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Action not tentative dates needed on airport

his somewhat encouraging yet never- ous mineral deposits in the north." theless vague letter assuring Mayor Now the federal government has Lester that there will be SOME activ- spent a good portion of \$7,000,000 on ity on Prince Rupert airport this the airport and in all probability will spring, summer and fall. Since the spend a few million more to wind up airport runway, parking aprons, ap-the project. We've all known from proach and access road were complet- the start, the Liberal government and ed last summer there has been a long the Conservative one, that the airport period in which no progress has been was going to be an expensive proposi-

tentative completion dates set for the be worth it. Liberal Government.

of the importance of providing proves fatal.

T is cheering to have Transport adequate transportation facilities for Minister Hees come to life after this area. He also foresaw the Prince what seems like an unusually lengthy. Rupert airport as "a base for aerial hibernation. We refer, of course, to survey parties charting the tremend-

tion. However, the people of Prince We realize that after the contract- Rupert have been led to believe that ors finished the airstrip that there both the former government and the would be a pause between the comple- present Tory one were, in complete tion of one project and the start of an-rapport with us, that because of its other but we didn't expect to be ap- strategic position in the development proaching the spring of 1960 with only of the Northland, (a major Diefenone clearing contract called and only baker platform plank) that it would

remainder. We know also that en- Well, we northerners (gullible as gineering studies have been quietly we are) are getting a bit tired of all continuing ever since the landing strip the talk and lack of action about the was finished. That doesn't alter the future of the great northland and how fact that the lengthening intermission we are going to share in it. For 50 between the end of the major project years, since the time of Sir Charles and the start of the others, is begin- Tupper and later the Sir Robert Borning to resemble the long battle the den (another Tory) regime the people City and its airport committee endur- of Prince Rupert have heard this ed to obtain the airport under the "great northland development" song and dance. Well the time has arrived Mr. Hees knows Prince Rupert air- when Mr. Hees needs to "win friends port. He was here and saw it during and influence people" mainly, some its construction stage. While he ad-high-balling contractors. We don't mitted that it was probably Canada's mind Mr. Diefenbaker trying to balmost expensive airport he predicted ance the budget but he needn't do it at great things for Prince Rupert and the Prince Rupert's expense. Let's get north country as a result of its instal-"some contracts called, land called lation. In fact, he said that the airport was road again, before disenchantment. expensive but "well justified" because with the Tory government sets in and

The smaller cars arrive

The compact cars are really selling. That is the word from the automobile industry. The big-car stylists who grudgingly conceded a year. or two ago that 10 per cent of Americans might go for smaller cars are facing the fact that approximately 25 per cent of the sales now are in that category and the proportion is

Entering the field after the way had been broken by American Motors' Rambler and Studebaker's Lark, the Big Three are stepping up production of Ford's Falcon, General Motors' Corvair, and Chrysler's Valiant. These reportedly are cutting into sales of Chevrolet, Ford, and Plymouth on one side and into foreign car popularity, on the other.

3 So striking is the revolution in tastes that one maker, is preparing two more lines of gauge will still have that privilege, smaller machines, one a bit on the dressed-up

side and the other to compete with the German Volkswagen and French Renault Dauphine in the economy market. Other major makers also are adding to their compact lines.

This does not mean that large and luxurious cars will disappear from the scene. The heavy, powerful car for distance cruising, the roomy car for sheer comfort, and the station wagon that will carry a Cub Scout troop or a load of furniture will still have their devotees and

But what is developing apparently, as was forecast on this page, is a market in which buyers will have their choice of a wide range of car types and styles. Those who are interested only in practical transportation will not be laughed out of salesrooms and those who can afford to drive without looking at the gas .- The Christian Science Monitor.

