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History Repeats

A CENTURY AGO, Imperial Russia was rocking the diplomatic boat just as mysteriously as it is today. Europe was still shaken and disturbed by the 1848 revolutions, which had upset nearly all the governments except that of Russia. In France, Napoleon III had been elected President and was about to proclaim himself Emperor. It was at this period that Czar Nicholas I chose to issue hints and make veiled threats of possible action in various directions.

Not long afterward, he sought to become the "protector" of the Christians in Turkey, but his scheme was frustrated by the Crimean War, in which the weight against him was largely borne by Britain and France. The strain of the war almost wrecked the Russian economy, and Nicholas killed himself.

Russian imperialism is not new. The Soviets merely continue the policies of their autocratic predecessors.

Censorship

CORRESPONDENTS in Korea long have indicated the need for a clearly defined code of censorship, observes the Christian Science Monitor. Even the most experienced combat reporter cannot be expected to know in every instance which unit identification and which troop movement, if made public might betray important plans to the enemy.

Furthermore, leaving too much up to the correspondents' discretion and sense of responsibility puts a certain premium on irresponsibility. If one reporter could slip out a story of particular importance, might not publishers and the public back home have wondered if the other correspondents had been asleep?

But it is unlikely that newsmen were prepared for the kind of censorship that came. Going far beyond the demands of military security—the need for which no one disputes—the new regulations, according to the chief of the Monitor's Far Eastern bureau, exceeded anything imposed in the Pacific theatre during the darkest days of World War II. The wording of the new regulations is such that a correspondent could be subject to court-martial if he should get by the censors any interpretation of anything remotely military which deviated from the official version.

Censorship so far-reaching always has but one result: the generating of distrust even when complete confidence may be justified. It defeats its own purpose, for it at once sows suspicion that there is something to hide.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."—1 Peter 5:6-7.

