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Make them safer

IF public health officials and safety would prevent approximately 75 per organizations would stop harping on cent of fatalities." the number of highway deaths and turn their energies to demanding safer standard equipment. Various research auto design, they would begin to get, studies have shown that belts reduce somewhere.

That is the gist of what Daniel P. Moynihan says in a current issue of The Reporter. He very sensibly points out that it's not enough to keep on urging people to stop killing each other.

He quotes from the Journal of the American Medical Association of few years ago:

interior design of a car that provides han. tion of the mechanically hazardous they are impervious to death. features of interior construction—The Financial Post.

G. P. WOODSIDE

Take seat belts which still aren't by at least half the risk of injuries in auto accidents.

Safety featuures however, just don't sell cars. But who else other than the auto industry can make driving less hazardous?

Auto companies create demand for new styles the same way Paris designers do; if they wanted to make padded dashboards as fashionable as tailfins, "There is almost no feature of the they could surely do so, says Moyni-

for safety... it is surprising anyone... All this makes sense to us. Anyone escapes from an automobile accident who has been in or seen an accident without serious injury. The elimina- knows it's folly for car drivers to think

Wider understanding in U.S. press

One swallow does not make a summer but a recent survey of the American daily press does demonstrate the fact that Canadian grievances are getting a better hearing than was at one time customary. If this were to develop into a continuous pattern, there would eventually come about a change for the better in this country's relationship with its big neighbor.

When President Eisenhower not long ago imposed (quota) restrictions on oil imports the muster of strength was, by usual standards, impressive. The Boston Herald said that the taking of such a step in the name of "national security" made little sense so far as Canada was concerned. The Christian Science Monitor used the same argument: "All the arguments for developing U.S. supplies as a defence measure apply equally to Canadian supplies. It, also slaps the United States' best customer in a very tender spot. Strange kind of a defence." The line of the Wall St. Journal was identical,—"It would be ironic if real defence planning actually should suffer because these oil import controls alienated

Then there was of course the broad economic argument. How can Americans sell abroad

if they refuse to take foreign goods in payment? This criticism was effectively employed by the Toledo Blade, the Milwaukee Journal. the Detroit Free Press and the Washington Post which made its point baldly:

"For the United States to preach freer trade when it doesn't affect a powerful home industry, and practise flagrant protectionism when the interests of the strategically represented producer-states like Texas are involved is the worst kind of foreign policy. It is not only narrowly nationalistic but inconsistent."

Sumner Slichter, the Harvard economist, was also quoted with approval: "sordid politics" "unwarranted economic aggression." The Providence Journal and the Chicago Daily News were also critical.

There is nothing conclusive in all this but the point remains that the debate is no longer confined to the Canadian Government on the one hand and the U.S. State Department on the other, with the latter waving its hands feebly and saying it didn't enjoy seeing Canadians offended but what was it to do about it? The debate is moving out into the general arena of public opinion, and that is a healthy sign so far as Canada is concerned.

-Montreal Star.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By LLOYD McDONALD Canadian Press Staff Writer

UN still restricted as clouds continue to gather

A recent American newspaper cartoon depicted a puzzled "Mr. World" peering at a sky in which three clouds labelled "Tibet," Underneath was the caption: "Where's the

At a time when the Berlin crisis particularly is to the fore in view of the foreign ministers' conserence in Geneva next week and the long-threatened May 27 deadline set by Moscow for the expiry of the four-power occupation agreement there, the question of the United Nations' role in this major point of dispute seems pertinent.

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, working within the limits of his world organization and his own skilled knowledge of how far diplomacy can go, already has given a qualified answer.

In a speech at Copenhagen in the course of his current European tour he brought up, in a limited way, the contention that the UN can play some kind of role in the Berlin situation. To many proponents of the UN, his words may have seemed more than cautious ---even negative.

But Hammarskjold, as always, was not going to raise any false hopes that his organization could pull a miracle out of the hut should the big four foreign ministers fail to reach agreement. Instead, he took the realistic approach—that a small contribution might reap bigger results as long as the slightest crack romains open in the door between East and

In his Copenhagen speech the secretarygeneral laid down what has been termed i "position paper"—an adjunct to and not an intervention into the big powers' discussions. In brief, he offered the major powers involved the full facilities and good offices of the UN in the hope that under the legal framework of the charter hammered out in 1045, the principals in the Second World War might meet

again in the spirit of that period. To many, that might simply imply the. offer of a conference table—which the UN already has contributed to the Geneva talks at the Palais des Nations. To the secretarygeneral himself, it undoubtedly carries with It the transference of responsibility among the bly four to remember, even at this late date, their pledges made in the hour of victory.

