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Space monkeys toast of simian set

in a bracket far superior to their mas- a "fiendish fate".

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of her admirers and saying:

Now, back on board a navy tug on that is.

THERE can be little doubt that the their way to Puerto Rico, Able and doleful protest of the British League Baker are probably chattering away, against Cruel Sports against the amaz- preparing their speeches for a press ing space-trip made by two monkeys, conference in Washington Sunday. will fall on deaf ears, especially those Grouped around them are the scienof Able and Baker the two girl simians tists checking their heart beats, their involved in the successful experiment. blood counts, and general state of There are two monkeys who will have health. Yet the British League against a conversation piece that places them Cruel Sports call this tender treatment

ters who so carefully prepared them What the two girls don't realize is for the big adventure. It is obvious that after their presidential reception why Able and Baker were chosen, al- in Washington, tea with Mamie Eisenthough the United States goofed when hower and several syndicated stories they didn't name them Mable and Bon- in the tabloids, life will become somenie. No two male monkeys would have what tamer. Naturally after they talk been able to spread the good word to their fellow monkeys there are goabout space travel the way the two ing to be plenty of volunteers from girls Able and Baker will. They'll be their clan, but most interested in their the toast of the monkey tea and cock-idle chatter will be the seven men tail set and will be lionized in every zoo chosen to be the U.S.'s first human From the Bronx to the Golden Gate. space travellers. These seven boys We can just see Able, leaning up will be listening to every monkey sylagainst a bar, long cigarette holder in lable, trying to pick up a clue as to dainty brown fingers, turning to one what the experience was like, so they will be prepared for the big event two "It was really nothing. Baker pan-years hence. After all, it is the first icked for a couple of minutes after the time in thousands of years since the blast-off, but all that jazz about monkeys had an edge on man, not weightlessness for nine minutes was counting the laughs they have watchreal cool! It was crazy, man, crazy!" ing man watching monkeys at the zoos,

Fresh inspiration

In choosing Mr. Ray Perrault as its new leader the B.C. Liberal party rejected the bid of a still young but experienced legislator and turned to an untried but fresh source for its inspiration. On the face of it this might seem surprising, but several factors would be the post. Undoubtedly that told against him. operative. Mr. Perrault is a protege of Mr. Arthur Laing, the former leader, and the in-<u>fluence_of_the_latter obviously is not spent.</u> There would be mainland sentiment in his support, also, as against Island persuasion. Mr. Perrault has in addition been the party organizer for the past year and thus has had the chance to build strength among local

It was noticable of course that Mr. George Gregory of this city, the Liberals' able House leader in recent years, did not try very hard for the party leadership. There have been occasions in the recent past when this distinction. might have been his for the asking had he pursued such ambition actively. Instead he was on record as declining. His entry into com-

petition at the convention last week was itself half-hearted, and only after he had pressed his House colleague, Mr. Archie Gibbs, to bid for the leadership. Taken together these would suggest Mr. Gregory was not too anxious for The new leader is very young, only 33 years ·

of age, but patiently is bent on a political career. This will give him the drive and enthusiasm needful if he is to restore Liberal fortunes in this province. He is now calling on Liberals to "come back home," a plain recognition that many of them left the party to espouse the Socreds. With only two elected seats in the Legislature his cause might seem hopeless except that the Liberals polled enough votes at the last election to encourage his hopes. The revival of federal Conservative influence has to be faced, however, as well as the stronger position of the Socreds and the CCF party. It looks as though Mr. Perrault will require all his enthusiasm to succeed where Mr. Laing failed. —The Victoria Colonist.

For many years, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehrushas regarded himself as a socialist of some sort, opposing traditional capitalism and the Soviet brand of communism alike. Up 'till now, however, his socialism has been limited largely to government investment in and control of some industries. . . .

Now, however, there is a cautious move-

ment toward some collectivization in agriculfure. Mr. Nehru is proposing farm service 'cooperatives throughout India. This merely means that farmers would join together to buy seeds, fertilizer, implements and tools, to save money. After three years or so, however, the Nehru plan calls for a further step—joint farming, with the peasants pooling their lands for more efficient cultivation and greater production. This, Mr. Nehru emphasizes, must be strictly voluntary. . . .

