

Mounting Traffic Restricts Sport Driving in Beirut

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Beirut, Lebanon—(UPI)—Sadly, inevitably, the fun is going out of an amateur sport once unmatched for daring and excitement—driving in Beirut.
You can still slalom the wrong way down a one-way street or scare nimble pedestrians back on to the pavement, but it's getting harder.
Gradually, restrictions are appearing. A few months ago there were only about half a dozen traffic lights in all of Beirut, and they seldom worked. Now there are many, and they work. Traffic policemen armed with ticket books collect fines on the spot.
In its heyday, Beirut driving was as fine and classical a sport as bull fighting. Now it is getting to be as tiresome as six-day bicycle racing.

More Cars
Mounting traffic is to blame. In 1948 there were 8,000 cars in all of Lebanon, a nation with 1.5 million persons spread around a country half the size of Massachusetts. A year ago the total of cars had soared 700 per cent to 56,000.

A Beirut magazine figured out that Beirut's business district, made up mostly of narrow, twisting streets, could handle 1,500 cars a day but get an average of 4,500.

If you took all the cars in Beirut and lined them up bumper to bumper there would be about as much room between them as there is now. Despite the clutter of cars, Beirut drivers achieve surprising speeds. This is one of the few places where traffic jams have been clocked up to 40 miles per hour.

Alternating Streets
To cope with the traffic problem, Beirut authorities have tried one-way streets. But a street running one way this week may run the other way next week.

During a recent safety campaign wrecked cars were propped on pedestals at main Beirut intersections with signs warning drivers about the consequences of careless driving. By the end of the campaign, most of the wrecks had been knocked over by passing cars.

Even so, considering the apparent recklessness of Beirut driving, serious accidents seem alarmingly few. Driving conditions have given most motorists and pedestrians here lightning reflexes.
In Beirut, except for a few antique trolleys, public transportation is left to drivers of "service" taxis that tear along the winding streets and alleyways, stopping for anyone who looks like a potential fare. With plans on paper for a municipal bus system, these may disappear. Beirut will never be the same if they do.

AEC ANNOUNCES TEST
Washington—(UPI)—The Atomic Energy Commission announced that the United States on Thursday fired its 38th underground explosion in its current series at the Nevada test site. The AEC described the detonation as being of "low yield." This means that it had the force of 20,000 tons of TNT or less.



JOINS PEACE CORPS—Miss Noneks Douglass, 71-year-old former school teacher, waves good-bye to friends and relatives who saw her off from St. Louis airport. Miss Douglass has been accepted for Peace Corps work to teach in the Philippine Islands. She will fly to Peace Corps headquarters in San Francisco for indoctrination and then on to the Philippines. (UPI)

The Medical Roundup

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Childbirth Without Anesthesia

Many women have become much interested in the book by Dr. Grantly Dick Read on what he called "natural childbirth." Read had an idea that, if well-prepared, women could and should go through labor without anesthesia. Then they could know what was going on, and could have the joy of knowing when their child was born.

Read, of course, was an enthusiast, and many obstetricians did not agree with his ideas. There has now appeared a book called "The Childbirth Challenge: Commonsense versus 'Natural Methods'" (Viking Press) by Dr. Waldo L. Fielding, an able obstetrician, and Lois Benjamin, one of his patients, who gives the viewpoint of the pregnant woman.

The two have written a good review of the subject, such as can be of interest not only to obstetricians who have to talk things over with their patients, but also to every woman who is wondering whether she should attempt to have her child without anesthesia. The authors doubt if the method is suitable for every woman. Some are too sensitive, and hence unable to stand much pain. The doctor thinks that a woman will be wise to leave the question of anesthesia to her obstetrician. As her labor goes forward, he can decide what is best to do.

MOMS NAG MORE

London—(UPI)—Moms nag more than dad and tends to pick on her teen-age son more than on her daughter, according to an opinion survey of 16,000 students made at 500 British schools.

Higher Teacher Pay To Be Sought

Salem—(UPI)—A conference of local school officials has been told that the 1963 legislature will be asked to hike minimum salaries for teachers with bachelor's degrees from \$3,600 to \$4,000.

The speaker was Cecil Posey of Portland, executive secretary of the Oregon Education Association.

Posey said a higher annual minimum salary also will be sought for teachers with master's degrees—from the present \$4,000 to \$4,800.

Dr. Leon P. Minear, state superintendent of public instruction, said there must be a specific program for improving the financial situations of local school districts.

38TH EXPLOSION

Washington—(UPI)—The United States Thursday exploded another small nuclear device underground at the Nevada test site, the 38th announced shot in the long series.



Your Money's Worth

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'OLD-FASHIONED' STOCK EXCHANGE
(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of three columns on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange)

Inlaid into the floor of the part of the New York Stock Exchange where bonds are traded is a hexagon about eight feet in diameter. When a NYSE member trades a block of bonds, he must have one foot inside that hexagon, he must say out loud what bonds he is trading and at what price. Thus, as one trader remarked when he saw me staring at the design on the floor and the men's feet, "All other bond traders in the room can hear what is taking place. It's our 'open out cry' rule."

This is automation? This is antiquity, a system of auction trading going back to ancient times.

