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A Just Criticism

Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations ought to get some kind of New Year's honour for his recent recipe for improving the usefulness of the world organization, to wit: shorter speeches and fewer cocktail parties.

As for the cocktail parties, which Mr. Hammarskjold deprecates, one does not have to be dedicated to the principle of total abstinence to question their usefulness in an organization that claims to represent the wisdom of the nations.

That Mr. Hammarskjold is not alone in his criticism of this overdone pastime is evidenced in a statement made by the President of the last General Assembly, Dr. Jose Maza, in which he deplored "this torrent of receptions where you have to drink the same Scotch or the same Manhattan and eat the self-same shrimp."

The Soviet-Chinese Bond

Western observers who make a specialty of watching the course of relations between the Soviet Union and Communist China appear to believe that the recent economic aid offered by the Russians to India and Burma, and more especially to the Arab countries, is an indication that all is not well between the two great Communist states.

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that to the other countries mentioned has been, for the most part, an outright gift.

It is revealed now that, at the present rate of progress, it will be several years, perhaps a decade or more, before Communist China can hope to have the industrial potential which the Soviet Union had reached twenty-five years ago.

Perhaps the truth is that the Russians are not too anxious to see a strong industrial nation on its Asiatic borders, even though that nation happens, for the time being at any rate, to share its political and social ideology.

A Blessing In Disguise

Up to a week or so ago the policy of the Japanese Government was to stay on good terms with the Western powers and, at the same time, encourage increased trade and diplomatic association with the Soviet Union and Communist China.

It is thought that when the adjourned peace talks between the two countries are renewed next month in London, the Soviet delegates will use the U. N. membership issue as a means of forcing unreasonable concessions from Japan.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It has been announced that a "slug" which will enable automobiles to travel 20,000 miles without a change of oil will be on the market in a couple of months.

The old notion that Newfoundland weather was necessarily cold has been undergoing revision since Confederation opened its doors to more and more mainland Canadians.

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A FEW MOMENTS FOR REFLECTION

PUBLIC FORUM

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CHRISTMAS CHIMES

Sir,—On the playing of the bells, I would ask you to republish the following: Ring out, wild bells to the wild sky! Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow!

London

Ever since the 1600s experts and the civic-minded have been trying to untangle traffic in the meandering streets, lanes, byways, squares and circles. The number of vehicles continues to mount.

Paris

Almost a century ago Napoleon III turned Baron Haussmann loose on Paris and let him ruthlessly cut through it with wide boulevards, magnificent vistas, dozens of wide squares and arterial highways.

Rome

Many of Rome's narrow streets are more than 1,000 years old. As in London and Paris, merchants complain that the jams, the lack of parking and solutions like one-way streets and non-stop areas all hurt business.

Amsterdam

As far back as 1880, Henry Ford said Amsterdam's traffic congestion could be solved only by filling in its many canals and making streets of them. The canals still there because most citizens still feel Amsterdam without them wouldn't be Amsterdam.

Huge Congestion Problems

By the Associated Press

Traffic congestion is not a purely North American phenomenon. It's affecting big cities around the world, a survey by The Associated Press shows.

In Europe and in Asia, a tremendous increase in the number of motorized vehicles since the Second World War has outstripped efforts to keep them moving. New York's jams can be matched on the Thames, the Seine and the Tiber. Parking space may be even scarcer in Amsterdam than in Toronto.

Copenhagen

A police drive against illegal parking, plus barring of motor vehicles from some of the oldest, narrowest streets, keeps Copenhagen traffic moving. But there still isn't a place to park, and plans for underground areas will not provide enough space.

Stockholm

If you haven't got a helicopter, just walk if you are in a hurry in downtown Stockholm. The "Venice of the north" was planned badly for any kind of traffic, much less cars. Forty bridges connect the islands on which Stockholm is built and each island seems to have at least a dozen traffic bottlenecks.

Berlin

Here's one of the few cities in the world without major traffic problems. Not because of farsighted planning, but because it is an island inside Communist East Germany and has lagged far behind West Germany's spectacular economic recovery.

Buenos Aires

Another bright spot because imports of cars were restricted 10 years ago to conserve Argentina's supply of dollars. T-model Fords still are in use; horse-drawn carriages are common. But the Argentine motorist is belligerently independent and scornful of laws.

Rio de Janeiro

Brazil's capital has two traffic headaches—hills and bad drivers. It's possible to tunnel some hills and level others but what can be done about the drivers? In 1954, 211 persons died in traffic accidents in Rio; in 1955, more than 300. Bus drivers are among the worst offenders; they are paid by the number of trips they make.

Tokyo

Today Tokyo has more than 100,000 automobiles and trucks, almost as many motorcycles, and 50,000 three-wheel motor cabs. It had only about 60,000 motor vehicles in 1930. Its drivers are among the world's wildest. Last year 743 persons were killed in traffic accidents—26 more than died the same way in greater Los Angeles, with more than 2,000,000 cars. Inexpensive authorities tolerate gross traffic abuses. The metropolis, third largest in the world, is a maze of alleys and unpaved lanes. Taxi drivers are involved in 8 1/2 times as many accidents as other drivers.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

HAVE A SAFE NEW YEAR

If you take one for the road, make it coffee. That's the holiday safety slogan of the National Fraternal Order of Police, a group of 40,000 officers across the nation.