Many supporters of past years are severely critical of his plan for purely voluntary pooling of lands, contending it wouldn't work unless

pooling is mandatory. But the Prime Minister almost certainly has chosen the sounder course. He has seen enforced collectivization of farming tried in various sattelite countries, with indifferent success. And he has seen his good friend Tito abruptly reverse his policy of colectivization in Yugoslavia, after discovering that Yugoslavia was going to starve unless he let the peasants keep and manage their own farms.

The Indians have tiny plots of ground, Consequently, their farming is especially inefficient. There is an airtight case for pooling of farms, on a basis of sheer logic. But a new system is no good if people won't accept it and try to make it work. '. . .

This may be the first authentic example of "Titoism" having a well-defined influence in turning a neutralist country's policy away from the pattern of communication by force. ---Cincinnati Enquirer.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS Red setbacks in Iraq measure of British success of Singapore.

By JOSEPH Macsween Canadian Press Staff Writer

Communist setbacks in Iraq indicate a mensure of success for British policies toward the

important Middle East country. No one is making rash predictions, but the "neutrality" being preached from Baghdad these days seems to have less leftlet blue than previously, and more warmth toward the West. The Iraqi Communists have backed downfor the moment at least—in their demands for representation in the cabinet of revolutionary

Diotifs in other ways. Britain has shown more hope than the United States in regard to Kassem, as was indicated recently by the British decision to Rell arms to oil-rich Irag.

Fremier Kassem, And they've pulled in their

Besides his apparent check on Iraq's grow-Ing Communist influence, Kassem has gained new stature in the Middle East by surviving u vicious propaganda campaign from Cairo, The United Arab Republic's President Nasser sees in the Iraqi premier a rival for Arab

Jendership, The Communists, who have long controlled street mobs in Baghdad and elsowhere in Iraq, begun their real grab for power last March

Jufter the abortive Mosul revolt. Kassem has managed for the present to realst their demands for representation in the enbinet, and he also has forced the Reds I to back down from their demands for immediate official recognition of political parties.

Kassem says he cannot encourage party activity during what he calls Iraq's "transition" period—a period that began last July when his revolutionary forces toppled the regime of King Palsal and Promier Nuri Assaid, killing both these men.

Britain had strong reasons to gamble on the new ruler because of its large oil strike in the area The Iraq Petroleum Company, with big British interests, earns approximately \$280,-000,000 a year. Britain also is mindful of its Important intorests in Iran, Kuwait and other parts of the Persian Gulf.

Britain thus followed a patient policy, hopeful of encouraging Kassem's professed neutrality between mast and West and despite its earlier disastrous experience with another Middle East revolutionary figure, Nasser, and the Suez fracas.

The U.S., mounwhile, was more cautlous. Allen W. Dulles, director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, described Iraq ak "the most dangerous situation in the world today."

Regarding the arms decision, it is understood that the British thinking went along these

If we do not soll arms to Iraq, the Russians won't healtate to fill the demand; if we do provide the arms, perhaps he'll be encouraged to stand up to the Communists.



NINA DIACONESCO (left) of La Compagnie Nina Diaconesco of Montreal receives the Calvert Trophy and \$1,000 cash at the Dominion Drama Festival in Toronto. The company's presentation of "Le Militaire Fanfaron" was judged best in the eightplay festival. With her is Mirielle Lachance, a member of the Montreal group, who won the award for best supporting actress. Miss Diaconesco also won the best director award.

VOYAGE TO THE ORIENT

Europeans in Singapore wary of move toward independence

By ERIC SANDERSON

Written especially for the Prince Rupert Daily News

(Mr. Sanderson, former news editor of The Prince Rupert Daily News and a well-known Vancouver newsman, is completing a two-month, 12,000-mile voyage to the Orient aboard the Orient & Pacific liners Himalaya and Chusan. This series concerns some of the ports he has visited).

