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Donald went on to fit it neatly into his main argument. "This," he stressed, "is why we must have breathalyzer tests. The critics complain about intrusion on the rights of the individual, but what about the rights of the innocent?" Without the breathalyzer, he maintained, there was no way of proving fully whether the victim's accident was or was not related to alcohol.

However, even with a breathalyzer test how can a police officer determine whether a man is drunk or impaired? In Europe, according to a report from the Statistical Research Department of Dominion Automobile Association, there's a wide diversity of opinion among enforcement authorities on the point at which a driving motorist becomes impaired by alcohol.

J.P. Lewickie, director of the association, has released the results of a check recently made on limits in several European countries. Just how many bottles of beer a driver may consume before he becomes impaired (after breathalyzer tests) is shown here: An Austria, a driver may have the equivalent of 3 bottles of beer and still legally drive; in Belgium, it's 5 bottles; Denmark, 3 bottles; Finland, 3 bottles; Iceland, 1 1/2 bottles; Sweden, 5 bottles; West Germany, 5 bottles.

Which just goes to show that in determining who's "impaired," as in other problems of human behavior, a uniform yardstick is hard to come by.

The Way To Peace

Once again, Saigon and American officials are talking "optimistically" about the Viet Nam war. The massive presence of American troops—271,000 by latest count—is "clearly showing results." Premier Ky has promised victory in 1967. The Americans, taught by the lesson of premature optimism in the past, are careful not to speculate on a timetable. But they, too, appear to see the struggle in terms of military achievement on a decisive scale.

This may be, in part, a reaction to the initiative taken by U Thant, secretary general of the United Nations, in urging the end of what he calls "one of the most barbarous wars in history." The secretary general's proposals cover three points—all of which he has made before: 1. Cessation of bombing of North Vietnam. 2. Scaling down of all military activity in South Vietnam to facilitate "an effective ceasefire." 3. Willingness of all sides to enter into conversations with all those who are "actually fighting"—in other words, with the Vietcong.

The Saigon government has pooh-poohed any chances of negotiation with the Communists; and this appears to be the attitude of the U.S. military and of President Johnson as well. They feel that the bombing of North Vietnam "keeps the pressure on" and tends to weaken the will of the enemy. Many others, including neutrals who have visited the area, doubt this. The Milwaukee Journal is among the leading American newspapers which also has misgivings on the subject. It quotes Arthur Goldberg, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, as urging UN action along the lines proposed by Mr. Thant, and it adds:

"Why should we not once again try a cessation of bombing? Are we not, as Goldberg says, able as a strong nation to 'walk the first mile' toward peace? Why not even a unilateral ceasefire after announcing to the Vietcong that we will continue it if they join? With the prestige of the UN and U Thant behind us and with such a show of peaceful intentions on our part the other side would be under great pressure to act. The road we are on now leads inevitably to more escalation and a wider war."

A road which could carry us all, willy-nilly, into another armageddon.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The horse has been described as one of automation's earliest victims; but in Kitchener, Ontario, he is about to be brought back into the ranks of the employed. The dairies there have decided that Dobin is a faster and more efficient deliverer of milk than the motorized truck.

If your boy has obtained his doctor's degree in some subject from a Canadian university, he's a rare specimen. The odds were three in 1,000 that he'd make it, according to a Dominion Bureau of Statistics report. And if your Ph.D. is a girl, she had three chances in 10,000. The bureau bases its conclusions on surveys done between 1958 and 1964 of 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 Canadian students from Grade 2 up. There were 3,199,419 school children in 1958, and 3,995,650 in 1964.



THE RED CARPET AND THE GREEN

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Handicaps To Highway Safety Efforts

The problems of our system of government, with jurisdiction divided between federal and provincial governments, are handicapping efforts to reduce our highway traffic toll.

This became very obvious during the two-day conference convened in Ottawa by the Canadian Government Specifications Board Committee on the Automotive Vehicle Safety Code. For instance, provincial governments licence drivers, but compulsory breathalyzer testing of impaired drivers is arguably an infringement of human rights, which is a federal matter. Similarly, the federal government appears to consider that it could not legislate safety features in the manufacture of motor vehicles; so it is pussy-footing this point by compiling a list of safety features which must be incorporated in passenger vehicles which it buys for its own use.

