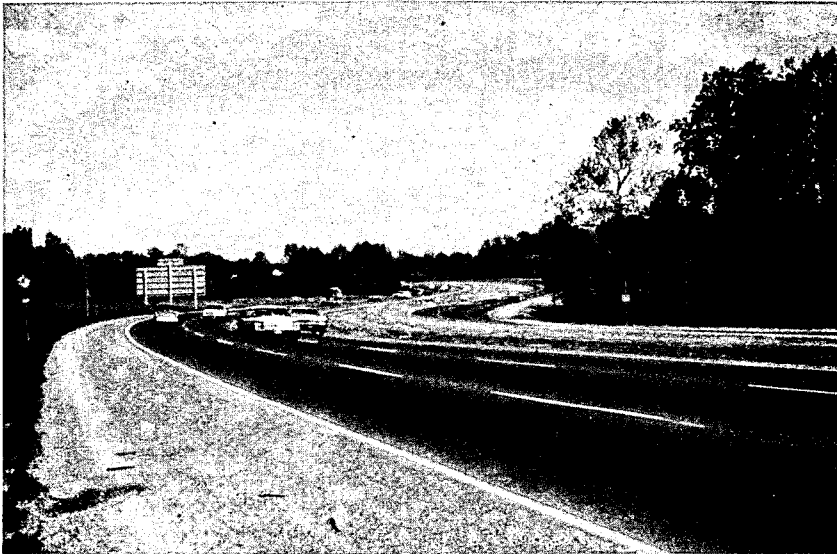


reason for this sign is that this right lane is about to end. We are traveling at 60 miles an hour. This is the first and only warning that you have that this lane is going to end.

And the next slide I show will be taken from this overpass, and it will be just above this black patch in the roadway. The significance of this area is borne out by the fact that in this section of the beltway last year there were 37 sideswipe accidents, a number of which occurred here, and just beyond here, where another lane is dropped.

In addition, in this section of the beltway there were 32 vehicles which ran off the road and overturned; 88 of the 219 accidents involved vehicles which ran off the road and, of those 88, 55 subsequently struck a fixed object.



This next slide is taken from the northbound lane of Wisconsin Avenue. The lane on the far left being the merging traffic lane from Wisconsin Avenue, Rockville Pike.

Notice that Interstate 70-S has become the third lane of the beltway, and up in the top of the photograph, where the car is going around the curve, just beyond that curve there is another sign similar to the one I just showed you. It has the same marks. And the purpose of it is to point out that again the right lane is going to be dropped. Also in this scene here you will notice a number of objects.

You have off to the right, off the shoulder, several trees. You have light poles. Beyond that you have a guardrail. And I would like to get up and point something out.

There is a guardrail here pointing at you like an arrow. I think it is meant to protect that headwall in there. There it is. The light pole beyond it.

These are all the objects that you have as you come into the park, and you have traffic moving at 60 miles an hour.