

# 'Teen-Age Driver Education Program Called Best Remedy For Appalling Accident Toll

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Safety experts rate 'teen-age driver education as the No. 1 remedy for the nation's appalling toll of auto accidents—some 32,000 persons killed and 1,200,000 injured annually.

Norman Damon, vice president of the Automotive Safety foundation, regards the high school driver training program as "the most important single hope for better driver performance."

Damon says "there has been more postwar progress in school driver training than in any other field of traffic accident prevention."

Lou E. Holland, president of the American Automobile association, says "extension of driver training to every high school in America would go far toward solving the automobile safety problem."

Holland cites a survey in Delaware showing that untrained drivers were involved in about five times as many accidents as school-trained drivers.

Some 400,000 students in 8,000 public high schools participated in driver education during the 1948-1949 school year, according to reports to the National Education association. A number of parochial high schools also have driver instruction courses.

Course steadily expands. Driver instruction started in the public schools in the early 1930's and has been expanding steadily. However, it reaches only about 10 to 15 per cent of the boys and girls of an age for such training.

There are about 26,000 high schools in this country. The number of high schools offering complete driver education courses recently ranged from 15 in Maine to 600 in Illinois. Practice automobiles used in high schools

throughout the country numbered more than 3,100, most of them lent to the schools by automobile dealers.

Systematic instruction of young people is rated the most promising attack on the auto accident problem for two reasons:

1. The very large percentage of young drivers who are involved in fatal accidents.

2. Education of the annual crop of would-be auto operators promises widespread increase in accident avoidance in the years to come.

### What Statistics Show

Accident reports from 28 states in 1948 showed that 31 per cent, or nearly one in every three, of the drivers involved in all fatal accidents were under 25 years of age. One fourth of all auto injuries occur in the driver-age bracket 15 to 24 years.

Educators recommended that the minimum total time for a complete program in driver education should be from 45 to 60 hours. This would include a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction and an average minimum time of six hours per student behind the wheel.

### Byron Price Declines State Department Post

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Byron Price, assistant secretary general of the United Nations in charge of administration, has turned down an offer by President Truman to name him assistant secretary of state for public affairs.

On one or two previous occasions Price had also been picked for this job, which includes direction of the Voice of America radio program and an influential role in determining State department public relations policies.

It was understood that the principal if not the sole reason for Price's decision was that the State department job carries a lower salary.

As one of the top officials in the United Nations he receives a gross annual income of \$20,000, whereas an assistant secretary of State is paid \$15,000.



**RUSSIANS CONVICTED**—Accused of espionage, these Soviet citizens huddle together in the County Court at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, where they were convicted and sentenced to prison at hard labor for terms ranging from three to 20 years. The 10 defendants (six shown above) immediately appealed. It was the first time since the war that Russian citizens have been tried, convicted and sentenced in any of the Eastern European countries.

### Easing Of Taxes On U. S. Foreign Business Hinted

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Truman administration wants to ease U. S. taxes on American business operations abroad to boost the President's program for encouraging foreign investment.

The tip-off was given by the treasury's chief Counsel, Thomas J. Lynch, in a speech to Philadelphia members of the tax executives institute.

"The entire regime of taxing American business abroad should be reexamined with a view towards eliminating any inequities which discriminate against foreign investment," he said.

Liberalizing these tax laws would be the next step in an already comprehensive administration program aimed at helping foreign countries to increase their earnings of U. S. dollars so as to pay for their purchases in this country.

One objective of the tax changes would be to spur President Truman's "point four" program of private American financial and technical aid to underdeveloped nations.

Lynch said the treasury, after "serious study," has come to the belief that "certain tax measures will assist these efforts to encourage private investment abroad."

He listed these specific changes in the tax law which the treasury presumably will propose to Congress next year:

1. Exempting from U. S. taxes all income earned by an American abroad from the day he established foreign residence. Present law requires him to leave this country before Jan. 1 to get an exemption for his first year abroad.

2. Delay imposing U. S. taxes on "foreign income of branches of domestic corporations until it (the income) is returned to the United States." The purpose would be to encourage American firms to reinvest their foreign earnings abroad.

3. Let corporations take into account the "overall result of foreign operations" in figuring credits against U. S. taxes for the foreign taxes they pay. Now, losses incurred in one country reduce the credit for foreign taxes

paid on profitable operations in another country.

4. Ease the requirement that domestic corporations must own more than a majority of the voting stock of foreign subsidiaries before being allowed a credit for "foreign taxes imposed on their profits when received as dividends."

### Prince Charles Recovers From Acute Tonsillitis

LONDON, (AP)—Buckingham palace disclosed that Prince Charles is recovering from acute tonsillitis.

A palace statement said his

temperature is now normal and no complications are expected.

Three doctors have attended the year-old son of Princess Elizabeth for the last several days.

His mother, who is visiting her husband, Prince Phillip, in Malta, has been kept advised of her son's progress.

Queen Elizabeth has visited her grandson several times at Clarence House, the home of the princess, during his illness.

Prince Charles, who is next in line to his mother for the throne of England, was one year old on Nov. 14. This is his first reported illness.

### Oily Nose Drops Can Cause Fatal Disease Of Lung

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Long-time users of oily nose drops and sprays and mineral oil laxatives are running the risk of a sometimes fatal disease, the American Medical association has been told.

Dr. Theodore Winship of Washington said the oily medicines are not poisonous in themselves but they can get into the windpipe and be passed into the lungs.

This, he said, can result in the formation of a hardened, sinewy tissue in the lungs—a condition known medically as "lipid pneumonia."

In severe cases, Winship said, death results from asphyxiation. Delegates to the association's meeting heard from Winship after a history-making session, highlighted by the establishment of compulsory membership dues

to establish a fund for the AMA's campaign against "socialized medicine" and other activities.

The \$25 dues are expected to bring in \$3,050,000 a year.

With legislative issues out of the way, the delegates turned to strictly scientific matters. Winship reported on studies he and associates have made at Washington's Garfield hospital.

"Lipid pneumonia has been found most commonly in those who have used nose drops or spray over a long period of time and also in those who have taken mineral oil for constipation repeatedly," he said.

"The third most common cause of this disease is forced feeding of infants."

He said forced-feeding may cause the infant to vomit, thus pushing certain material in the food into the lungs.

"The most dangerous element in this material," he said, "is either one of the fish oils or butterfat from milk. Even small amounts of either of these oils

cause a violent tissue reaction in the lungs.

"When the oil is repeatedly introduced into the lungs, death usually results."

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