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Let's keep city traffic accident-free

With only three days left before Christmas, the Yuletide rush increases in tempo hourly. So does the traffic and the rush for parking space, the hurry to get downtown or home and the number of people abroad downtown.

Today is the shortest day of the year and tonight the longest. The next three evenings are likely to be the darkest and wettest of the year.

Therefore with vehicular and pedestrian traffic at its peak just before Christmas and visiting and party traffic increased during the holiday, we repeat our plea for motorists and pedestrians alike to exercise the utmost caution.

At the moment, Prince Rupert has gone 706 days without a fatal traffic accident and in 24 days time, we will, God willing, pass the two-year mark. It is up to every driver and pedestrian to ensure that we do this, not so Prince Rupert can set another record, but because it is the Christian and humane thing to do. Death, except from natural causes, and maiming of residents should have no part of our daily life and only by being alert, cautious and courteous can we maintain the status quo.

However, the onus of keeping the city free from traffic fatalities rests with every adult, driver or pedestrian, because only through their teaching and their example can the children learn common sense behavior in traffic.

Going beyond Christmas Eve, there is the added danger of excessive drinking over the holiday. If you are going partying, calling at more than two or three places where there will be drinks at each place, leave the car at home. Don't risk tragedy. You may have hollow legs, you may not become impaired until after 10 drinks, but there is always a first time, when slowness of reaction time, a slight misjudgment or too much speed can mean the ruination of your own or someone else's life. If you've started out driving and have the sense to realize you should stop, park your car and call a cab. A $1.50 taxi fare is preferable to a $5,000 damage suit or someone else's death on your conscience for the rest of your life.

END OF THE ROAD — Cartoon by John Zammit

REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT — By FRANK HOWARD

The Christmas feeling has invaded the House of Commons. Members are thinking about getting home for Christmas, in fact a number of them have gone already. For others it will be touch and go as to whether they get home in time.

Parliament adjourned for Christmas today, just a few days before Christmas itself. With airlines booked solid at this time of year many Members may have to travel by train. For those who are far away from home, and this applies to most British Columbia Members, it will mean that they will get home perhaps on Christmas Eve.

Mr. Speaker Michener, in dealing with a matter the other day, mentioned to the member who raised the question that there were only five more sitting days until Christmas and that if the House were to pursue the particular question it wouldn't be resolved before the recess.

Some members usse the pending holiday to dress up their remarks also. For instance, Mr. Herridge, CCF member from Kootenay West referred to National Productivity Council as a Christmas present from the Prime Minister. Mr. Herridge said that the Council was mostly ribbon and wrappings though and when the Canadian public opened the present they would find that there was relatively little in the box.

Many people referred to the "baby budget" as being a sort of Christmas present for it was to be presented to Parliament just a few days before Christmas.

A large shipment of British Columbian holly arrived in Eastern cities recently which allowed those of us from British Columbia to again refer to our province in glowing terms. This is all in a friendly way, though, for each member wants to extoll the virtues and glories of his own area at every opportunity.

It may be a rather impersonal way to do it, but I would like to take advantage of the courtesy of this newspaper to wish everyone in Skeena the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Ex-Red, now rightiest, still fighting de Gaulle

By ALAN HARVEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

A thickset, purposeful man with football shoulders and perpetual scowl alights at Orly Airport near Paris after a flight from New York. And the fight for France in joined in earnest.

For Jacques Soustelle, once a street fighter on behalf of the near-Communist left, now the darling of the disaffected right, is back to take up the cudgels against lonely General de Gaulle.

It is an odd reversal.

Years ago, Soustelle went to Algeria with a reputation as a brilliant anthropologist. His views were liberal. He came back a year alter, apparently a convinced advocate of "French Algeria", a solution oppos edbys omtli ebrlsa Algeria," a solution opposed by most liberals.

More than anyone, Soustelle paved the way for de Gaulle's return to power. He was his closest colleague. Now he is de Gaulle's enemy No. 1, the spearhead of opposition to the general's efforts to reconcile the embittered Moslem and European communities in Algeria.

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Though de Gaulle's mission to Algeria ended in tragedy and is generally regarded as having failed in its conciliatory objectives, it may have achieved something.

Before the imposition of censorship during the riots, enough filtered through by way of radio, television and newspapers to convince metropolitan France that Moslem nationalism is a genuine force, rather than something confined to the minority of the Algerian rebel movement.

In a spontaneous reaction to the "French Algeria" cries of European settlers, the Moslems hoisted the green and white standard of Ferhat Abbas' rebels — and numbers were shot for their pains.

Many of those killed were shot from the roofs or upper windows of apartment buildings, and some reports said by no means all of the bullets were fired by French soldiers or paratroops.

