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The priceless gift of Sight

most of us have thought how other senses, other talents, other inwould we live, react or cope with some terests; and in virtually completely reserious disability. It might be losing orientating their lives. Others have both legs, both arms, the power of helped indirectly by assisting the Canspeech, hearing or paralysis. And with adian National Institute for the Blind all of these things we know we could with donations or their time, or both. still make some sort of active—though restricted—life for ourselves.

most of us stop. For here is something in Prince Rupert among the Indians which cannot be overcome by artificial and the Canadian whites. They both limbs, hearing aids or will power alone. have to make the same readjustment. There is no such thing as an artificial They both need and merit all the help eye that sees. You are blind. It is a flat we can give them. statement of appalling fact. There can The CNIB is the leader in this role be no reading, no walks in the country, of aid. Braille books and atlases cost no driving, little swimming, no TV, no money, eye treatment, where practifilms; an almost total cessation of cable, costs money. Research costs activity for the average human being. money. Equipment costs money. It's a frightening thought.

tion. And it is extraordinary to what organization in the city. extent these very brave people have

alone. They have been helped directly figure, or even exceed it.

T some stage or another of our lives by many devoted people in developing

Blindness, like all afflictions, is no respector of race, creed, social stand-But when it comes to blindness ing or monetary prominence. It is here

On Monday evening everyone of us Just stop and think. How would here in Prince Rupert is going to YOU cope with blindness? have the opportunity to help in a prac-Yet many people not only suffer tical manner as the Women of the this tragedy—acquired or congenital Moose spear-head a drive for funds for but they lead active, interesting lives the CNIB. They will be assisted by the within the restriction of their afflic- majority, if not every, public-spirited

Help? Of course, you will. The tarovercome their disability.

get this year is \$2,000. It will be a mean Of course, they have not done this thing if the city does not realize this

UN force must have teeth

of the Congo UN force, because they were him into such a situation. mistaken for Belgian troops poses a question as to why these soldiers did not strike back. shows that someone in the higher hierarchy The idea that an officer could be knocked failed to realize the true state of mind of the unconscious with a rifle butt and other Congolese soldier. It is, if past experience members of the detachment should be 'relieved of their personal possessions' by Congolese troops without giving as good as they got is potential of any UN force.

If a soldier is ordered to keep the peace, in a police capacity, and—we presume—told he must avoid all violence, no matter what

The attack on Canadian signallers, members the provocation, it is a waste of time sending The subsequent order to 'shoot if attacked' of these people is any guide, not a state often

marred by thought. If the UN forces, wherever they may be, one that seriously reflects on the actual deterent are reduced to the striking capacity of a collection of toy soldiers their efforts are wasted whenever they may be defied. Paradoxically, Peace is only preserved by preparedness to fight

The missing plank...

We have been examining the political platforms of the four parties contesting the provincial election with a weather eye alert for a particular plank—but one which is conspicuous by its absence.

The plank is economy in government and reduction of taxes.

The Socreds have given us no real platform they are standing on their record. The Liberals would have the provincial government assume school costs. The Conservatives The CCF is preoccupied with government-owned utilities and a health plan.

Defence costs still are staggering...

Defence Minister Pearkes' announcement explanation for the continuing high cost of that his department is studying the possibility, our so-called defence establishment. Where is of manpower cuts in the armed services and all the money going, if only one-fifth is for ckvillan staffs to provide more funds for equipment? This year's budget is almost \$100 weapons and equipment, raises an interesting

How much of this year's defence bill of almost \$1,600 million is for equipment and how much to maintain the military establishment that operates it? Gird yourself for a "shock. Less than one-fifth-\$200 million-is for equipment. The rest-\$1,297 million is for

fully ignoring the fact that no government can "give" anything—with the exception of economy in government and tax reduction. In all other cases the taxpayer must pay, first or last, for what he is "given."

