

Tekst 1

WAY OF THE WORLD

Auberon Waugh **Traffic policy**



- 1 AS A PART-TIME resident of Hammersmith, I cannot help wondering whether we are being told the entire truth about the bomb which exploded on Hammersmith Bridge at 4.35am on June 1.
- 2 We were immediately invited to suppose that the outrage was planned by Continuity IRA, a splinter group from the Real IRA, itself a splinter group from the Provisional IRA.
- 3 But as none of these groups claimed credit, it was hard to imagine what they hoped to achieve in exchange for all the trouble and expense involved, let alone the risk.
- 4 How was the explosion going to advance the cause of a Northern surrender to the Irish Republic, if we could only guess at the reasons for it?
- 5 What they did achieve was the closure of Hammersmith Bridge, and traffic chaos throughout west London. It has been reported that the bridge will remain closed for several weeks. Oddly enough, it reopened only at Christmas, after several months of traffic jams caused by a £3-5 million "refit".
- 6 Two days after the explosion, it is certainly true, someone telephoned the BBC in Belfast to claim credit on behalf of one or another of the republican groups, but this voice also warned of another bomb left in a dustbin in Bishopsgate.
- 7 After streets in the City of London had been closed for three hours, the packages were found to contain rubbish, but a reasonable amount of traffic disruption had been achieved. One cannot help wondering if this was the entire purpose of the call, and whether a government agency was responsible for it.
- 8 People may ask themselves why it is that under this Labour government motorists are seen as enemies of society. The observation applies not only in London, where there is a declared policy of discouraging the private car, but all over the country.
- 9 The lady in Wiltshire who was indignantly arrested for taking a sip of water when stationary in front of a red traffic light provides a clue. They want us all to ride bicycles, you see.

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Als je in het Engels antwoordt, levert dat 0 punten op.*

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“As a part-time resident of Hammersmith, I cannot help wondering whether we are being told the entire truth” (paragraph 1).

- 1p 1 ■ Which of the following quotations sums up the point Auberon Waugh wants to make?
- A “the outrage ... Provisional IRA” (paragraph 2)
 - B “But as ... the risk.” (paragraph 3)
 - C “under this ... of society” (paragraph 8)
 - D “The lady ... a clue.” (paragraph 9)