John J. Quinn, secretary of the organization, asked me to give the cops a helping hand in their campaign. Maybe a few statistics — and they're not the least bit dull — and a little advice will alert you to the danger of mixing liquor and gasoline.

THE WORST MONTH

Traditionally, December is the worst month for traffic accidents. The National Safety Council figures show that in 1954, in 20 out of every 100 fatal accidents, the drivers had been drinking. Alcohol slows your reflexes. There is no doubt about that, no matter what you think. Just two ounces of whiskey may be enough to turn a gay holiday season into a tragedy.

Fatigue is another cause of a great many accidents. The pace of the holiday festivities probably has made many of you more tired than you realize. And you might take chances you would not under ordinary conditions.

If you are tired and have been taking a nip or two, despite my advice, a cup or two of coffee might be just what you need. While I don't contend that coffee will make a drunk person sober, the caffeine it contains does tend to make a brain dulled by alcohol more acute and able to work more efficiently.

There is also another reason why coffee may help. If you pause for a cup of coffee before driving home after shopping or a party, you drink it at a psychological moment which tends to make you more conscious of the need to be alert and cautious while on the road.

So, have a nice New Year. But let's make it a safe one, too. QUESTION AND ANSWER

H.O.W.: Would taking vitamins daily take the place of sleep? Answer: Although vitamins are helpful, it is advisable for you also to get enough sleep.

The Poet's Corner

ETERNAL BEAUTY

My windows open to the autumn night, In vain I watch'd for sleep to visit me; How should sleep dull mine ears, and dim my sight, Who saw the stars, and listen'd to the sea?

—Lyonel Johnson.

Eskimo For A Year

(Canadian Press)

A white man who became an Eskimo for a year has written an absorbing and sympathetic account as a native of the Arctic. "Land Of The Long Day" (Clarke, Irwin) is Douglas Wilkinson's story of his experiences at Pond Inlet, Baffin Island, as the foster son of Idlook, an Eskimo.

EXPERIMENTAL VILLAGE

Wilkinson, knowing Eskimos as few white men do, is now a northern service officer at Frobisher bay where he lives with his wife and two-year-old daughter. An experimental housing plan with 38 people is being developed there to study the impact of the impact of modern society on the primitive mind. The problems of the contact are becoming increasingly complex as the Northland is invaded by the white man.

Before Wilkinson chose Idlook, the best hunter, trapper and traveller in northern Baffin, as his foster father because he was "the one Eskimo I have met who has come reasonably close to establishing a balance between the old way of life in his land and that thrust on him by contact with the white man. Here, in the success of this one man in adapting himself to the changing conditions, perhaps lay the key to the successful development of the Canadian Eskimo as an Arctic citizen. I wanted to find that key."

For driving dangerously while impaired a motorist in Britain has been disqualified for 25 years. It will be a red letter day for the decent motorists when similar offenders in Ontario can expect such a penalty. —Brantford Expositor.

Independence will not solve all of the Sudan's problems at a touch. The challenges of agriculture, industry, education and government are only a few that confront the nation at the outset. Nevertheless it has taken its bold forward step with a stout heart and deserves the applause and good wishes of the world community. —New York Herald-Tribune.

British railways will abolish their third-class carriages. After June 3, 1956, travelers will go first or second. This will put British railroads in line with European railroads which have only two classes. There was a day when the British third-class carriage was like the old "harvest specials" from Ontario to the West; they had no upholstery. This is a cushioned age and class distinctions tend to disappear. These two ways mean merely railway travel. —London Free Press.

The Norwegian state railways will soon start using concrete ties, says a dispatch from Oslo. The concrete ties will last 25 years. The concrete ties will last much longer, the manufacturers claim, not unnaturally. What a bonanza this will be for manufacturers of concrete in Norway. It is a surprising decision in a country as well supplied with timber as Norway. The country apparently has huge resources for making concrete ties. Manufacturers of concrete will watch the development, eagerly, no doubt. —Sydney Post-Record.

To cope with the rapidly increasing parking problem, many German cities are planning to utilize an novel solution. A Lubbeck engineer, Friedrich Kock, has invented a multiple garage in the shape of a revolving drum accommodating six cars and occupying a space of only fifteen by twenty feet. The "garage drum" consists of six gondolas, each capable of holding one car, mounted on an electrically controlled rotating wheel. Experts call its construction amazingly simple. The inventor has been commissioned to erect the first drum in Monchen-Gladbach, and has received orders for fifty more from various other cities. —West German Bulletin.

One of the primary injunctions of therapy, both physical and mental, is to forego man's oldest pastime, jocularly known as being a worry wart and more softly classed as fretting the gizzard. Thus, "Get a good sleep and don't worry" is, often, contrarily enough, a cue for the conscientious patient to indulge in the latter over his inability to indulge in the former.

Year old vehicles were being offered for almost double what Canadians pay for brand new current models. A 1954 Buick, for instance, was priced at \$6,500. Ancient cars which have long since gone to the scrap heap or the museum in Canada were still being actively traded. Mr. Chalmers reported a 1932 Graham-Paige offered at \$300 and a 22-year-old Ford at \$100. Sure, Canadians may pay a bit more for their cars than Americans do. But they pay a lot less than other people almost anywhere else in the world. —Financial Post.

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