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Iran and Election

THE Anglo-Iranian oil situation may become a major issue in the British general election campaign, dispatches suggest. And that may very well be so.

Many Britons are finding it hard to accept the low prestige to which British influence has fallen owing to the manner in which the situation has been handled by the Labor government, particularly the current withdrawal of the British technicians from Abadan after it had only recently been stated that the policy was to be one of stand firm. The Conservatives will make a strong point of an apparent bungling of diplomacy and vacillating policy.

On the other hand, the Laborites ask the Conservatives if it came to a showdown, as it has done, would they act so as to make war with Iran inevitable? Certainly, Britain does not want war with Iran or any other country and there is the question if a war with Iran—almost certain to bring Russia directly or indirectly into the conflict—could have been justified anyway. After all, the oil belongs to Iran, even if its development and the machinery used was Britain's and Iran has been pretty unethical in its treatment of British property and rights.

Possibly the worst mistake of the British government in Iran is not the withdrawal from Iran but the instability of its stand in the whole matter. There have certainly been some immature and premature decisions and pronouncements and the government has handled the situation very irresolutely.

Press Responsibility

"IS THERE too much talk of press freedom and too little of press responsibility?" asks a publishers' publication. Robert A. Farquharson seems to think there is. In any case, the former managing editor of the *Toronto Globe and Mail* who is now editing *Saturday Night*, reversed the usual procedure by emphasizing that newspapermen "should guard this precious freedom not by talking about it but by making sure there is less and less opportunity for the public to complain about license of the press and the irresponsibility of newspapermen."

Responsible newspapermen will agree with Mr. Farquharson that honest objective reporting must reflect the daily events of our times without slanting the angles for political or other purposes, and that the editorial page is the one and only place for any responsible paper to express its opinion, in any way it likes: news columns, however, should be written not for the publisher, not for the editor or managing editor, but for the reader and the reader alone.

Mr. Farquharson's long and varied experience in newspaper work also taught him some other lessons which every student of journalism should put down and paste in his hat—that is, that news pages in a sense are public property and use of these pages for the distortion of fact, for the twisting of truth to serve certain causes or persons, is a betrayal of public trust, a trust which responsible publications hold in a very definite way.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."
—Phil. 2:5.

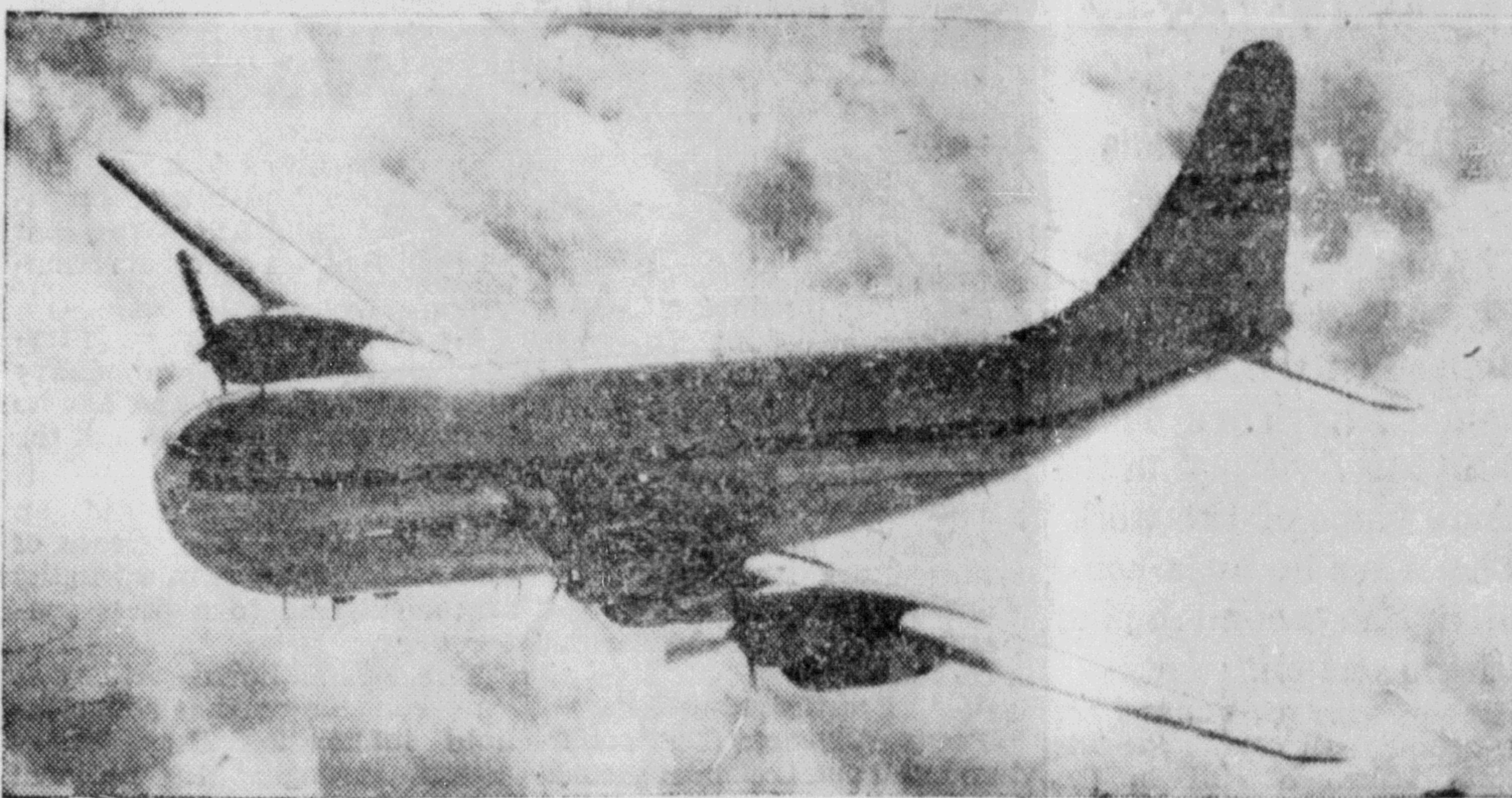
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Sent Delegates To Cancer Meet