In regard to governments "giving" social benefits to people, it may be enlightening to study the comment of The Economist of London in a review of Graham Hutton's book, "Inflation and Society." The Economist says: "Democracies must either limit their collecwould revamp provincial-municipal finances. tivist ambitions or inflate. It is hypocritical to vote for a welfare state of which each voter is personally determined to avoid the cost; Not one has suggested it might concern the burden, which, as taxpayer or contributor, Itself with extracting less from your pocket the individual refuses to shoulder emerges as a state deficit whose inflationary effects fall Each party, in its fashion, is concentrating on those very beneficiaries whose welfare is

million lower than last year's. Some 1,500 civil-

ian employees have been dropped from defence

payrolls. But about 49,500 are left. What can

they possibly be doing? That's one for every

and urgency every time General Pearkes dis-

cusses defence costs. An explicit explanation

for the continuing high level of this bill is

These are questions that gain in force.

-The Vancouver Province.

JUST A FEW

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE HOME SOME OF OUR "DOWNY FLAKE" DONUTS

PHONE 2621

retires after

By H. L. JONES bia politics is stepping down. Thomas Uphill, who at 86 can look back in 40 continumining riding of Fernie, says

His is the second-largest parliamentary Commonwealth.

The "old gentleman" of the legislature is a veteran of the Boer War where he won the King's and Queen's Medal with seven bars—and also a court-martial for sending war news to English newspapers. He won acquittal on the charge.

He confirmed Wednesday he won't be contesting the September 12 provincial election but added he might be back in a future poll.

Casting an experienced eye on the present political situation, the little man who has attended 41 openings of the and has seen seven premiers and eight lieutenant-governors come and go, observed: "I think Premier Bennett's

Social Crediters will win but losses might cut them to minority government." In that case he said there

could be another election next year and "I'll probably run again then." "While I'm at it I want to thank the people of Fernie

The little, stocky man who worked in the Welsh coal mines as a boy for 30 cents a day and came to Canada at 32, is a legend in the east-B.C. coal-mining town of Fernie as well as in the legis-

for their loyalty for so many

He began his career there as a union executive, alderman and mayor, a post he held for three terms before stepping down for health reasons in 1955, refusing an acclamation. Fernie made him a freeman

He first tried provincial politics in 1915 as a Conservative and lost by 100 votes. In 1920 he campaigned as an independent labor candidate and won and he's been an independent-labor man ever since, voting with or against the government as his thoughts dictated.

The CCF party—official opposition in the last legislature recognized Tom Uphill's ability and strength in Fernie and have never run a candidate against him. This election the party decided to field a man in Fernie when Tom; took so long to make up his mind about running.

Despite his years Tom is still a fun-loving, active man, though his eyesight has dimmed through his spectacles. During his legislative career he fought hard for bigger pensions, a better deal for the workers, particularly coal miners and saw many of his ideas later become law in the pro-

He championed the widening of divorce laws, legalized sweepstakes for hospital and often twitted the government on the quality of governmentcontrolled liquor. Tom could bring a smile to the face of the most hardened legislators with his dry humor but on serious problems he got their attention and respect.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

the main fire. This is one

place where a pump can is of

use. Burning turf hisses when

water strikes it Another man

with a shovel finishes the job.

tion in fire-fighting. The issue

is clear-cut. Water against fire.

People work together, though

sometimes in a disorganizec

way. What a shame that all

The lighter side

Two men were discussing a

"It's funny about Jack," the

friend's bad luck at the races.

first said. "He is a demon at

cards, bu the can't win a bet

at the races."

have such clean boundaries.

There is a simple satisfac-

VICTORIA—The woods are on fire. A man driving north can see a column of smoke from six miles' distant, and as he gets nearer, the car passes through the brown shadow of the smoke.

These were the woods where the Easter lilies used to grow. In the springtime, wasteful little girls picked masses of them, and filled the houses with flowers.

Now it all seems to be burning up The grass and bush, baked dry by weeks of sun, make easy fuel.

Hoses stretch down through someone's yard to the lake front, where forestry men have a portable pump mounted on a swimming raft, and are drawing lake water for the men out of sight in the smoke, up the hill.