Whother Hammarskjold's "position paper" will result in a move by the big powers for consideration of the Berlin problem at the UN level in of course doubtful. The logical followup to the foreign ministers' meeting would be aummit conference—in the event of which the numerous smaller powers who make up the bulk of the UN's membership would have to

dater to the top leaders. Monnwhile, there has been little activity nt the UN since last December's General Assembly adjournment. The recent Iraql out-

break, with its overtones of communism, caused a lot of private discussion but no calls for any formal activity at this stage. President Nasser's United Arab Republic apparently is content, at the New York headquarters at least, to take a wait-and-see attitude.

The Tibet revolt has had an admitted impact on the Asian-African UN members that may be reflected when the question of recognizing Communist China comes up at the next assembly. The neutralists have been shaken by Pelping's action, but while Red China remains outside the UN there is no legal ground for intervention here.

Thus the cartoon character may well continue to ask about the world body's role with each succeeding cloud. Hammarskjold has made his offer. Now it's up to the big powers, in this primary crisis, to interpret it and decide whether or not to accept it.

Napkin strategy

A man is more apt to spill a drop of soup or soft-boiled egg on his tie or upper garments than on his knees. A napkin on the knees doesn't offer protection where it is most need-

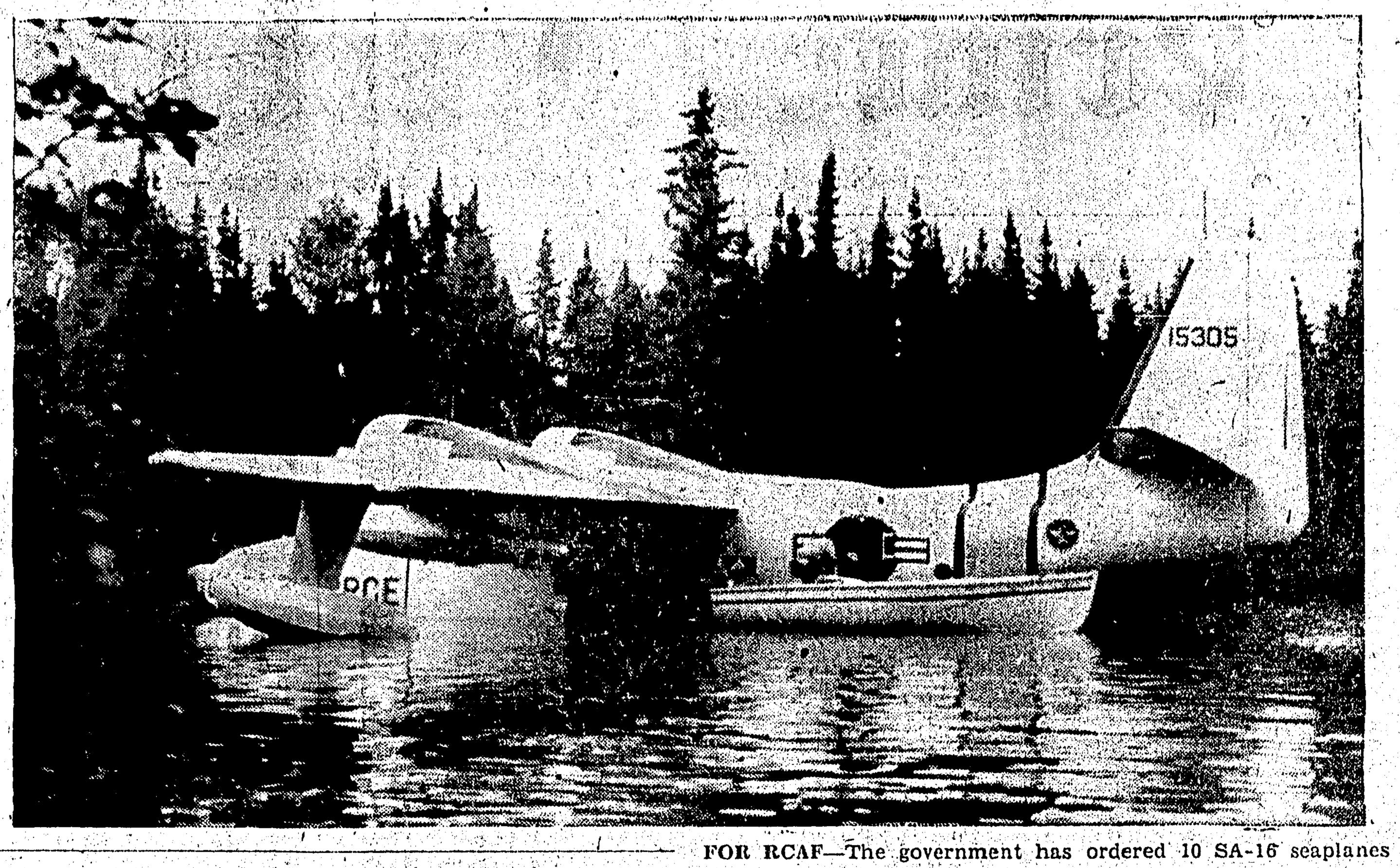
The best place for it is tucked in around the neck, or affixed to an upper part of the vest or shirt. That's where mothers place the baby's bib, and they are right. Adults are merely grown-up babies.