Shoulder pads sissy stuff

The English Rugby Union is determined that their game is not going to become a sissy one like American and Canadian football. They were terribly annoyed when news reached this country during the British rugger team's tour of New Zealand that certain of the down-under boys had taken to wearing madding in the shoulders of their jerseys. Disallowed by the rules of the game, the players

had got around it by proferring doctors' cer-

The Rugby Union has now issued instructions that "irrespective of any doctor's certificate, the wearing of any kind of harness is prohibited," adding that "it is our considered opinion" that anyone needing it "should not be playing the game at all." —Wallace Reyburn writing from London for the Toronto Telegram.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Little hope at "summit" for German reunion By HAROLD MORRISON

Canadian Press Staff Writer

The United States proposal that the future of Mast and West Germany be settled by plobls. cito is an indication of a wide and irrecondiable split between Russia and the Western powers on this crucial issue.

U.S. diplomats agree it would be sheer selfdelusion to conclude that Fremier Khrushchev Would 'accept such an offer at the May 16 simmit conference.

Undoubtedly Khrushchev is aware that if the people of East Germany are given unobstructed power to decide, they would throw off the Communist yoke and Join their Western hiothers in a United Germany.

Ho wants instead to have the Western powers recognize East Germany as a legitimate Communist state and has started to force the igaue by revising. Western milltary passes, to Potsdam so that they bear the imprint of. the East German government instead, of the Soviet administration.

A qualified state department authority says he U.S. vlow is that the East Gorman regime puppet designed and imposed by the Kremlin ""Ondor, such dircumstances, there may: no be much room for negotiation at the Paris

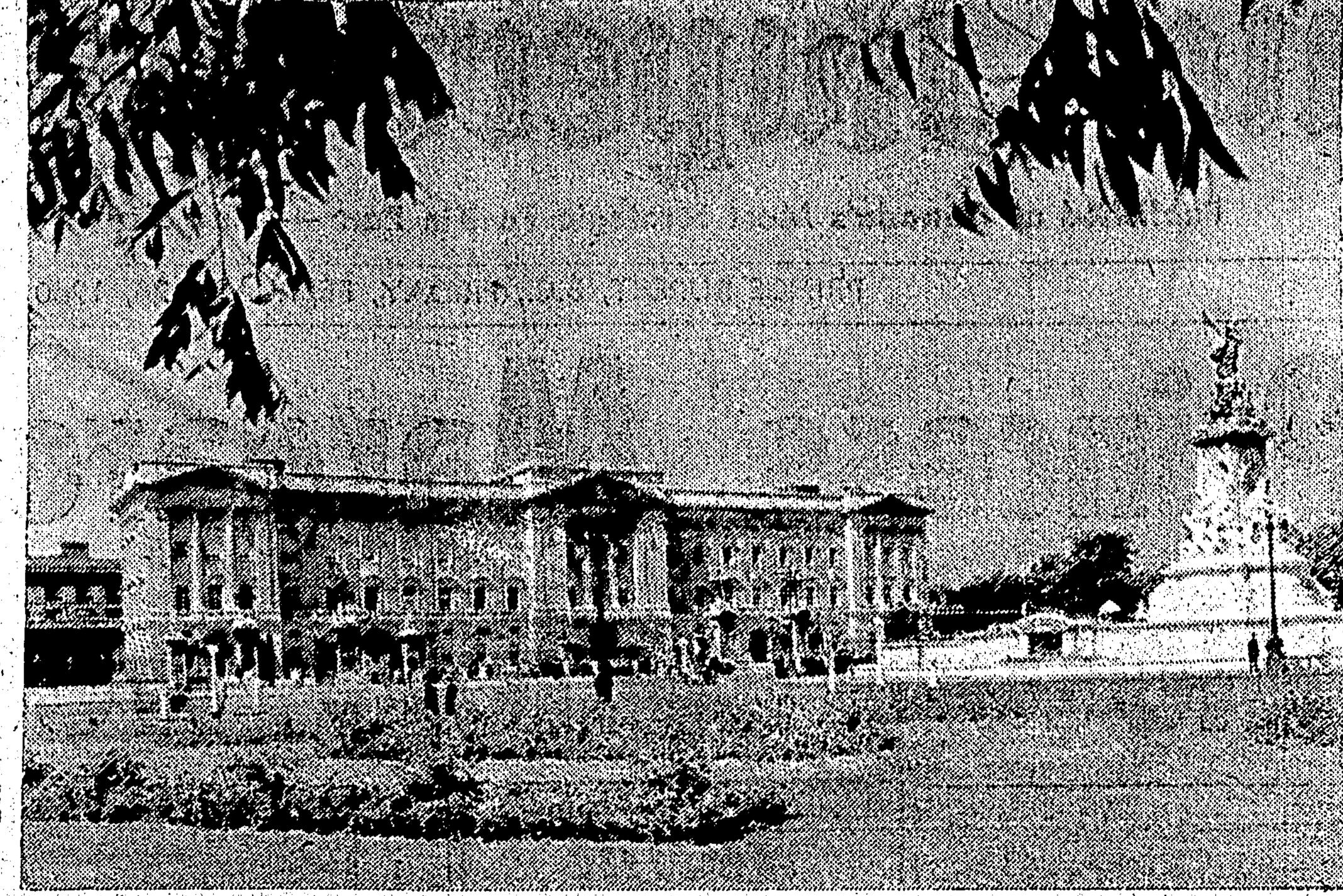
summit meeting. U.S. diplomats flatly say the room is limited. What they anticipate is that the Paris meeting will reach no major conclusions on Germany and that the issue will be tossed back into another foreign ministers' conference to be followed by more summit meetings later.