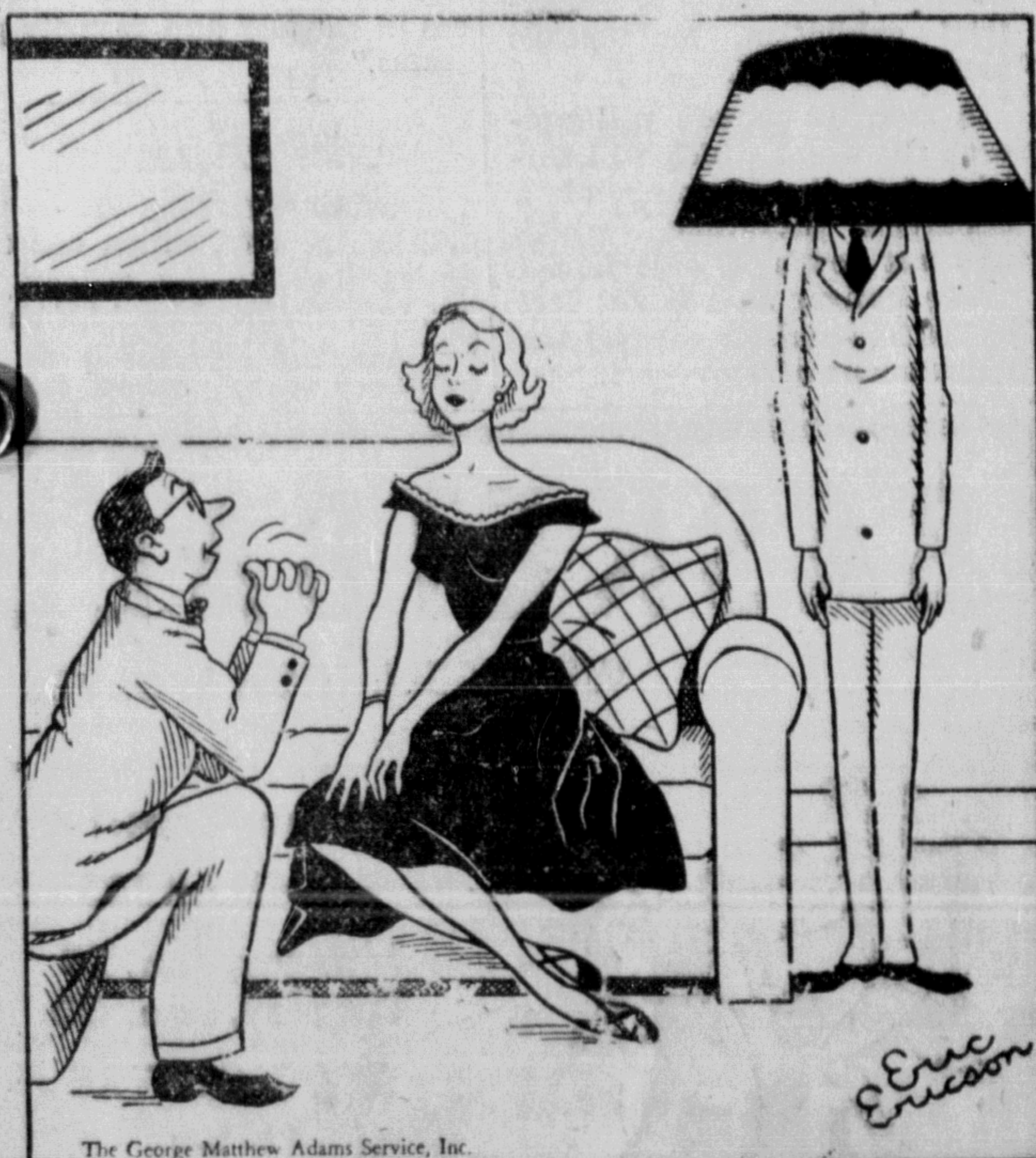
Daily Health Hint

Vitamin D is not found in sufficient quantity in any normal diet. Therefore it should be obtained from other sources such as fish liver oils. This vitamin is necessary to formation of bones and teeth.

Simmons Wants Elective Body

EDMONTON. — The federal member for Yukon-Mackenzie, J. A. Simmons of Whitehorse, has announced he will renew demands for the formation of an elective territorial government for the Northwest Territories.

"That part of the country is entitled to handle its own affairs," he declared.



"Then there's somebody else?"



As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT AGAIN IN LONDON

LONDON.—Here I am back in London, or as we used to call it when I saw it in World War One, London of the big smoke.

There is much less smoke now than there was then, for of course London has long since been de-smoked.

In the 18 months since I was here before the great city has visibly perked up. Today in the glorious mid-January sunshine London looked as cheerful as I ever remember it.

After the rather jittery atmosphere of North America, with the war-torn fixation stopping over the 49th parallel, it gives you a steady feeling to get back here where everything moves with such unhurried efficiency.

BUT FIRST I must tell the sad tale of the two champion hams with which I left home.

"Fifty pounds overweight," the desk clerk told me in Montreal. Sorry as I felt for the meat-short folks here in Britain, those hams had to stay behind.

Lucky that I had my rich brother with me. I made a deal with him. He paid the \$15 to cover the rest of my excess baggage, and he took the two prize hams!

WE ZOOMED out of Montreal with the big North Star really loaded down (even minus my two hams). The rear compartment was reserved for mothers with children and they were packed in, snug and sleepy, like fluffy birds in a cosy nest.

The crossing took just 11 hours till we put down at Shannon airport. It was my first visit to the Republic of Ireland, for when I was there, in 1918, they were already in what Irishmen, with masterly understatement, called "The Trouble."

NO SOONER DOES the plane stop at Shannon than a lovely-looking, green uniformed (but stockingless) auburn haired girl comes aboard. In beautiful English, but spoken with a brogue as soft as a lovely kiss, she informs the passengers that there are no formalities upon transit entry into Ireland. But will we please show our health query papers? This paper (a British form, by the way) is quickly stamped by the health official of County Clare.

I asked the lovely Irish colleen if they always had such nice weather. Quick as a flash she answered:

"It's always better than this. It's still cold from the gale."

I knew then I was back in the land of the blarney. My mind flashed back to 1918 when, as a youngster in the Canadian Field Artillery, I went to Dublin to see for myself what "The Trouble" was all about.