A house on the hill was nearly surrounded by flames before the firefighters, helped by a lucky change of wind beat the flames back.

Here are some pump cans waiting to be filled from feeble garden hose. A man can grab one of them, fill it and sling it on his back, and go chasing sparks and flames.

An antique car, once a favorite place for children to play, is beginning to smoulder under the back seat. "Better catch that before the rubber gets on fire," says someone. Spray the pump can into the crevices of the old chariot. There's something sad about familiar things in the path of

Tread through hot ashes and try to douse some burning logs, so that they won't blaze into the dry trees. But the pump can hasn't enough volume of water.

The air is hot on the face. Spray hits the fire and sizzles up. Go back in search of more water, but the hose has vanished. Go into the house, bail

water from a low-slung tap with the dog's dish. Make some stabs at burning fence posts and trees with the small jet. One or two others are doing the same. Then a man appears with a fire hose, and the high-presure jet

FLATTIE CLASSIC-Flat-bottomed sailing craft from California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia round a marker off Vancouver's English Bay in the International Flattie Championships. The week-long competition, which has attracted 19 of the 18-foot, two-man boats, was held in Vancouver for the sinks into the hot places with —CP photo. a satisfying "thump!" first time in 17 years. Might as well move along. There's a small fire, about the The Packsack of Gregory Clark size of a hat, which has started in the dry grass apart from

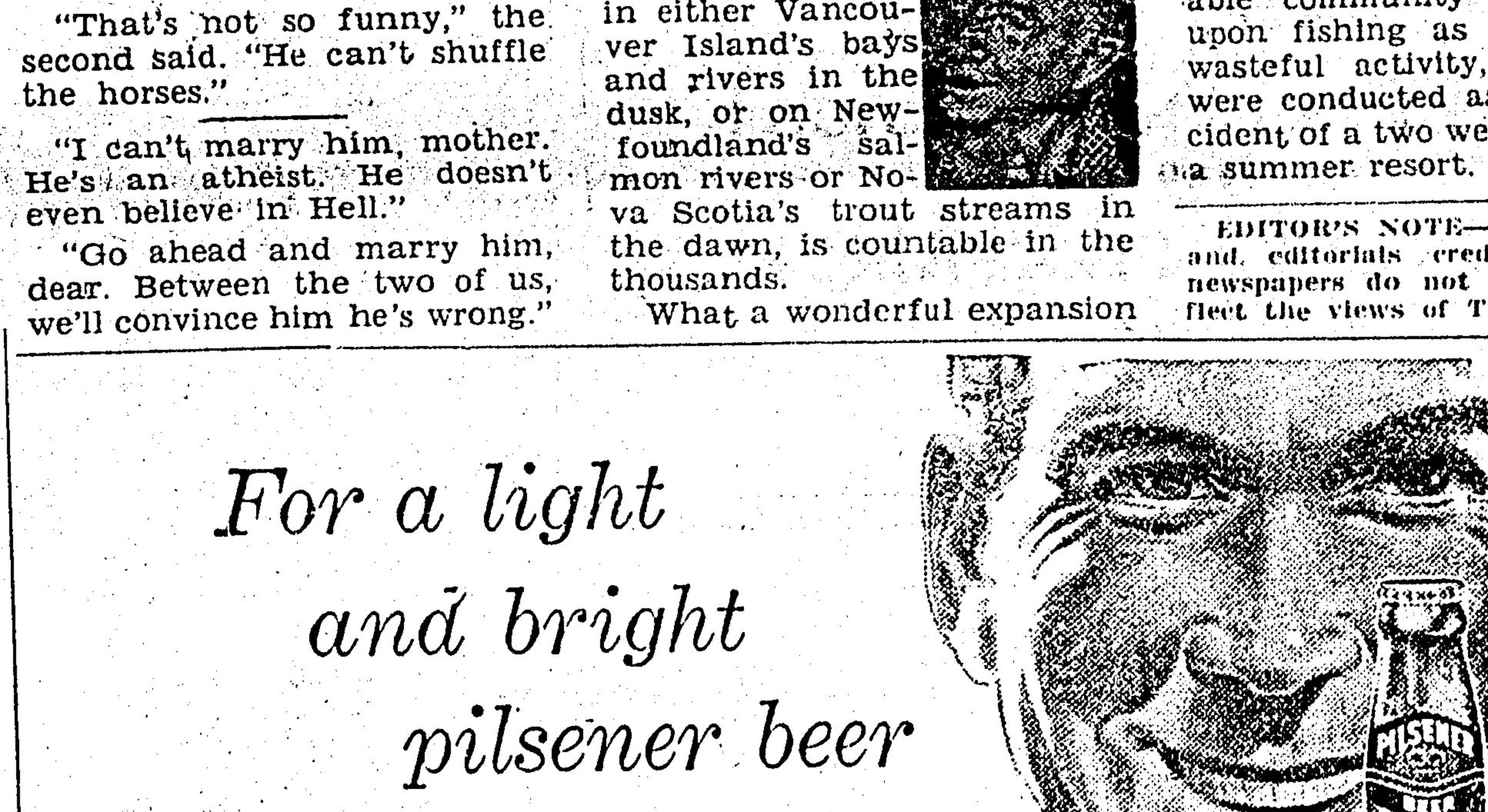
in the sport of fishing there Copyright: Canada Wide It would be hard to say how many men, women and children at this minute all over Canada are fishing. Would it

