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The drug trade

There is widespread criticism in Canada of the three-months delay on the part of the Canadian Health Department in instructing the manufacturers to withdraw the drug thalidomide, marketed in Canada as Kevadon. There is criticism also of manufactur-

The most searching inquiry is needed into every aspect of this distressing case. The drug was withdrawn from the German market on November 26, 1961, from the British market on Dedian market on March 2, 1962.

every country, not excluding the Uni-gran. ted States, where Canadian-born Dr. Frances Kelsey performed so great the public to know what he or she is a service in relation to this particular buying in this jungle of brand names? drug. Congress was already considering changes in the U.S. Food and The manufacturers make substantial Drugs Act of 1938 introduced by Sen- profits, in some cases what seem to be ator Kefauver, while the British unconscionable profits. There would Medical Council has been considering—seem to be a strong case for having the establishment of an independent the medical services of every nation and representative organization to combine to set up an international orsupervise the introduction of new ganization which will protect the pubdrugs. The British proposal envisages lic from the misuse of drugs. It could a body with the following seven duties: be paid for out of the licence fees. 1. Assess the chemical accuracy

and truth of the claims made for the drugs.

2. Carry out preliminary trials.

3. Assess and encourage therapeutic trials and publish reports.

4. Supervise drugs in general

5. Ensure that all drugs have the right name on the label.

6. Approve the literature that goes out with the drugs.

7. License drugs.

The urgency of carrying out items cember 2, 1961, and from the Cana- 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 of the tasks is selfevident. As to number 5, it is enough This dreadful tragedy has been to say that the drug manufacturers possible because of the universally in-sold thalidomide under all of the foladequate testing and control of new lowing names: Kevadon, Softeon, Talidrugs. The case of thalidomide has re-mol, Asmaval, Valgraine, Tensival, vealed dramatically a situation which Valgis, Distaval, Grippex, Expectorhas been a cause of deep concern in ans, Peracon, Algosediv, and Conte-

What chance has any member of

The drug trade is international.

—Fredericton Daily Gleaner.

Bonn's words of warning

How many eold war neutrals believe the with any nations that participate in a peace Comment y is an independent government? One wer to this question might be how many that a would join in signing a "peace treaty" that regime and its puppeteer, the Sothe the Ulbricht to make the Ulbricht

ne lership a sovereign government. The sound thresot some of them as witnesses would be of some value to Moscow. Conversely, the government of the West German Republic in Boun has a legitimate concern to prevent the distanon of Germany from becoming hardened recognition of the satellite East German

admonitions, one official, the other unhave emanated from Bonn as speculathat Soviet Premier Khrushchev has talked of for over

But wanthe so-called Hall-stein doctrine the Form Ministry has served notice that West Commission will break diplomatic relations

Communet resime of Walter Ulbricht in East—treaty between the Soviet Union and East Ger-

In addition, the Christian Democratic Party of Chancellor Adenauer has declared against further economic aid to such countries.

Generally speaking, it is not desirable that political strings be tied to-economic aid. It is understandable, however, that Germans should not went to contribute to a fragmentation of their country.

Theoretically, it would seem that policy makers of Yugoslavia, India, the United Arab Republic and other Asian or African countries should see that the pretended East German government is far from representing the East German people. If Bonn seeks to sharpen their vision with diplomatic pressure, this at least indicates that it is not unconcerned, as has sometimes been charged, about eventual reunification of Germany.

-Christian Science Monitor.

Why all the fuss?

to be the decide before it ruins labor discipline, selling a lousy union Cadillac. Why, the little old jerk attacked Jimmy, didn't her Wirkend of justice we got these days—gress! Didu't they know Old Maurice was in when the two man in a big union can't beat up trouble back home and couldn't talk right out were the for him without getting dragged anto convid

And Just look what they been doing to Old faire who when he was riding high the goon requads kept everything peaceful. He never had no trouble getting the boys a raise. Imagine, all the way to the United States Supreme Court,

Let be tell you, Jack, this persecution's got—and they're gonna put Old Dave in the can for

And hew about Maurice? Contempt of Conin Congress? What do these jaspers think we elected 'em for? I tell you, Jack, thing are getting in a mess. Why, Jimmy's beat up lots of guys, so what's all the fuss about? Is America getting soft, or something?

