

The Association, in company with other organizations which sponsor programs aimed at motor accidents reduction, feels that there should be some master planning at the provincial level on the subject of traffic light uniformity of installation.

While commending provincial highway departments on their concerted efforts to standardize highway signs throughout the country, the Association suggests that a great service would be performed if similar standardization of traffic light installations were carried out for the benefit of the confused, harassed motorists in unfamiliar territory.

The Dupuis Case

It is suggested in a Liberal newspaper that Mr. Pearson's refusal to say anything about the circumstances of Yvon Dupuis' "resignation" from the cabinet may indicate that he is not free to do so because they may not be within the Prime Minister's actual jurisdiction.

If these assumptions are correct, perhaps the place to look for a statement to clear the situation would be the provincial government of Quebec, rather than the Prime Minister's office.

That is why an explanation is being demanded from the Prime Minister, and why Parliament will insist on getting it when it meets.

In a letter to the House of Commons Speaker, Mr. Dupuis says he intends making an explanation there on a point of privilege.

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Seat Belt Case

In Wisconsin recently, a woman sued for injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Although the car she was riding in was equipped with seat belts, at the time of the accident she had not been wearing one.

The jury found the woman negligent for not using her belt and deducted 10 per cent from the damages awarded her.

This, comments an exchange, was the first time a jury had been asked to take the use of seat belts into account. The jury's decision to do so may well set a precedent.

EDITORIAL NOTES

According to Science, the official organ of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in each of the next six years—if President de Gaulle is still around to have his way—France will invest \$2 billion in equipping strategic and tactical nuclear forces.



THE LATEST MODEL

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Here And There On Parliament Hill

An interesting suggestion for a permanent tribute to Sir Winston Churchill has been heard on Parliament Hill. This stems from the tribute paid on very rare occasions to a great athlete: when the admired sportsman retires, his distinguishing number is retired too—never to be used again by his team.

The proposal heard here is that the very name Churchill should not be used in future by any MP sitting in our Parliament. This would be a great tribute to the greatest Parliamentarian of the century.

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Mike Pearson? Not Pygmalion likely," the outspoken Mr. Cowan might reply. But the job isn't bell-hop either. Who offers the right balance of ability and seniority, free-thinking and loyalty? Obviously Mr. Pearson in his busy office would not saddle himself by promoting one of the time-serving millstones off the back benches, such as some other Ministers now endure.

What, me be a bell-hop for men at Metz. Their withdrawal is overdue. It may be questioned why the intention is to maintain a base at Marville in France as well as two in Germany.

Our Bases in France

West Germany is reported upset because Canada is considering cutting RCAF strength in Europe from eight squadrons to six. The Germans are said to be fearful that this may overshadow a reduction in United States or British strength overseas.

Lake Levels Problem

As any cure for the low lake levels that in 1964 cost Canada and United States nearly \$50,000,000 in decreased transport and power facilities seem far distant, it would appear to be time for another conference to lay some plans.

Nasser's Foreign War

A few months ago, a cease-fire was supposed to have been reached in the bloody civil war which has been raging in Yemen for so long. This news was universally welcomed, not least because it held out the hope that President Nasser of Egypt would get around to withdrawing his thousands of troops, who have been intervening in Yemen since the war started.

Constipation And Laxatives

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Constipation often begins with the use of a laxative. A person misses once and decides to correct the situation with a purge. The next day the bowel is still empty so there is no movement.

The bowels are common because many men and women do not realize that going without a movement for one, two, three, or more days won't prove fatal. Give nature a chance and, in all probability, the colon will take the initiative. The exceptions occur in the ill, bedridden, or weak. The same applies to the elderly, who are inclined to develop impactions.

Laxatives help temporarily, but do not cure. A change in diet helps some. Foods containing cellulose and pulpy fibers, such as fruits and vegetables, cause mechanical distention and irritation of the wall. This encourages bowel contractions.

Go to the toilet whenever you feel the need. Constipation may develop or be aggravated if nature's signal is disregarded.