VANCOUVER—Mrs. M. Laird of Terrace and H. P. Estlin of Prince George were among the seventy-five directors and delegates registered for the semi-annual provincial conference of the British Columbia Division, Canadian Cancer Society, held in the Hotel Vancouver.

Reporting on Education, Research and Welfare activities during the first eight months of this year the Division President, R. Bruce Buckfield, said that development has been unprecedented. "There are now 68 units in British Columbia," Mr. Buckfield said, "and our goal is that every community which has contributed to past campaigns should be represented by a unit." To date this year the division has spent \$23,583 on education, \$31,178 on research and post-graduate study and \$13,229 on welfare aid.

In his report on the 1951 "Conquer Cancer Campaign," Neville Y. Knox, vice-president of the Shell Oil Company in Vancouver and provincial chairman of the campaign committee, said that a final figure in the region of \$185,000 could be anticipated. Mr. Knox said that 86 campaign committees had been set up throughout the province and these "committees had collected \$83,000—nearly half of the gross returns."

Attending the semi-annual meeting were the Hon. A. D. Turnbull, Provincial Minister of Health and Welfare, his deputy, Dr. G. F. Amyot and Dr. G. R. Elliott of the Department of Health and Welfare in Vancouver.

Guest speaker was Professor D. H. Copp, M.D., Ph.D., head of the Department of Physiology at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Copp's address was on "Atomic Aids in Medicine" and he said that in the past six years radioactive isotopes have become commonplace in medical practice in the United States and in a number of centres in Canada. The "tagged" radioactive atoms are most useful in research because it is possible to trace them in the body and find out exactly what happens to them.

Orange Ladies Plan Bazaar

Plans for the annual fall bazaar were discussed when the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association met Thursday night in regular monthly session at the Oddfellows' Hall. In charge of the bazaar will be Mrs. C. Wilson, assisted by Mrs. E. Mulder, Mrs. A. Turnover, Mrs. M. Flew-in and Mrs. E. McRae. Mrs. Thomson, worthy mistress, was in the chair, assisted by Mrs. M. Wide, the deputy mistress.

Scarlet degree will be exemplified at the next meeting on October 11 after which a social will be held, each member to bring a guest. Mrs. B. Ellison to be in charge, assisted by Mrs. J. Hill, Mrs. M. Wide and Mrs. S. Carr.

ray.. Reflects and Reminisces

It may appear a bit odd but why is it that the broadcaster—no matter who, when or where—always seems the same. The brassy, twangy, swift drive of words, words, words. But of course to suddenly bawl, "Oh, for Pete's sake give us a rest," would never, never do just now.