-Portland Oregonian.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

Minority group wants 'good old days'

By DAVID GRENIER Toronto Telegram News Service

Taronto's Bay St. which wants to bring the good old days. Look at what's happened to the economy

they angue, since the Government started crucking down on mushing promoters a few years

It was the promoters who made the country what her they add and we need more of them today, to help put the economy back on its feet,

Sometimes one suspects this group feels the country has been on the slippery slope ever since the provinces set up securities commissions. And in fact they'll even lay the blame for the econoray's Inchlustre performance over the last few years at the door of the various commissions.

It's red tope that's killing the economy, they shrill, crranslation: look how long it takes to got, a prospectus approved these days.) Most of the arguments for giving the mining

promoter a freer hand verge on the ludicrous. But they're worth considering because they're a symptom of a curious mystique about matural renources.

According to this mystique, Canada's real wenith consists of mineral riches. (The paople, it seems, only have squatter's rights.)

Ho the more you spend trying to locate these minoral riches and promote new mining vontance, the better off society as a whole will be. Without trying to belittle the glant achievements of the mining industry, let's see why the promoters are being squeezed out.

There's highly vocal minority group along — First of all, public opinion still hasn't forgotten some of the excesses that took place during the mining boom of the 1950s.

> Secondly, there isn't the same incentive today to find new mines or bring new capacity into production as there was a few years ago.

> Prices of copper, lead, zine and other metals have been falling, and without voluntary cutbacks in output by leading producers there would be world oversupply in many eases.

So why devote capital and other resources to the kind of projects that wouldn't even make economic sense at the moment? Why lock people's money up in the treasuries

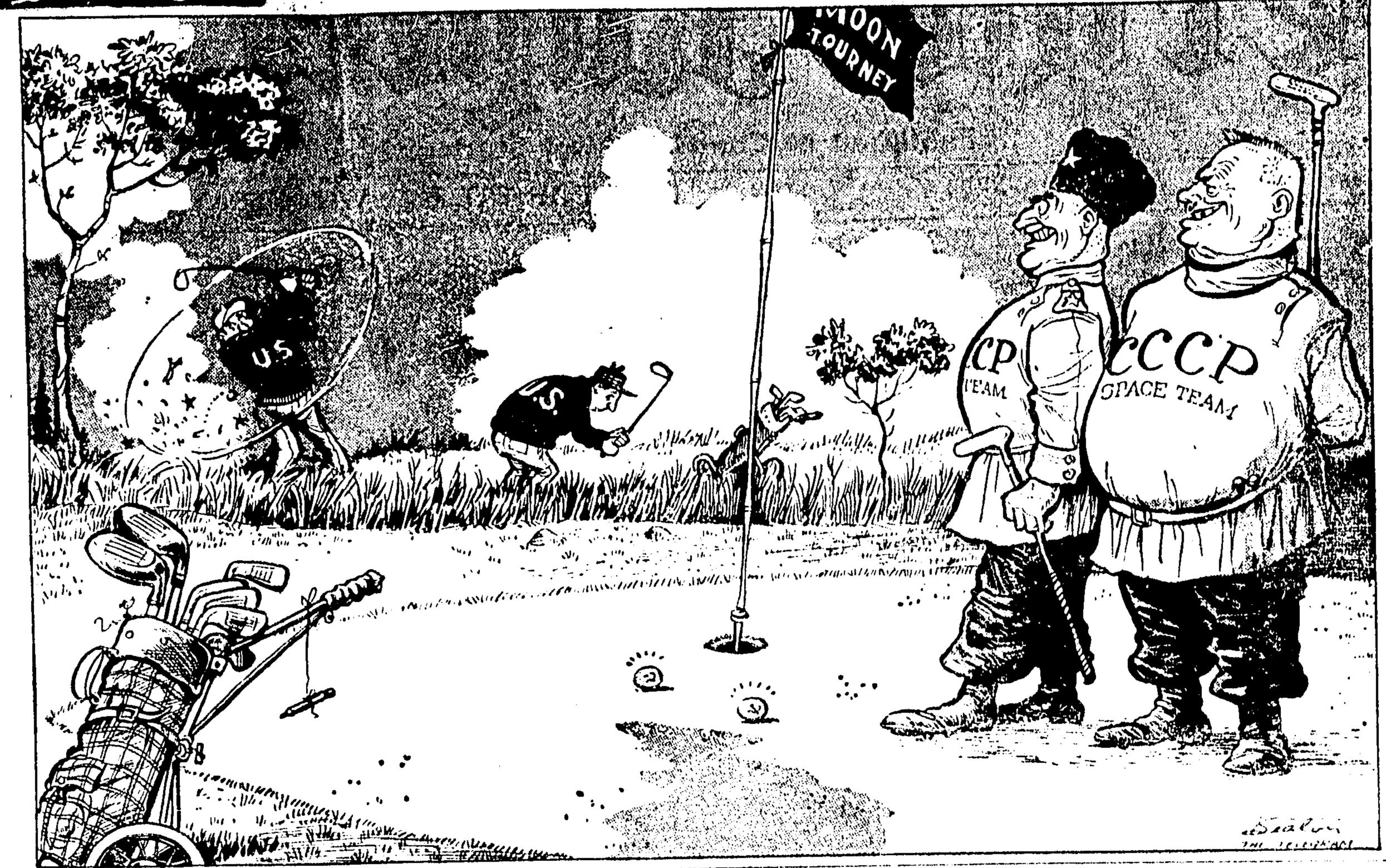
of non-productive companies? The treasure-house-of-minerals school of thinking about Canada is fine as fur as it goes. But it doesn't go far enough: it leaves out the

