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### Public entitled to know about hospital

matters (a) on reaching a satisfactory settlement with the Civic Employees Union and (b) on opposing a move that would ban the press from covering its meetings.

The somewhat delayed settlement was made along the lines of a unanimous report of a conciliation board and gave the hospital employees nearly 60 per cent of what they asked in cost items. The removal of the free coffee clause was a good thing, for it must be admitted that it was a luxury item. Few companies, firms or industries supply their employees with free coffee. However, the employees won a \$10 a month wage boost and introduction of a health plan for them is an excellent thing.

The hospital board's personnel committee is to be congratulated on the settlement and the union too for its reasonable bargaining.

That is what makes all the more amazing, the attack on The Daily News by E. A. Williamson. Mr. Williamson is the chairman of the personnel committee and as such reports to the board on the activities of that group.

repeated ambarrassment at the hands of a committee reports his group's acof The Daily News, the hospital board tions so that the board, the body electhas been saved in many instances from ed by the people, can learn what has embarrassing situations. The Daily been done. That report, unless it deals nel committee while the hospital went board, whose budgets are somewhat ants, administrators, dieticians. It the Daily News, with information for soft-pedalled the "loaded" hospital as- background, that will serve when comsociation meetings at which nurses, mittee actions are completed. This has bands and wives, doctors' and doctors' wives, lobbied and argued to get their points across because the still-unapproved constitution has flaws in it according to the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service.

was one on June 8, which supported the press be muffled.

THE Prince Rupert Hospital board is the brief to the cabinet of the B.C. Hosto be congratulated on two vital pital association, an organization to which Prince Rupert General hospital

> It is true that this newspaper is somewhat less than enchanted by the Social Credit government and its tactics, particularly in regards to hospital financing. Any editorial taking Health Minister Martin or BCHIS to task has been strictly dedicated to alleviating the financial crises of our hospital.

> As for suggesting that hospital board meeting activities be reported to the press through a summary or "handout" prepared by the hospital board, that is a typical Social Credit government tactic. It was suggested in Alberta when that province tried to introduce its anti-press law. The introduction of such a motion by Mr. Williamson makes him extremely suspect as to who he is representing on thehospital board, the people of Prince Rupert or the Social Credit' govern-

What makes us hope that it is Mr. Williamson's naivety that caused this outburst, is the fact that he has the novice trustee's habit of wanting to be "on and off the record" and wants the Far from the board experiencing press to "leave the room." A chairman News, in order that the public would specifically with staff problems or not lose confidence in the hospital, changes, is reported by the press. The kept silent at the request of the person- City Council and District 52 school through a change of matrons, account- higher than that of the hospital, trust nurses and hospital employees' hus- been routine for years. No confidences have been violated.

Only equal to Mr. Williamson's amazing statements is the fact that the board chairman did not apologize to the press for his committee chairman's action. But for the fact that the As for the greenhorn Mr. William- hospital board as a whole voted down son's charge that The Daily News has the personnel committee chairman's used hospital board meetings to play motion, it would have seemed that a politics", the claim is so much non-conference between the board and the sense. Either Mr. Williamson has un- editorial staff of this newspaper was mitigated gall in suggesting such a called for to clarify both the board's thing or it is because he is new to pub- and the newspaper's responsibility to lic life. We choose to think the latter, the public, one of which is to keep the because the only recent editorial writ- people of Prince Rupert informed. As ten about the hospital board which also it is, the hospital board took the wise rdealt with the provincial government move and quashed any proposal that

#### INTERPRETING THE NEWS

# Obligation to try theme of non-nuclear club

Canadian Press Staff Writer

The principle of the non-nuclear club is is deterrence enough. Leasy to dismiss on the grounds that its aims fare unlikely to be fulfilled,

Its chief proponents, Hugh Gaitskell and Aneurin Bevan, are quick to agree with its a critics that Gen. do Gaulle probably will not be swayed in his determination to give France in nuclear weapon by a British decision to renounce it.

Bevan's roply is to point to the dangers \* arising from an increase in the number of nuclear powers, the growing atmospheric pollu-I tion of their tests and the mounting possibility of atomic war.

"That is the situation that is certain to happen unless statesmen de something about it," Bevan argues, "At least we have the obligation to try."

The force of the argument cannot be ontirely nullfied by the knowledge of the split within the British Labor party over nuclear distrinament that preceded the unveiling of the new policy.

'Bhort of the distant prospect of an over-all inflicingtional agreement, no plans currently fingheint resources and the scientific knowledife to produce thom.