No sooner had I stepped outside the station than a blue-eyed, immense bosomed, raven black haired woman tried to sell me some violets.

She saw that I wore two pips on my shoulders, so immediately promoted me to captain.

"God bless you, Captain, buy my violets. God bless you, Captain, buy my violets." Finally I had to buy the blinking violets to escape the laughing crowd which she increasingly attracted.

ON THE FLIGHT over from Shannon to London I asked myself about the sources of our future strength in Canada. Old peoples, like the Irish, develop standard breeds of humans, and very fine they are too, even if all the girls are not as lovely as the picked ones on show at Shannon. But consider these names of the crew members on our TCA flight, Montreal to London:

Captain—J. P. Laskoski.
First Officer—L. M. Wallace.
Purser—P. Arnsby.
Stewardess—Miss C. C. Paetsch.

Out of that Slavic, Scottish, English and German mixture, plus of course the French and all other strains from which we have drawn, we will yet breed a people worthy of the best in all the lands of origin. And worthy of Canada too.

Quiz Game at Norway Sons

G. Gustafson won a quiz game following the general business meeting of the Sons of Norway Monday night. Consolation prize was won by Alf. Jensen. For the business session, which enlarged on plans made at the last meeting, President John Fredheim was in the chair. Coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts brought the special evening to an end.

RAY... Reflects and Reminisces

Despite denial, the Edmonton Bulletin, love child of the late Frank Oliver, has been sold to the Edmonton Journal interests which will leave about 180 perfectly good newspaper folks wondering what they are going to do next—unless it's the press. But this is the drift. More big sheets and fewer small ones.

Lionel Barrymore, a man of gifts and one of the most distinguished of the theatre's royal family, is believed near the end. Age has overtaken him. He will go down as one of the screen's most revered characters.

Mounted police were on duty in Prince Rupert many a year ago and they were just the same old mounties, but other cops were here as well. The Mounties had a trim little barracks just across from the head of First Street. They wore all the sternness of the uniform, but dearly loved a bit of fun. One day at the annual exhibition, a wild man, at considerable danger was brought in, to be identified later as Sergeant Bob Warrior of Alberta who was an adept in keeping absurdity and dignity separate. Incidentally, the gallant sergeant stole the show.

Beginning in February, Canada's new one dollar postage stamp, dark blue and featuring the fisheries will appear. It will show a net being drawn in. It might even go a bit further, and disclose steaming hot baked halibut and cheese.

The Federal building clock will resume ticking when whatever repairs needed are performed from over the edge of the roof which is icy enough to skate on. Meantime it is a gay deceiver.

Fairbanks has had five fires, all large and all within a few days of one another. The most recent cost almost half a million dollars. Of course, the weather "Artie" flames will catch. But five major outbreaks won't take no for an answer. The mayor has had his say and he's saying it again. So are others.

THE LETTERBOX

FINE NEWSPAPERS

Editor, Daily News—

There was a serious omission in that article concerning the growth of Terrace which appeared in your paper on January 16.

While it can be admitted that there are many dreary weekly newspapers, yet I claim that an outstanding progressive paper like the Omineca Herald should be listed as an asset to the Terrace community just as the Daily News is an undoubted asset to the city of Prince Rupert. The people of Skeena are extremely lucky to have such fine examples of the daily and weekly newspapers.

It is unfortunate that the name Omineca Herald does not properly locate the paper. That is explained by the transfer, by purchase, from New Hazelton in the Omineca to Terrace in the Skeena riding. Retaining the old name may be in deference to the veteran publisher, Mr. Sawie, yet we are hopeful that there will be some change in name.

O. RAYNOR BAXTER, Terrace.

Employment Increasing

OTTAWA (C)—Employment in Canada is "considerably better" than a year ago, the labor department has said, but it reported that the number of registered unemployed jumped 33,000 during two weeks.

Unemployed registered at National Employment Service offices January 4 numbered 248,100, some 50,000 fewer than at January 5, 1950. Canada's manpower pool totals more than 5,000,000 persons.

The department, again stressing the immediate need for more skilled workers, said there were several reasons for the improvement in the situation over last year.