be hundreds of thousands? It certainly is tens of thousands; for even if you are reading this in bed in the middle of the night, anywhere in this broad realm, it is still merely twilight in the westermost, and already the break of dawn in the eastermost reaches of Canada. And those are the two witching hours during which fishing is best miles

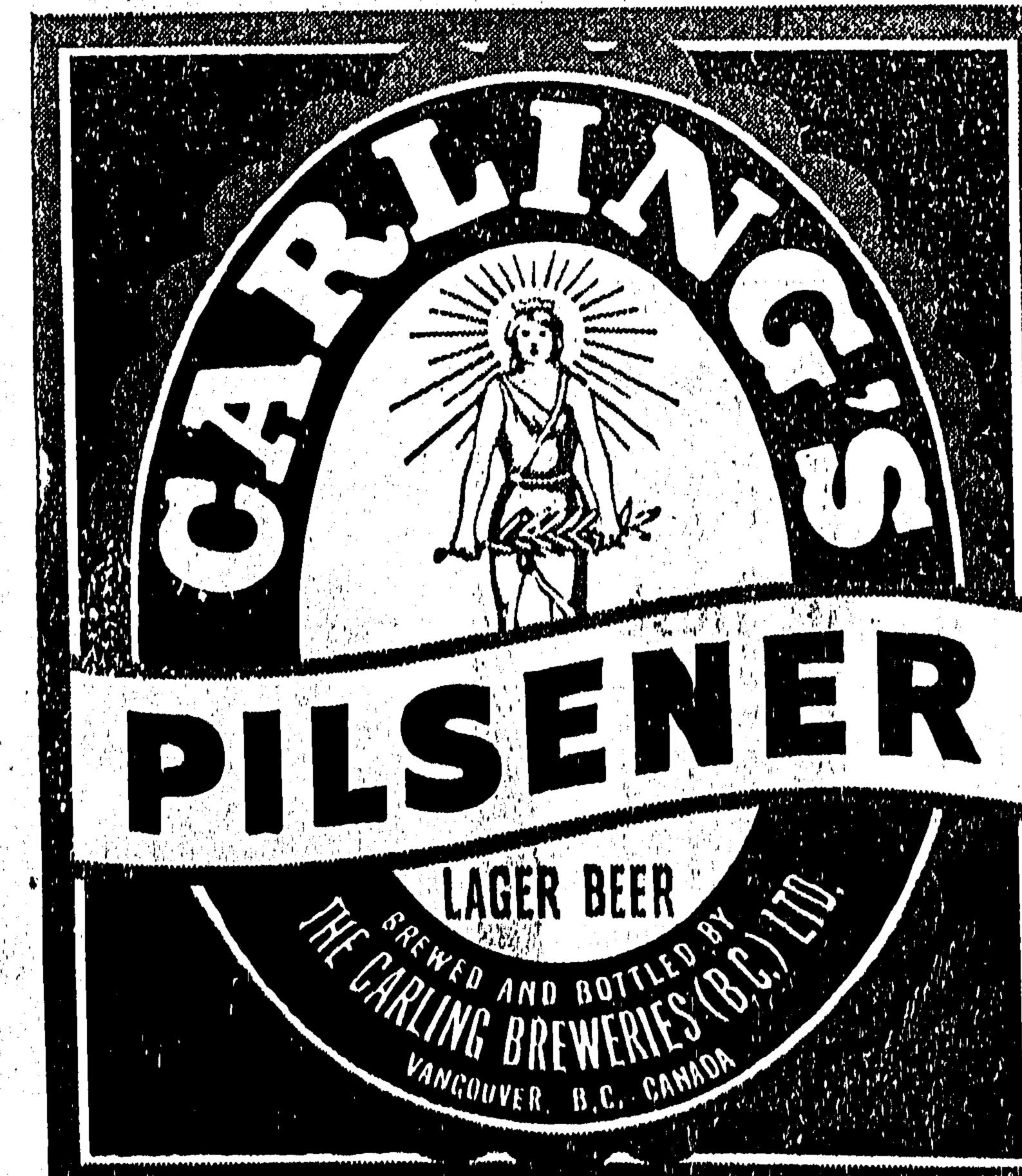
And you can bet the number right now who are out in either Vancou-

