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A Timely Reminder

It is to be hoped that the fullest public support will be given to the drive which has been launched by the RCMP and City Police against traffic violations by pedestrians. The increasing number of accidents in which pedestrians are involved, through their own carelessness, has become a matter of concern to the authorities, who have intimidated that they will take stricter measures in dealing with jaywalking, as well as with recklessness in the driving of bicycles, either in the city or rural areas.

The emphasis heretofore has been on the danger of careless motor driving on our streets and highways; and there is no doubt that this danger is a very real one and that continued efforts must be made to keep it in check. Scarcely a holiday passes without some shocking reminder of this fact. The highway toll, in fatalities and serious accidents, is mounting yearly across Canada with the increase in motor traffic. No province can afford to ignore the significance of these figures. But this does not relieve pedestrians of their responsibility in the matter. Infractions on their part can be as serious as those of motorists, and traffic safety requires the fullest cooperation on both sides.

Particular emphasis is placed by the authorities on the need for keeping children from playing on the streets, and training them in the rudiments of pedestrian safety. This is the responsibility of parents and guardians, and it is a very serious one. With the closing of the schools for the summer holidays, it has become one of urgency as well.

Johnson's Fateful Step

Perhaps the deteriorating situation in Southeast Asia called for the new exercise in brinkmanship which has been launched by President Johnson. Certainly the motives behind it are in accord with free world principles. The question is whether it will work, and what the consequences may be if it doesn't. It is a move, Mr. Johnson defines it, "an offensive in pursuit of peace," based on military power and a determination "not to intimidate others but to show others that we cannot be intimidated—not to incite our enemies but to indicate our intention to defend freedom wherever necessary." The words were aimed primarily at the leaders of Communist China, and have been supported by a major diplomatic campaign behind the scene to inform Peking that the United States means business.

As President Kennedy said when he moved into a similar confrontation, if China now makes an aggressive move, "no one knows where this might end." This is the danger involved in every act of brinkmanship, however justified by the circumstances. In this case there is the obvious fact that should South Vietnam and Laos be lost, the whole of Southeast Asia would lie open to Chinese domination. President Johnson is taking a calculated risk in assuming that the strength he is showing will deter Red China from further aggressive action.

The Americans have made it known that they will take their obligation in Laos and in South Vietnam as solemnly as they do in West Berlin. The appointment of General Maxwell Taylor as ambassador proves that. But, as the Ottawa Journal point out, it is a long way from West Berlin and Laos. The parallel between the two commitments is far from self-evident. Berliners are vigorously anti-Communist; the peasants of Southeast Asia, unfortunately, are far less clear what they are for or what they are against.

In the opinion of the New York Times "there is a clear need for President Johnson to explain to the American people exactly what our policy is, its potential dangers and consequences and the reasons he believes it necessary to take these risks." Nevertheless, it would be fatal for Washington's allies to quibble over its policy at this critical time. Too much is at stake, as was emphasized yesterday in the Canadian House of Commons. The majority opinion of the House was well summed up by Opposition Leader Diefenbaker when he said: "We should not do anything which would have the effect of giving to the Chinese or other Communists operating there the idea that we are not in unity with any action which the U.S. must take, short of war, to preserve and maintain the integrity of those countries."

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It sounds fantastic. But the thought persists that if the law permitted, the same thing could well happen in Canada. Those petting-frog squabbles in which our politicians are engaged at Ottawa, for example—what a juvenile parliament could match them in immaturity? Not a few electors would probably welcome the chance of sending a house-full of sober-minded teenagers to replace them.

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"OF A BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO"

MR. SPEAKER

His Position In The House Of Commons

The Gazette, Montreal

The insecurity in which the Speakership of the Canadian House of Commons stands was seen best when the Speaker felt it necessary to make a statement that he had no political or any merely editorial

PUBLIC FORUM

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THOSE LIQUOR LICENSES

Sir—When the Liquor Commission is relating to give licenses to the only club the average person can join without giving any reason for it, I can't understand why the Government stopped Judge Trainor from being able to over-ride these decisions.

After reading the letter from Mr. Gillis that you have published, I have come to the conclusion that we need more people like Judge Trainor and fewer people like those of the politicians appointed to the Liquor Commission.

HOUSEWIFE

Charlotteown

COMMENDS LETTER

Sir—I am very pleased to read the letter from Allison Gillis which appeared in your edition recently. It brought to light some of the strange things that have taken place here in Canada, which affect the lives of each of us.

I came to this country from Poland and I have heard of how wonderful the Canadian people are and how they had a really Democratic form of government. I have never regretted my coming here as the people here are even more wonderful than I had heard. I am a person who lived on the European continent and I have seen what autocratic governments there collapsed with such drastic results and you can realize what joy and relief it is to be able to bring up my family in Canada.

THE POINT

As I read Mr. Gillis' letter however I wondered if you people realized the danger of what could happen even here if the present situation continues to worsen and I wonder just what the law has been changed to.

