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Take it easy in your holiday driving

By the end of the week the remainder of the school children will be out of school for the longed-for holiday and parents will be completing plans for their holidays.

To the majority of Prince Rupert residents who "go away" for the summer, a long car trip is entailed. The British Columbia Automobile Association urges motorists to "take it easy and see more on your summer motoring trip."

The association suggests driving an average of 300 miles a day on regular roads and increasing this to 400 if the trip is mostly on freeways.

As we of Prince Rupert know well, "freeways" are few and far between up north, so the 300-miles-per-day average is a better plan. Motorists with a 600-miles-per-day-or-bust approach to their vacations, usually wind up with little more than a hazy recollection of half - remembered scenes. Marathon driving also tires the driver and passengers and increases the chances of accidents.

Other BCAA rules of the road which can mean happier and safer motoring holidays are:

- Drive to the right, except when passing another car. Allow faster drivers plenty of room to pass you.
- Never stop or let your car stand on the roadway. If it's disabled, drive onto the grass or road shoulders.
- Don't stop for hitchhikers. Hitchhiking crimes usually rise during the summer months.
- Be sure to observe local speed limits. Be especially careful in areas that have different speed limits for day and night driving.
- Drive at speeds to which you are accustomed and are sure you can handle. There are many variables in controlling a car safely at 70 miles an hour that are not immediately apparent to drivers familiar with 45-mile-an-hour driving.

Courtesy, caution and common sense are the basic ingredients for a safe and enjoyable vacation trip. They should be used in generous doses.

The squall is over

Yachting is unlikely to be a popular subject of conversation in the Canadian Guards 2nd Battalion for some time to come. Defence Minster Harkness has announced that certain officers there have been "disciplined" because they failed to make clear to everyone concerned that membership in the yacht club at Petawawa was not obligatory. When members of the unit told reporters a few months ago that they were being forced to pay fees for the yacht club there was, and properly so, considerable uproar.

The inquiry ordered by the defence minister indicates that no great harm has been done. Soldiers who were misled by unclear instructions, and paid yacht club dues because they thought they had to, are having their money returned. The minister is satisfied that the club boats are not being used exclusively or nearly exclusively by officers.

A bit of publicity, a published suggestion of something wrong, sends the military into more of a flap than an atomic attack. In this case publicity was the best friend of the 2nd Battalion. The published complaints of soldiers led to an inquiry which has cleared the air. Imagine what the embarrassment of the battalion would have been if month after month, hundreds of guardsmen told their friends and relations under seal of secrecy that they were being forced to help buy yachts, officers for the use of. — The Ottawa Journal

Phones needed at roadside

Police and ambulance officials warn that "kindness can kill" in road accidents. They again stress that an accident victim may suffer as much injury from a kindly but uninformed person as from an accident itself.

Unless there is an obvious danger of fire or another collision, accident victims should be left undisturbed until qualified help arrives. To obtain such help, persons first at an accident scene should ask other passers-by to call police and an ambulance service. Telephones may be far apart on the open road, they stress, and therefore it is wise to send messengers in both directions.

This raises another point, one deserving of attention from the highways department. From time to time there are complaints of great delay between the time persons are sent to call aid and the time such help arrives. A common explanation is the difficulty in finding a telephone.

Does this not suggest provision of more roadside telephones? Road-builders today are designing highways with parking strips where mechanically defective vehicles may stop. Equal concern should be shown for the human beings who use the road. Vandalism may be raised as an objection to roadside telephones. That danger might not be serious on heavily-travelled highways and should not deter the authorities from seeing whether the need for such a public service outweighs all other considerations. — The Edmonton Journal

Silver lining?

There is a heartening portent for Canada in the final outcome of the minor schmozzle with the U.S. over the suction pumps for Canadian wheat sold to Red China.

The U.S. bureaucrat who automatically prohibited the suction pump sale to the ships under Chinese charter was doing exactly what U.S. law says should be done.

