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# Traffic danger time approaching

In September, 1899, H. H. Bliss stepped off a trolley car in New York and turned to assist a woman to alight. Just then, a horseless carriage came along and struck him down.

Mr. Bliss died in the Roosevelt Hospital the next day, and achieved the tragic distinction of becoming the first person to be killed by an automobile.

Last year, the traffic death total for Canada and the United States was 41,273, with 3,168,152 persons injured.

Here are some other facts compiled by the B.C. Automobile Association in the mounting highway slaughter:

- Most accidents happen from October through December, with coincidence of darkness and hours of heavy travel.
- More than half of all deaths occur in night accidents.
- Between 6 and 7 p.m. is the most dangerous hour.
- Three out of four accidents occur in clear weather on dry roads. Adverse weather seems to induce drivers and pedestrians to exercise extra caution on the road.

Regarding causes of accidents, speed too fast for conditions continues as an important factor, but many other factors are involved . . . driver errors, drinking drivers, inadequate roads and streets. We of Prince Rupert cannot relax for a moment, either as drivers or pedestrians, if we are to keep our traffic safety record intact.

# Youth also can serve

Among several disturbing reports of youthful rowdiness by crowds on the holiday weekend, one came from a suburb of Indianapolis where the National Hot Rod Association was holding its drag races.

Bars being closed by the state liquor laws, a group representing about one-tenth of the assembled racing fans began a noisy midnight prowl for an open tavern. After police had made a number of arrests, the director of the meet announced that the ringleader in the trouble would never be allowed again to participate in a race held under the association auspices.

In Massachusetts and probably in a number of other states over the same weekend local hot rod clubs had "courtesy cars" on the highways, not to show their speed but to give assistance to stranded motorists without charge. One group helped eight drivers change flat tires.

"We want to show the public that all teenagers aren't wild kids and reckless drivers," said one of the group. By putting their mechanical talents to helpful use and by keeping their speed trials to "drag strips" built or set aside for the purpose, these youngsters can help give their clubs a better reputation.

— The Christian Science Monitor

# Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA — Opposition Leader Robert Strachan of the CCF or is he New Party now? is a happy man these days as he sees Premier Bennett and the B.C. Power Corporation feuding about the government takeover of the B.C. Electric.

Mr. Strachan is so happy about this he has almost forgotten his unhappiness about the CCF beng swallowed up by the political polyglot called *New Democratic Party*.

Mr. Strachan, naturally, politics being politics, likes to see his chief political enemy, Premier Bennett, stewing on a hot spot, and that's where the Premier does appear to be stewing these days, and he knows it, and he's trying to get off, and get someone else, anyone, on the hot spot.

Mr. Bennett, you see, is astonished, but not admitting it, at all the loud opposition to his government's seizure of the B.C. Electric. The opposition, not from the CCF and the socialists and Mr. Strachan, because they approve, has come from the free enterprisers, the very people the Premier says his Social Credit government protects.

Mr. Strachan is particularly delighted when he contemplates his enemies, Social Credit and big business, fighting among themselves. "Divide your enemies," is an old adage, and, while Mr. Strachan didn't create this division that has come between the Premier and those he purports to support, he's taking every advantage of it.

The Premier, after taking over the B.C. Electric in early August, took off, calmly and confidently, for San Francisco and the Maritimes. He had convinced himself all was well. He thought he would return as the conquering hero.

By the time he got back to this capital, however, there was considerable howling from the big-wigs of big business. They were all shaking in their boots for fear what would happen next. All across this land big business expressed its fears for the future, and this fear crept down into the United States. The rich and powerful Mr. Zellerbach, who has a deep and succulent pie in the forests of this province, came calling from San Francisco to say that while he wouldn't poke his nose into the affairs of British Columbia, he might be pardoned if he made the observation that once government takes over one business, all other businesses must have concern. Why, asked Mr. Zellerbach, innocently, should people work and invest and build, only to have what they have done gobbled up by the government? And, in very truth, even a poor man can see Mr. Z's point.

