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### Let's have facts

their innings with Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., let's have the facts why the British Army had to borrow 673 "Canadian officers just before the heavy D-day (June 6, 1944) fighting began, and 465 of them (75 per cent.) Became casualties.

This is a proper matter on which the Department of National Defense in Ottawa should inform the public, rather than allow the incident to be forgotten in a blaze of pointless praise for Field Marshal Montgomery. Mr. Roosevelt referred to it in commenting on Montgomery's recent criticisms of the quality of American troops and 'Commanders, suggesting that General Eisenhower could have "impeached" Montgomery. He added the incident

NOW that our Col. Blimps have had was not widely publicized in Canada, "for obvious reasons."

"Tasteless" his remarks are, as General Guy Simmonds has replied. "Revolting" they may be, as General W. H. S. Macklin asserts. But the fact is that 75 per cent. casualties is an extremely high rate, even among infantry platoon officers, and the impression that army brass regards platoon commanders as expendable items has existed in most armies.

Defense Minister George Pearkes has said that comment from him "would only aggravate the situation." Our advice to Mr. Pearkes is to make a full public statement — only after consulting records, of course, to be more certain of his facts than he has been on other occasions.

-The Toronto Telegram.

## Corporal punishment reconsidered

From the St. Catharine's Standard Corporal punishment in schools and reform institutions is being discussed in many areas of both Canada and the United States. Across the border there is a growing feeling that the best way to cure the problem of juvenile 'delinquency is with a good strong paddle. And this plan has been suggested for increased use in the schools of the nation.

It is also interesting to note that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has urged "sterner "measures" in dealing with juvenile delinquents contributing to the rapidly rising crime rate. serious crimes has increased in one year by 11 per cent, with youths under 18 accounting for more than half the arrests.

Mr. Hoover pointed out that youth crimes have "indicated a mounting savagery, a senseless brutality which leaves little doubt that. in the interest of self-preservation, it is now time for sterner measures to be taken by the communities and the courts."

According to the FBI Director, youths should not be treated cruelly, but when they do not measure up to their responsibility of obeying the law, they must be made to accept the res-According to Mr. Hoover, the number of ponsibility for their acts. And that latter comment is equally true in Canada.

### Damp Yankees

If there was gloom in Mudville when the mighty Casey struck out, there was absolute incredulity throughout the baseball world this week when another Casey and his boys struck

The unbelieveable happened May 20 when Casey Stengel's New York Yankees dropped to last place in the American League for the first time in 19 years. We suspect that even confirmed Yankee-phobes, who would cheer any underdog to beat the annoyingly perennial champs, were more dazed than enthused as the mighty fell. It was easy to boo the Yankees for winning year after year with such machinelike precision and hauteur. But even the boo---ers-aren't likely to be fully at ease in a world where Baltimore, Kansas City, and Washington tower over the prostrate Yankees.

For New Yorkers this cave-in of the erst-

while champions may look like the last straw. Already deserted by two of their three major league teams, they now appear destined to be deprived not only of their occasional "subway series" but of any World Series at all. Pessimists fear October may find Yankee Stadium rented out for chrysanthemum shows.

But wait a minute. That mention of October strikes a familiar note. Wasn't it last October fifth when everyone said the Yankees' reign was at an end?—and then they won three straight games, and the World Series, from Milwaukee.

Thanks to Dr. Toynbee, we're prepared for the decline of even the most invincible-looking organizations. But somehow we feel it would be a good idea for all those Yankee-phobes to keep up with their booing lessons. Just in case. -The Christian Science Monitor.

## What ever happened to the chaperon?

During the past week we have heard from parents and school teachers who are outraged at the way in which some high school graduation parties are conducted.

They complain that these gatherings have got out of hand. Instead of being a happy termination to school days they tend to become an occasion when the youngsters, as one teacher puts it, "become young animals for an evening."

Instead of winding up at midnight, or at least 2 a.m., some of these parties go on and 'mon, adjourning to motor courts, cabarets, cabin cruisers, and ending in a 7 a.m. breakfast party.

