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# Careless merchants encourage crime

EVERY month in the City RCMP himself or an employee.

Prince Rupert is fortunate in not having a very large criminal element. Being a port without too much ship road transportation out through an easily blocked valley, big-time criminals steer clear of this city because they know that the chances of pulling off-a major crime are extremely poor. Few of our break-ins are planned crimes and not too many of them have gone unsolved.

downtown businessman of his responsibility of placing a minimum of temp- properly locked door discourages all tation in the path of the morally weak. but vandals and outright robbers.

It is hard to believe that so many detachment's report to City Council people in responsible positions could there is a note stating that four or five be so careless. There is a routine probusiness premises were found to be cedure which must be followed in unlocked. Last year patrolling police- every case in which a policeman finds men found 52 store doors unlocked, a, a door unlocked when it shouldn't be. matter of great concern to the police It isn't just a matter of the officer flipsince, until they have checked with the ping the catch to close the door propproprietor or manager, they do not erly and then continuing his patrol. know if a break-in has occurred or The owner or manager has to be locatwhether the open door merely means ed and informed so that he and the carelessness on the part of the owner police can make an inspection to see if the store has been robbed; and after all that the constable has to compile a report of the incident.

An officer whose time is being taken up unnecessarily on something traffic and there being only rail and. like that, is not available for duty where his services might be needed. It is one of the functions of the police to guard private property, but not to fritter away their time making up for someone's wolly - headed negligence. At the same time the merchants owe it to themselves and the public not to encourage crime by leaving However, this does not relieve the doors unlocked to tempt those with weak wills and felonious tendencies. A

ROGERS, MITCHELL CLIMBING

# Eisenhower aides gaining public support

By DAVID ROWNTREE Canadian Press Staff Writer

stronger hand in shaping government policy. power already if only they would use it. testants for the vice-presidential spot in the voting, are coming more and more into the ballots counted:

public eye. They are William Rogers, the attorneygeneral, and James Mitchell, the secretary of

In a speech at Chicago opening the Republican campaign, Nixon indicated he will base his election strategy on Eisenhower's eightyear record in office. But he added that he views the president's policies as something to build on, not to limit his future actions.

In a back-handed way, Nixon, while praising Eisenhower, suggested that in many fields. Despite this, Mitchell has succeeded in making the government could do much more than it is doing. Democrats are fearful that if this ment. keeps up, the vice-president will steal their loudest election thunder before they have time to units behind a candidate.

strongly-critical report that two federal agenceptive radio and television programs and

to protect the voting rights of Negroes. practices can be policed, but he added that senator.

NEW YORK—President Eisenhower's cab- the Federal Trade Commission and the Fedinet, led by Vice-President Nixon, is taking a eral Communications Commission have ample Besides Nixon, almost certainly the Republi- ... As for Negro voting, Rogers, supported by can party's candidate for president in the No- Nixon, has proposed a system of federal refvember election, two men, both possible con- erees whose job would be to see the Negroes are in fact allowed to vote and have their

> The Rogers scheme is sure to meet strong opposition in the southern states—particularly as the referees would be used in state as well as federal elections. But the Republicans could easily turn this opposition, from a conservative Democratic group, to their own advantage.

> Mitchell—and Nixon, who was a party to the later negotiations — attained prominence from the steel settlement, although whether the final wage agreement was inflationary or not is a matter of sharp political dispute. friends with labor for a businessmen's govern-

> The religious issue, which keeps cropping up in this election, may also help Mitchell.

