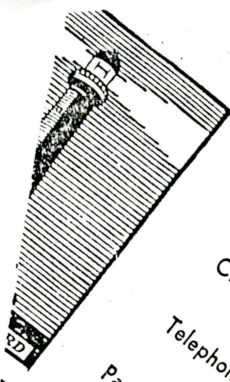


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# Reader's Plan Would Keep Part of I-40, But Spare Park

I would like to bring to your attention one side of the opposition to the routing of I-40 through Overton Park that has been overlooked. Fifteen years ago we didn't know what effect expressways running through the hearts of cities would have. Now we do.

Contrary to the hopes of the planners that such arteries would solve our growing urban traffic woes, in city after city the very people for whom they were designed — the city and suburban dwellers — are unable to use them because of the dangerous overcrowding by through traffic. You have only to visit St. Louis, Atlanta, Philadelphia and Boston as I have to know the truth of this. Belt roads like I-240 appear to be the best help to city traffic. Why

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hasn't the northern leg of I-240 even been put on the drawing boards?

Also, fifteen years later we have much evidence of the irreparable damage done to plant, bird and animal life by expressways crossing parks and wooded areas.

I would urge our city, state and Federal officials to consider the following approach to a solution:

It is obviously too late to do anything about the extension of I-40 west to Holmes but it could be ended there. Signs should route through traffic on I-240 to either of the two bridges. Every effort should be made to build the northern leg as rapidly as possible. From the interchange on Bellevue I-40 should be continued to the new bridge. Traffic coming in on I-255 from either direction could use this part of I-40 to reach the new bridge as could mid-town local traffic. Such traffic as came in to Holmes would debark to Poplar or Summer. Improvements that should have been made on those two streets long ago should be rushed, including widening, no parking and continuous flow lights.

Then on the cleared land between Holmes and Overton Park and the park and Bellevue there could be the most exciting kind of redevelopment with garden apartments, houses in clusters surrounding play areas and a continuous green belt from Holmes to Bellevue, with paths for walking and cycling. Magnificent trees and shrubs now standing would be the basis for landscaping.

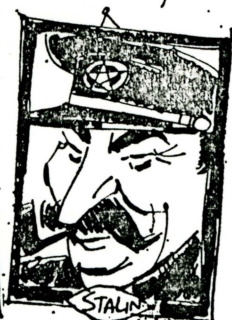
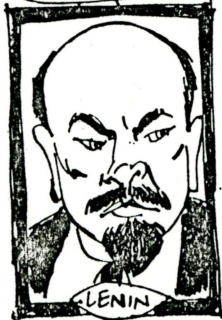
Such development would add an amazing value to the property and greatly increase our tax base for generations to come, whereas the money the city would receive for 26 acres of park land would be spent once and never produce any revenue. And such development would greatly benefit our entire building industry and, consequently, our entire economy.

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### STILL LIFE

By Jerry Robinson

they say Khrushchev recorded 2 million words for his memoirs...do you think the Kremlin is secretly involved?  
it sounds like a lot of red tape!



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