IT COULD BE

Like everywhere else in the world, there are complaints even among fishermen. Yet it could be worse. Back in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, a fisherman borrowed \$600 for new nets and set them out the first of May. He only earned \$72 before the nets were mangled into ruins by sharks. But it wouldn't be quite so sorrowful if he'd managed to stay out of debt. D--- the sharks anyway.

The modern equipped kitchen seems to have every possible needed appliance and gadget except a mechanical burnt toast scraper.

MEET MISS MACDONALD

The contest for a name for Prince Rupert, the western terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, was advertised in the newspapers. Out of about 12,000 names which were received, the name selected was suggested by Miss Eleanor M. Macdonald of Winnipeg, who was the only competitor submitting the name. It had been stipulated that the name should not contain more than two syllables nor more than ten letters. The name submitted which most resembled that selected was "Port Rupert." This was offered by two others, but Prince Rupert was considered best, even if it has two more letters. So the company settled the matter by awarding the \$250 prize to each

of the three contenders.

STAY THERE

There has been more than one snowfall on the prairies since mid-September. No one in Prince Rupert will offer the slightest protest if it falls no closer.

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

"Why should I be thankful?" is doubtless the thought, if not verbal inquiry, of many a Canadian as the annual and formal acknowledgment of gratitude comes round. He may be found even here in northern and central British Columbia, blest from all standpoints to a superlative degree. Of course, if he thinks for a moment in a sober mood, his conclusions cannot but be otherwise.

Go where you will, as Thanksgiving dawns, you will find in a confused and anxious world a land or a region no better than this in the things that matter? Peace, reasonable security, high level of health and employment, physical resources on a vast and varied scale, natural beauty and the best of neighbors. We have indeed reason to be thankful.

WIDE-OPEN FREEDOM

Necessity of keeping an open mind on the Sons of Freedom question is urged by the Attorney General which is all right as far as it goes. It has been suggested that B.C. is wide and wild enough to provide almost any degree of liberty. The Sons could possess so much of it that there could be no public or private losses or annoyance, for there would be no neighbors. The Sons could be so free they could do whatever creed or conscience dictated, all of which might or might never be heard of. And it would be of small consequence, anyway.

New Garb for Toronto Prisons

TORONTO — Behind the brick walls and iron bars of Toronto's Don Jail, they're giving a new lease to the lives of men who have been shut off from society.

Soft pastels have replaced battlement grey in the monotonous interior of the building. The main rotunda and the dining room have colorful and attractive murals—painted by artistic prisoners.

The men no longer sit and brood through their sentences. They have cribbage, checkers, bridge and bowling tournaments—competitions between corridors for the championship of the institution.

The changes—a part of the new policy of the provincial department of reform institutions—were brought to the Don by its new governor, Charles Anderson,

who came to the jail 15 months ago from the governorship of the Port Arthur jail.

"We aren't pampering the prisoners," says the governor. "They are in custody as the law says they must be. We have good discipline. But by keeping the men busy we're preventing them from just sitting around and talking crime."

Besides arranging recreational activities, prison officials find employment for many of the short-tempereds and straighten out personal problems.

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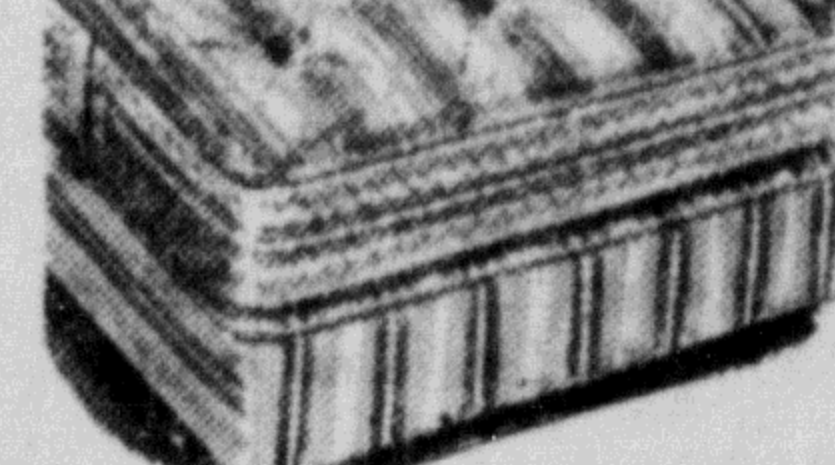
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