The school teachers are appealing for more parental cooperation in keeping the celebrations within bounds. And some parents seem to feel that the school teachers should exercise more supervision.

It seems to us that order could be brought

out of this confusion by the widespread resurrection of that old-fashioned institution, the

If our memory serves us right, chaperons were solid, responsible adults with enough sense of fun and humor to keep a young peoples' party within the bounds of propriety without inhibiting normal hijinks,

We don't know how many of these high school graduation parties are chaperoned. But we are sure that if enough suitable chaperons were recruited for each "do" there would be no cause for complaint—except perhaps from the young hooligans who cause the trouble.

If high schools refuse to sponsor graduation parties unless they are adequately chaperoned, and if parents firmly decline to allow their sons and daughters to attend and other kind of party (or stay out beyond its termination point), the graduation celebration would soon be restored to its proper status.

-The Vancouver Province.

### INTERPRETING THE NEWS

# Laos disposing of faction without help

Canadian Press Staff Writer

while complaints by Communist China and North Viet Nam that aggression against thom is being contemplated by the government of Latos can be likened to similar accusations by

ais elephant against a masquito. The charge, if true, would convict a country of 2,000,000 of picking on 507,000,000 Chippse and 13,500,000 North Vietnamese in cheerful disregard of the 300-to-1 odds. In fact, the Lactian Army is attempting to mop up an es-Umnted 500 insurgent troops of the Communist Ruthet Lao organization.

Since the three provinces of French Indochina went their separate ways in 1955, each has followed a different path. Cambodia has stoured a neutralist course. Viet Nam is divided into two states, frankly Communist in the north, vigorously pro-Western in the south.

In Lucs, there was prolonged guerrilla warfure between the government and the Patet Ino faction, with the latter firmly entrenched in two northern provinces and the former maintaining light control over the rest of the coun-

warring factions agreed to end the fighting, integrate the rebel forces into the Royal Laptian Army and permit political activity by the -Communist-led Patriotle Front.

In the interevening 18 months, the agreement died of neglect. More than 1,000 Pathet Lao members came

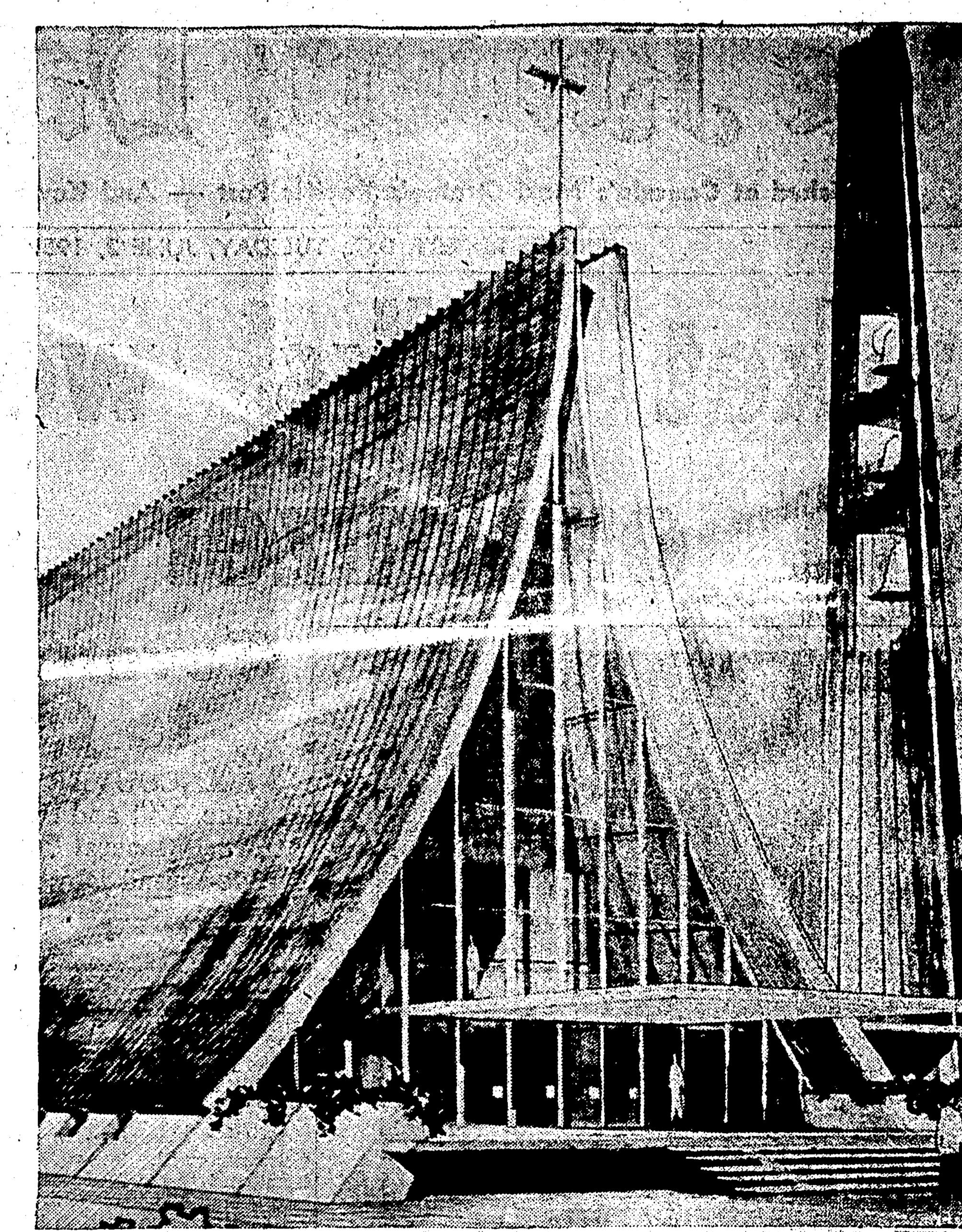
out of the jungle to join the army, which disarmed them and deposited them in an internment camp, effectively dealing with Western fears that they planned a fifth column.