But the State Department and the White House, appalled at the results of this automatic rejection, quickly made an exception for those pumps already ordered.

The exception was "in this case only".

This is, however, a precedent.

The speed with which Washington acted to correct its diplomatic mistake shows that the Kennedy administration as a whole is continuing its efforts to better Canada-U.S. relations. — The Financial Post

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Stevenson depressed by anti-U.S. sentiment

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Adlai Stevenson's 18-day swing through 10 Latin American countries has brought home to the Kennedy administration the extent of the damage done to United States prestige by the ill-planned Cuban invasion attempt.

The shrewd and discerning Stevenson obviously was sent into South America not so much to test reaction to Kennedy's $500,000,000 program of economic aid as to measure how much friendship and support of U.S. foreign policy there is in South America in the wake of the Cuban invasion.

He came away depressed, Stevenson told a National Press Club luncheon in Washington Monday that he found the U.S. had suffered a "black eye" in organizing, arming and encouraging the Cuban exiles in an unsuccessful bid to overthrow Fidel Castro.

More than that, he found evidence of increasing Communist influence among the impoverished Latins covering a continent that the U.S. for many decades considered part of its own back yard.

It will take more than the $500,000,000 program, says Stevenson, to overcome the poverty, social dissatisfaction and the lack of education that continue to promote and foment revolution.

Perhaps one part of the answer, he suggests, may lie in commodity stabilization agreements. An increase of just one-half cent a pound in the price of coffee may have more economic benefit than all the dollar loans the United States would be able to make under the $500,000,000 program, he said.

Even so, it will take years — perhaps as much as a decade — before the Latins can hope to overcome economic despair at home.

Meanwhile relations between the Latin Americans and the United States may grow worse. A point is the continuing wide gulf in views on the Cuban issue.

Despite all that Kennedy has said about Castro representing a Red dagger at the heart of the entire continent, Latin Americans view the Cuban problem as mainly a fight between Castro and the American government, Stevenson found.

Moreover they don't like American attempts to intervene in Latin domestic politics. They've said as much in the past. Apparently they said it with even more vocal force in Stevenson's presence.

