

Mr. Paul....street interview

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Well I notice the sidewalks {P} around here are littered. {misc} I suppose that's because this is a retail district. {C} The merchants around this section seem to have done more to modernize their storefronts {C} and displays than the more intensely concentrated downtown section.

In use of signs, more tasteful {SI} display...clothes, books, mass-produced retail items.

I still don't like the idea of the streets being littered. {misc} (more so here than elsewhere?) Well, for this particular type of section I would think that people would concentrate more on disposing of their litter in the approved fashion. I notice that the wastepaper disposal boxes {SF}. Certainly isn't too much of an excuse for that.

This is a pretty bad intersection {T} (Arlington). One of the worst in the city especially around the close of the working day. I'm told it takes at least an hour to get through here. I know in trying to get out of the city we left from this intersection and it took 45 minutes to get about a mile and a half. Of course that's a common problem here in Boston.

You smell a lot of traffic fumes {SM} around here too. That's a very tasteful {B} display here, (Neals of Calf.)

I think this is one block here, that makes {C} an impression on everyone that passes through it. (Newb....any partic reason) Churches, {C} and the fact that its....here again we come to the store...tasteful display {C} without actually being ostentatious about it. everything displayed in good taste.....

I'm particularly impressed by the gothic church {B} up there. (pulls the street up) yes.

Sidewalks are wide, but the streets {SP} are narrow...or at least they aren't able to accommodate all the traffic. But this isn't a main traffic {T} thoroughfare, so I don't think it makes much of a difference.... You still get that smell. that traffic smell,,,a combination of {SM} coffee, rubber, and everything else...city smell I suppose. Something burning somewhere.

Most of the heating seems to be...soft {misc} coal. You won't find too much of it around this area, but I think a lot of these merchants should get together and agree to use oil...something that doesn't create a haze or annoying fumes.

Brooks Bros....one {B} of these days I'll work up to buying a suit here,,,,with accessories.

I could say something about Bonwit {B} teller...It's just unusual for what they sell to be housed in...you think of it as a department store, but it doesn't look like a department store, even though I like it.

(alley)Well this is an improvement over some {SP} streets I've seen here. At least they put the trash in the {misc} alleys behind the estab. Instead of sticking it out on the sidewalk. But the things that impressed me when I came to Boston. I lived in Washington {underlined} for many years...and their alleys there are comparable to some of our clean streets here. They're paved, most of them, disposal is taken care of thoroughly and efficiently. Here all the alleys remind me of slums. You see a beautiful facade on the street and you go around the corner and there's this alley...usually unpaved, muddy if its rainy.

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That's a sneaky little operation {P}...you'd never know that was down there. (The sewing) Yeah. Imagine they'd work better upstairs where they could see the street so to speak where they had good light. With the shades pulled down they wouldn't know whether it was day or night.....but I guess they have to have that face they're a clothing store, not a factory as such.

More accommodations for off street parking. {T} That, I could say a lot about, and I guess a lot has been said about it.

I walk along sometimes and see trash and litter along the {misc} streets, and I wonder what would happen if a giant vacuum cleaner came along and swept them all up. I think the buildings would fall down.

I think one thing we do need here is more driver courtesy {T} so far as the pedestrian is concerned. He really takes his life in his hands.

(Garden) They've done a wonderful job {SP} here...paving the walks, replanting {N} after the hurricane. being so accomodating to fill the pool for iceskating. I understand they put up a christmas display too, somewhere around here.