In other words, the American strategy seems to be based on keeping the negotiators talking, concluding that as long as they keep talking

there will be no war. They argue that Khrushchev will do nothing at the Paris meeting to ruffle East-West relations to any extent on the eve of Elsen-

hower's planned tour of Russia in June. Yet. Khrushchev has displayed new bolligorence in his recent Moscow meetings with Wostern visitors. He may be bluffing, as U.S. diplomats say, but if it came to a showdown, some observers suggest that the West would allow West Borlin to go by default.

And now yo whall see my face no more.



FOCAL POINT OF WORLD interest in recent months has been Buckingham Palace, official residence of British royal family in London. New son of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip last Friday was born in palace which was built originally by the Duke of Buckingham. It was bought in 1762 by King George III, who moved there from St. James's Palace.

-British Travel Association photo.

Time and Place By WIGGS O'NEILL

GOLD FEVER

I used to have an old friend who used to live on Superior Street in Victoria, not far from the Parliament buildings. in a beautiful little cottage. In my younger days whenever I made a trip to our capital city, if I did not bring my bag and stow it away and let them know I was staying, both he and his wife Mimi demanded to know why. I had known them up coast since the time I was a youngster and our families had been friends for many years, so it got to be a habit whenever I went to Victoria I headed for the little cottage

on Superior. Old Bob loved to play cribbage and I would no sooner arrive than out would come the crib board and Bob would get me into a game. I was not much of a player but he always said that before he got through with me, he would make me a top-notch crib player. I remember I had a habit of pairing him and he invariably held the third card and he would say "My, my will you never learn? Bob had been a placer prospector and miner all of his early life and had been in all the big gold excitements. He had been in Cariboo, Omineca,

search for gold. He often told me of many of his early experiences, which were exciting. One experience remember is worth relating. He asked me once if I had any idea what it did to a fellow to really find lots of gold.

all over the Cassiar country,

up the Stickine and down the

Dease. He was a real pioneer

living off the country in his

I said, "No, Bob—tell me." "Well, he said, "it was when I had a claim on Tom Creek in the Omineca country. My pard and I would take our small canoe and pole up the Skeena river first thing in the spring, just after the ice went out. When we got to Hazelton we would load up a couple of cayuses without "ictas" and hit off up the Bear River trail, past Babine Lake and on into the sticks until we arrived at our claim on Tom Creek. We had a fair claim, nothing to write home about, just average good pay if you didn't get tired and quit working. We would work hard all spring and summer and get out in the fall in time to pick up our small canoe at Hazelton and get down the river ahead of the