The Irish, a curious blend of logic and illogic, came up with an idea. One group of Irish hotels had napkins made with a button hole in one corner. It could be attached to a waist-coat button—the customer making the choice of what button. -Windsor Star.

Growing U.S. farm surplus From the Stratford Beacon-Herald

Cut-rate sales to other countries, giveaways and other schemes, all of which have so adversely affected Canada's wheat markets abroad, have apparently accomplished nothing to reduce the size of the U.S. farm surplus stockpile. Nor are they likely to do so, us long as Congress continues to make it profitable for farmers to produce wheat and other farm commodities far in excess of available

From the Kitchener-Waterion Record Although the beaver is a Canadian symbol, it is outnumbered by the fex in our nameplaces. From Fox in Alberta to Foxey, Ont. There are 25 versions of the name, including Zorra (the Spanish for the female fex) bestowed by Bir Peregrine Maitland on a town in Ontario's Oxford County. Twenty-four Canadian towns have beaver in their names, deer is used 22 times and 20 communities use bear.



All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

ization, a sluggishness of pro-

cedure, a heavy weight of

numbers that pinches and

deadens perception and blurs

If a big firm has fought its

way to a position of monopoly,

having crushed all rivals of

any consequence, its muscles

turn to fat. Slowed by its very

size, softened by having the

field to itself, such a concern

leans arrogantly on the con-

sumers, who must buy its ser-

vices because they have no-

Mere bigness, without clever

and enlightened management,

is a curse. Yet the people of

this continent worship bigness

tion. Numerous people o

North America skitter from

conference to sales meeting to

public speech, always hasten-

ing to be on time so that they

can scurry off to another date.

fast that they never think

anything through or complete

any task in a proper way. They

are human insects, bustling

never penetrating in depth.

place to another, only to waste

their time watching the same

dreary television programs,

exchanging the same sterile

gossip or drinking the same

thin whisky as they did in

How much better to leave in

a leisurely fashion, to think

and relax and perhaps to work,

on the way, to savor the coun-

try through which you are

passing, and to be nearly cer-

tain of arriving regardless of

Quite often, in period of fog

and storm, the hasty traveller

airport waiting for the wea-

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Train travel, as well as being

more restful and providing a

better view of the country, is

sometimes faster as well. I will

be sending my application for

membership in the SEPPWLR-

TEP any day now to Mr. Al-

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ing at his destination.

is still mooning around the

their last stopping-place.

Many people fly from one

They go so many places so

Speed is another hallucina-

where else to go.

as a god.

Usually I am not a joiner of clubs, but I plan to apply for membership in the SEPPWL-

This organization, to list its full name, s the Society for the Encouragement and Preservation of People Who Like to Ride on Trains—Especially Pullmans.

Founder and chairman of the board is Paul Allingham, publisher of the Atchison, Kansas, Globe.

Atchison is an appropriate town for the headquarters of the SEPPWLRTEP. It's the birthplace of the famous Santa Fe Railroad.

"We . . . have no dues, and hold meetings by chance on trains," the head man of the SEPPWLRTEP was quoted recently as saying. "We're in favor of saving passenger trains and small town newspapers."

Many people today are hypnotized by size and speed. Both these modern gods are frauds. They are mirages.

Large size does have advantages. Big towns, big companies, can produce and live more across the surface of events, cheaply. But with large size often goes andreary standard-

Letterbox CBC missed beauty

The Editor, The Daily News,

It is regrettable that such a film as that mentioned in Tuesday's paper was produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation when there is so to admire in Prince The Prince Rupert Garden

club, with a limited membership of loyal citizens, has, over the past year, successfully brightened our main street with hanging baskets. Also. with the full co-operation of the Parks Commission the Garden club has other projects in hand which will show themselves this summer.