FIFTH OF A SERIES

are green, gardens fresh-look-

ing and flowers abound. The

streets are clean and wide, dust.

is unknown and the homes,

with the exception of portions

of the downtown area, are spa-

Reason for the greenness is

the fact that the island re-

ceives about 95 inches of rain

each year. But, unlike Van-

couver, the rain comes in the

form of thunder and lightning

cious and clean.

SINGAPORE—When people think of Singapore they think of Raffles.

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Its spacious lobby, show dindows, stores, gardens and open air lounge became the meeting place for hundreds of passengers from the Orient and Pacific Lines' vessels Himalaya and Chusan when the two liners met here while on round-the-world cruises.

The Himalaya is enroute from Vancouver to London, via Singapore, after making the inaugural run from North America to the Orient and the Chusan is enroute from London to North America on her maiden voyage into the North

Pacific. While Chusan has visited Hong Kong and Yokohama on many occasions during the past eight years, she docked in Manila for the first time May

She received a similar welcome to that accorded Himalaya with pretty Filipinos boarding the ship to pin corsages on the women and present the men with cigars. Fans were handed the women as they left the ship to see the famous

But, prior to her arrival. travellers were still talking

A survey indicates that the European population of Singapore-which is both the name of Island' as well as the city--is not too happy about Britain's decision to give the colony independence. (It is due to become a state on June 1).

Some feel there will be a violent reaction to the change. They say the People's Party. which is the popular political group, is pro-Communist and could lead the island away from the Commonwealth.

The director of tourism for the minister of commerce and industry for the government of Singapore-Robert A. Howlett -says the elections hold the fate of the colony.

Howlett, former director of tourism for Fiji, has been in Singapore for the past ten months. Asked about his future, Howlett said, "That dopends on the wishes of the gov-

Mennwhile, he is doing a first-rate job Singapore and its many attractions. Although only one and one-half miles north of the Equator in the tropleal portion of Malaya, the lawns

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Something over a month wrote a letter like this: from now, my wife and I and the two small boys will be on our way to England.

My wife had planned to go last year, and take the boys to meet her mother, who had never seen them. But I borrowed the money she had saved for her passage, and spent it rambling about the province doing some special articles.

came back to me. But by that time it was too late to go. Now my wife has accumulated another stake (mostly in the form of a loan) and she is really going this time. And shall go with her.

We'll travel by train and boat. I'll continue to write my column and send it in from wherever I happen to be, as did in 1951.

have a number of urgent things to do before I leave. One task is to accumulate a reserve of about 10 columns ahead, so that there will always be some in hand, even if the mail is late.

On the 1951 journey, I succeeded in getting 20 columns ahead by the time I came back. The reserve dwindled away like money from a savings account. And it involved me in awkward explanations ahead. I was walking around in Victoria and meeting old acquaintances while this column continued to appear under a London dateline. I tried to explain how this came about, and landed myself in more trouble. The incident reached a peak