"The last year we worked our diggings was in the 80's. After we got to our claim that year and got to work on our tunnel on the pay streak on hed rock, we came up against a huge boulder right in our way. As it was too big to move we had to tunnel around it This was all dead work as we were off the pay streak. When we finally did get around the boulder and back on the pay dirt our eyes nearly popped out of our hands.

"Lying back behind the boulder and right up against it, the gravel was yellow with nuggets and gold dust. word so excited we forgot to ont. When it was time to sleep we found it was impossible to think of going to bed, it was no uso trying to sloop. worked all night, all the next day and well into the next night. We finally worked out the treasure house and were back on the old pay streak, Just the usual good pay. We finally want back to the cabin. dog tired and nearly falling asleep in our trucks. We flung ourselves down on our hunks and slopt for 24 hours.

"After we finally woke up and got back to normal, Merril yeast powder cans full

of nuggets and gold dust." That was the last year Bob Tennent and his partner worked their claim on Tom Creek in the Omineca country. When they came out that fall they divided their gold between them. Bob went into business out on Queen Charlotte Islands and formed the Skidegate Oil Works, extracting oil from dog fish. He was backed by Simon Leiser of Victoria but the baking powder cans full of nuggets from Tom Creek in the Omineca were what put him in business. Bob did very well on his oil venture and finally retired in Victoria and wound up his days in the little cottage on

Hated gimmicks

Superior Street.

From The Nanton (Alta.) News

We wish that some food merchandising techniques were not so elaborate. We don't like coming on small rubber or plastic dinosaurs in our cereal, and we don't want the place mats in soap, and we don't care about dishes and glasses which never seem to match anything we have. However we detest even more the gimmicks which we have to work for. We hate saving coupons for months or years.

Lighter side

A male attendant in a mental hospital noticed a patient with his ear close to the wall, listening; intently. The patient held up a finger for the attendant, to be very quiet, then beckoned him over and said: "You listen here!" The attendant put his ear on the wall and listened for some time, then turned to the patient and said: "I can't hear anything." "No," said the patient, "and it's been like that

A woman was bitten by a mad dog and was advised to make a will because there was a possibility of rables. She wrote furiosly for two hours. "It looks like an unusually

long will," her lawyer said. "Who's writing a will?" she snapped. "This is a list of the people I'm 'going to bite."

With the classics

Then none was for a party; Then all were for the state; Then the great man helped the

And the poor man loved the Then lands were fairly

portioned: Then spoils were fairly sold: The Romans were like brothers In the brave days of old.

"Well, son," wrote the fond mother to her soldier son, "1 hope you have been punctual in arising every morning so that you havon't kept tho, rogiment waiting broakfast for

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All Aboard By G. E. MORTIMORE

One day soon I'm going to take my two little sons to meet an old seaman. Before we get to his house,

I'll tell them: "Listen carefully to what he says, boys. He's one of the men who worked in the sailing ships. He pulled on wet ropes, and climbed up in the rigging to furl the sails, and he had dirty old biscuits and salt pork for his dinner." "In a sailing ship, they'd be away for a long time—maybe three years. Look at this man, and remember him. When you

grow up, there won't be any

men like him left in the

I also want the boys to meet a cowboy who drove longhorn cattle in the rough frontier days of the American southwest; and a pioneer farmer of Canada, who cleared bush with his own hands, built his cabin, shot his own meat in the wilderness, ploughed virgin grass, and sat down in a rough-hewn -chair to read a book by the

light of a candle. I would like them to see some of the Indian dances that still mean something, and (in the more recently-settled parts of Canada) hear the old people tell the stories that they got from their grandfathers and uncles, about the sort of country it was before the white

I want the boys to talk with the pilot of a stern-wheel Yukon riverboat, and an engineer who drove a steam locomotive. As for me, I never saw a harbor full of sails, or buffalo bones on the prairie. But there are men alive who did. Children should talk to them, and learn that yesterday was a real, exciting time, full of real

people. Boys and girls need the oldtimers to show them that history is not merely words in a book or pictures on a screen, but a stream of events that runs right through the house where they live.

