

Highway Official Charges 'Takeover'

Federal highway administrators are attempting to grab power far in excess of the intentions of Congress, a top State highway official charged here Tuesday.

John O. Morton, president of the American Association of State Highway Officials, leveled a withering blast at what he termed "this senseless takeover" in the keynote address opening the Forty-Second Annual Highway Short Course.

Morton, New Hampshire commissioner of public works and highways, referred to a group of proposed regulations which will go into effect if not withdrawn before Nov. 22.

The regulations call for two public hearings—instead of one required presently—before a highway can be constructed. Any person or group could bring a halt to further progress on the project at either hearing or afterward by citing any of the regulatory points in opposing the proposed construction.

Morton noted that this is the first time in the 52-year history of the Federal Aid Highway Program that a government agency has resorted to this means of establishing rules and regulations for the highway program.

"I can only regard this move as being of a sinister nature, conceived by a few people in high authority and possibly accepted by others who are not aware of its serious consequences," Morton said.

Morton pointed out that of the 41-thousand-mile Interstate Highway network, some 6.4 thousand miles are within urban areas. Of this mileage, only 150 miles are in dispute. Practically all the rest has been constructed or reserved.

"OF THIS TOTAL mileage of urban expressways, only 2.5 percent have presented problems of an unusual nature and certainly this constitutes a record of accomplishment and not one of failure," he said.

Morton said highway builders have developed cordial and responsive working relations with community officials and with representatives of every level of government.

"We have encouraged the appearance of interested persons at our public hearings and have given considerate and responsive attention to the suggestions and

problems that have been presented . . .

"As a matter of record, of the 41-thousand-mile network of Interstate highways, approximately two-thirds of the mileage is now completed and in service. I can factually report that this accomplishment has been accepted, approved and applauded by the overwhelming majority of the American people," Morton said.

SHOULD THE pending regulations go into effect, he said, "For most of the States this will have the effect of bringing about a complete stoppage of the highway program . . ."

He said the regulations will take the highway program out of the hands of the States and the State highway departments and put it under the direct supervision of a "mammoth federal bureaucracy."

The veteran highway engineer and administrator charged that "at the present time, millions of highway dollars are being dissipated by a Washington bureaucracy—funds that are urgently needed for well thought-out construction projects.

"COMPLEXITIES are being

created that cannot be untangled at the local, State or federal level. Meaningless reports are being required—reports that never will be read—and each day the shuffling of more paper requires

added help. All of these dubious requirements are being presented to the public under the guise of creative federalism."

Morton said it is "high time that we raise strong objections

to this senseless takeover. To me, a highway program should be one that is aided by the use of federal funds rather than one completely dominated by government bureaucracy."



AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

The executive officers of the Freshmen Agricultural Society for the 1968-69 school year have been elected. They are from left, Ira Lee of Willow City, president; Larry Pressler of Fredricksburg, vice president; Dr. R. C. Potts, associate dean of agriculture and society advisor; David Willmann of Mason, parliamentarian; and Marilyn Honeycutt of Gainesville, secretary.

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has no housing or zoning codes," he said. "This results in shoddy housing, but it also provides employment close to the home."

"MEMBERS OF THE minority groups must be made to feel that they have a stake and a voice in the community. In Houston we have started a program emphasizing communications, employment and education to encourage the Negro's role in the community."

Justice mentioned the use of a mobile City Hall to listen to the different problems in the various areas of the city. Representatives of the mayor talk to the people and hear them out.

"By providing the people with the opportunity to better themselves, they obtain the power to work for improvement in their society," said Justice. "The individual is not handed or given anything, but he must be given an opportunity."

Dr. Kunze Elected Agronomy Fellow

Dr. George W. Kunze, graduate dean, has been elected a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy.

Dean Kunze was one of 33 persons selected for the honor at the 6,000-member organization's annual meeting in New Orleans this week.

Kunze joined the faculty in 1952 as assistant professor of soil physics. He was named associate graduate dean last year and promoted to dean in August.

He also has been elected a fellow in two other professional organizations, the Mineralogical Society of America in 1962 and the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1965.

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