While Rogers is a likely prospect for vice-Rogers has gained attention, first, with a president if the aim is to picture the Republicans as a progressive party, Mitchell's chances cles haven't done all they could to curb de- are thought to be best should the Democrats choose Senator John Kennedy of Mussachusetts commercials; and second, with a new scheme as their presidential candidate. Both Kennedy and Mitchell are Roman Catholics and the The attorney-general did propose changes thinking is that in such a case the Republicans in the law so that questionable broadcasting would pick Mitchell to "balance" the young

## Liberty abridged

tem when—as in Manitoba—a man can be people who violate the law. What this really kept in jail for five months without trial, means, however, is that society is protected and then have his charge dismissed because only against those who lack money. the crown cannot produce witnesses.

freed if he had raised the necessary amount duce money, then it is up to the courts to of money for ball. But he had no money, and see to it that the case is speedily promulgated,

There is something wrong with a legal sys- this is that society must be protected against

If a man's right to liberty while awaiting It is true that the man might have been strial can be abridged by his inability to propresumably was unable to borrow it. It is In the specific case in point, that was not done. It was an injustice of which every citizen The customary argument in cases such as should be ashamed.—The Winnipeg Free Press.

#### INTERPRETING THE NEWS

# Detence hassle weakens disarmament talks

By JOSEPH Macsween Canadian Press, Staff Writer

Washington are being conducted against a noisy background—the bewildering clamor of the domestic United States debate on defence. It must give some satisfaction to the Rus-

slains to see the sharp divisions among top American political and military loaders at tho very time when the West is looking to the U.S. for leadership in forthcoming Wast-Wast disarmament negotiations.

Perhaps the disarray on the American scene is "more" apparent than real, but the fact is that the U.S., Britain, France, Italy and Canadd-the five Western negotiators on disarmamont-are facing a deadline in their current

Loss than five weeks romain before March 10 when the Western five are salteduled to might Russin' and four other countries of the Communist side in Geneva on disarmament, described everywhere as the most pressing problem of the age.

Mulhorities it isn't necessary—and perhaps isn't even desirable—that the Western group draw up a hard-and-fast plan. Observers also believe the Americans must be at ease in their own minds about defence

new Western disarmament talks in matters before they can talk convincingly about disarmament, While much public argument among, poli-

ticians is inevitable in a presidential election; year, it is considered essential that at least the military commanders—now sharply at odds —be agreed on what is the U.S. position as compared with Russia in defence,

Sources see a discouraging prospect for disarmament in that, it isn't even mentioned in the big Washington debate over defence. They also see an opportunity for further propaganda by the Russians who are taking advantage of their missile superiority to reduce conventional forces.

Since his speech before the United Nations general assembly last September, Soviet Promior Khrushchov has scored heavily in a propaganda way with his proposal for "general and complete" disarmament within four years.

Sharp differences remain between East and West over how much control is needed to make disarmament work but the apparent simplicity of the Russian proposal appeals to millions who do not understand the intricacios roal disarmament.



DISPLAY OF LIGHTS—Northern lights dance across the sky over Yellowknife, N.W.T., in one of nature's most brilliant displays. Widely visible in the Northern Hemisphere, the northern lights—or aurora borealis—are caused by the passage of electricity through the rarified air of the upper atmosphere.

The colors range from red to greenish blue and usually appear as an arch of fire, with great streamers flashing upward. During a particularly intense display some say the lights are accompanied by a sound like the rustling of fine silk. In this picture by Gerhard Reimann of Yellowknife the lights appears as more of a solid mass because of the 15-second exposure necessary to capture them on film.

House lights illuminate the buildings in foreground. Reimann shot the picture with a Rolleiflex camera on Tri-X film rated at 400 ASA and with development time doubled. —CP photo.

# All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Victoria is the television. Stooges' four times in one paradise of Canada. When the day. (My own children would new Channel 8 comes on the regard this as, a day well air, viewers in good reception spent.) districts will be able to pick up. The publicity boys might 10 channels.

choice than any other Cana- Victoria. dian city has.

The lucky people of Victoria can twirl their controls and watch half a dozen sheriff's posses galloping across the

They can watch the "Three

well use television as a bait to This is a wider range of valure visitors and settlers to Television already affects

real estate values. Particularly in demand are sites on hills overlooking the waterfront. In some such places, says TV sercardboard hills in pursuit of I viceman Earl Fenwick, people can get all 10 channels with Frabbit cars.

