

Mrs. Merlo ✓  
Street interview MOR

<sup>T</sup>  
Parking is a major problem up in here, too, I think. It might be better if they didn't allow any parking at all.

<sup>SP</sup>  
Right here the sidewalks are very wide. Possibly they could widen the street and that would help a little bit. They really don't need all this; half of it would be plenty.

X Is there any zoning laws against modern architecture? -- through here? Many cities have pretty modern buildings right in downtown sections like this, so I wondered and noticed there were very few. . . .

It seems a little useless to have some of these very old buildings so close to the downtown area. I guess this is a church. But there are so few people living too near that I think it takes away from space that could be used otherwise.

Is this the Common or the Public Gardens? <sup>SP</sup> It's a very nice area but I wonder if too many people use it.-- the Gardens or the Common, either for that matter. It might be better if they didn't have such a large space, then they could do something else with the rest of it, and still make an enjoyable little retreat from shopping.

The shops on this street are very nice. <sup>C</sup> I think the worse traffic problem is on this street. So many cars double park and it's very inconvenient when you're driving through, but there's nothing else they can do.

It's too bad things can't be centered a little more down here. <sup>C</sup> For instance, the churches. That's a problem of city planning. You can't destroy all of the old and start all over again.

This section is so familiar that I'm afraid I'm so used to seeing some of the things that I overlook the unusual. I wonder if there's any reason why they can't have underground parking in this area. But the more parking space you provide, the more cars you have.

It would be very nice if they could provide covered walking areas in the shopping district. These alleys that they have all over Boston seem wasted space too. I don't think too much can get through, yet I suppose they're necessary. This section reminds me of the market district in Boston instead of the major shopping. . . This is really terrible. You'd think they could at least repair it a little more if they couldn't completely revise it. I never noticed those little places down in there before. I guess it's underneath the shops; very dismal. (workrooms)

This is a nice ~~glass~~ wide street for only one-way traffic. <sup>T</sup> It would be nice if they could do something to this like they did the squares in San Francisco. They built very high garages for parking over the squares and they'd leave the bottom floor open for a park. Do they ever have ice skating or anything like that? <sup>SP</sup>

X All of the buildings through here seem so old; they must have been here for centuries, it looks like. <sup>C</sup>

It's a rather incomplete shopping area up through there; there are things that you can't buy -- Boylston Place, Boylston St. It makes it rather difficult sometimes. You'd like to do all of your shopping at once, and you can't get some things here so you have to run around all over the city trying to find everything.

The sidewalks are rather bad. <sup>PA</sup> This church looks almost as if it isn't being used / (Arlington St)  
anymore. On Boylston St. there are so many <sup>B</sup> mixed in with the shops.

I never could understand why they called this "Neal's of Calif."; I've never seen anything in their window that ever remotely resembles anything from California. <sup>B</sup>

They should put a block up and stop it. <sup>SP</sup> This parking lot here has always annoyed me. (Because of the way they park?) No. It separates the shopping. I always hate to walk across it from one store to the next.

I like the nice wide, clear glass windows they have on these shops. <sup>L</sup> This area compares very favorably with the downtown shopping area. The wide walks here may be partly waste space but at least they're more pleasant.