Hearing all this talk, the Premier became alarmed, and knew he'd have to fight. He told everyone that certain high BCE officials, the day before the government took their company, set up a nice fat trust fund so that their own nests would be feathered. Well, why not? It was a private company. The Premier, you see, by so talking, was attempting to persuade the public that the old BCE officials looked after only themselves, and to heck with the shareholders and the consuming public.

Yes, it's quite a battle, and the odd part is that t's not between Social Credit and the CCF, but between Social Credit and those Mr. Bennett says Social Credit protects.

All I can say is that we're pretty well mixed up in this province, and that life is never dull.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

# Slim's appointment dramatizes Africa's role in UN

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN
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Appointment of Tunisia's Mongo Slim as president of the United Nations General Assembly dramatizes the growing importance of African countries in the UN and also his own quiet and efficient services.

In his calm approach to world problems Slim is reminiscent of the late UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold. In his inaugural speech he did no pussy-footing on sharp issues.

He raised the danger of France, Portugal and South Africa by demanding independence for Algeria and Angola and condemning the policy of apartheid (racial separation).

While one view was that he departed from the impartiality of the UN presidency, this overlooked that Slim has long been a revolutionary for African independence. As a matter of interest his predecessor, Ireland's Frederick Boland, also was an early fighter for home rule against Britain.

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Slim, a five-foot, two-inch bachelor, who turned 53 only last Friday is grandson of one of the last ministers of war to serve before Tunisia became a French protectorate in 1881.

He took a law degree in Paris, joined the Neo Destour (nationalist) party of Tunisia, became its political strategist — and twice served time in French jails.

He headed a delegation to Paris for the 1954-55 talks that led to Tunisian autonomy and later was interior minister. In March 1956 he was in on the final independence negotiations.

For 4½ years Slim served as his country's permanent representative in the UN and during that period doubled as ambassador to the United States and Canada.

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Unlike some other African leaders, he condemned not only the old imperialism but also criticized the new Soviet imperialism. Appointed by the assembly to a five-member committee on Hungary, he toured Europe interviewing Hungarian refugees from the Soviet suppression of 1956 and helped write reports on that situation.

Representing his country on the 11-member Security Council in 1959 and 1960, he was a leading strategist in moves to bring calm to The Congo.

Slim and French ambassador Armand Berard sometimes had sharp exchanges over the years but the two appear to admire one another and more than once joined in laughter over some slipup in debate in the Security Council.

The small-statured Tunisian enjoys the respect of diplomats and correspondents alike and in private conversations was often mentioned as a likely successor of Hammarskjold, had the secretary-general lived to complete his term. But if the discreet Slim ever considered this he did not confirm it for correspondents.

## Surefire hits

American parents again kicking up didoes at Hollywood fare. Three upcoming 'important' films: "Goodbye Again" about double adultery; "Two Loves," adultery plus frigidity; "The Children's House", lesbianism.

The movie theatres find they can attract teen-agers by the carload by putting up "Adults Only" signs on any film. "Adult" films make money. "Family" films lose money.

— The Insider's Newsletter

## *A Bible Thought for Today*

He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. — Psalms 91:11.

SITTING DUCK

# *All Aboard . . .*

*with G.E. Mortimer*

Here's a plan to save us from the hydrogen bomb," said my friend, fumbling in his pocket.

"Ah yes," I said, "I know your kind. You had a plan to reorganize the world scribbled on the back of an old envelope, but you lost it."

My friend grinned as he produced his notes and looked at the jumble of papers on my desk.

"What's your plan?" I asked.

"Assume that the hydrogen bomb is just another weapon that will kill a lot of people, but leave survivors."

"It's much more than just another weapon." I said. "It can poison whole continents."

"Don't argue with me. I haven't got time. All right. We have a high standard of living. Let's put it to work for us. Say the bomb destroys everything within 50 square miles. Then let's get the people out of the big cities. Disperse them across the country. It will cost money, and maybe we'll have to lower our living standard, but we can afford that."

"What are we going to do — live in shacks strung out across the tundra?"

