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Clean windshields, rear windows

Revolting a thought as it may be, motorists without garages should climb out of that nice warm bed 10 minutes earlier these frosty days. That should give them time, before that second cup of coffee, to slip out to the car to remove all traces of frost from not only the windshield but from the side and rear windows of the vehicle.

It is against the law to drive a car where vision is impaired and haste to get to work is not acceptable as an excuse. The law regarding frosted windshields and rear windows hasn't been enforced during the present cold snap but it can be at any time.

Let's face it. You cannot drive safely and carefully when you can't see. You can't back up safely and you can't see what is coming properly. An extra 10 minutes in the morning or before going home at night, is little enough to prevent extensive car damage, prosecution or you being the cause of an injury or traffic fatility. Make the sacrifice and drive with clear vision and a clear conscience.

Mr. Fulton's prison reform

Prison reform in Canada has been in the making for decades, but it needed the hand of the present Minister of Justice, Hon. Davie Fulton, to shape it into a comprehensive program. Mr. Fulton discussed his revision of Canada's penal system in The Telegram Weekend Magazine.

Canada is late in coming to understand that outmoded prison conditions are wasteful in men and money. Mr. Fulton's concept of reform is based on humanitarian considerations that produce practical benefits.

A man in prison costs the public some $4,300 a year, which includes his own keep and the support of his family. Transform him into a constructive social asset and this expense is wiped away. In addition, he becomes a productive, self-respecting member of a community.

The test of a penal system is its rate of relapse into crime. At one time 80 per cent of Canada's prison inmates were "repeaters". Last year, when the National Parole Board was established, only six per cent of those awarded parole had their freedom rescinded.

This is the astonishing result of enlightened attempts to rehabilitate men and ease the transition from prison to civilian life. It is the result of careful attention to the problems of individuals, the paramount principle of reform.

Punishment is essential, but, as Mr. Fulton indicates, it must not exceed the crime or it becomes vengeance that breeds further vengefulness.

Society's best protection lies in changing offenders to defenders of the law. This is Mr. Fulton's aim and it promises to place Canada among the leaders in prison reform.

— The Toronto Telegram

Publisher speaks up

The appearance of Stuart Keate, publisher of the Victoria Times, before the O'Leary Royal Commission at its Vancouver hearings, is a refreshing development. Mr. Keate, as he explained, had experience in the periodical field though he is now a newspaper publisher. He argued that Canadian magazines do not require outside aid or protection.

Mr. Keate is known for his interest in press freedom and the problems arising from government intervention in the printed word. He is a member of the Inter-American Press Association, and other groups. He expressed a point that should be considered by the inquiry into Canadian magazines. Freedom in this field includes the freedom of advertisers to use the medium of their choice.

The main charge against some U.S. magazines is that they obtain advertising in Canada, to the detriment of Canadian publications. If protective action should be taken by the Canadian Government, there is no guarantee that the advertising involved would flow to Canadian magazines. The advertisers might choose to utilize Canadian newspapers or television or radio.

If Canadian periodicals fail to compete, the reasons must be sought in what the magazines offer to advertisers in the form of aggressive publications, good material, better editing, and superior service. Action to control the magazine industry in any way is bound to run into this problem.

The losers from limitations upon the freedom of competition would be both the Canadian readers and the Canadian advertisers.

— The Toronto Telegram

BEWILDERING PERFORMANCE

Mr. Argue, meet Mr. Hall

From The Winnipeg Free Press

The three-cornered dispute between railway unions, railway managements and the government has obviously placed Mr. Hazen Argue, the CCF leader, in a position of considerable embarrassment. Mr. Argue, as an enthusiastic promoter of the New Party, has had a good deal to say about the community of interest which, allegedly, exists among the farmers, unionists and other prospective supporters of that prospective political group.

In the House of Commons Mr. Argue endorsed the claims of the railway workers, suggesting that the government if necessary should resolve the dispute by the payment of an interim subsidy until next spring.

The same evening Mr. Frank Hall in a radio debate defended the union claim to wage increases with at least two arguments which must have troubled his parliamentary supporter.

In the first place Mr. Hall describes the freeze on railway freight rates as a "great mistake". He said that the railways "should be allowed to make the money they can," increasing rates for example, on captive traffic. He also claimed that the railways are "inhibited in their railway earnings by such things as the Crow's Nest Pass rates."

But Mr. Argue, coming from a western wheat farming riding, supports the Crow's Nest rates. Moreover, in the House of Commons on June 28, he welcomed extension of the freeze on the ground that freight rates have been increased 157 per cent since the war and that the government's action "would prevent any increase . . . at this time."

Mr. Hall, understandably from his point of view, was also concerned to demonstrate that the railways can well afford to pay more money in wages. He painted a most glowing picture of the present state of affairs in the country, concluding with the statement that "there's nothing the matter with our economy — there's nothing the matter basically with the railroad industry."

This certainly is not the view of Mr. Argue, who sees a great deal the matter with the economy. It is certainly not the view of western farmers. But Mr. Hall apparently considers it essential to the union case which Mr. Argue, as prospective leader of the New Party, feels it his duty to support.