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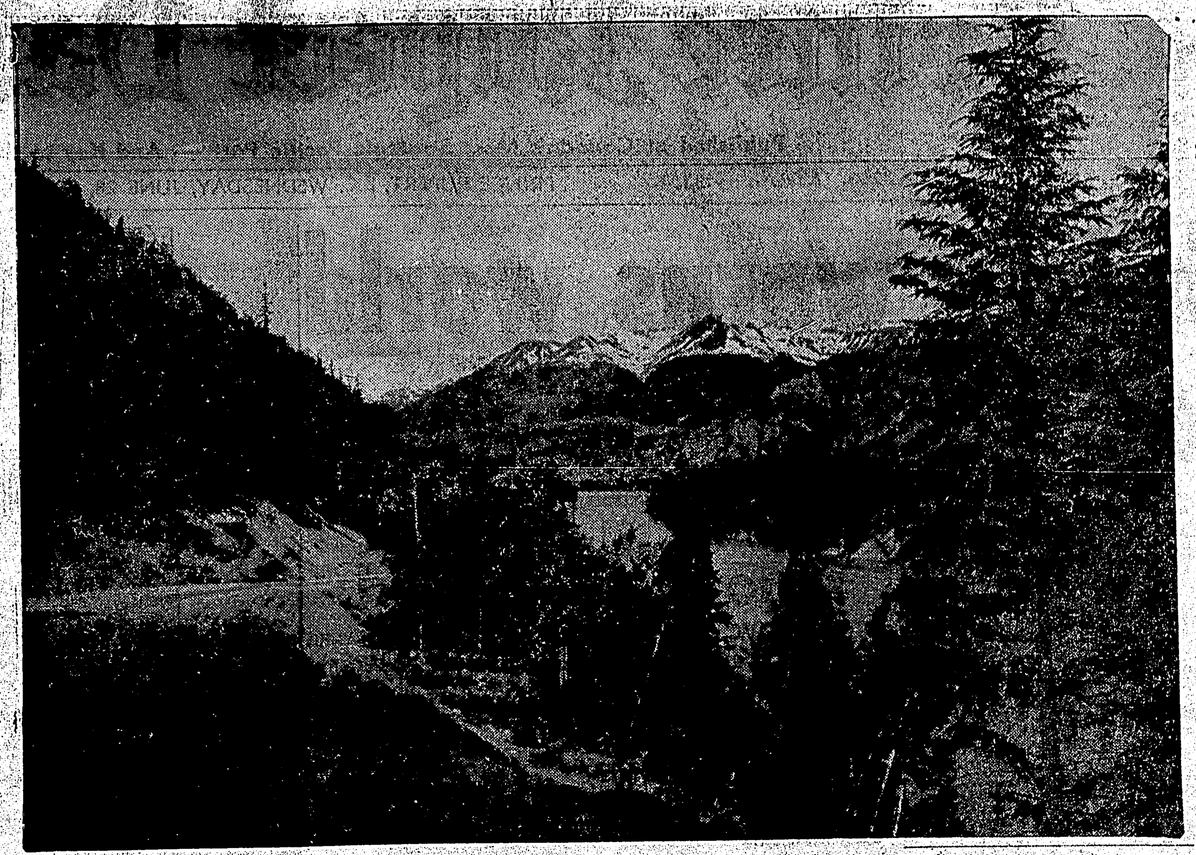
Back in 1947 the United States signed the Rio pact on non-intervention in Latin affairs, except through collective agreement of the Latin countries. Stevenson was told the United States should stick to this agreement.

Under such circumstances Stevenson suggests the question of whether the bulk of Latin countries would agree to collective action against Castro would better be put off until after the Montevideo, Uruguay, conference on the $500,000,000 aid program. This takes place July 15 or may be put off until August 5.



BEAUTY OF SKEENA RIVER between Terrace and Hazelton, shown above, will be easier to see if you don't rush your driving when you start on your summer holiday. Driver who tries to get in too much mileage doesn't appreciate trip and increases chances of accident by becoming overtired. — Photo by J. R. Wrathall

ALL ABOARD WITH G. E. MORTIMORE

Criminal factories in every neighborhood, in every town busy manufacturing delinquents

Criminals are being made right now, in your neighborhood. There are delinquent-factories distributed all over the town—all over town—in rich neighborhoods and in poor neighborhoods.

These delinquent-factories are homes where growing children are being twisted out of shape by neglect, pampering or undue harshnes.

Here is one example: mother and father both away all day; nobody gets up to give children breakfast. Children go to school hungry, come home to find nobody there to get supper.

When the parents do turn up, they tear at each other in bitter, savage quarrels, while children cower in a corner or run away to the woods, feeling hated, unwanted, in a hostile world.

In another house, the children are well provided for in a material way with all the clothes and food they need, and the parents are at home much of the time; but the parents pay no attention at all to the children; never talk to them or tell them a story or listen to their small troubles and adventures.

These children are emotional orphans, treated like strangers in their own homes.

Those are two sorts of work shop for the manufacture of delinquents. There are many other sorts.

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The children who are starved of love and attention seek it in other ways, through acts of mischief. They become a nuisance in schools.

They shout and stamp in class, are persistently rude and late; sometimes get involved in minor crimes of theft and violence that attract the attention of the police as well as the teachers.

The schools try heart-to-heart talks, discipline and personal supervision by teachers. When none of these methods work, and the children are beginning to threaten the peace and discipline of the whole school, the hard-pressed school principal and school board throw them out.

Schools are for the majority of children. They are not geared to take care of the emotionally sick.

