

Boys Too Young To Drive Claimed Buying Used Cars in State

Salem —(U.P.)— Circuit Judge Virgil Langtry told a traffic safety conference here yesterday that many boys between 14 and 16 and some as young as 12 were buying old wrecks and driving them off used lots without insurance or drivers licenses.

The judge suggested that a law was needed prohibiting the selling of a car to a minor under 18 without written consent of his parents.

Langtry pointed out it was possible for a boy to buy a car in violation of the law before he was 16 although he was legally prohibited from driving until that age.

The judge urged the Highway Lifesavers Committee, headed by E. C. Sammons, to work on the proposed legislation. He said in most cases the parents of boys who had purchased the old cars were not aware of it.

Both Judge Langtry and Municipal Judge J. J. Quillin urged changes in a law requiring mandatory revocation of drivers licenses for drunk driving convictions.

The two judges said it was hard to get convictions when the action would automatically

Safety Council Award Given To 32 Newspapers

Chicago —(U.P.)— The National Safety Council last night named 32 daily newspapers as winners of its 1955 public interest award.

The citations are presented annually for exceptional service to safety.

Council President Ned H. Dearborn said in presenting the awards that "influencing human behavior is the most difficult and important part of accident prevention."

The award winners included the Oakland, Calif., Tribune; Richmond, Calif., Independent; Salt Lake City Tribune; Seattle Post-Intelligencer; and Yakima, Wash., Republic and Herald.

West Indians Flock To England in Hope Of Finding Better Working Conditions

London —(U.P.)— The calypso refrain fills the ugly hall in London's squalid Brixton area. Half a thousand West Indian voices join the chorus:

"Joe he come from across the sea."

"For he will make the big money."

"But he won't be no millionaire."

"And the London soot it fill de air."

Happily singing the lopsided calypso verse, the West Indians newly arrived in England can forget for the moment the bewildering English customs, the cold, rainy weather, the sordid housing.

About 25,000 West Indian Negroes pour into England yearly. The eastward migration is a complete reversal of migration trends for the last 2000 years.

Two out of every five crowd into working-class Brixton in South London and other slums areas of the city. The rest go to industrial areas in Northern England and the midlands.

Why do they come? What do they find?

The main lure is the relatively high wages paid by Britain's labor scarce industries. At home they might earn \$8.40 to \$11.20 a week. Here the unskilled laborer can make the equivalent of \$19.60 a week and the average industrial pay is about \$30.

But he soon finds that his apprentice training is usually not good enough to qualify him for the same post in Britain that he held at home. Income taxes and health plan deductions eat into his salary before he even sees it. Living costs are higher. Housing is scarce and often hedged in by "European only" restrictions. The welcome at the local pub is less than enthusiastic.

But he finds no Jim Crowism. He needs no labor permit. He can come and go as he pleases, stay as long as he likes in Britain. Most of them stay at least a year or two, some permanently. But Ivo de Souza, colonial office West Indian specialist, suspect the figures do not tell the whole story.

"Just because a man stays," he said in his soft Jamaican accent, "does not mean he is happy. Few like to go home and admit they failed."

A woman welfare worker from London county council stood on the platform at Victoria Station this week and watched the immigrant train pulling in.

"There'll be a number of men here to see if they can get girl friends," she said. "We have to take care of these people, see that they get housing for the night and make sure the single girls don't get into trouble."

The train stopped and 300 colorfully clad Jamaicans, Barbadians and other piled out, laughing and shouting at friends who rushed to greet them.

The welfare worker plunged into the fray. Ten minutes later she was back.

"Only one failure," she said. "There was one girl who insisted that the man with her was an old friend from Jamaica. But I think she met him about 15 minutes ago."

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