While the possible alleviation of our grave national problem of highway accidents is thus a gray area, there was no dearth of constructive thinking at the conference. Especially the information papers prepared for the committee and the exhaustive in their study of the past and their speculation about the future.

While some papers were brutally frank about the social responsibility of the aggressive driver, and especially the drinking driver, a paper on "The Vehicle" suggested that the automobile might have to be eliminated from its present position as an unfettered means of transport.

Many possible alternatives to the owner-driven automobile have been proposed," said this paper, "such as: (A) automatic control of all highway vehicles; (b) high-speed cross-country transportation of vehicles on rail or highway trains, with individual control limited to local low-speed traffic; (c) long distance passenger transport entirely by rail, bus or aircraft and local travel by vastly improved mass transportation systems supplemented as necessary by "local" cars optimized for that role."

This paper sketched the 70-year evolution of today's automobile, dividing this into three periods. First, up to 1927 effort was concentrated on the cheap mass production of the "motorized buggy," overcoming its major deficiencies, and protecting its occupants against the weather. From 1927-1941 was the "engineering period," which saw the evolution of the configuration of car which we know today, treating the vehicle as an integrated whole rather than as a collection of assemblies.

Since 1941 engineering effort has been directed to the improvement of the vehicle as a whole, rather than as a collection of assemblies.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

IN APPRECIATION Sir, Having learned that Dr. Gencheff is leaving P.E.I., I would like to express appreciation for his services. I am sure countless others wish to do the same, and bid him God-speed to his new position in Madison, Wisconsin. His skill, patience and devotion to duty are well known. At his going, the handicapped, especially the children, will lose a sympathetic friend, and the staff of the Rehabilitation Centre, an efficient medical director. His patients will always remember his understanding and chery manner.

To the whole family we regrettably say farewell, and trust that God's richest blessings will follow them in succeeding years. I am, Sir, Mrs. J. WRIGHT Central Beccles.

Localized Sweating

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen SOME persons perspire so profusely that it drips off the body and stains the clothing. When limited to the palms, everything touched is likely to become wet. It is embarrassing to shake hands and when writing the skin sticks to the paper. The face may be discolored when feet perspire and a contact dermatitis may occur when the moisture mixed with chemicals in the shoes. The skin between toes is macerated and ringworm often develops.

Overactivity of sweat glands is aggravated by warmth, physical exertion, obesity, heavy clothing, and fever. Heredity, overindulgence in alcohol, coffee, or spicy foods are other factors.

Beads of perspiration form on the upper lip, forehead, and chest of some persons only after eating spicy foods, chocolate, tomato sauce, or drinking tea. Because the sweat glands are controlled by the nervous system, the condition is worse during periods of excitement or anxiety.

Various preparations are available for generalized sweating. These include atropine, belladonna, sedatives, Bantline, Prantal, and the antihistamines, but the outcome is not always satisfactory. All too often the victim is inwardly tense and the sweat glands are behaving accordingly. In severe cases, X-ray treatment or sympathectomy has been tried when sweating is localized, but these measures seldom are recommended.

For localized sweating one of the many antiperspirants on the market usually is effective. spicy foods and stimulants should be eliminated from the diet. Now and then tonic baths of sea salt or alum are useful. Other beneficial measures include dusting the skin with powder and foot baths containing potassium permanganate or formaldehyde. The application of an aluminum chloride solution also is of value. The socks, undies should be changed frequently. Women can dress in a minimum and are more fortunate than men in this regard.

FACIAL DISORDERS

R.Y. writes: Is Bell's palsy the same as facial neuralgia?

REPLY No, in Bell's palsy, the seventh, or facial, nerve is involved and the outcome is paralysis of the face. Facial neuralgia is an affliction of the trigeminal nerve and is characterized by pain rather than paralysis.

WINDPIPE SURGERY

R.S. writes: What is a tracheotomy?

REPLY: An emergency operation in which the surgeon makes an incision directly into the windpipe somewhere between the Adam's apple and the collar bone. This procedure is done to save the patient from strangulation when there is obstruction in the throat or larynx.

ONE CAUSE

T.E. writes: Does rheumatic fever cause skipped beats of the heart?