On the five-story high walls of the NYSE's main hall are two huge annunciator boards. When a NYSE firm's telephone clerk wants to send a message to the firm's member on the floor, he does so by pressing a switch which flaps a little tablet on which is printed the member's number. The member sees his number on the board, goes to his telephone clerk, tells his message. If the clerk is particularly anxious to reach the member, he agitatedly flap-flap-flaps the tablet which presumably makes the member move even faster, but always, of course, within the bounds of the NYSE's "you gotta walk, not run" rule.

This is automation? This too is antiquity, a system of signaling used centuries ago.

In the NYSE's main hall and "garage" are seven ticker tapes on which all transactions in stocks during a trading day are printed. These high-speed tickers are the successors to the originals invented by E. A. Calahan in 1887, refined by Thomas A. Edison into the famous squarish glass-covered machine. Today's high-speed tickers are capable of printing 500 characters or 80 transactions a minute.

This is automation? Yes, to the extent that automation had progressed by September 1930, for that's the date today's stock tickers were installed. And that's why the tickers ran more than four hours behind actual transactions during the selling waves of late May and by being so late, compounded the chaos.

When Keith Funston, president of the NYSE, and a group of NYSE vice presidents escorted me around the floor last week, I asked a lot of questions about automation vs. antiquity. There is no doubt that the NYSE recognizes the exchange could be made much more efficient.

Consider those annunciator boards, for instance. It's a charmingly old-fashioned way to summon a broker for a message, but hardly the most efficient way. In fact, the NYSE is considering now a new system whereby members would get their messages via a type of walkie-talkie device, much as doctors get their messages when they're away from the phones.

Or consider those "high-speed" tickers. True, the NYSE ordered new, higher-speed tickers a year ago, which will be in operation 18 months from now and will be capable of printing 900 characters, or about 150 transactions a minute. But while this ticker will be able to keep up with a trading volume of up to 10 million shares a day, even the yet-to-come ticker would have twice fallen 20 minutes behind the market on May 29, when more than 14.7 million shares were traded. "We have the best engineering minds working on this problem, but they haven't come up with anything better so far," says Funston.

Or consider the fact that when a stock trade is completed, a little piece of paper must be sent by pneumatic tube to an operator five stories above the floor, then recorded on a machine, which in turn puts the transaction on the ticker tape. "This will improve," promises Funston. "In the future, the ticker operator may be stationed on the floor itself and, with compact electronic equipment the size of a memo pad, he'll be able almost instantaneously to activate the ticker." Then, Funston said, "We can't invent machines to handle the unexpected. And you wouldn't want machines to replace men, would you?"

"God forbid," said I, as I said good-bye, delicately picked my way out of the litter of gum and candy wrappers, glanced back at the mob of noisy men and decided that, after an old-fashioned afternoon at the NYSE, it was only fitting for me to use my legs and walk home.

Many Educational Opportunities Available for Children in Summer

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Should schooling end in June? Many educational opportunities are available during the summer months. Will your child benefit by taking part in a summer program?

Summer education has several purposes such as repeating courses, acceleration, enrichment in areas of interest, aid for slow students, and continuity for handicapped children.

Various types of programs exist. Regular courses are offered by local schools. Specialized schools for concentration on interests or specific help generally are available in many cities. Specialty summer camps serve many needs. Individual tutoring has gained popularity.

Must Consider Child

Which type of summer instruction answers your purposes? Before this can be decided, the most important consideration is the child. Children vary in ability, interest, physical condition, social development, emotional adjustment, and family needs. These variables should be considered in your decision.

The elementary program is not geared to a regular summer school. The philosophy emphasizes total development with the child as the center of instruction. Summer instruction tends to be in the areas of reading, math, cultural subjects, and recreation. In contrast, the secondary school emphasizes specific courses concerned with definite subject matter. Offerings of formal courses are increasingly available.

Grass, Brush Fire Caused by Children

A five-acre grass and brush fire about 4 p.m. Wednesday at Corey and Foothills rds. was caused by youngsters playing with matches, Central Point rural firemen reported.

Rural firemen were assisting on the blaze by a state forestry department crew.

State forestry department patrolmen called to a grass and debris fire back of the Lithia Drive-in theater south of Talent yesterday listed the fire as "railroad caused." A spot grass fire caused by a smoker was put out along Hillinger rd. yesterday by a fire warden who had gone into the area to issue a burning permit.

Udall Approves Dam On Columbia River

Washington—(UPI)—Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall has approved construction of Wells dam on the Columbia river between Chief Joseph and Rocky Reach dams.

KHRUSHCHEV'S PROMISE
Hundebara, Romania—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev told thousands of Romanian workers Thursday that within 10 years the Soviet Union will surpass the United States in total industrial production.

student who has interest and is looking for enrichment could benefit substantially. Not A Machine

In total, a human being is not a machine. You do not "shovel" information into the body and end up with a fully developed individual. The child is a complex who requires interest, maturation, and a variety of experiences in order to learn.

Look closely at the chances for success or failure before planning summer instruction. Summer school is not a punishment but an aid. Be realistic about your child's ability. Examine his needs as a child and as a student and you may find you have already made your decision.

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