Northwest-Southeast Highway Gets Strong Support at Seattle

Newspaper Editorial Points Out Cogent Reasons Why Diagonal Route Should be Designated

The proposed Northwest-Southeast Superhighway, which would serve through the interior states for westward travel, received strong support from the Seattle Star, powerful newspaper of the northwest. In an editorial in its July 18 issue, entitled "Our Eyes Could Well be Looking South by South," the Star published the following arguments in favor of the superhighway which will cut diagonally across the United States.

Most highway systems in the United States have been planned for a long east-west and north-south line. Overlooked generally is the fact that the axis of North America runs from south to north. West.

This latter fact is being emphasized by Dr. Frank O. Kreager, formerly a member of the faculty of the University of Louisiana, now a resident of Seattle, Wash.

On his recent tour through his old home country, Dr. Kreager started what might be termed a one-man crusade for a diagonal superhighway between the state of Washington and the Gulf of Mexico.

Such a highway would connect with what Dr. Kreager looks forward to as "a real Alaska highway," from Prince George, B.C., north to Fairbanks, Alaska. Kreager mentions, in passing, that the Alcan road, which follows the inland route for the North American and Canada are seeking to have established as a permanent highway for the trans-Alaskan oil route. By driving on the opposite side of the Rockies, unusable about eight months of the year because of snow and cold, such a diagonal highway would connect with the highway system of Mexico, and thus would become part of the trans-Pan-American highway, on which motorists eventually might drive from Alaska to the Mexican border.

What Dr. Kreager started was a one-man crusade, but it grew beyond that.

On his recent tour through the south, the Pateros man carried his advocacy of the road far as Gulfport, Miss., and accounted for an address there circulated throughout Dixie.

In this section the diagonal highway project has attracted the attention of Construction World and the personal interest of Miller Freeman, publisher of that and other trade papers and one of the moving spirits of the farm press (with your support).