We invite the Chamber of Commerce to send delegates to the Garden club meetings and also all citizens who desire a beautiful city so that through our united efforts no such film could be produced here.

The Garden club will shortly plant flowers in Service Park which is being rehabilitated by the Parks Commission. The garden club and parks commission also plan to develop a strip of ground by the flagpole on the Post Office

The hanging flower baskets will be put up on the main street about June 5. H. S. HARRISON, President,

Prince, Rupert

The indestructible

Garden club,

From The Toronto Globe and Mail The little man with the baggy pants will return. "I was wrong to kill him," says Charlie Chaplin. "There is room for the little man in the atomic

There is room for him in any age. Definting the pempous is an honored and priceless role for laumor.

But there is a nobler funetion still. The little man who peoples the great area between subjection and supremacy has his last, bost desence when pushed around—he laughs at himself. For him (as again for all of us) true mirth is never far from toars.

There are two ways to interest a man or arouse his curlosity. One is to tell him something that he didn't know. The other is to remind him of something he has forgotton. -A. E. N. Grny.

similar to the one pictured above, from the Grumman Aircraft Company of Long Island, N.Y., for the RCAF. The plane, used in search and rescue operations, will be built in the United

Robin Hood

From The Toronto Telegram There is something hopeful about the preference of Hungarian children for Robin Hood as the idea man rather than Marx or Lenin.

beats Marx

A Budapest newspaper survey of public school pupils reveals that "the heroes of the workers' movement" run a poor second to the dashing archer of Sherwood Forest.

It is thereby to be inferred that Hungarian children set Robin's individual enterprise above Marx's social significance? In the atmosphere of cold war, the temptation to draw such an inference is

The fact is, however, that children are the same the world over. They are quick to catch the romantic overtones of a legendary figure.

Robin Hood has been admitted into the Pantheon of Communist heroes because the is reputed to have robbed the rich to endow the poor. According to this theory, he was made of proletarian stuff.

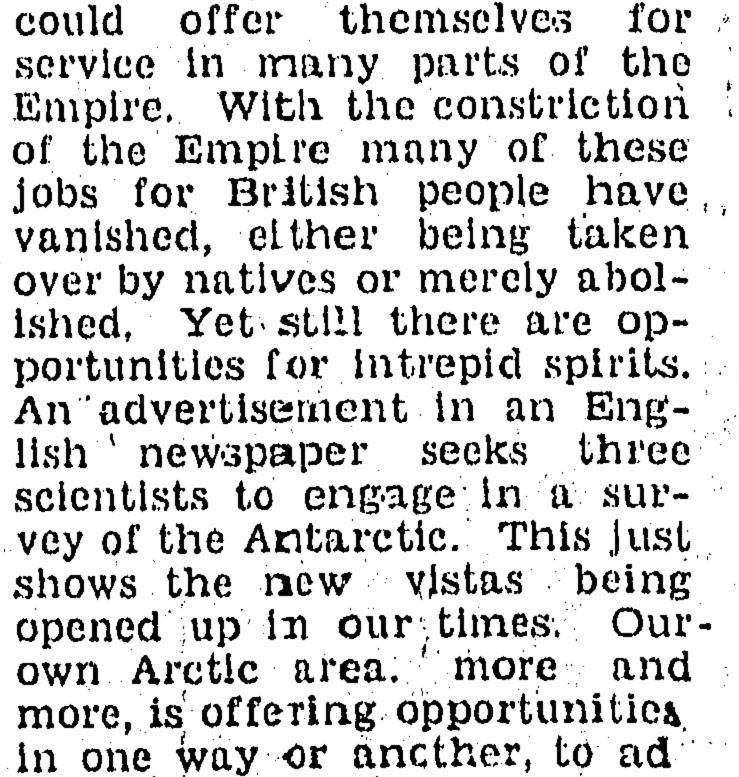
But children, bless them, are unimpressed by ideological acrobatics. For them, Robin is brave and generous, lover of the greenwood and of a free life, loyal to a captive king and protector of women. So long as children can carry such memories into adulthood, there is hope for humanity no matter. what the political system.