Implicit in Labor's plan is the acknowledgment of the H-bomb's deterrent value. But It is accompanied by the implication that its possession by the United States and Russia. Luke 3:8,

If Gaitskell and Bevan are idealistic in believing that they can convince de Gaulle of this view by voluntarily taking Britain out of the nuclear race, they have a better case than

ment, who can point only to "moral leadership" to justify their course. Once renounced, the bomb can not easily be unrenounced. Labor's new policy seeks some assurance that the step will not be taken

the advocates of unilateral nuclear disarma-

without reciprocal bonefits. The obduracy of de Gaulle, the ambitions of .... Egypt's President Nasser or the intransigence of any one of a clozen other government leaders could thwart the plan, assuming the Labor victory in the next general election that is

required to put it into practice. But "the obligation to try" is bound to increase in its appeal with every new world crisis. The new Labor policy, however impractical, at least represents an attempt to

The plan's dubious bonesits will be considerably increased if its critics are encouraged to explore the possibilities of producing a more acceptable substitute.

Bring forth fruits worthy of repentence,

#### LETTER BOX

## Bylaw will close trailer park says operator, resident claims owner played for "fall guy"

The Editor,

The Daily News: I wish to clear up some im-

portant points regarding the new trailer bylaw. When these trailers started

arriving in the city at the start of the airport construction not one of our City Council members at that time of-fered to help these people get

We tried to, and believe me when I say they suffered plenty of hardship putting up with the little we had to offer at that time. Now we have things in pretty fair shape a the cost of considerable money and hard work. Some of the airport construction people have left and their places have been taken by people working on other jobs here in

We know we can get an extension of time for the airport workers but only if we put in one more washroom. If we don't we are subject to prosecution after July 1.

Why should we at this time go to this extra cost if these other people must be forced out, and after the completion of the airport we will be left with lots of space and facilities but no revenue as we will be forced to rely strictly on the summer tourists.

Imagine, if you can, 100 tourist trailers coming here in one year. Let us say they all stayed three nights each at \$2. That would bring in \$600. Big business? That would not even pay the taxes, let alone the water light etc.

If anyone can show us how a trailer court can operate under the 120-day time limit we will gladly change our views, and continue to expand and try to provide the best in trailer accommodation.

Over the past three years I'll bet there hasn't been 100

#### Sauce tor Goose's From the Sidney Review

Recent compulsory resignation of trustees of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital board has started some speculation on the next provincial election. The government has ruled that a trustee may only serve three terms, after which period he must withdraw from the board. That there is reason behind this ruling cannot be doubted.

The government feels that a a man may not usefully serve his fellows for more than three terms when engaged in the administration of a hospital. Does the same government feel this should apply in the case of serving in the legislature? By this ruling Premier Bennett will be ineligible for a further term in the legislature. Highways Minister Gaglardi will conclude his association with provincial matters. as

### New Canadian

will most of his colleagues in

the cabinet.

From the Ottawa Journal Thomas Kuiper is a Dutch boy who spoke no English when he came to Canada four

Thomas is now 13 and he can speak English well. So well, indeed, that he wins oratorical contests. After conquering boys from Eastern Canada and Morthern United States, he is off now to the big leagues of oratorical contests -to Philadelphia and perhaps to Mlami for the international finals of the Optimist Club Competition,

After four years, Thomas Kuiper speaks better English than most native speakers with a lifetime to practise. What will he be doing after he has been around for a whole decade?

### Easy does it

From The Reader's Digest A ten-year old was going on his first real visit away from home, and his mother wanted to be sure she'd hear from him, So she addressed a postal card for each day that he would be gone and told him, "All you need to do is write 'O.K., Mar-

"All right," said Marvin, "But you put the O.K. on-and if I'm not, I'll scratch it out."

A city banker who had apont his youth on a farm persuaded an old neighbor to take on his son for the summer. When the " "ThtHer called to ask how the boy was making out, the farmor declared, "I ain't the one to bandy words with you. If that boys of yours had one more hand, he'd need a third pocket to put it in.'

> A kroup of Cub Scouts ware to the destination. One of the boys, a newcomer paled visably. "You mean we're going to walk?" he asked.

trailers brought over Highway

16 to Prince Rupert. Let's be realistic. Anyone is entitled to a fair return on money invested. No one can afford to build a trailer court just for the few tourists we have or just so the city can have space available in case we get another construction

Trailers today are mobile homes complete with everything. This has become a part of our way of life in North

Every city has not one but many trailer courts and no one can say all these trailers are moving about every 120 days as suggested by Mayor

Yes, maybe Vancouver does have a 90-day limit written into their bylaw but are they enforcing it to the letter of the law as our building inspector has told us he has been instructed to do?

We are not against putting in this extra washroom as we realize its importance.