of confusion when a reader

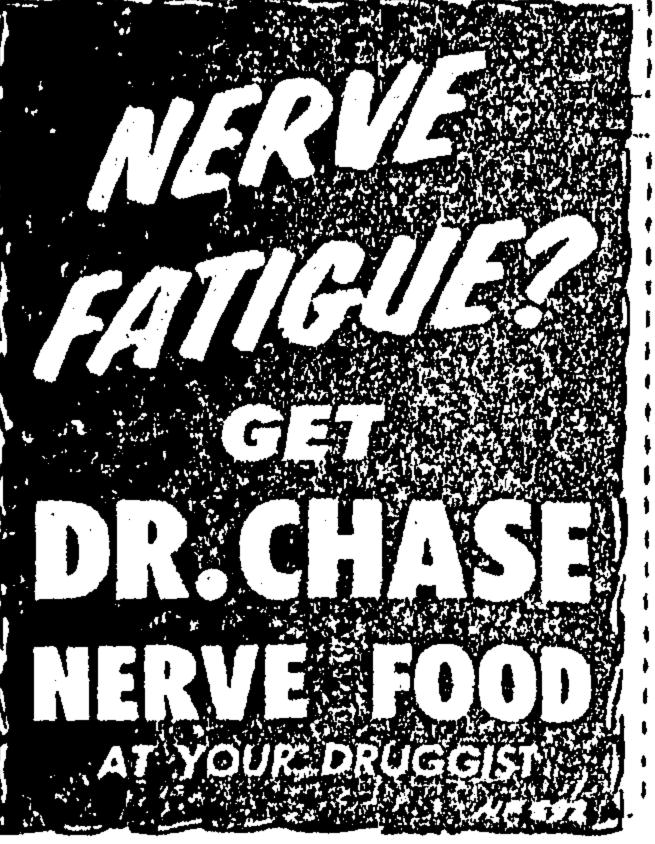
I have been told that you

never went to Britain at al. but wrote all that stuff willout leaving Victoria. Can you! tell me whether this is true?" People quite instly are not! much interested in the mech-

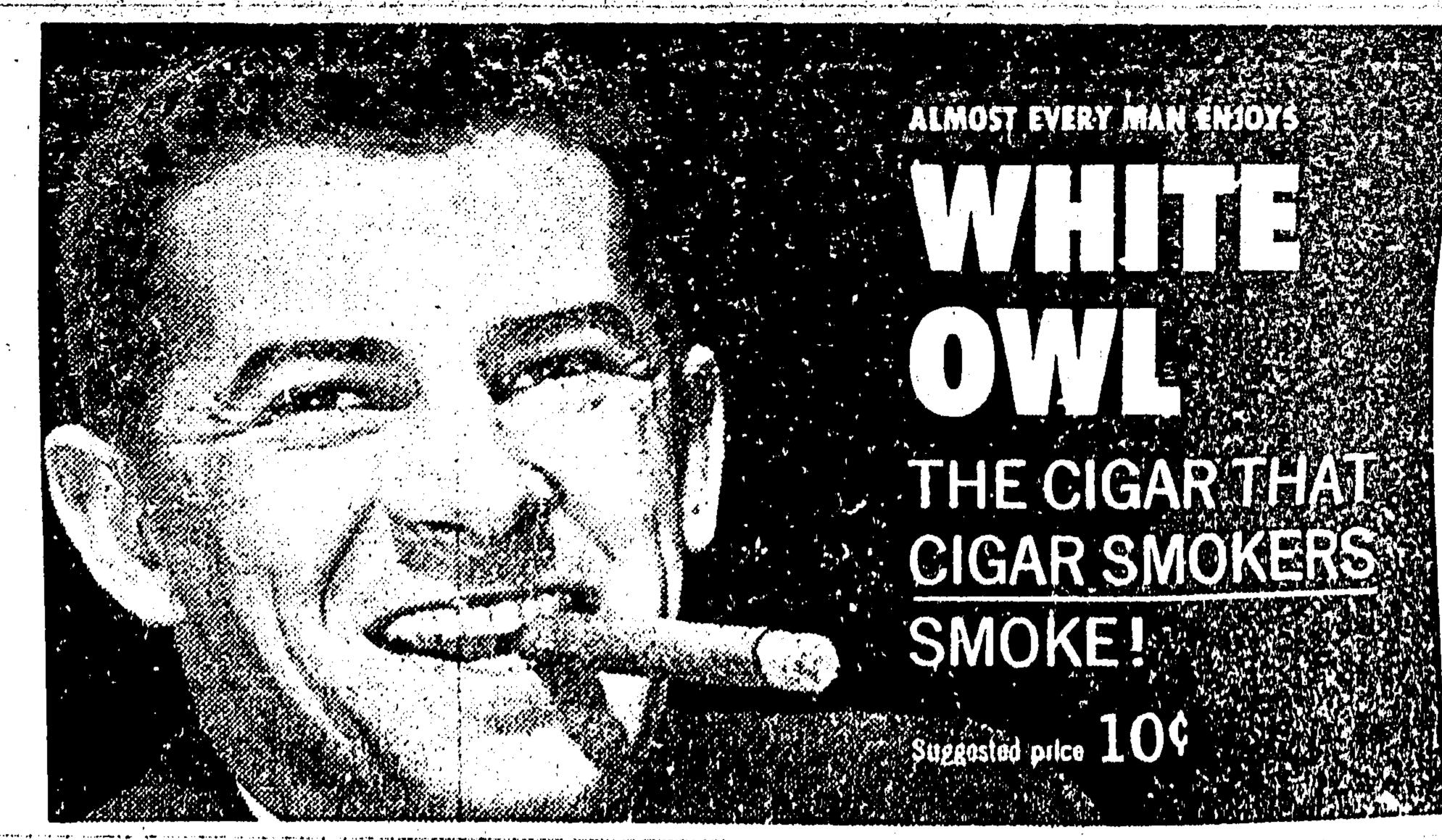
anics of producing , a news-! paper column, a few writers, inspire such contempt as those ! who beat their breasts and; say: "Look at me! I'm writ-;

