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Silly walks

JOHAN PRESCOTT, the Deputy Prime Minister, is launching a campaign to push the nation back on the pavement. It emerged last week that his department has drawn up a “national walking strategy” to increase the number of journeys made on foot from 28 to 33 per cent in the next 10 years. This would be a most improving and laudable change in our daily habits.

Yet the mastermind of the policy is “Two Jags John” Prescott, so named because of his proud ownership of two Jaguar cars. Mr Prescott, we can see, is a man who richly appreciates the purr of a

good motor, and the caress of leather upholstery. He also enjoys a portion or two of fish and chips.

But we wager that Mr Prescott’s car journeys are not reserved for long trips alone. His “walking strategy” puts one in mind of the riposte given to the late and portly Reginald Maudling, who complained in the House of Commons that the British car worker took three days to build a car, whereas the German car worker took only two. To which Dennis Skinner, the Labour MP, shouted: “An’ ’ow long would it tek you, fats?”

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- 1p 38 ■ What appears to be the writer’s message to John Prescott?
- A “Excellent plan, but take a good look at yourself!”
 - B “Sorry, but your idea is completely outdated!”
 - C “This is carrying things too far! Be realistic!”
 - D “You’re twisting the facts! Don’t try to fool us!”