The City Council was very fair in its regard and reduced requirements so that anyone can easily comply with the bylaw, but with the 120-day limit it makes having a trailer court in Prince Rupert absolutely out of the question.

If we are going to be forced out of business we choose to do it now when the issue is clear, not later when the airport is finished and we have served a need for City Council

Let the city subsidize the building of the airport. We cannot afford to. I can, and will prove that

trailers are parking one, two and three years in every city of any size in British Colum-

Some people argue that they don't pay school tax or for the upkeep of our roads.

The city has another bylaw which states they must be assessed 10 cents per day which is \$36 per year. If they enforce the 120-day limit, how can the city collect the so-called school tax as none of the trailers will be using our

We must have bylaws so the council has control over one and all living in our community but don't you think that on a matter such as this, which directly affects 24 families, more than 75 people, all council members should have been present.

Come Wednesday all these people are going to be out on the street.

Prince Rupert needs a trailer court and we are prepared to do our best. The decision as to whether we get the opportunity to do so or not, is up to the City Council.

Yet, Vancouver has lots of things including a large population and many outyling districts suitable for trailers. BUT I would remind His Worship the Mayor that this is Prince Rupert not Vancouver and the people here elected him our mayor. Let's forget

WOOT .M.

Vancouver and get on with the job of building a better Prince Rupert. We stand to lose some mighty fine citizens who choose to live in a trailer.

E. D. Manson, Parkside Resort Motel.

#### Face eviction

The Editor, The Daily News, We have to move out of the motel on July 1.

We have nowhere to go and presumably our men are expected to quit their jobs on Digby Island and leave the airport unfinished. Anything to get us out of here. In this trailer court there are only three trailers, the remainder are mobile homes. There is a difference.

We would like to see the Junior Chamber of Commerce or some other civic organization point out to City Council that the occupants of the 24 trailers and mobile homes spend about \$72,000 per year in your fair city.

A lot of towns welcome this business and go all out to provide good parks to attract trailers. We have never heard of a 90-day or 120-day limit bylaw before. Some trailer people have lived in the same ' trailer park in Vancouver for from two to five years. This

is one for the books. It looks as if Mr. Manson has been used to a "fall guy." He was allowed to spend his money to provide a place for us and then this bylaw was passed to coincide with our expected departure, leaving him with an empty trailer

Anyway we have two days left. Any suggestions? Construction wives, Parkside Motel.

#### Change of pace

The Editor, The Daily News,

It was nice to read your editorial of June 22 inviting our prime minister to visit our big city of Prince Rupert. For many years a Conserva-

tive in Prince Rupert was always considered a kind of a nuisance. Even The Daily News couldn't see much good in one. Grits stuck out of pores of everybody's skin.

To one who has spent a lifetime in Skeena it is very gratifying to see that even The Daily News has come to realize that there is a good Conservative around and is spreading out the carpet of welcome to John.

Wiggs O'Neill, Smithers.

Editor's Note: Times have changed Wiggs. If you'd kept track of your Daily News you'd recall that this paper came out in support of Mr. Diefenbaker and the Conservatives during the last election campaign and that the Tory candidate placed second in the race and the "Grits" third.

## All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

How much longer are we going to continue clogging streams, lakes and seas with filth? How much longer are we going to let our soil be washed and blown away?

Wildlife Review, the magazine of the British Columbil fish and game branch, contains some powerful arguments for conserving those precious resources, earth and water,

"Twenty-five or 50 years ago, it was possible, with certain amount of common sense, to use our larger streams and lakes and oceans as a disposal system for sewage and industrial wastes."

"However," writes Dr. G. R. F. Elliott, assistant provincial health officer, in the current Review, "with our increase in population (and) the resultant increase in sewage . . . it is not possible to proceed as we have in the past."

How much sewage or industrial waste can safely be emptied into streams, lakes or oceans? It's hard to tell. Much depends on the size of the body of water, the rate of flow, the bides and other factors.

Does a stream "purify itself every seven miles?" False! A stream burdened with too much waste becomes dark, lifeless and smelly, and it never corrects itself.

Does salt water destroy sewage? False. The sea dissolves 20' per cent less oxygen than fresh water. Oxygen is needed to kill pollution. Sewage dumped into the sea takes longer to fails away than if it were dumped into an equal quantity of fresh

The sewage problem should be tackled 40 years before it happens. But the long view is never popular. Posterity has his

The same applies to soil erosion. We are still stripping away grass and forest by over-cutting and over-grazing, and letting our precious soil drift and drain away down the rivers' There are many deserts in the world which used to be rich

fertile country. The people squanderd their soil and water. The deserts stand as an example to us. Far-sighted men like the editors of B.C. Wildlife Review point out that the same thing could happen here. But few of

us pay attention. I wonder if there is a way to give posterity a vote? If we had a time machine, we might elect two members in each constituency-one for the present and one for the future.

