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The \$2 coin: Worse things have happened

The two-ney. The doubloon. The Queen with the "bear" behind. Whatever you call it, the two-dollar coin is here and it's here to stay.

There have been grumbings about the added weight these coins will create for our pockets and purses and how coins aren't valued as much as paper currency is.

It seems people are going to complain whenever change is

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thrust upon them. Remember how upset people became over the looney? I worked in food service and constantly had to deal with customers refusing to accept their change in anything but dollar bills.

I shouldn't have to say that change is necessary in order for any kind of progress to be made in life. Otherwise, we'd all be big, drooling masses still wearing diapers and spreading mashed carrots on our heads.

People like to think back to the good old days, when life was simpler and we all seemed happier. But we can't go back there — and let's face it: could you give up the changes you've come to really

like? I can't imagine typing this column on a manual typewriter with no way to fix my typos.

You could argue the two-dollar coin isn't going to make your life any more convenient and that's probably true.

But on the other side of the coin, is it really going to hurt all that much? Many other countries have currencies comparable in amount in coin form. I think we should be proud of our coin's de-

sign — how else do many other cultures view Canada but as a place crawling with polar bears?

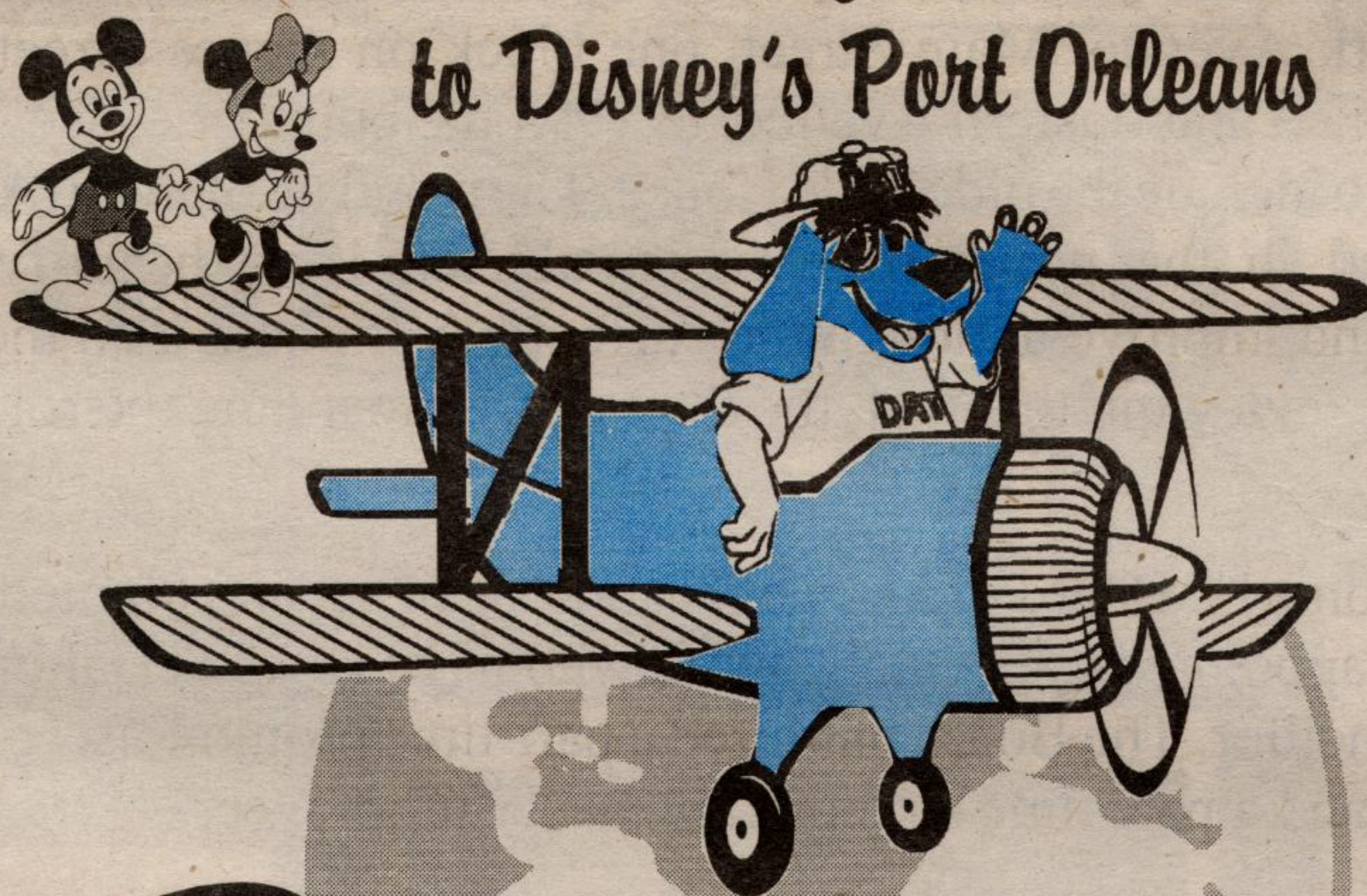
The two-coloured aspect of the coin could even help foreign tourists differentiate it between the looney and the quarter.

And if nothing else convinces you of it's worth, try throwing it on the ground or against a wall to see if the middle pops out. At the very least, you can't say Canadian money isn't entertaining!

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