True optimism

From The Red Deer Advocate

In home buying at least Canadians cannot be accused of being over cautious. The average Canadian family buys something which is often beyond their means at the start. With true Canadian optimism that the best is yet to come, the home-buyer feels that his financial position will improve in years to come and what is at present an almost impossible burden of repayments will soon become lighter.

The dullard's envy of brilliant men is always assuaged by the suspicion that they will come to a bad end. -Sir Max Beerhohm.

of our time is the apparent prosperity, or at least the survival, of thousands upon thousands of little stores and streets of our bigger cities.

One of the great mysteries

Despite the most highly specialized and scientific competition of the great merchantile stores down-town, and the steady increase and expansion of super markets and shopping plazas, despite the pro-

fessional power and force of advertising with millions of dollars behind it, there at the their counters up and down and across miles of uptown streets stand the grocers, the butchers, the druggists, the

dealers in fancy goods, radios, gents furnishings, ladies' wear, and an extraordinary sprinkling of extremely specialized shops whose goods must appeal

to a most limited clientele on

very limited occasions. Yet they appear to flourish, or if they don't flourish, they seem to provide a livelihood for their keepers.

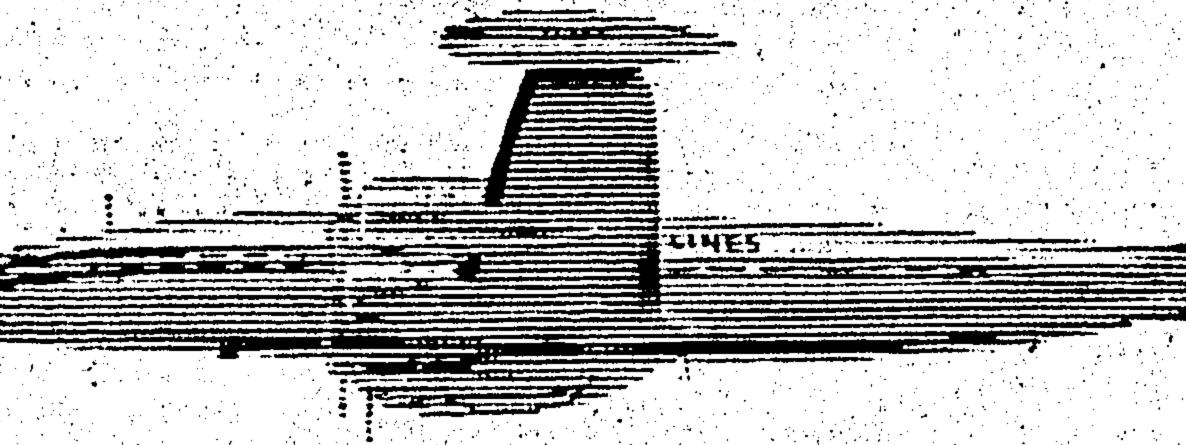
All right. Where do they get the money to start these enterprises? It must take thousands torlaunch a butcher shop. It takes a great many thousands to stock and equip a drug

The answer must be that many people have money than is generally supposed. And a great many more people than is generally supposed, like to toddle around and shop inlittle shops among folks they

Counsel (to police witness): "But if a man is on his hands" and knees in the middle of the road, that does not prove he is

Policeman: "No sir, it does not. But this one was trying to roll up the white line!"