### Some sold homes

This includes channel 9, the Seattle educational station. "Some people actually sold their houses near the CHEK-TV transmitter and moved, all because CHEK on Channel was blotting out Channel 5,

Mr. Fenwick says. Now that CHEK is going to move its transmitter to Saturna Island, the bothersome interference will be removed. A few Sidney people may get trouble they didn't have before, but that isn't likely. The CHEK move was good news for the small group of

people who own color sets. "I'll be able to put my color set on Channel 5 now," said

Mr. Fenwick. Mr. Fenwick denies that the novelty has worn off television. Service calls keep his phone jingling.

However, another radio and television man said: "Some people just don't bother to get their sets fixed when they go wrong. A couple of years ago, they would have been after us the minute after the sets broke down."

#### Radio sales boom

ing, "Numerically, we've sold more radios than ever," said radio man Eric Young. "Mantel, clock and transistor radios, mainly."

Our old television set brings in a dim, watery picture on Channel 12, and nothing else. The cracked rabbit ears topple over if you breathe too heavily, and send the picture spinning wildly.

But the two boys sit intently and screech with mirth, and

come rushing into the kitchen to draw my attention to choice scenes. Later they can give me a detailed account of what

They don't watch much else beside these features. But the cartoons and the Three Stooges have a profound influence on them. They suddenly burst out with the trumpeting noise that one of the Stooges makes in moments of pain or frustration. And they hit me on top of the head. I'm trying to discourage this.

themselves to, appreciate and

evaluate all the new sound on

onrth, that are due to the tech-

fields of enquiry, of specula-

tion, in relation to our newly

Socing my stupid expression,

"Do you know why cowboys

was attempting to cure me of and other musical manifestations of our time. He asserts more right to discuss jazz than I

the senses by which we live.

And in recent yours, less than half the century, there has been a greater change and inprevious entire history of man. Our minds are therefore con-

they are imitating the how of the coyote. In his musicul expression, man is affected by the sounds of his surroundings. Jazz is an affort to expross, in art, a response to the marvollous 'now sounds of

croase in sound than in the Amodern human society." Anyway, I like that bit about coyotos and cowboys.

## Letterbox

SHARE GOOD WILL The Editor,

The Daily News: I noticed an editorial in your paper recently stating that the United States is lending \$10,000,000 to Egypt for television, the purpose being to

promote good will. Would someone like to get the good will of us northern people by crecting one little television station on the west coast of British Columbia near the 53rd parallel?

Perhaps we should all write a letter to Ike?

One of Ike's Neighbors, Prince Rupert.

TV NEWS WANTED The Editor,

The Daily News: The point of this letter is o try to elicit, from someone might get television in Prince

More than a year ago a local businessman asked City Council for permission to use power poles in the city for "piped, in" television. After some delay he was refused because in the meantime another local firm announced plans to build a station and transmitter here. This company received Council's blessing; and according to should now be enjoying their programs. In plain fact, so far as can be ascertained, we are as far off television as ever.

It is understood that Mayor Lester, on a trip to Ottawa, was given some assurance that TV could and would be brought into Prince Rupert, but the powers back east were delighted to forget about it when the private firm offered to do the job.

In new form

From The Kelowna Courier

The country general store is

back in new form. Now earn-

estly crusading along the same

trail to fond memory are the

supermarkets. From groceries

and home supplies they

branch out with what looks on

the face of it like ultra-mod-

ern originality but really

isn't. Thus a customer can buy

beans and belts, spaghetti and

socks on the same cart-trip.

Why, all it will take is space

in one corner for a potbellied

stove, a few chairs, a couple

of atmosphere-type barrels

(full of instant sauerkraut

perhaps) and the old country

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store is back.

