed little uniformity of opinion. Mayor Edward A. Crane wanted a tunnel across Cambridge; State Sen. Francis X. McCann urged D.P.W. use a widened Memorial Drive.

Councilor Andrew T. Trodden and others felt that Cambridge could do very well without any Inner Belt.

May Widen Central Artery

Ricciardi stressed the importance of "breakdown" lanes.

The congestion on the Central Artery in downtown Boston, he added, has proved the need for such breakdown lanes and D.P.W. is now studying the feasibility of erecting, at intervals, on Central Artery such lanes, Ricciardi disclosed.

These might be "cantilevered" out from the existing structure hanging like a shelf over the street below.

A double-decked elevated expressway, such as the Cambridge-Somerville rail route would require, normally would not have such breakdown lanes, Ricciardi said.

The Federal Bureau of Public Roads, which would pay 90 percent of the cost, will now pay for adding such shoulders to viaducts, according to Charles E. Hall, the Massachusetts representative of that agency.

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Blasts Spark Fire at Houston Oil Refinery

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 24 (AP)—A series of explosions touched off a big fire at a refinery on the industry-crowded Houston ship channel tonight.

First reports indicated at least three persons were injured at the Signal Oil & Refining Co. plant. A fire at the same plant a year ago injured seven.

The flames engulfed two huge storage tanks near the refinery's waterfront dock. Several other storage tanks were nearby.

Electricity was out to many homes and businesses nearby.

There have been at least 65 fires or fire alarms at the plant since 1952, Fire Department records show.

Bob Kennedy Names Scribe Information Head

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UPI)—Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy today appointed Edwin O. Guthman, Pulitzer Prize reporter for the Seattle Times, as Justic Department chief of information.

Guthman, 41, will succeed Luther A. Huston, long-time New York Times Supreme Court reporter who has held the Justice Department position since 1957. Guthman will assume his duties Feb. 6.

A native of Seattle, Guthman won the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting in 1950.

In his book, "The Enemy Within," Kennedy names him among a number of newsmen who rendered valuable assistance to the Senate Rackets Committee's West Coast investigation of Teamster Union activities.

Mass Tomorrow For Hit-Run Victim; Suspect Arraigned

The funeral of 16-year-old Marie Dinsmore, killed by a hit-run car allegedly operated by a Lowell contractor, will be held tomorrow with a Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Medford, at 10 a.m.

The girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Dinsmore, 500 Winthrop st., Melrose, was fatally injured Monday night as she alighted from a bus near her home.

Arraigned yesterday in both Lowell and Malden district courts was James J. Mullaney, 68, of East Merrimack st., Lowell.

He is charged with manslaughter, driving under the influence, attempting to bride a police officer, drunkenness and leaving the scene of an accident. A hearing was set for Feb. 10.

Mullaney was arrested in Lowell Monday, an hour after the Dinsmore girl, daughter of a Boston Federal Reserve Bank official, was killed.

She and another girl, both students of Matignon High School, Cambridge, were returning from church services. She also leaves an older sister, Anna.

Student Drawing Set For Government Day

Candidates for state offices on Student Government Day, Apr. 27, will draw their assignments in ceremonies at 10 a.m. Friday in Gov. Volpe's office, it was announced last night.