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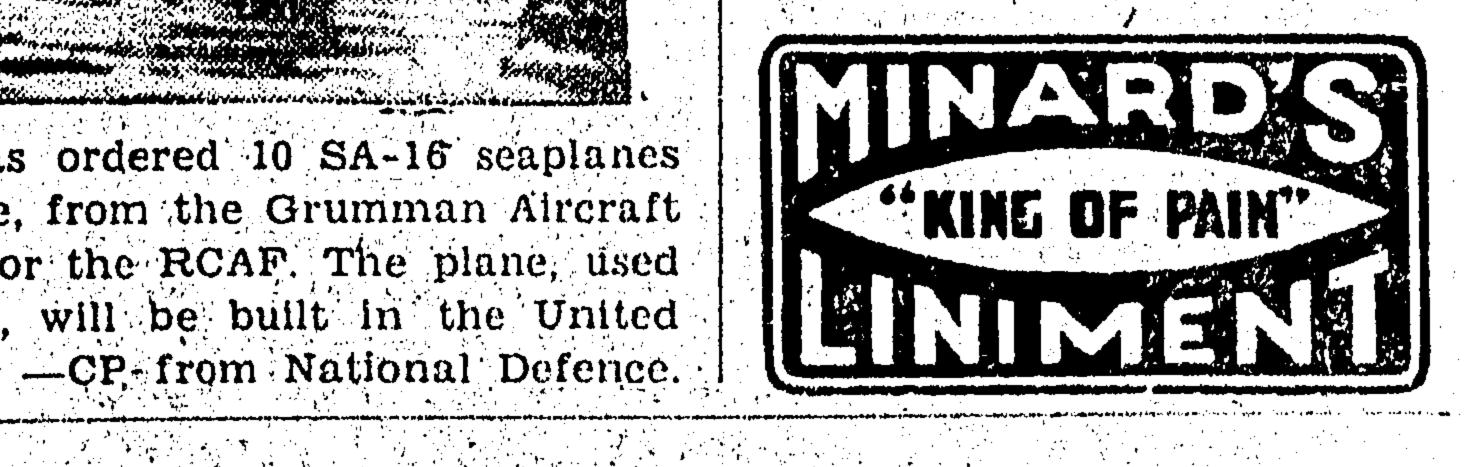
From the Windsor Daily Star

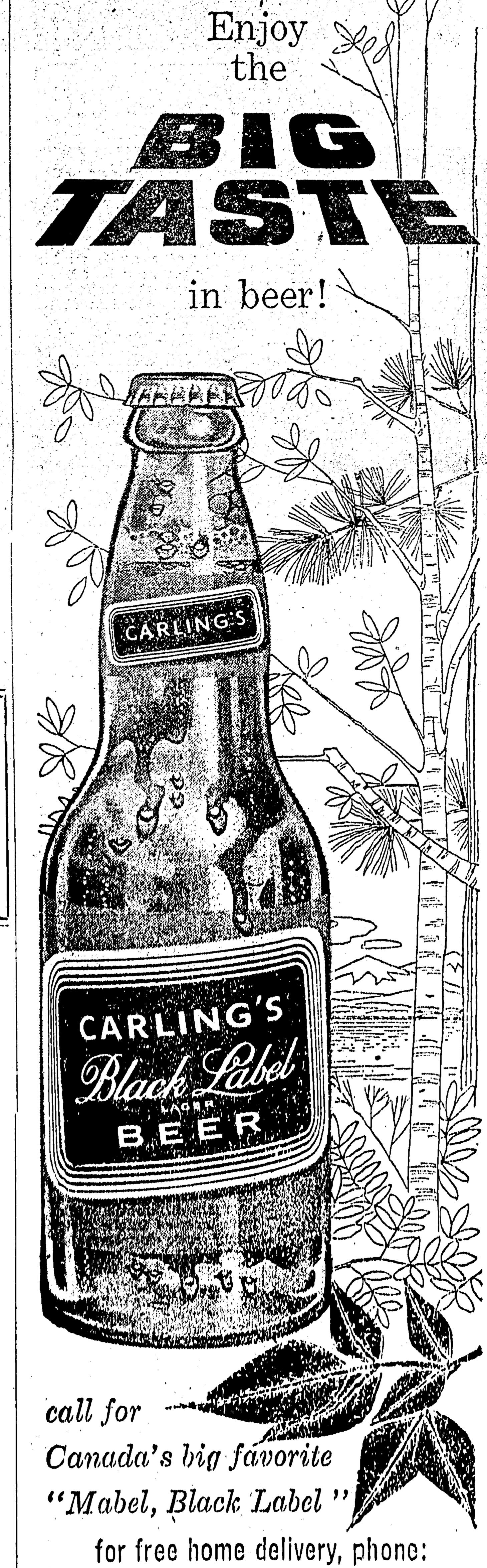
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what they wanted at home,

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