OIL RESERVES

Western Canada oil reserves have been placed at a minimum of 1,200,000,000 barrels.

25 YEARS AGO

January 24, 1926

The following officers were elected at the organization meeting of a Ladies' Aid to the United Church Rupert East gymnasium: President, Mrs. W. G. Robinson; Vice-president, Mrs. Frank Vickers; Secretary, Mrs. R. G. Macaulay; Treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Squire.

R. E. Moore, manager of P. Burns Co. Ltd., sailed this morning on the Catala for Vancouver on a week's business trip.

Olier Besner has returned from a business trip to Vancouver and Victoria.

10 YEARS AGO

January 24, 1941

B. C. Bracewell of the department of municipalities at Victoria, recently appointed city commissioner for Prince Rupert, will arrive here on the Prince Rupert next Wednesday for a visit, according to word received today at the city hall.

J. H. Scott of San Francisco, managing director of the Riverside Mine, and Mrs. Scott, after a visit at Stewart, were passengers aboard the Prince Rupert last night returning south.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Kellett sailed last night on the Prince Rupert for a vacation trip or two or three weeks at Vancouver.

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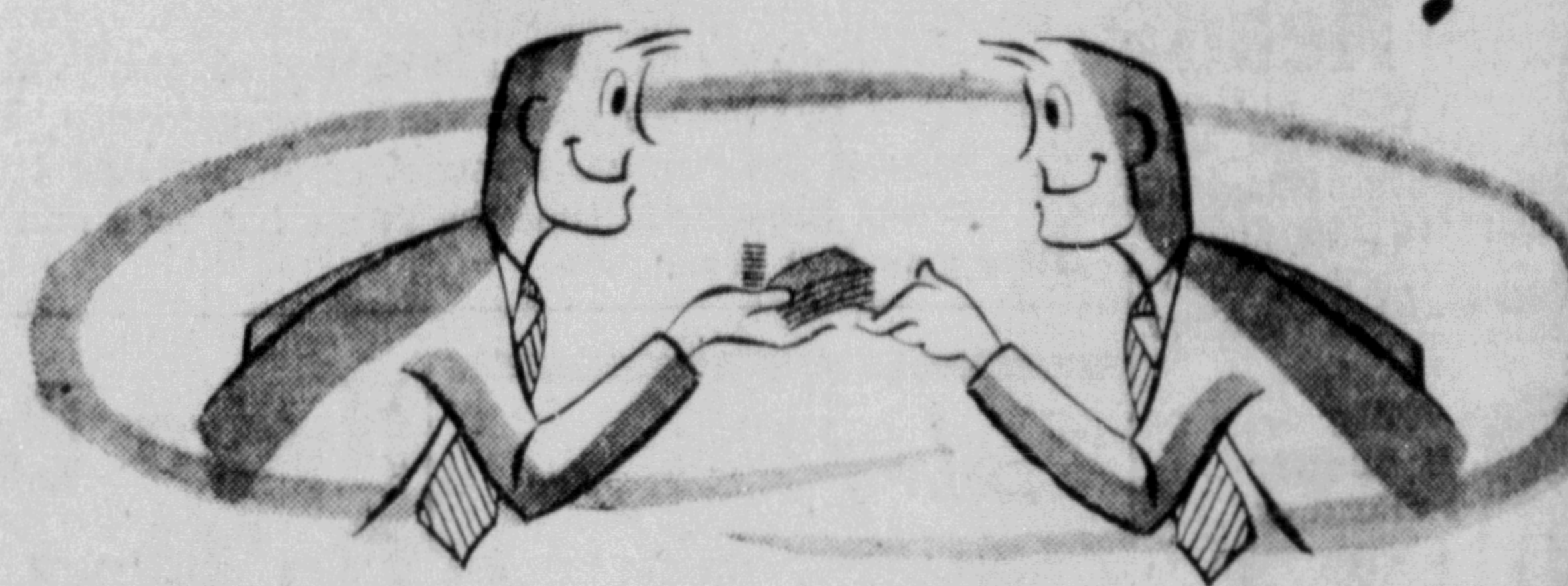
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