

Planning a Trip to Expo? Take Your Walking Shoes

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
Vacation time is just around the corner, and if you're like many Americans you're probably planning a trip to Canada's Expo 67. If so, here are a few things worth remembering:

Take along a pair of good walking shoes. Traveling from Montreal to Expo (by cab, it takes about 10 minutes), wandering about the fair and finding a place to eat requires a good deal of self-locomotion. The best time to visit the fair is June, September or October — on weekdays if you can make it then.

Expo is mostly adult and teenage fare. There is La Ronde amusement park for kids, but it's not centrally located; indeed, it's rather remote.

IF YOU'RE thinking of seeing what the business competition has to offer you won't see much. The fair is 90 per cent international, with national pavilions greatly outnumbering those of private industry.

The strong feature of the U.S. pavilion is the space exhibit, with Apollo capsules and moon-landing craft models. The geodesic sphere is prominent, rising 20 stories, and you can ride through its center on a minirail.

One of the best shows at Expo is Britain's. The English way of life today is good-humoredly spoofed and there is a long but highly interest-

ing history of Britain on exhibit. An odd touch to Britain's show is a short film that traces the creation of man and his potential ultimate self-destruction.

THE "WORLD" beneath the oceans of the world" presents perhaps the greatest technical challenge ever faced by the electronics industry, in the view of an official of The Bendix Corp.

Bendix vice president Richard C. Fuller said that "this frontier of exploration requires new concepts in engineering, new design in equipment, and entrepreneurial skill to put everything together."

"Whether we put a man into the deep ocean as a diver, or aboard a manned submersible — or remove the man and explore by remotely controlled vehicles — electronics is vital to our success."

SPACE PROGRAMS have spawned entirely new concepts in reliability, and the ocean will present an even greater challenge, Fuller told the international convention of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Demands will be made on the electronics industry for equipment that will operate for long periods of time at high reliability and with no maintenance, in "the most hostile environment on this planet," Fuller said.

Despite the fact that today a very small percentage of industry's output is going into electronics, the Bendix vice president said, electronics in the future will play a most important role in almost every facet of research, development and engineering connected with the ocean.

SALES OF body-pampering gadgets are on the rise. Stores say sales of electrical devices that jiggle, squeeze, pat and warm the tired body are booming. "The Sound of Bubbles" is a long-playing record that plays "hiccoughs, burping and sounds that go boom" to alert new parents what to expect. . . . A school in New York features a suspended auditorium balcony which when not in auditorium use is divided into classrooms by using movable wall panels.

It's Christmas in June for retailers of timepieces, according to Michael D. Roman, vice president of Bulova Watch Co., who says one of every two boys and girls who will graduate this month is likely to receive a new watch as a gift.

He bases his estimate on his company's market research showing that more than half of the approximately 40 million watches sold by retailers in 1966 were for gift occasions.

"Graduation is the second-largest seasonal occasion for watch gift-giving in any year, ranking next to Christmas," he explained. "With more than seven million students graduating from grammar schools, high schools and colleges, the watch industry anticipates sales of at least three million timepieces with

a retail value of \$100 million."

THE TYPICAL graduation watch is no longer exclusively a formal, conservatively-styled item, Roman pointed out. "Most young people today have acquired at least one watch during school days, so the watch they receive at graduation time is likely to be an addition to their 'watch wardrobe' — perhaps a high-fashion pendant or wide-band style for girls, or a sports watch or electronic timepiece for boys," he said.

A new heavy-duty rough-surface paint brush called "ruff-rider" has been developed. It is said to be up to 100 per cent faster than pad-type applicators, conventional brushes or rollers on shingle, shake, brick, stucco, cinder block and all rough surfaces. . . . A device about the size of a coat button is said to prolong the life of any incandescent lamp many times over. The "Lite Saver" is simply placed in the light socket before the bulb is screwed into place.

Carson-Dominguez Smoke Eaters Finish Training

County firemen serving Carson-Dominguez have completed a technical course in handling emergencies involving the transportation of the hazardous materials used more in our space age. County Fire Chief Keith E. Klingler has announced.

Each man in the department completed 10 hours of study on hazardous materials prior to attending class at the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Training Center, Klingler said. Demonstrations utilizing actual containers used on the highways to transport the materials were held. Industrial firms donated the materials and display equipment.

Firemen were instructed on the identification of the various gases and materials in wide-spread use today and proper procedures for working in areas where a leak or spill has occurred.

Gases frequently transported by rail or truck today include ammonia, hydrogen, oxides of nitrogen, chlorine, acetylene, nitric and sulphuric acid.

The training program is

part of a continuing in-service program conducted by the County Fire Department. Engine and truck company personnel are assigned on a regular basis to the training center.

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Art Works, an architect, was retained to draw plans for two large apartment buildings for which he had to get a city building permit. He had to file his plans with the city, so that engineers, firemen, city planners, and others could look them over. Any member of the public could look at the plans and protest if they interfered with neighbors or city laws. The two apartments were finally built.

Sam, who owned a lot across town wanted to build an apartment just like Art's. He thought he could save much money by going to the City Planning Commission and copying Art's plans. After all, they were public.

When Sam started his building, Art found out and went to put a stop to Sam's plan at once. Although Art had no copyright, the court protected him.

ALTHOUGH YOU may lack an official copyright, patent, or registration, the law gives you a "common-law copyright." It says that an author or artist has a limited monopoly on his works from others so long as they are not "published." Once published, the material belongs to all the world. Anyone can copy them unless the author has taken out a regular copyright. You can register a copyright on most things. Nevertheless, things such as dress designs, toy styles, certain ordinary objects such as kitchen ware or furniture you cannot now protect by copyright. Once "published," anyone can copy them.

Just because a person files some plans as required by the city laws for anyone to inspect, does not mean that he has turned them over to all the world. This is just a "limited publication" and is protected by common law copyright.

Take another case. Tom Tracthill built hundreds of homes all alike. He advertised his design in newspapers and brochures. At the tract anyone could look at and measure the model home as often as he wanted.

Another builder copied Tom's house plan. His homes sold just as fast. When Tom tried to stop him, the court said no: Tom had published his design to the world. Anyone could now use them free. His was not a limited publication.

PERSONS with unique products have to take special steps to protect themselves. Some products cannot be protected except by a special contract. Free competition includes a limited right to imitate. Before turning loose a good idea, it's a good idea to find out whether and to what extent the law will protect you from imitation.

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Summer Day Camp Starts Tomorrow

A day camp program, sponsored by the Gardena Christian School, 1473 W. 182nd St., will begin tomorrow and continue through Aug. 25. Activities will include arts, crafts, swimming, films, remedial classes, and field trips.

The daily schedule is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. However, working parents may arrange a 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. schedule without an extra charge.

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