The remaining robols, estimated at 4,000, oither slipped away to their homes or stayed n their hidequis to carry on desultory actions against the government. Gradually their numbers dwindled. Meanwhile, the Patrictic Front manoeuvred itself into the leadership of a leftwing coalition that threatened to gain control of the Lactian parliament.

Last January their efforts were frustrated with a pro-Western prime minister, Phoui-Sangnikone took over the proviously neutralist government and gave himself special powers to deal with the Communist threat and sta-

billing the country's finances. There were immediate accusations that the robols were being rainforced by North Viet Nam, and equator-charges that the government had sought Amorican aid to fight them. China and North Viet Nam sought the return of the India and Poland which supervised the arm-

Meanwhile, the government troops quietly have continued to tighten their neese around the necks of the Pathet Lao. Their latest communiques indicate that they are well on the way to a solution without outside help.



MODERNISTIC CHURCH—Parishioners of the industrial centre of Jonquiere in the Lake St. John area of Quebec have accepted this modernistic design for a new church. The church is to serve residents of a new parish established by the Roman Catholic bishop of Chicoutimi. Estimated cost of the building is \$200,000 and plans call for a seating capacity of 600.

### Better as we are

One receiving an honorary degree at Mount Allison University, Prime Minister Diefenbaker reverted to a favorite topic of his-freedom and man's rights. He has embodied his ideas on these subjects in the Bill of Rights he proposed to Parliament. These ideas have been under debate across the country for a year or more so that when the Bill comes before the House again the public's view can be added to those of the parliamentar-

It is fair to say that the consensus is that Mr. Diefenbaker's Bill of Rights will not accomplish what it set out to do, and that if we cannot have a constitutional amendment that would safeguard rights across the country, we would be wise to leave things where

The argument for leaving matters where they are is based on the assumption that the courts will continue to interpret existing laws in favor of section in the Criminal Code

NOT LIGHTHOUSE

I was interested to read Mr.