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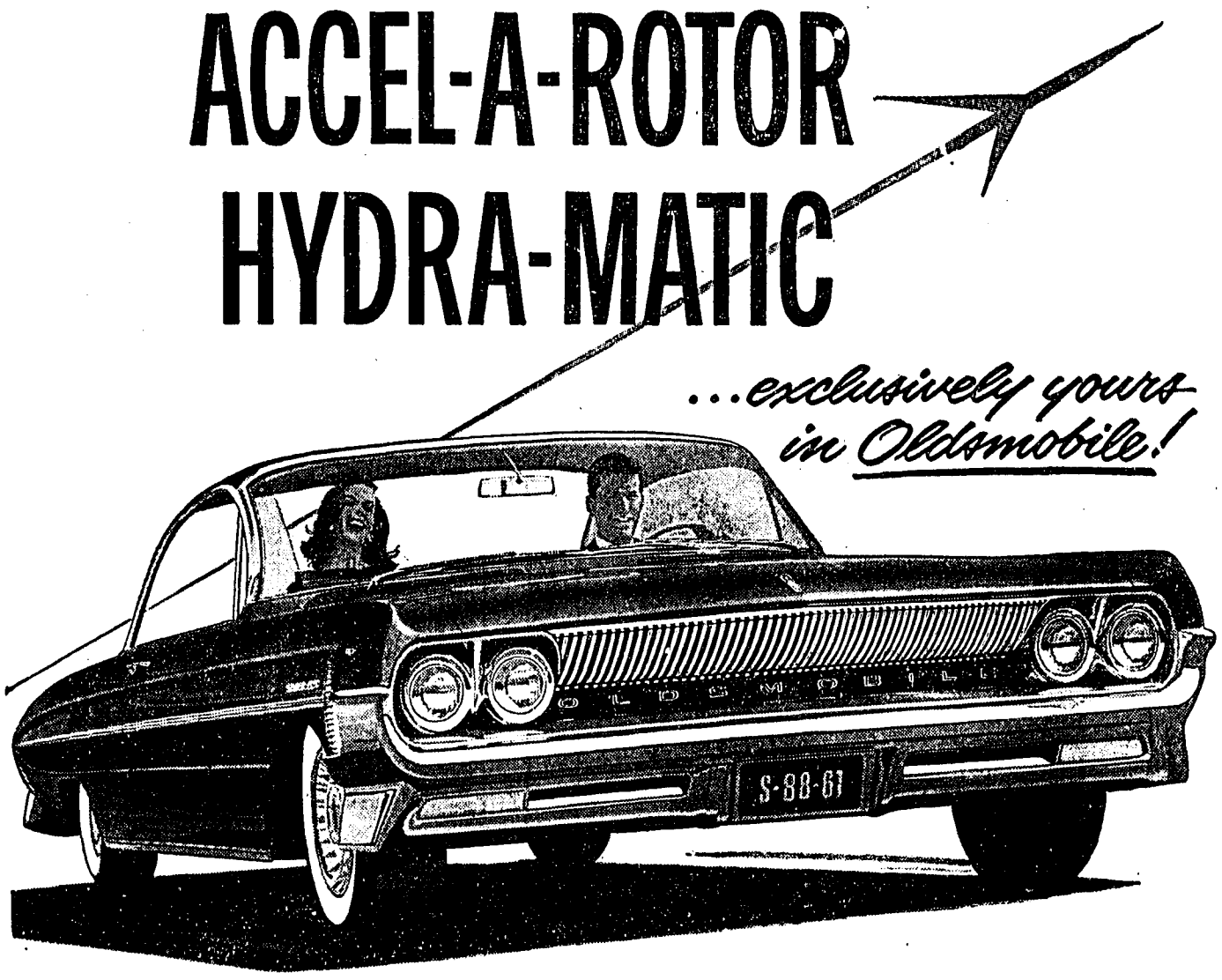

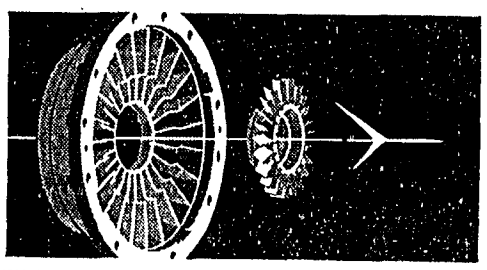

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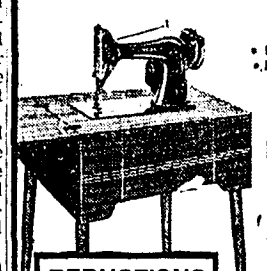

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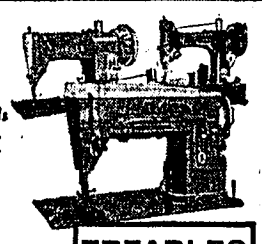

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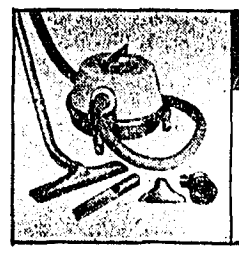

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