"No, this is more reasonable than you think. Now the Russians don't mean to bomb us. They're just trying to scare the bejeebers out of us, and we're just trying to scare the bejeebers out of them. It's a war of nerves. Every man worries about what's going to happen to the ones he loves. All right, send the family to the house in the country and let the man drive in to work every day. That will cut down his worries, knowing they're safe."

"What about the colossal amount of time a man will waste, commuting between here and Aklavik?"

Nearer than Aklavik, my friend said. "The best hope you can have for a plan like this is that it will never be put to the test by a war. And if it isn't put to the test, what harm is done? Maybe the family has lived for a long time in one end of a converted barn, made some new friends, done some fishing, had an adventure. It makes more sense than any other civil defence plan I've ever heard."

"Maybe we should have a bomb shelter stretching from Victoria to St. John's," I said. "The world's first coast-to-coast subway. Better still, dig a shelter from here to China, so that both the Communists and the free-worlders could use it, with a partition in between."

But my friend was beginning to move away, looking defeated.

"I don't want to throw cold water on your idea," I said. "It's a good idea. That's why they will never put it into practice."

J. LEONARD WALKER, now assistant general manager in charge of the Bank of Montreal's British Columbia and Yukon division, in Vancouver, has been appointed a deputy general manager of the bank, continuing as senior executive officer for the division. The appointment has been announced by R. D. Mulholland, vice-president and general manager of the B of M. At the same time, C. E. Noblet, manager of the bank's main Vancouver branch has been appointed an assistant general manager remaining in charge of the branch.

## The lighter side

Son, showing report card to father:

"I'm sorry I'm at the bottom of the class, but I've got a woman teacher and I don't understand women."

# Quote and unquote

"The Communists build barricades on Berlin streets.

"The Communists probably are doing exactly what they want to do and that is to keep the Western nations uneasy and uncertain.

"You can never be sure what they intend but there is always the danger of getting beyond the point of no return in the cold war and the result will be a very, very hot war.

"Meantime there is the question whether or not survival shelters should be built by civilians.

"A veteran editor gives one point of view. He says he is not at all sure he wants to survive in the kind of a world that would be left after an atom-bomb war." — Richard Thomas Henry in The Toronto Telegram.

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# The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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While sitting in the office of one of my cronies who is an advertising agency executive of high rank, I witnessed an interesting procedure.

His secretary came in the room shutting the door behind her.

"It's Mr. Whiffle," she said.

"Ah!" exclaimed my friend. "Switch 'em, quick!"

The secretary hurried over to the wall and removed a framed photograph. She carried it over to an ornamental book case, the bottom drawer of which appeared to be stacked with framed pictures. Hastily sorting through them, she fished one out, and replaced in the drawer, the one she had taken down. Then she hung the new picture on the wall.

"Show him in," directed my friend.

J. T. Whiffle, of the Whiffle Pickle Corporation, one of my friend's large accounts, what, they call in the advertising business a sixfigger account, came in, a presidential personality. I was introduced and took my departure, before doing which I took note that the picture newly hung on the wall was one of Mr. Whiffle, taking his place on the walls with the Queen, Mr. Diefenbaker and Sir Winston Churchill.

## Short sermons

The question isn't how to be brilliant, but how to avoid the blunders that look so tempting.

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When a man hits a real stroke of luck, you are not likely to start an argument by complimenting him on his brains and ability.

Build your bank balance . . . Build your peace of mind

Unexpected expenses do happen. Things like dentist bills, doctor bills, car repairs and dozens of others. Often these expenses must be met immediately. Without an adequate bank balance . . . well, many a good man feels a small flush of panic. You can avoid this. Make sure you always have at least two months' salary in the bank. Deposit regularly. Watch the balance build. Enjoy that new feeling of security . . . the peace of mind that comes with money in the bank. Money in the bank has other advantages too. You pay bills easily, and on time. You capitalize on special discounts. You avoid charge account service fees. You take advantage of special sales. You establish credit for intelligent borrowing. But these are the extra benefits. More than anything else, money in the bank protects you from the unexpected. Build your bank balance and build your peace of mind. Start building next payday.

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