Why is it legal for one citizen who has a lot of money to be able to buy a drink at a certain club while it is illegal for a person who has no money to have a drink in any place but his home?

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FINDS FISH

YAMATO-KORUMAYAMA, Japan (AP)—Scientists here said he scooped up a strange fish from his goldfish breeding pond. It is a new species of fish. Identify the creature with a golden body, red, purple and blue tail and the head of a catfish.

Phobias Are Great Fears

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellan

A phobia is a greatly exaggerated fear. It may be so unreasonable and excessive that the patient is handicapped. Those with claustrophobia, for example, are so afraid of enclosed spaces they cannot ride in a car or travel by air—because they can't take the confinement of a plane.

The man or woman is aware of his phobia and he knows it is illogical but can't do anything about it because the fear dominates. When someone has the phobia he is in agony with symptoms of intense anxiety—sweating of the heart, rapid respiration, and profuse perspiration.

A victim of claustrophobia enters a small closet to get his coat and his little grandson closed that door. When he opened the door and screamed so loud the family thought he was being murdered. He so panicked that he did not think to open the door and walk out of the closet.

There are more than a hundred specific phobias, including fear of being afraid (phobophobia). Some are easy to understand, such as cynophobia (fear of dogs) and lysophobia (fear of rain). Others, such as agoraphobia, are more difficult to appreciate. Some persons have phobias about blushing, cancer, drinking, flowers, height, lightning, body odors and being stared at.

Most individuals with phobias are intelligent, easy-going, and pleasant. The condition is twice as common in women as in men and in many, one or both parents have neurotic tendencies. Most individuals with phobias stemmed from adverse situations in early life.

Seven out of 10 can be helped with psychiatric reconditioning. This is done by making the individual aware of the phobia by employing intelligence rather than force.

REDDISH EYES

R.C. writes: How can I get good, clean, white-looking eyes? They are reddish in the corners.

REPLY

This is difficult to do unless irritable and is therefore responsible and can be eliminated. Eye hygiene includes frequent washing with clean water and avoiding excess cold, sinus infection, and allergic conjunctivitis.

FILLED IN HOLLOW

M.L. writes: What fills the hollow on either side of the neck?

REPLY

Swelling in these areas usually stems from enlarged neck glands or from an abscess. It is in the upper chest usually.

NOT IN THE MIND

T.H. writes: I multiply sclerosis is a psychosomatic illness.

REPLY

No, it is a serious neurological disorder. P.N. writes: What is the significance of a high white blood count in rheumatoid arthritis?

REPLY

It may be a sign that another infection is present. B.R. writes: How does the electroencephalograph detect epilepsy?

REPLY

Abnormal brain waves are detected with this electronic device. T.O. writes: How does the electroencephalograph detect epilepsy?

CHINESE APPOINTEE

BRAZAVILLE (AP)—The first Chinese Communist minister to the former French Congo, he earlier had presented his credentials to President Massamba Debat.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

British Transport Minister Ernest Marples advises a car which goes sideways for easy control and the car will be able for one that goes forward during the rush hour. — Ottawa

There is no question in the countryman's mind that among the basic requirements for a cow or two for each home are all men who enjoy pressing against a cow's flank and listening to the ping of the streams as they hit the pull buttons to cover up. — Ottawa

Let's face it. The middle-aged fellow who buys a four door reliable B is a lot less likely to be hit on the head by a car than the young blade who picks the powered Super with four gears on the floor—Milwaukee Journal.

Warning For Sunbathers

Remember the old saw: I never saw a purple cow, I never saw one as big as an elephant, and I never saw anything, I'd rather see than be one?

A Vancouver doctor is correct in his warning, there is a danger in summer that people get sunburned. Sunburn may achieve this unenviable purple hue.

Madam, a dermatologic consultant to the federal health department, has underlined the dangers of too much sunbathing. Specifically, he referred to the fact that people are taking tranquilizers or certain other drugs, and even though they are not sunbathing, they are still at risk.

For those who seek only the appearance of a tan, the cosmetic industry has already provided for them. They are the suntan lotions and creams that are applied to the skin before sunbathing. They are the suntan lotions and creams that are applied to the skin before sunbathing.

Canadian Nationhood

London Free Press

Canada's Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition seem to agree on anything. When they are not in agreement, they are in agreement. This actually happened on the debate over the existing rights which will be men-

Victoria Daily Times

The fact should be wisely understood—and possibly it is—that when the demands of the mind, spirit and energy made by a job are lifted, some other means have to be substituted to avoid rapid deterioration.

But the fact is also widely recognized that too many people consider this problem one of somebody else. They do not relate it to themselves. "How dull it is," said Ulysses, "to pause, to make an end, to turn unarmished, not to shine in use."

NEW LONDON CAMPBELLS PICNIC AND REUNION PARK CORNER, JULY 8

Will be received by the secretary of trustees until noon Monday, June 29, 1964, for sale of old Alberton elementary school grounds on Main Street containing one acre more or less.

REPLY

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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