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Now the battleground shifts to metropolitan France, de Gaulle is determined to push ahead with his plans, including the January 8 referendum, but there are signs that right-wing political opponents are going to try to frustrate his plans.

Soustelle is a resolute, shrewd and dangerous opponent. His is one of the few politicians who can make the discredited slogan of "l'Agerie Francaise" sound intellectually plausible. He makes few rash moves.

Most observers feel he is sincere, though some wonder where he gets his financial support and are dubious about some of his colleagues.

Soustelle certainly has powerful undercover connections in Paris and close links with extremist elements among the European settlers in Algeria.

On leaving New York, Soustelle was quoted as saying:

"Friends of mine in parliament are setting up a parliamentary group to fight de Gaulle on Algeria."

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De Gaulle, for his part, is believed to be determined to crush the right-wing extermists who contributed to the riots and demonstrations during the president's visit to Algeria. More than 100 persons, the great majority of them Moslems, died in the outbursts of violence which finally exposed the hollowness of the claim that the majority of Moslems support the "French Algeria" idea.

Writes veteran Paris correspondent Darsie Gille in the London weekly magazine The Spectator:

"The right-wing opposition that will be to the fore in France in the next few weeks is not likely to bear many of the external marks of fascism, though that will no doubt be a strong if not the strongest element in it.

"It will manoeuvre as the champion of a restored parliamentarianism, and it will even have the support of some socialists. The president will pay heavily for the isolation he has chosen. But he will fight."

A Bible Thought for Today

I have lent him to the Lord, as long as he liveth. I Samuel 1:27.

Hannah left a magnificent example to be followed. It is not by chance that Whos Who in America listing the fifty thousand most eminent Americans is replete with the sons of ministers. Ten preachers families have as many sons in Whos Who as fifty thousand ordinary poor families. These boys were lent to the Lord.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Here comes a small shepherd, tiptoeing into the centre of the room carrying a portable manger full of hay.

He places a Christ Child doll in it, and tiptoes reverently out again. The shepherd is a plump little fellow about two and a half feet tall.

A miniature Mary and Joseph enter, followed by shepherds, Magi and angels with gauze-and-paper wings.

Fathers, mothers and grandmothers are seated at the other end of the room. For several weeks past, the children have been singing mysterious fragments of Chirstmas songs at the breakfast table.

Now it is the day of the concert. "They take it so sericusly," whispers a mother. Then she stares forward, as though trying by sheer power of concentration to prevent her little boy from making a false step.

The school concert never goes quite according to plan. A shepherd turns left instead of right. One of the Magi makes a funny face, or a choir singer wanders away from the tune.

At a piano behind the screen is the lady who has worked so hard rehearsing these little people. Sometimes you can hear her starting a song with "One, two," or prompting a faltering singer. Sometimes you see her arm impelling an angel in the right direction.

You might think that the little performers would look comical . . . the Magi and choristers and heralds filing past ("Don't hurry, take your time," the teacher commands) . . . the shepherds watching by a fire made of sticks and red cloth, the demure little Mary bowing to the angel with the paper and gauze wings; all the company of children gazing down at the make-believe Christ Child in the manger.

But nobody laughs. The children's faces are solemn under their carefully-made hoods and coronets. Some of the light of distant times and places seems to shine about them, as they sing a homely Christmas song.

"I," said the donkey, all shaggy and brown,
"I carried His Mother up hill and down
I carried His Mother to Bethlehem town.
"I," said the donkey, all shaggy and brown.

The parents watch in silence, some of them witnessing the first public appearance of their toddlers, others seeing their tall boys and girls act for the last time in a concert at this little school.

When all the children have disappeared behind the partition and the play is over, there is a rustle and a creak of chairs as the parents turn around to talk, and pretend to be unconcerned.

But they don't fool each other. Somebody takes a deep breath, and the knuckles of somebody else's clenched hand crack. The parents have been watching their young intently.

'Very good," says a father, "but we forgot to applaud."

Employment questions and answers

In this column we publish questions about unemployment insurance and employment, together with answers received from the Unemployment Insurance Commission. If you are uncertain about any point do not hesitate to send us your question. We will obtain an answer and publish it in this column.

Following are some questions with answers which may be of interest to you:

Q. I started working in April and finished in December. This gave me 31 weekly contributions. How many weeks can I draw regular benefits?

A. If this is your first claim, one wek of entitlement is established for every two weekly contributions paid in the 104 weeks prior to the date you qualify for regular benefit. You would therefore have 16 weeks' entitlement which can be drawn as you prove entitlement over a 52-week period.

Q. Can a person who has never drawn benefits but has 15 weeks of fishermen's stamps for the year 1959 draw unemployment insurance?

