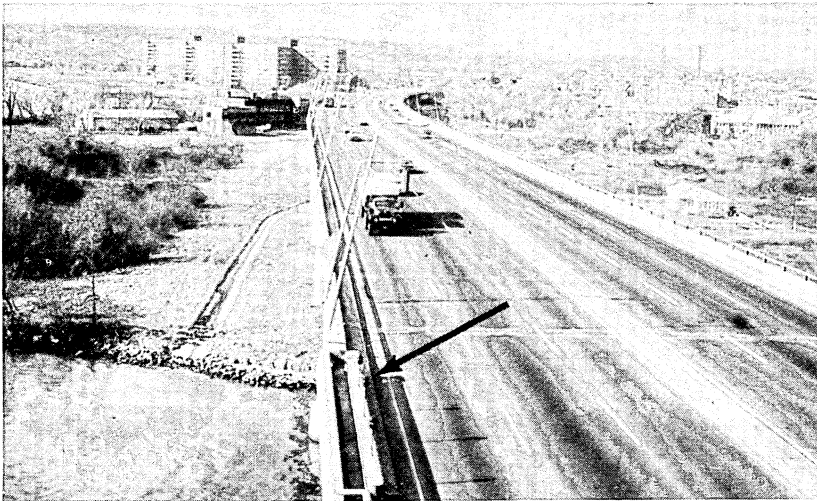


The effectiveness of these barriers and these lights is questioned. When you talk to the operators they tell you they have had some problems with some drivers getting beyond this barrier. In one instance, one of the operators told me that he had 17 vehicles stopped on the bascule leaf which was about to be raised. He had to go out on a catwalk with a megaphone and chase them off the bascule leaf so he could open the drawspan for the approaching ship.

This is not just an isolated incident. It has happened a number of times, but this one occasion of 17 vehicles on the bascule leaf impressed me.

Mr. W. MAY. He leads an exciting life.

Mr. O'HARA. I would say so. He has many experiences to talk about.



This is the approach to the draw portion of the bridge from the Maryland side. This is the first sign that you see. This sign says, "Draw-bridge Ahead." It is 700 to 800 feet from the actual drawspan.