NERVOUS AT BEYTIME L.H. writes: When I go to bed at night, I get nervous, my stomach seems jumpy and shaky, and I can't go to sleep. Can you recommend something?

REPLY A glass of warm milk may be helpful.

CALCIUM AND STONES M.B. writes: Could going on a milk-cream diet for vice cause kidney stones?

REPLY Yes, in a stone former. These diets are high in calcium, one of the common ingredients of kidney stones. Drink more water to maintain a dilute urine and the chances of getting another renal stone will be reduced considerably.

LUMP ON FOREHEAD M.G. writes: What causes a milk-cream diet for vice cause kidney stones?

REPLY The bump may represent bleeding under the skin or under the top layers of the bony skull.

(NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Curbing U.S. Dollar Drain

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff Writer

The United States government is giving priority to ways to curb a heavy flow of gold and dollars abroad.

President Johnson is expected to use a variety of weapons for the job. The dollar drain—another cycle in the American balance-of-payments problem—worsened sharply during the last three months of 1964.

One factor was an upsurge in Canadian borrowing, although it had been anticipated. U.S. legislation imposing a tax on stocks and bonds gives Canada a partial exemption.

The U.S. remedies being chartered could have serious, although perhaps short-term, repercussions for Canada and the rest of the Western world's economy, in which the U.S. dollar remains the kingpin.

American tourists, responsible now for an annual deficit of about \$1,500,000,000, may be forced to spend less.

It may be harder to borrow U.S. dollars.

Supplies of American development capital for business subsidiary operations may be reduced.

The U.S. is pushing an export program, expanding competition behind the iron curtain and elsewhere. More economic and military aid may be tied to purchases of American goods.

NOT CONSIDERED But absolutely no consideration is being given to devaluation of the American dollar, it is stressed.

Canada has been conscious of a balance-of-payments problem for much longer than the U.S. The origins of the problems in each country differ sharply.

Canada annually buys much more from the U.S. than she sells. Another factor is Canada's heavy annual bill for money to develop her economy and to cover her own dollar gap.

The U.S. situation is more broadly based. In one sense, there is a substantial element of long-term gain in the heavy U.S. flow of foreign investment.

Latin American Tax Reform

Milwaukee Journal

A central requirement of the charter of Punta del Este—sweeping tax reform in Latin America—is one of the most stubborn obstacles facing the Alliance for Progress.

In most Latin American countries, tax evasion has long been a kind of national sport. Successful practitioners are admired. Audit and inspection systems are non-existent or deficient.

When tax experts from the United States internal revenue started offering assistance under a special Alliance program, they were appalled.

In Peru they found that tax collecting was shared by the government with a private firm which not only did not collect from its friends but was lending money back to the government at high interest rates.

Chile had a bewildering array of 300 separate taxes, complicated by galloping inflation. Bolivia had 2,000 tax laws, most of them forgotten or ignored.

Argentina had an uncollected tax backlog of \$150 million.

A semblance of order and tighter regulation is emerging. The Bolivian government has forms and data processing machines, and revenues have increased 30 per cent. Colombia is using the withholding technique for the first time. Panama is applying United States tax standards.

In many countries big landowners and businessmen are firmly resisting reforms. But changes seem inevitable. As one observer has noted: "The Alliance will have been only a tremendous waste of time if it does not succeed in convincing Latin Americans to pay their taxes as an investment in their future."

PAYING THEIR WAY

WINNIPEG (CP)—Some 1,500 inmates of Manitoba jails have earned \$69,000 in wages since the provincial government established a prison rehabilitation program in 1961.

Good-conduct inmates nearing the end of their terms perform tasks such as fire-fighting, brush clearing and other outside work in provincial parks. They are paid 75 cents a day, 50 cents of which is held for them until their release.

Travel bargains advertisement listing destinations and prices: Charlottetown to Sackville \$2.20, Moncton \$2.90, Truro \$3.70, Saint John \$4.30, Halifax \$4.80, Antigonish \$5.20, Sydney \$9.50, Quebec \$12.15, Montreal \$13.00, Ottawa \$15.70, Winnipeg \$35.00, Edmonton \$47.00.