There is only one office breed of columnist who is more? exasperating and that is the kind who says: "I can't think; of a thing to say today, but i I'm valiantly carrying on re-!

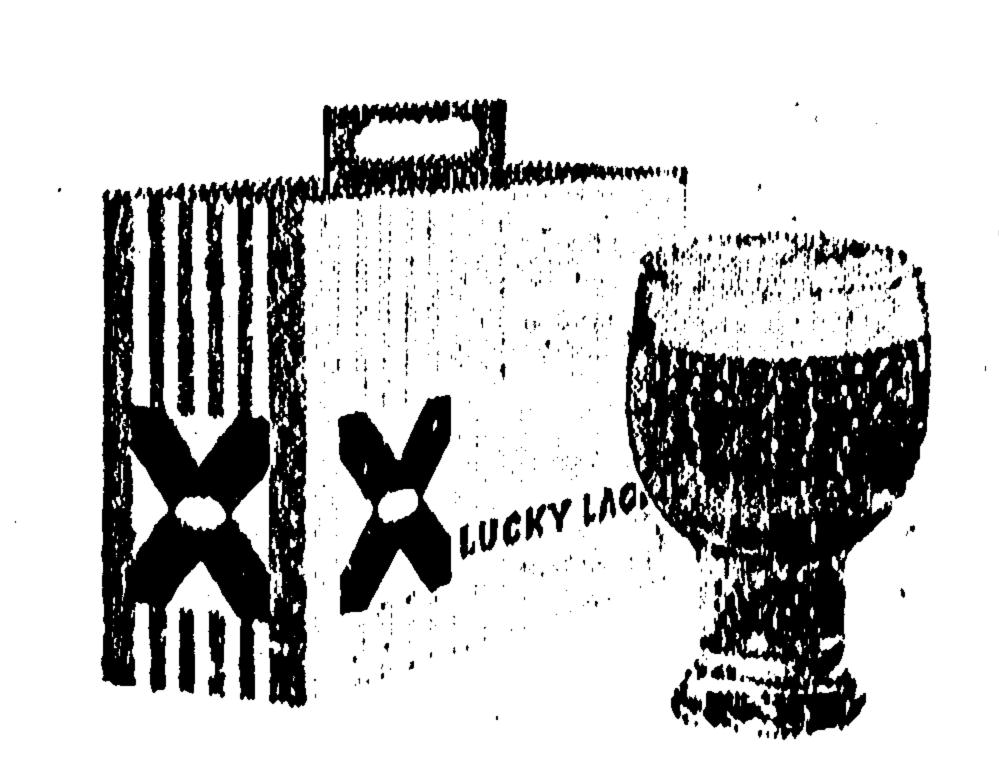
In any event. I apologize for! burdening readers with shop talk. But I thought I had better let them know that I would? be, travelling for a while-roughly two months. If anyone; has any advice or any rebukes to offer before I leave. I'll be! glad to hear from him.











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