has been in this country in the past twenty to thirty years. Today, it is for everybody and. anybody. But as far back as fifty years ago, the really privileged class of anglers were the country dwellers, the farmers and villagers who lived within reasonable buggy ride of stream and lake. Next"to them were the well-to-do who could afford the time, rather than the money, to take train into the country, and then be met at the railroad station by horse and buggy to be driven to the fishing. Indeed, in 1900 there was a fairly large section of the respectable community that looked upon fishing as an idle and wasteful activity, unless were conducted as a mere incident of a two week holiday at

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Canadians are entitled to ask for some INTERPRETING THE NEWS

OAS too concerned with Communism

By KEN SMITH Canadian Press Staff Writer

Giltrate the Western Hemisphere has overshadowed the other important questions facing the Organization of American States at its meeting in San Jose, Costa Rida.

The question of communism and Cuba officially does not come up until next week: but OAS delegates give the impression of deal-Ing with the Venezuelan-Dominican Republic dispute, several foreign, ministers have inter-Jected thoughts on the question of communism

the Americas. These asides could be causing mixed feel-Ings in the hearts of the U.S. delegation.

As expected, delegates who have expressed: Ethoughts on Communist moves in Cuba have rome out flatly against any potential evert bid by Russia or China to extend their in-"Mluonce into the Caribbean or Latin America. This is a point for the U.S.—although might be a hollow one since countries with the nationalistic spirit and aversion to foreign domination that Latin American republics, have hown could serreoly be expected to embrace

policy that would turn them into satellite

A possible rebuff for the U.S., however, could be seen in Chile's sharp warnings against any country trying to make Latin America a pawn

two men in the armed forces.

'ni the cold war. Although this rebuke hit directly at Russia,

it could also apply to the United States. Chile's acting foreign minister, Enrique Orcuzar, rather pointedly referred Wednesday to Latin Amoricans as "essentially pacifist" peoples"—a remark that smacks more of a

neutralist than a pro-American approach. Orcuzar has taken the lead in the early stages of the conference to press again Latin standards in Latin America to guarantee political stability, he told the U.S.:

"We wish to take this opportunity to tell the great republic of the north that the time has arrived for it to consider the real urgency of this American problem and to contribute toward its solution with the same vision and 1945 to the reconstruction of the European