Now, apparently, the situation is this: as long as the local company is still interested, we cannot expect the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to do anything. Therefore, it is high time the Council prodded the company into declaring their intentions. If they intend to go ahead, fine, but get on with it. If not,

then say so, and let the City get after he CBC again. . Perhaps The Daily News could persuade the company to let us know what progress they

are making. The fact that we are isolated is no reason why we should be deprived of an amenity enjoyed by 90 per cent of all

> R. Smith, Prince Rupert.

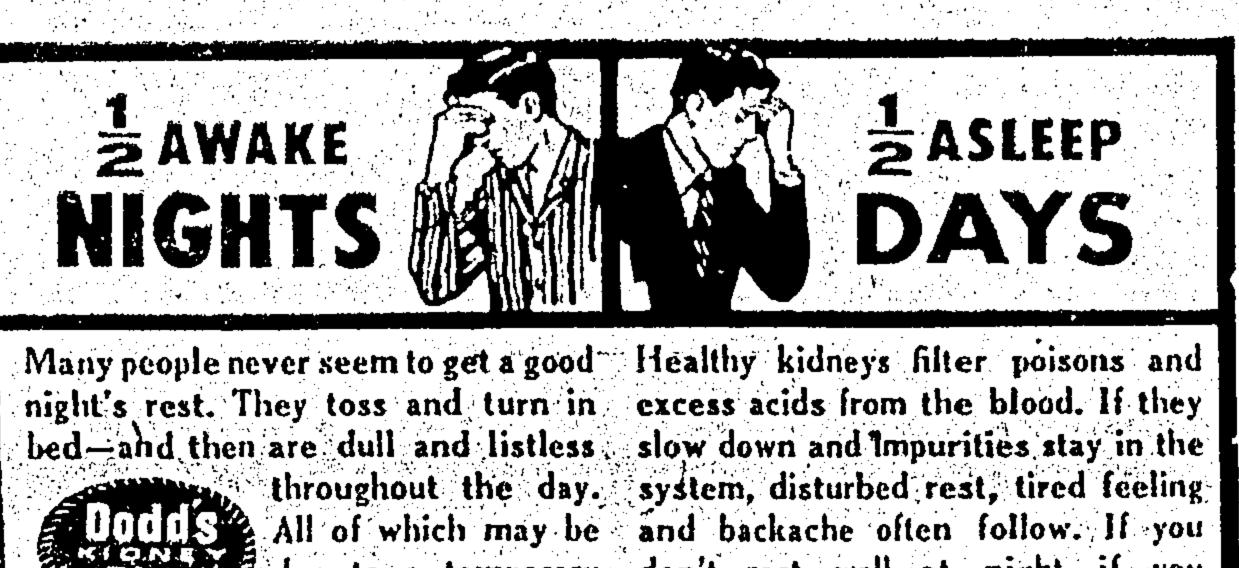
## Hope at last?

From The Ottawa Citizen When Prime Minister Diefenbaker raised the question of the constitution in the Commons, he indicated that a re-'newed effort was about to be made to solve a long-outstanding problem.