people, the human resources. And Ws countries like Britain and Holland Jacking in mineral riches by and large---who have shown just what human skill and ingenu-

ity can achieve, When we talk of the wealth created by now mines and oil wells, let's balance it against the wealth created by human skills: skills in morchandising, in engineering and invention, which

can create billion-dollar companies. And let's see if we can learn how to produce more people with these kinds of skills.

They're the real wealth.



TIME AND PLACE... The Ghost from the Bitter Lake

small hard objects unite and

as they move over the ground.

trees will fall and you will walk

behind this monster on a

great smooth path. All these

things will be done by the spir-

its created from the dust of

"You see the grease boxes

in the corner of your houses?

The white ghosts will bring

boxes and from these boxes

voices will tell you about

many things, even the days

when the rain will fall and

The corpse looked up at the

covered over smoke hole and

continued. "I am going back

to the Great One in the red

sky but I will return in 10

sleeps. When I return I will

water hot without heating

stones to drop into it. I will

also tell you many things that

are known to the white

The corpse then spoke in

several languages and the

Halalit and his men were once

again afraid and they began

to think of how best to kill

this strange one, for through

him they thought the white

ghosts will come and take our

the sun will shine."

our dead."

By Simon Wright of Kispiox, translator Arthur Hankin of Hazelton as told to Stan Rough of Kitimat

The peole of the villages of "You are going to see many Kisgegass and Kuldo were at peace and the trail between the two villages was well marked and the travelling was good.

One year, many hundreds of years ago, a group of people were out on the trail picking berries. It was in the month of August. A man in the party wandered away and when it became time to return to the village of Kisgegass he was missed.

Immediately his friends began to search for him but after several days, as food was running short, they reluctantly gave up the search and returned to their village to mourn for the lost one. They believed that the Simelone, a semi-human creature, had killed him. The next year when the people again went out on the trail tell you how you can make

to pick berries they took their hunting dogs and placed guards to warn the people if the Simelone or semi - human one was about.

During their first day the dogs began to bark at the mouth of a small canyon. The guards rushed to the canyon and to their amazement saw the body of the man lost the year before hanging by his neck in the forks of a cottonwood tree. Upon examination they found no signs of death as the body was fresh and warm as if it had only been in the tree a few hours instead of many months.

