

NOTED BOULEVARD PLAN BEING URGED

Congress to Be Asked to Approve Memorial Highway to Mount Vernon.

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When Congress meets in December it will be asked to approve a bill directing that the memorial boulevard from Washington to Mount Vernon be constructed under the supervision of the Bi-Centenary Commission, which is in charge of the arrangements for the celebration in 1932 of the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth.

This commission, of which President Coolidge is chairman, has not yet formulated its plans, but strong indications have been given that the construction of this boulevard will be one of the principal features. It already has the very emphatic approval of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, the Daughters of the American Revolution and many other important organizations. Prominent members of Congress say that they have found a great deal of interest in this project throughout the country, especially since the motor tourists have been flocking to this great national shrine.

Prompt Action Urged.
Senator Swanson and Representative Moore of Virginia, who have been in charge of the legislation that seeks to authorize construction of this new national boulevard, which is planned to make the most attractive stretch of highway in the entire world, through historic territory, and along which many important memorials and monuments would be erected, will offer the bill as soon as Congress meets, so worded as to leave the selection of the route to be determined by the Bi-Centenary Commission.

The Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture made a survey of the territory between Washington and Mount Vernon a year ago by direction of Congress and submitted a report, after staking out tentative routes. Action on the pending bill, however, was deferred because the

chairman of the House committee declined to call a meeting of the committee for the purpose of considering this report.

The prominent patriotic, civic and business organizations of the country which are supporting this project realize that in order to have the highway completed for use in 1932, when the world comes here to pay tribute to the "Father of His Country," the responsibility now rests largely with the Bi-Centenary Commission, at least so far as indorsement of the project and urging prompt action is concerned.

Increase in Traffic.
The plan of leaving the decision regarding the route to this commission recognizes that the matter is of national concern and that local contro-

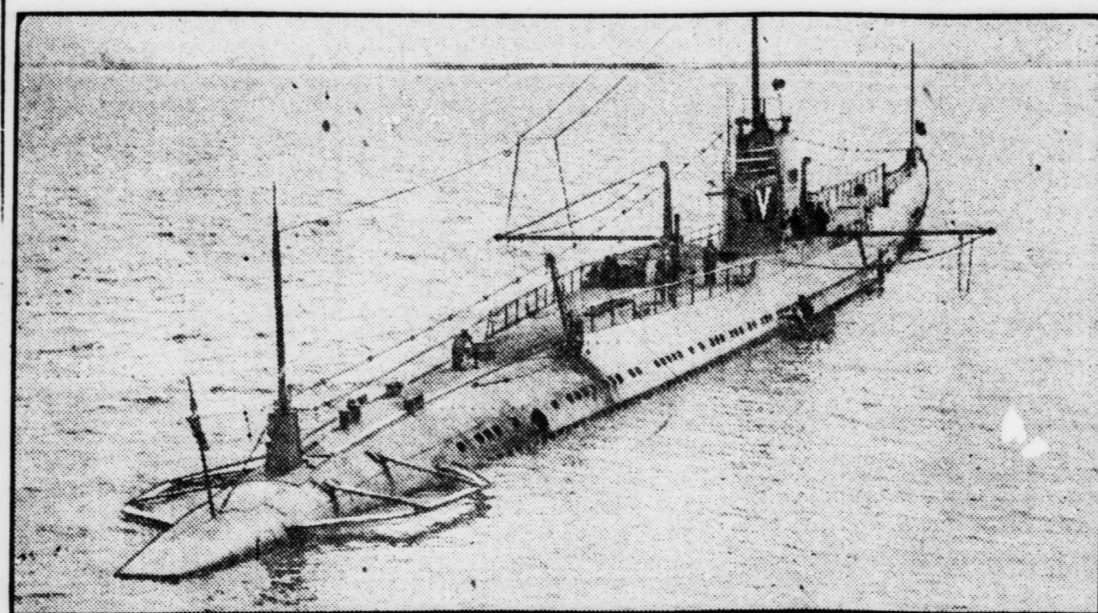
versies as to what route would be followed are to be as far as possible.

There is a very real need for this new national highway, entirely aside from sentiments that prompt a dignified and impressive approach from the Capital to the home and tomb of the

Nation's founder. The travel to Mount Vernon is constantly increasing and the Federal highway engineers predict that before the new highway can be built, the present road will be entirely inadequate.

The enormous increase in traffic to Mount Vernon is shown in these

figures: In the year ended April 30, 1926, there were 101,057 visitors to Mount Vernon. In the year ended April 30, 1916, when the great army of war workers was in Washington, the number was 127,203. In the year ended April 30, 1925, the number had climbed to 355,635.



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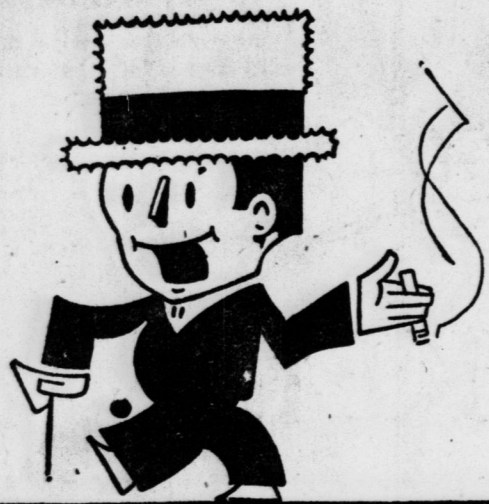
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