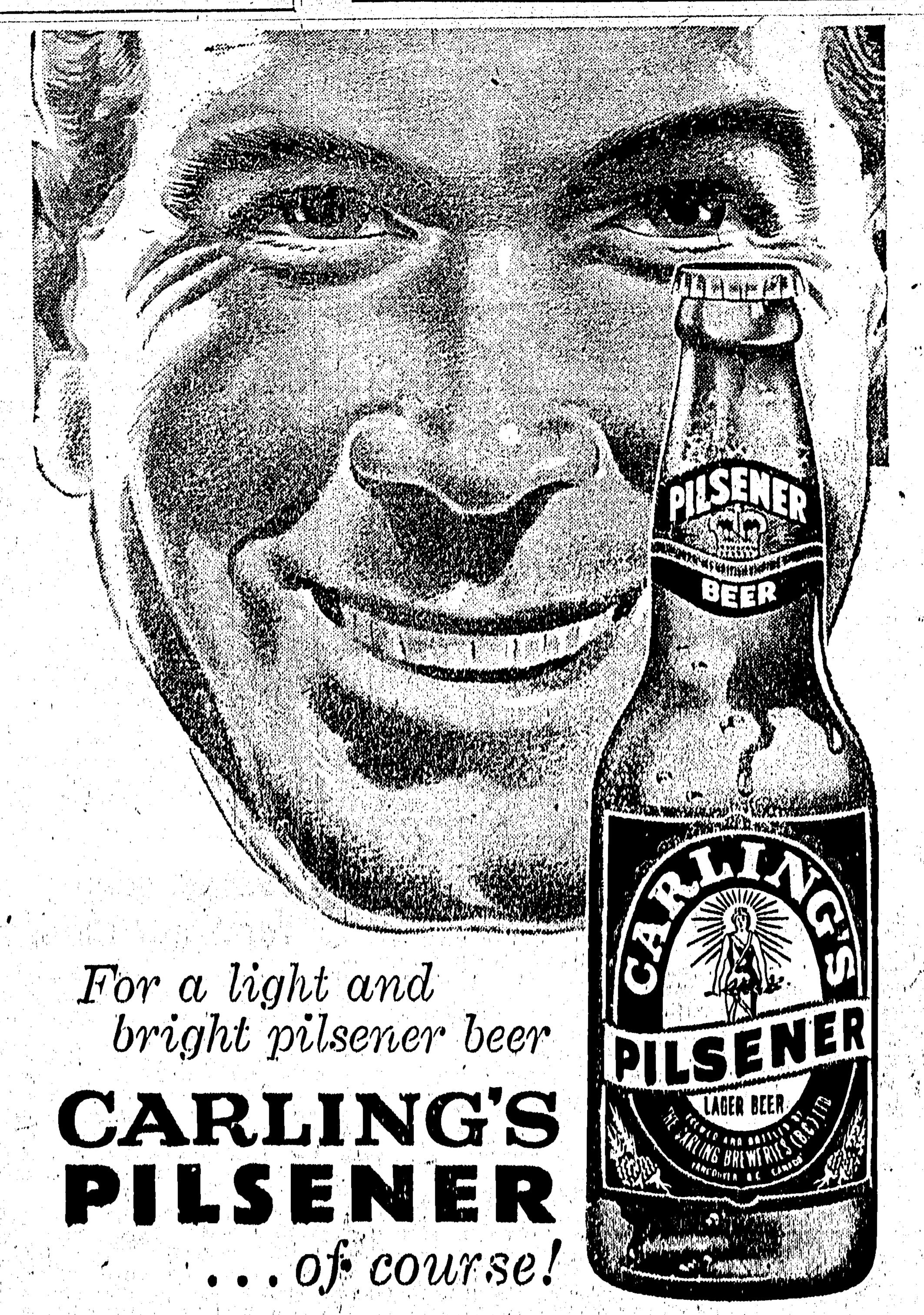
If, as Prime Minister Diefenbaker hopefully suggests, a solution is to be found at last, it seems likely to be because of a changed attitude on the part of the Quebec government. The difficulty is certainly not at Westminster; it was a simple enough matter for the Parliament of Canada to obtain the right in 1949 to amend the constitution so far as federal matters are concerned. All the obstacles have been internal ones, and it will be gratifying indeed if these can be finally removed. Then a mad-in-Canada constitution, so long overdue, can become a fact.

### Anti-Gallup

From The Mentreal Gazette We are in hearty disagreement with straw votes and distrust the influence of precelection polls. Is it being too reactionary to suggest that the proper constitutional manner of choosing a political representative is by secret ballot, upon a specified date, under approved legal controls, and that alternative systems should be regarded with instinctive distrust?



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