As a demonstration of the supposed community of interest, on which Mr. Argue is an authority, this is surely a performance to bewilder the Canadian public.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

U.S. cautious over Canada-Cuba trade

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

United States diplomats are moving cautiously in their attempts to enlist Canadian sympathy for the American economic squeeze on the regime of Cuba's Fidel Castro.

The kid-gloves approach appears to reflect a fear that Canada if provoked, might take some sort of retaliatory action against American firms there.

American businessmen are worried that Canadians may grab the big market in Cuba while the American embargo against exports to Cuba continues.

The U.S. commerce department — despite Canadian overtures — is worried that some Canadian exporters may "bootleg" embargoed American goods to the Caribbean country, thus defeating the purposes of the embargo while American exporters lose their market.

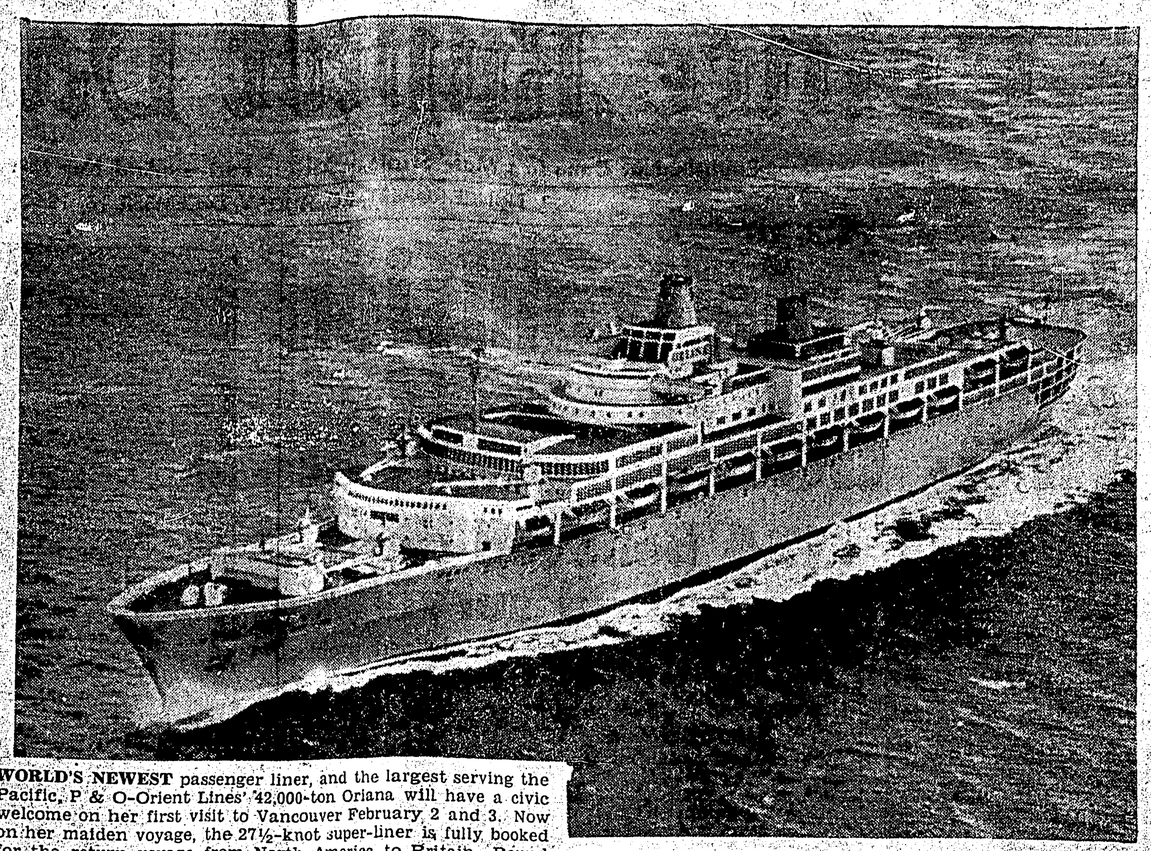
And the state department is concerned that the publicity on an economic squeeze against Castro could have widened cleavages between the U.S. and her Latin and Canadian friends.

Commerce Secretary Frederick Mueller has written State Secretary Christian Herter expressing concern over the embargo, especially in view of Cuban efforts to get her needed imports from Canada.

A commerce department spokesman said the Herter letter expressed inability to get Canadian co-operation on the embargo but the state department said this was an exaggerated interpretation of the contents.

American diplomats appear anxious to brush over the Herter letter altogether.

One diplomat said Herter was worried only about big bootlegging. Only if that occurred, he apparently told Mueller, would he want to call the matter to the attention of Canadians. In the meantime, he apparently cautioned Mueller about the existence of anti-American sentiment in Canada and expressed concern about raising too much fuss about Canadian sales to Cuba.