Beketov's explanation of the

lights seen in Section 2. How-

ever I do not believe Mr. Beke-

tov's flying lighthouse is the

Beketov is speaking of the

lighthouse at Lucy, then

would say no because we have

never seen this light since it

was set up a month ago. He

indicated that it could be seen

only on loggy days, yet any

time this object I speak of has

appeared it has been a clear

moonlight night, If Mr. Beke-

tov is speaking of some new

gadget that I believe was

housed at Seal Cove hangar

and I believe is supposed to be

able to project a beam of light

out from it then again I say

no unless it is able to project

a beam out in space to a given

point in the air and at the

same time spot a light down

onto the ocean making a path

of light which I first spoke of

when I told the paper of same.

Further this light died out

and then reappoired quito

some distance higher in tha

sky. This same light I speak of

was also seen at Dighy Island

and I had a phone call from

someone at Port Edward who

said that they had seen the

same thing on the Wednesday

seen it. Still Puzzled.

The Editor,

The Dally News:

following the Monday I had

John A. Botslord,

Prince Rupert.

RADIO SCHEDULES

This is an open letter to re-

dio station CFPR, Princo IIII-

port and we would like to know

what is the matter with your

station in regards to the radio

ter of policy, whether you are

short of money or whether it is

schodules, whither it is a mint-

My reason is this. If Mr.

answer to this mystery.

The Editor.

The Daily News:

From the Montreal Star the individual who claims infringement of his rights. Gertainly where what are considered basic rights are concerned the higher courts have liberally interpreted existing law or relief on the precedents of common law to safeguard

The current issue of the Canadian Bar Review is given over entirely to a discussion of the Bill of Rights. Mr. W. F. Bowker, Q.C., Dean of Law at the University of Alberta, touches on the War Measures Act in his conclusions.

"Some seem to think." he writes, "that we should be ashamed because we do not have a Bill of Rights—that unless we spell out our rights they are not secure and perhaps we do not value them. My suggestion is that we have much to be proud of—it is not unfair to point out that we have had no loyalty oaths. no loyalty programs, no elaborate plan to withhold passports, no

LETTERBOX

just economy.

There are a great many times, although I am not a radio fanatic, when I would like to know what's on the radio, especially on the weekends. Mostly I like to hear the news broadcasts as they change all the time, never the same time twice. Some people can keep the radio on from 8 a.m. until midnight but if I had to do that I'd be on the inside looking out in no time. Hoping we can get a little action on this.

George H. Paine.

Prince Rupert, Editor's Note: The inconsistency of the radio schedule is not entirely the fault of radio station CFPR. The Daily News can take a good percentage of the blame. Since the CBC does not allow its stations to pay for the space taken up by the radio schedule The Daily News muts it in whenever it has space, as a public service. Usually it went on the classified page, but sometimes due to lack of space it got crowded out. Recently due to illness and staff changes at CFPR the schedules were not brought up to date and they went into the paper that way. Now, however an arrangement has been reached where the schedules are brought up to date daily and will be allotted a space in the paper.

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## All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

An American businessman, Robert S. Lieber, Jr., of Nampa. Idaho, writes to say he doesn't like the way his government turned down low bids from Canadian and British firms.

Mr. Lieber is referring to the incident in which the U.S. Army refused a Canadian tender for electrical generators and accepted an American one that was \$3,000,000 higher. The decision was made after pressure from U.S. manufactur-

Mr. Lieber, president of a firm that manufactures house trailers, has this to say: 🛴

"It is the moral responsibility of a firm that extends bids to accept the least bid, if that bld meets the specifications or the material desired. Toodo otherwise completely defeats the bid method of purchasing.

"Why our government would request bids from foreign firms and then discount them cannot tell you, but whether governments or businessmen engage in this sort of thing, it. is still most unethical.

### Better products for Americans

better means of production have been largely the result of necessity and competition, and it is my feeling that foreign competition can be a healthy influence on American firms and pay off in better products for the American public.

market is a good example. Fine facturers to improve their products in order to meet international competition. This directly benefits the American

"Let me close by saying that American dirt is just as dirty as Canadian dirt, and to a good American as to a good Canadian, the same dirt will appear

If all American manufacturers were as fair-minded as Mi. Lieber, relations between the United States and other countries would be more cordial.