A. If all of your contributions were made subsequent to March 28, 1959, you could have qualified for seasonal benefit in December 1959, providing you met the other requirements for entitlement at that time.

On the lighter side

The little old lady entered the department store. Instantly a band began to play, an orchid was pinned on her dress, she was handed a $100 bill and found herself being photographed from all sides and taken before the TV cameras.

"You are the one-millionth customer," the master-of-ceremonies beamed at her. "And now can you tell us what you came here for today?"

"Why yes," the little old lady said. "I'm on my way to the complaint department."

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A Texas rancher shot a man dead in a fit of temper and telegraphed a Houston lawyer, several hundred miles away, $10,000 as a retainer to represent him. He received the following telegram in reply:

"Leaving for your town immediately. Bringing three eye-witnesses."

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"You spik de Engleesh, not so?"

"A few. And youse?"

"Small."

Self-forgetfulness, purity, and love are treasures untold —constant prayers, prophecies, and anointings.
—Mary Baker Eddy.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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A towsled drunk standing sobbing in front of a toy shop window afforded a sad sight to the passers-by yesterday. The man was really stewed, as the saying is. He had difficulty keeping his balance, and found it necessary to lean, shoulders shaking, against the window every now and then, his elbow shielding his face against the pane on the other side of which was the splendid aray of toys of every description, dolls, trains, plush animals, radiant trucks, structural playthings of painted wood and gleaming metal.

The passers-by gave the window a wide berth on his account. But most of them paused to cast compassionate glances at the poor fellow. Was he, perhaps, filled with remorse, thinking of his neglected children at home? Had he, perhaps, loved and lost a child? Might he be weeping at the memory of his own childhood?

A police cruiser drew up to the curb; and it was evident, from the appearance of clerks at the top shop door, that they had sent for the cops. As the boys in blue unceremoniously led the sad figure into the cruiser, it was obvious they knew him.

'He's a bachelor, and a bum," said the young constable in reply to my inquiry. 'He gets plastered and pulls this act in front of toy shops all over town in the hope of getting the odd handout. By the look of him, he appears to do all right.

Short sermons

The only thing a heated argument ever produced is a coolness.

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The difference between the movies and real life is that in the movies they are married at the end of all their difficulties.

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There are three kinds of people: those that are immovable; those that are moveable; and those that move.

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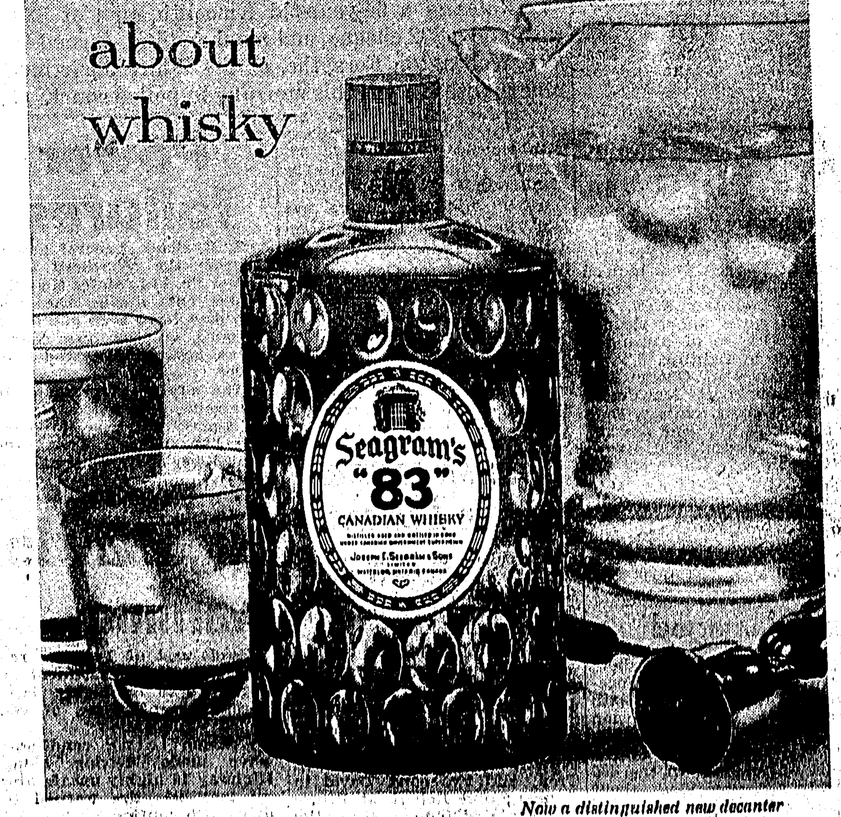

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