Failing that, another solution is available, which could be put into effect now. We do have people who habitually take the long view. They are the scholars and scientists. Let's allow the scholars and scientists to elect a few members of Parlia!

Britain used to have several members sitting in her House of Commons for the universities. If I remember correctly, the voters were those who held masters' degrees.

One such member was A. P. Herbert, who as a private member accomplished the gigantic feat of reforming Britain's

The Labor people in a stroke of envious malice that was unworthy of them, did away with the universities seats. We need some universities seats in Canada. Of course there would be faults in such a scheme. There are faults in every!

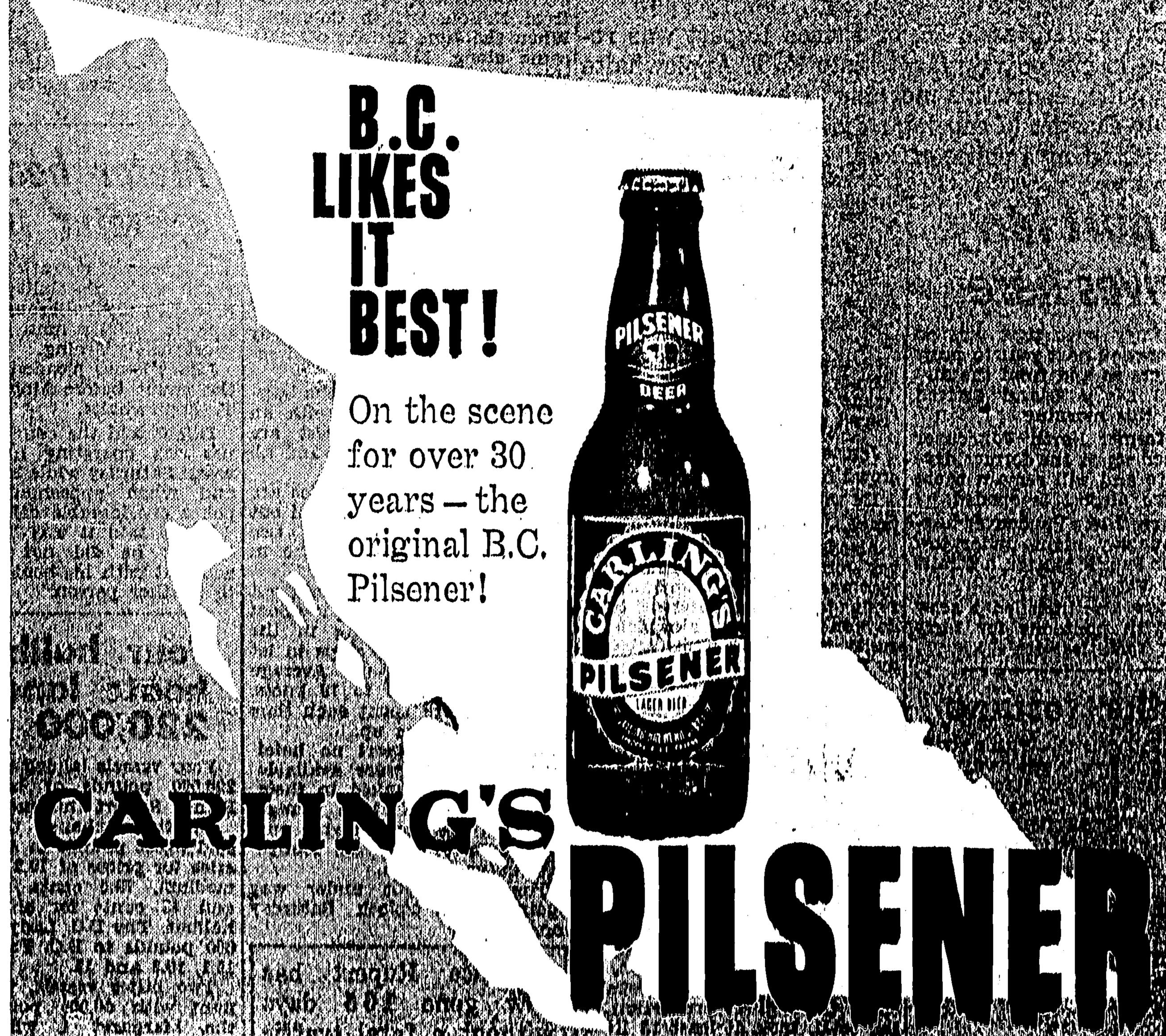
thing. But on the whole, it would be an advance. Thinking about future generations would then become good



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