The guards immediately went back to their village at Kisgegass to inquire what should be done about the body and the women were left at the foot of the tree to guard the body. The elders of the village ordered the guards to bring the body back to the

The guards then returned, lowered the body to the ground, and lashed it to a split cedar board they had brought with them for this purpose. With ropes of cedar bark they lashed the body in three places, below the knees, hips and shoulders, to the board and returned to Kisgegass with it.

The party placed the body in a house and proceeded to cover the smoke hole in the roof and the door. Meanwhile, the Halalit or medicine man and his assistants formed a circle around the corpse. It was their intention to try and converse with the spirit of the dead man in the darkness in order to solve the mystery of his strange disappearance and discovery. The medicine man and his assistant sat in the darkness from early afternoon until just before dawn when they heard a strange sound.

Suddenly the corpse began to sing, "Big red sky the world will be made new. The ones who are feeble and helpless will revive and become strong." The Halalit (medicine man) and his assistants sat in the

darkness too terrified to move. After the song was finished the dead man sat up breaking the cords that lashed him to the board and addressed the group in the darkness.

"I have been called away by the powers in the sky and have lived in the presence of the Great One for 11 moons, The Great One spoke to me and said, From the first day to the fifth work and hunt. On the Demosh day fast, sing and dance and on Big Demosh day, you must keep quiet, do not work and endeavor to communicate with the spirits of the forest, mountains, lakes. rivers and sky.'"

"Bomeday you will see a great creature crawling up the valley beside the river (Skeena). As it comes along it 'will swallow people and smoke will come out of its fearful head." (Train).

49,000 American workers absent because of ulcers

columnist might never know if washing machines do. he didn't open his mail:

Some 22,000,000 Americans have no teeth except those put in by dentists . . . This includes two-thirds of those over 75 years of age.

bacco has fallen off sharply, but snuff is as much in demand as it was 10 years ago. To cure chapped lips, according to pioneer backwoods lore, you kissed the third rail

of a five-rail fence. It was hard work for grandma to boil the weekly wash, but tests indicate her method probably got rid of more harm-

gems of thought

We find it the worst thing about time that we know not what to do with it. — Ralph Waldo Emerson.

seems; it's just that it can't buzz any slower. — Kin Hub-

One can always trust to time. Insert a wedge of time, and nearly everything straightens itself out.--Norman Douglas.

By HAL BOYLE

cause of ulcers. Production of chewing to-

caught working." not pay . . . A girl showed up

A bee is never as busy as it

The price of tension: About 49,000 Americans are away from their jobs each day be-

Pet lore: Among dogs, just as with mosquitoes, the female is deadlier than the male . . a survey showed that lady dogs bite people 50 per cent more often than do male dogs.

Worth remembering: "Crime has the strongest union in the world . . . but its members pay no dues, attend few meetings, carry no cards—and are automatically retired if they are Sometimes originality does-

for a bathing suit contest at the Westhampton Bath and Tennis Club in a frogman's suit . . She didn't win. The sweet smell for money:

Americans now spend \$200,-000,000 annually on anti-perspirants and deodorants. Nature notes: An octopus is

a sissy—it actually turns pale at the approach of an intruder bigger: than itself . . . A polar bear can sniff a seal a mile away_... The Australian kiwi never takes a drink of water in its life.

It was Henry David Thoreau who advised: "Be not simply good; be good for something."

Of Gregory Clark

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of the mind of the rebellious

younger generation today is a

distrust of the wisdom of the

past which has brought the

world into such turmoil as it

has been for fifty years, and in

which it is still involved, full

of strain and anxiety. This

is probably not the

What may be in the back

dance, the painting, sculpturaland architectural arts, is a rebellion not unlike that of the enlightenment, the age of reason, the time of Rousseau and Voltaire.

The departing generation, of which I am a member, was not rebellious in its youth. It, submitted to the dictates of its elders. It did not question what was taught in the colleges. It accepted its war most submissively. It greeted the miracles of its time, the birth of flying, the discovery of insulin, with profound astonishment and respect. There are no more miracles for the younger generation of today. They are merely things to be

It will be the next generation that will discover that the wisdom of the ages is rock-bound upon rebellion. that nothing is new, and everything is old.

