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above is a bus leaving the tunnel entrance to the underground SAGE (semi-automatic ground environment) missile control centre at North Bay, Ont. The centre will become the first of its type to be in full operation when it becomes operational on Sept. 26. It controls firing of Bomarc missiles as well as directing fighter aircraft to intercept enemy bombers.

Demerit system for drivers unlikely to spread further: For the present, the demerit system of driver discipline seems unlikely to spread beyond the six provinces already practicing it.

The plan — which assesses points for convictions, leading to license suspension — has been considered in the four remaining provinces, but none has any expressed intention of changing its existing system.

In the six provinces that use the scheme — Ontario, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan — a Canadian Press cross-Canada survey shows opinion ranging from lukewarm to enthusiastic, but generally favorable.

Quebec and Newfoundland still rely on a system of suspensions for certain offenses while British Columbia and Alberta prefer a system of driver education, leading to suspension for failure to reform.

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