## Surely it's a mutual benefit

Another missive has come to me from the citizen who is campaigning to have all dogs and cals de-sexed. This reader writes, in part, as follows: "If an animal is spayed or

neutered early in life, there is no frustration, and surely it is to the mutual benefit of animal and owner and there can be nothing to boggle at. "Moreover, the time must, come when the diseased, the criminal and the mentally un-

swamping the world with the hopelessly unfit. "Medical men with know this is long overdue, but there are so many 'poor dear-

sound will be restrained from

ers' and 'what a shamers' and

those who could and should legislate on the matter have their hands tied . . ."

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prescribing advocacy of over-

throw of government by force

... We are better off without

them and can take satisfaction

having refrained from

"On the other hand, section

(5) of the bill keeps out of

its scope regulations under the

War Measures Act. Of all the

actions the Dominion govern-

ment has ever taken, some of

the measures under that act

are the most open to question.

The handling of the Japanese

during the Second World War

perhaps comes first and one

can include aspects of the

general internment program

under the Defence of Canada

regulations, and some aspects

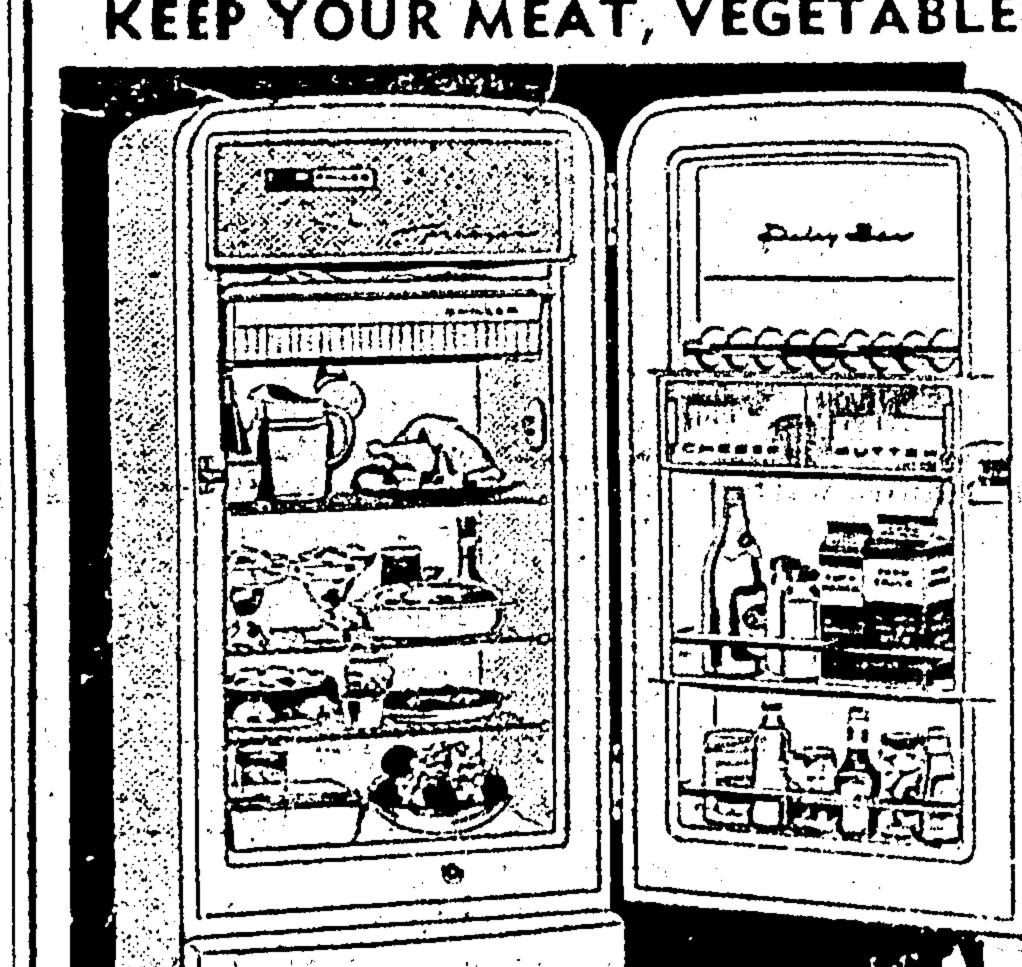
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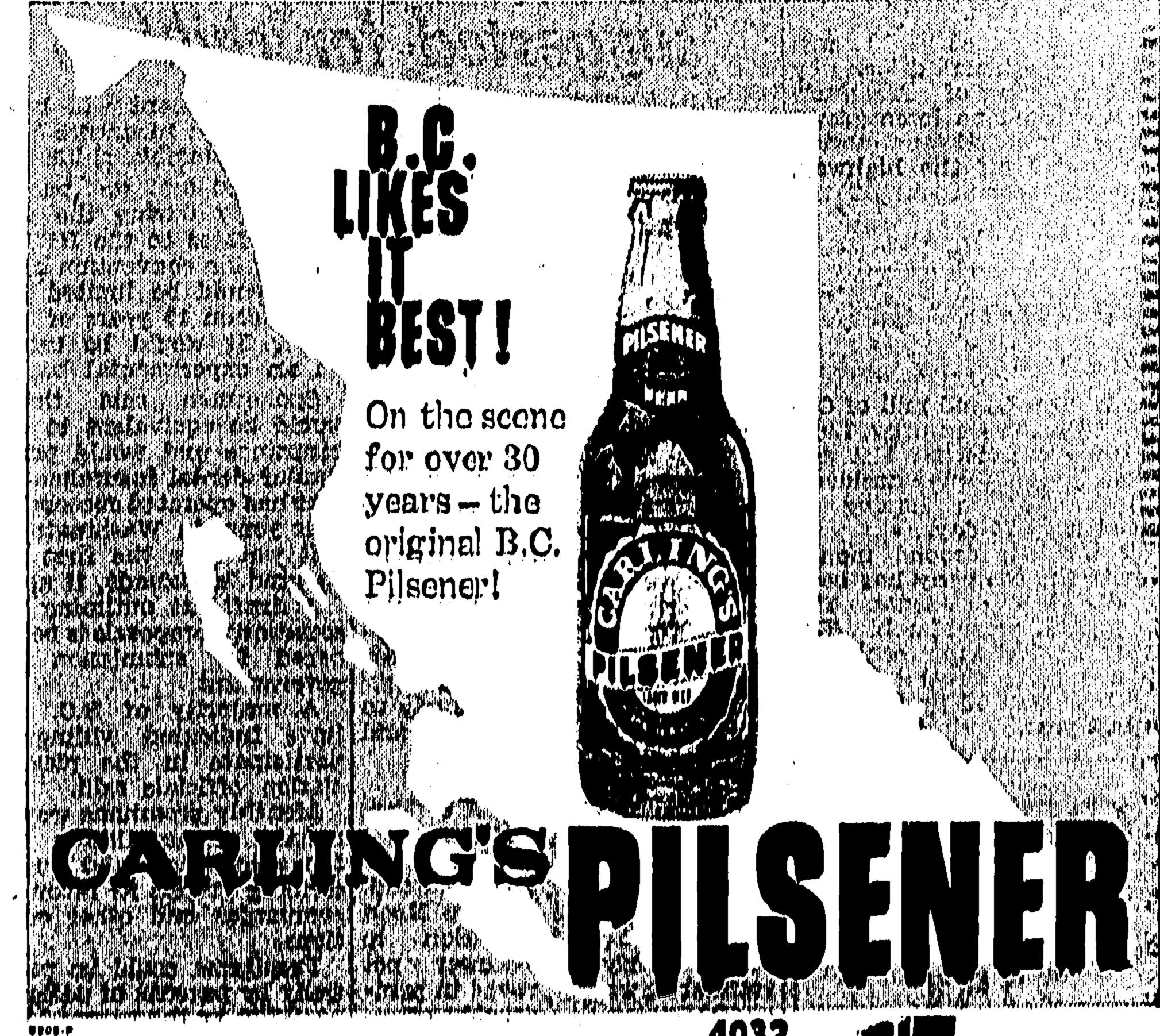
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