Quote and unquote

W. N. Hall, prezident of Dominion Tar & Chemical Co., in: his report to shareholders:

"Taxes took one third as ... much out of our business in 1961 as the employees received for all their salaries and wages and more than twice as much as the shareholders received in dividends.''

Philosophy still flourishes in Greece. This legend was... stamped on an envelope returned to a British doctor from Athens:

Return to Sender. Dead -- Unknown. Address Insufficient. Departed to Unknown.

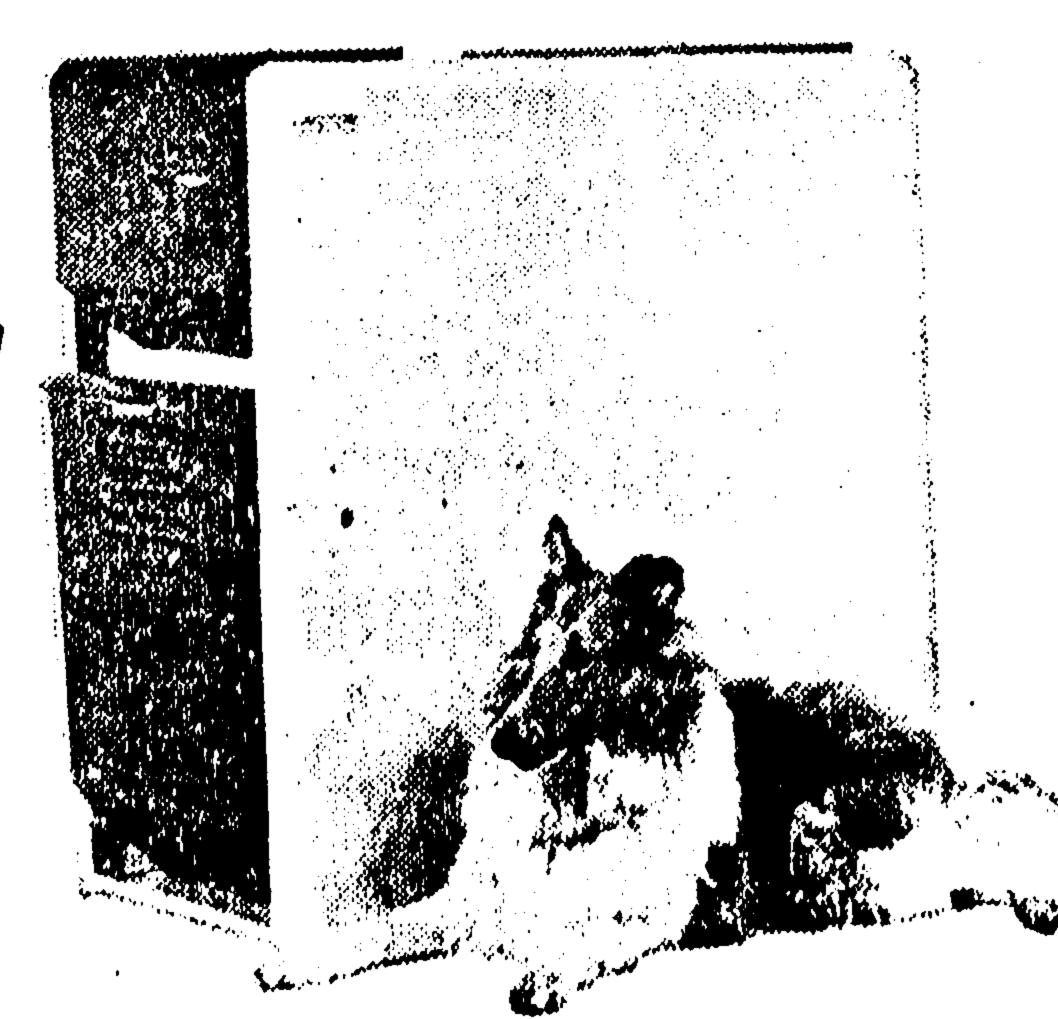
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