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Expelled from school, with no refuge except their own unhappy and chaotic homes, these youngsters find more spectacular ways of filling in the time, drawing attention to themselves and coloring their grey lives with a feeling of action and adventure.

They turn to more serious forms of mischief and launch into a career of trouble-making that will take them in and out of jail for the rest of their lives and cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Much of this waste of lives and money could be prevented if delinquents could be caught early in the making, and released from the tangle of circumstances that are stunting and deforming their spirits.

A pattern of persistent minor mischief, minor lawbreaking, may be the sign of deep underlying trouble. This is the time when trained social workers should be sent to investigate (as tactfully as possible) the child's home.

If the home turns out to be a delinquent-factory the courts should be armed with authority to take the children out and place them elsewhere. If there are not enough "amateur" foster parents to take care of the need, then more professional workers might well be recruited to look after children in family-like cottage homes.

Welfare agencies, starved of funds for preventive work by short - sighted governments, should be endowed with money to stop trouble before it happens.

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Some school districts have made a start, on providing special facilities for "problem" pupils. Some have not yet been able to afford such facilities. Sad to say, there is no proper machinery for transferring pupils to school districts where they can be helped.

There should be a way to place every "difficult" child in surroundings where he has the best possible chance to straighten out. For each $1,000 that a government spends on this work now, it may save itself $100,000 in jail and mental hospital care later.

The Sea and I

I love the wide ocean, where
my ship is my home,
The sea's dark blue waters and
heaven it's dome;
With sunshine or clouds and
storms or rain
It's windswept waves and it's
rolling plain.

I love the sea especially at
night
When I'm anchored at last
in a beautiful bight.
The winds are asleep, the
water so still,
Moon and stars are out, I
hear the nightingales trill.

The tranquille shoreline, it's
beach and trees,
The shadow of mountains,
myself so at ease.
My heart fills with joy, in my
mind it is clear
That with all this beauty our
Lord must be near.

Hugo Kraupner,
Prince Rupert.

Short sermons

Your vote is important—it decides whose conscience is to be your guide.

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Pity the grouch — he's a guy who has sized himself up and got sore about it.

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Many a man preaches economy, but leaves it up to his wife to practice it.

The lighter side

"I have a job open in Florida," the manager of the employment agency told the job applicant. "Can you pick lemons?"

"I sure can," the man replied. "I've been married three times."

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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"For years past," a woman friend told me, "our summer cottage has been nothing but a bugbear to me. I work harder there than at home. My sisters and their husbands, my brother and his wife, and a couple of old friends and their wives take it for granted that they will, in turn, spend a week or two with us.

"Last year, I introduced a new system. We women now take turns at being in full charge for the day, the breakfast, lunch and dinner, the dish washing, the tidying up, the entire job. The other woman or women never touch a thing; aren't allowed to help. This leaves them entirely free for the day, a real holiday.

"It puts an end to all that pretense of 'I'll help you with the dishes, dear,' or 'Aw, let me get the supper, for a change.' You're darn right they get the supper. And all other meals. And do all the dishes and the chores, on their day. And what a relief for me

"This summer, one of my sisters is going on a motor trip with her husband, instead of coming up with us. And one of our old friends and his wife say they aren't going to be able to make it this year."

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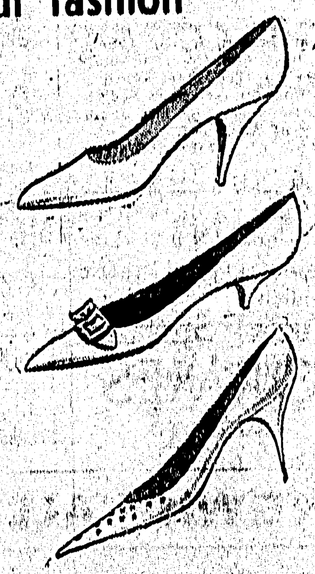

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