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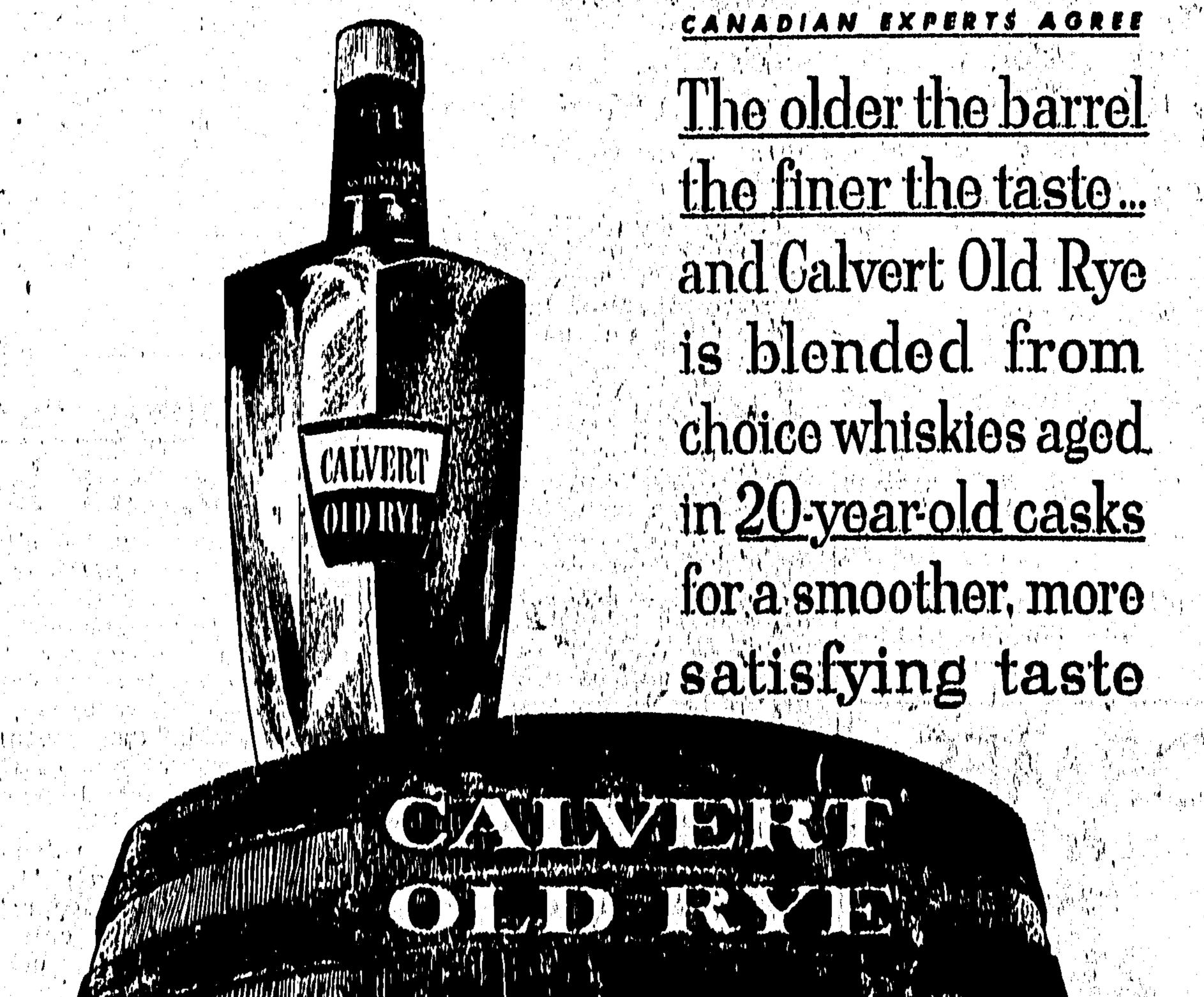
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