

Paul....Post walk interview

I would say it's a better {C} class retail district.. a lot of specialty stores, they deal a lot in luxury items. Furs, high placed clothes. Cunard {B} steam ship line, FAO {B} Schwarz. {B} Mosler Safe, FAO Schwarz for toys, and of cours, Bonwit {B} teller.

(people) I noticed a lot of {P} people concerned with making deliveries to these stores. Peoples I would say were in the {P} higher income group, going into or passing or coming out of these stores.

They seem to be better able, economically speaking, to purchas and to work in this particular section.

Seemed to be dressed more tastefully {P} and conservatively. Not such a preponderance of working clothes which you'd associate with a truck driver, or a porter.

(buildings) They don't seem to fall into any particular category. They're very uneven as far as {C} the number of stories are concerned. You'll see a three storey building, then a six storey bldg, and a two storey bldg... and something that corresponds to a flat. There seems to be a variety of architecture, structure. With the exception of churches on the particular stretch of Newbury st. there's nothing consistent about the building, the architecture.

They're not modern... {C} Knowing about this particular section... it wasn't filled in until 1959 I would strongly suspect that about half of the buildings date back to the beginning of this century. I doubt if there is anything in the vicintiy that has been build recently. Along this particular stretch.

(areas) Alo ng Boylston St I would say that, if you're going to call this a retail district, the stores and items are more diversified. But o on Newbury st they seem to be devotedmostly to clothing and jewelry with very few drug stores, candy stores, leather goods.

(alley) Well, I suppose the ally is necessary. (different?) I would say that it's part of the whole thing since it serves both Boylston and Newbury St.

(signs) In front of a {SF} bookstore a portable book rack seemed rather beate up ... I guess it has to be since it's usually out in weather. I don' think it's most tasteful way to display things.

Of course nighttime {Sign} would be better to judge the signs on. It's hard to judge their eye-catching ability in the day, but there isn't any particular sign that really swabbed my attention and held it. Perhaps if I were a stranger to the ngbd it would.

(heard, smelled) seems to be a mixture of {smell} coffee, food, automobileexhaus fumes and fuel... coal gas.... just seems to have been a conglomeration of sounds except {signs} for a street crew... you hear the jackhammer and the sound of te motor that runs it. not to much auto sounds.

(sidewalk) the one down Boylston {Pa} was littered, Almost seemed that the street crew hadn't been there at night.to clean up. I noticed that the other stretch on Newbury {Pa} was cleaner.

(material) {Pa} concrete... seemed to be in good condition. All the way round except between Newbury and Boylston where the old conventional {Pa} brick was used.

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(conception of Boston)

I think compared to downtown so far as width of streets are concerned and general cleanliness, and traffic movement, appearance of the people, and ability to get about. it compares very favorably. Of course it's not as intensely concentrated a district as the downtown section.