

Police Renew Campaign To Cut Down Traffic Deaths

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Police across Canada are renewing their annual drive to reduce traffic deaths that each year mar Christmas festivities. Most forces plan extra patrols in an attempt to reduce the toll of 60 dead and 1,200 injured predicted for the Christmas weekend this year by the Canadian Highway Safety Council. Some forces already are carrying out a program of Christmas "spot checks" to nab drinking drivers and take defective vehicles off the road. Other departments plan to help drivers who find they have too much to drink by offering such drivers a ride home on request; others will help them find a taxi or other public transportation.

ment traffic patrols. Cities where drunk drivers will get a lift from police include Charlottetown, Simcoe, Ont., and Regina. A Charlottetown police spokesman said: "We've been doing this for years and we're only too glad to give anybody a lift who needs it." The Regina program is being carried out by four police volunteers. Two will answer each call, one to drive the police car and the other to drive the drunk motorist's car. **AGAINST AID PLAN** But Winnipeg Police Chief George Blow said he does not favor driving partygoers home because "it takes the responsibility away from the motorist." Saskatchewan's holiday hazard campaign, in which both municipal police and the RCMP participate, started Dec. 7 and will run until the new year. The Saskatchewan Safety Council, with 206 deaths this year, said it is "confident our toll will remain less than last year" when 220 died. The Manitoba traffic death count also is slightly less than last year—at the end of October it stood at 150 compared with 167 to the end of October, 1964. In Alberta, however, traffic fatalities had risen to 308 at the end of October this year from 291 at the same time last year. British Columbia, with 402 traffic deaths at the end of November compared with 413 for all of 1964, expects an increase from the 1964 total by the end of this year.

Among forces with a program of spot checks of drivers and their vehicles are Vancouver, Regina, Metropolitan Toronto, Sudbury, Ont., and Waterloo County surrounding Kitchener and Waterloo, Ont. **USE MOBILE PLAN** Vancouver police, who are battling a high accident and injury rate—one injury in every three accidents—started their spot checks in early December. They have organized on a mobile plan using crews that can set up and dismantle a check point quickly so the checks can pop up unexpectedly in various parts of the city. Metropolitan Toronto police have augmented their spot-check system this year with a "blitz patrol system." Two patrol cars drive up and down a selected artery on a constant pattern throughout a 24-hour period, watching for traffic violations and impaired drivers. Toronto police also are using volunteers from the Emergency Measures Organization to aug-

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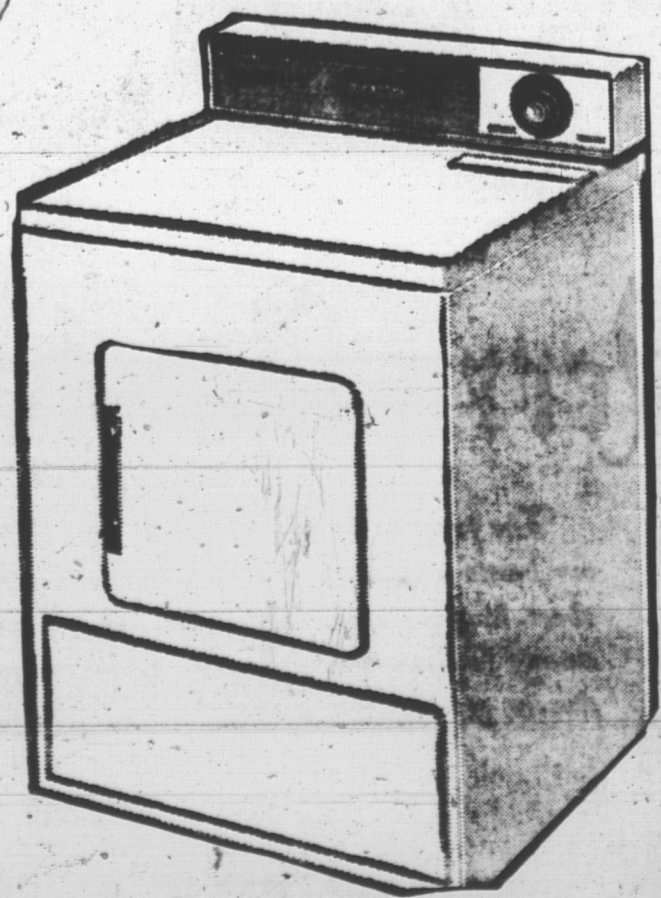
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