WORLD'S NEWEST passenger liner, and the largest serving the Pacific, P & O-Orient Lines' 42,000-ton Oriana will have a civic welcome on her first visit to Vancouver February 2 and 3. Now on her maiden voyage, the 27½-knot super-liner is fully booked for the return voyage from North America to Britain. Bound now for Vancouver via Sydney, Australia, she has 2,134 passengers on board. First lap of the maiden voyage is to Sydney, Austraila, via Suez. After a 10-day cruise in South Pacific waters, Oriana will continue her voyage to Vancouver and West Coast ports via Auckland, Suva and Honolulu. Oriana will return home to Southampton via South Pacific ports, Sydney and Suez.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

It's that time again—time to complain about Christmas.

Columnists grumble about Christmas each year. The readers expect it. Unless they get at least one rousing attack on Christmas, they want their money back.

Grumbling at our commercialized Christmas has become a colorful tradition, like hanging the stockings or fetching the Yule log.

Usually I handle the chore myself. I have come to hate Christmas—or at least, the events that lead up to it, and the debts that follow. Therefore I can wrie with feeling.

This time, however, I am going to let an eloquent reader do the job for me—and I agree with every word he says:

"In long-past innocent days . . . the celebration of Christmas was preceded by a pleasant shopping expedition. Mostly it was to buy toys for the children, but it included also small presents as tokens of affection for relatives and close friends.

"The custom has been progressively debauched by the ballyhoo of people with things to sell. Presents have become steadily more elaborate, and gift-lists have grown to include all acquaintances who represent either obligation or opportunity.

"Sending greeting cards to seldom-seen friends has been perverted into an annual chore of revising last year's reciprocal list, and firing off a mound of expensive cards to one's personal, social and business acquaintances (except for those who dropped one from their list last year).

"In some small communities, a man's present to his wife, together with the price tag, has become competitive. With hyperthyroid urgency the hucksters galvanize us to start shopping with the Indian Summer so that we can make more people ecstatically happy by giving them more expensive Christmas presents.

"By December 25 the average citizen is reduced to a state of bad-tempered, exhausted bankruptcy. Something of a milestone was reached when the loan-sharks began advertising 'Personal loans to meet your Christmas obligations.'

"Sometimes a trend evolves so progressively that one can foretell the future from the past. The contemporary celebration of Christmas by spending money must in future develop along predictable lines. The obvious way to make Christmas more materialistic is to give each other money.

"Next, the amount to give one another will be agreed on in advance. Convenience will dictate that the money be sent by cheque. Next, also by mutual agreement, cheques will be exchanged, together with friendly cordiality, but not cashed.

"The penultimate step will be when we stop bothering with the cheques, and observe December 25 simply with expressions of good-will.

"At this point the final phase in the evolution of the winter solstice will come when the Christian Church recognizes the potential in a season of peace on earth and goodwill to all men—and appropriates it for a religious holiday."

Unemployment 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. After four years of employment, I was awarded 32 weeks' benefit, i.e., until the end of December. Am I entitled to any additional benefits?

A. If you are still unemployed when your present claim ends in December, enquire at your local office and file another claim as you may at that time be eligible for seasonal benefits.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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How do you explain the kind of car driver who comes racing alongside you, cuts in ahead of you, and then tramps on his brakes and makes a right hand turn one squeak ahead of your front bumper?

Or how do you account for the sort of driver who, on the highway, though he can see there is a line of cars, head to tail, for a quarter mile ahead, comes hotly up beside you slams on his brakes and cuts in ahead of you. And then, for mile after mile, sits quite content in front of you, there, maybe for the rest of the entire journey?

These are a couple of the questions I discussed with a highway traffic officer as we sat a wayside lunch counter.

"The miracle is," said the constable, "there are so few of them. When you consider how many fatheads there are in the world, guys who can't hold their jobs, guys who are in trouble at home, nitwits losing money every day of their lives, feebs getting drunk once a week, dummies who play the horses, characters that go to auction sales, all the lovely conglomeration of human beings who are in trouble of some kind every day of their lives, the wonder to me is that our traffic moves as remarkably as it does."

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By The Associated Press

Swearing for science

From the Toronto Telegram

A lady psychologist went to arctic Norway with eight British zoologists and kept track of their swearing habits. At every blasphemy or oath, her little counting device clicked. At the end of three weeks, she reached certain conclusions.

She observed that they tended towards blasphemy rather than obscenity and attributed this to the scientists' middle class status. She found the men swore more when relaxed and happy than when annoyed or tired. Two types of swearing were detected—one kind she considered "social" and intended to be friendly, the other kind she classed as "annoyance swearing."

To doubt this is a valuable field of psychological research but if any further studies are to be made, it would be wise to have males rather than females do the field work. It is doubtful that Helen Ross was treated by the men to the full range of their off-color vocabularies. They were bird watchers, but surely they were British gentlemen, too.

Still, many will agree with the lady's finding that swearing reduces tension. As Mr. Dooley said, "A little judicyous swearin' keeps the temper. 'Twas intihded as a compromise between runnin' away an' fightin'. Befure it was invinted they was on'y th' two ways out iv an argymint."

Short sermons

Don't be afraid to hurt our feelings. We'd rather be hurt than ignorant.

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Business: a series of interruptions interspersed with unexpected developments.

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The last word in any argument is what the wife has. Anything a husband says after that is merely the beginning of another argument.

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