REPLY: Many irregularities of the heart, including skipped beats, occur in an attack of rheumatic fever.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A prominent business man who had been invited to speak at a political meeting was placed on the list of speakers. However, the chairman introduced several speakers whose names were not on the program, and the audience was tired out when he eventually introduced the last speaker: "Mr. Jenkins will now give us his address." "My address," said Mr. Jenkins rising, "is 155 Lane Park, and I wish you all good-night!" — Montreal Star.

Jimmy (watching something tasty going into sick-room) — "Please, Ma, can I have the measles when Willie's done with them?" — Galt Reporter.

Husband to friend: "It's terrible to grow old alone. My wife hasn't had a birthday in six years." — Financial Post.

No Longer A Joke

The report that the Goldwater branch of Republicanism was dead and gone after the resounding defeat of the Arizona senator in 1964 has proved premature. The landslide victory of actor Ronald Reagan in the California Republican primary is evidence enough.

Opponents of the former Hollywood romantic idol have made little progress by emphasizing Mr. Reagan's political inexperience. In fact he is far from naive; his apparent willingness to adopt any political stance may be his strongest asset. In the Forties he was quite a left-wing figure as head of the militant Screen Actors' Guild but in recent years has made the switch to darling of the Far Right with ease.

His plan to become governor of the largest state in the union in his first try at political office in November is no longer scoffed at. His campaign so far has been masterfully stage-managed by a Los Angeles public relations firm that specializes in molding political images. If he should win the California post in November, he will have a formidable power base to challenge such a moderate Republican presidential choice as Michigan Governor Romney in 1968.

The actors' chances in November shot up when two-term Governor "Pat" Brown had such a surprisingly difficult time winning the Democratic primary from the right-wing mayor of Los Angeles, Samuel Yorty. Mr. Reagan, all the while, has been courting these same dissatisfied Democratic voters by skillfully exploiting the growing racial tension in the state. While mentioning Negroes, he seldom failed to make references to a segment of our citizens who make welfare a profession.

The emergence two years ago of song-and-dance man George Murphy as a Republican senator from California attracted predictable comic comments about the Disneyland-American politics. Mr. Reagan is no longer a joke. He has a definite appeal to those millions of rootless new residents in a state which is now the home of one in every 10 American voters.

Flowers From Rhodesia

Ottawa Journal A brave but sad little fortnightly called Rhodesian Commentary is issued by the Rhodesian Ministry of Information. It is full of declarations that everything's just fine in Rhodesia despite sanctions, articles about what is being done for the Negroes and notes displaying affection for Britain, such as that saying that the Rhodesian Garden Association sent flowers for Westminster Abbey's 900th anniversary.

In London it does not look so cheerful. Amid new talks between British and Rhodesian officials, informed people there say that Rhodesia cannot hold out against sanctions much longer without severe austerity measures. The economy is running down and it may be that the Ian Smith government is ready for a compromise.

What might that be? Britain insists on rights being guaranteed the African majority in a new constitution. Further, London wants Africans to consent to any final settlement.

Reports speak of a glimmer of hope of a settlement. That may be, but settlement will never be won without concessions by white Rhodesians who have supported Mr. Smith. They continue to hope everything will turn out fine, without change, but they are only dreaming.

DE GAULLE FOR ETHIOPIA

ADDIS ABABA (Reuters)—French President de Gaulle has accepted an invitation from Emperor Haile Selassie to visit Ethiopia in August, an Ethiopian government spokesman said Monday. De Gaulle, now visiting Russia, will go on from Addis Ababa to Cambodia, New Caledonia and Tahiti, where he may see the climax of the forthcoming French nuclear test series.

Advertisement for DITHANE M-45. The ad features two cartoon potatoes with faces, arms, and legs, wearing hats and holding signs that say 'DITHANE M-45'. The text reads: 'Blight Problem in POTATOES? not when you use... DITHANE M-45 for Improved Disease Control and Higher Yields'. Below the potatoes is a photograph of a potato field. At the bottom, it says 'ROHM and HAAS COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED WEST HILL, ONTARIO' and 'Distributed by Canada Packers Ltd., Summerside or their dealer nearest you.'