

Hurt Feelings—

We Americans have always been welcomed abroad because we're such ready spenders. One reason, of course, that our tourists are so free with the green stuff is that the good old Yankee dollar usually has gained in value on the exchange.

Now, however, American tourists travelling in Canada are finding—horror of horrors—that American dollars are worth two or three cents less than Canadian dollars, instead of the traditional other way around. And, Canadian sources report many of us get downright annoyed when we're asked to dig up an extra 3 cents to go with our U. S. bucks whenever we make a purchase. Consequently, most Canadian stores don't ask any more; they absorb the loss so as not to hurt our feelings.

There are penalties, it seems, in taxing ourselves to the hilt in order to save the world. The worst of it is that if we go broke, rich foreign tourists probably will come to view the ruins of our automobile factories and our crumbled engineering marvels and flaunt their wealth in our faces.