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Espionage and Treason

There is something sinister about espionage. Like propaganda, it is a form of conflict that goes on between the actual fighting of the wars. It is an unseen, subtle and passive activity which continues unabated during the days of so-called peace. Because its methods are overt and dark, espionage is regarded as an insidious profession. A type of treachery is often part of the technique. Yet the secret agent must have an integrity, an endurance, a purpose such as few people are called upon to exercise in their every day affairs. So, despite the stigmas that might attach to it, the spy must have a very definite form of honor and certainly he must have a measure of courage that many people do not possess.

There is no particular reason for us to hate Russia the more because we find out that she has been practising espionage in a large scale in Canada. If Russia has not the atomic secrets that we have, we should not be surprised if she should endeavour to get them. If the shoe were on the other foot and Russia had the atomic secrets and would not divulge them to us, we would probably endeavour to obtain them ourselves although our methods might differ.

In fact, we would be derelict in our own defence if we did not endeavour to obtain the weapons which might mean the difference between our extermination and our salvation.

Conversely, it is also our duty to see that none of our secret information is allowed to pass into the

hands of those who might use it against us.

There can, of course, be no excuse for the traitors among our own people who would consciously abet in the passing on of our secret information to unauthorized persons of other nations who seek surreptitiously in any way to obtain it. Their category might be considered even lower than that of the soldier who in heat of losing battle might go over to the enemy and fight against his comrades. The name for the offence is treason and the punishment for treason is death. The only thing we can hope for now is that it may yet be shown that there were no Canadians who were consciously culpable of conspiracy to pass out secrets vital to our own defence.

Why Ceilings Are Necessary

It is easy to understand why people consider the high cost of living the chief problem facing them. It is that which most closely affects their daily lives, their material possessions, their pocketbooks.

The most numerous class—the great middle class, comprising white-collar workers, farmers, professional men and women—feel this pinch of rising costs severely. Often it means the difference between sending Jean or John away to the school they had their heart set on or finding a less satisfactory education near home. Sometimes it actually means the difference between getting an education and going to work. Clothing and feeding the family are other troublesome problems. Some talk of wages being too low and others of prices being too high but it's all one.

Severe and annoying as is the shortage of housing, this concerns only a minority. That is why it is considered secondary in importance. People have put up temporarily with miserable living quarters before this and have come through. But soaring costs mean deprivation.

That is why ceilings should be kept on the price of essential goods.

Letters to the Editor

MR. LITTLE REPLIES

Editor, Daily News:
Would you please permit me space to reply to two letters affecting our goodwill and operation, under the heading of "Power Franchise," signed by Angus McDonald, and "Power and Industries," signed by Mr. Mickleburgh.

Answering Mr. McDonald's letter first the Power Corporation, or the Northern B. C. Power Corporation Co. Ltd., did not make promises in exchange for the franchise. The assets of the city power and light department, were offered for competitive sale with certain stipulations. When the vote was taken by the ratepayers the Power Corporation was successful by majority vote upon which was set out in By-law 682 (the bylaw voted upon) paragraph 35 as follows: "The Company, that is the Power Corporation or its assignee, the Northern British Columbia Power Co. Ltd., will place at the disposal of the Corporation (City) and the Board of Trade its Industrial Research Department and endeavour in every way to induce the establishment and the fostering of new industries in the City." We are still quite prepared to carry out this clause and have been attempting to do so for a number of years.

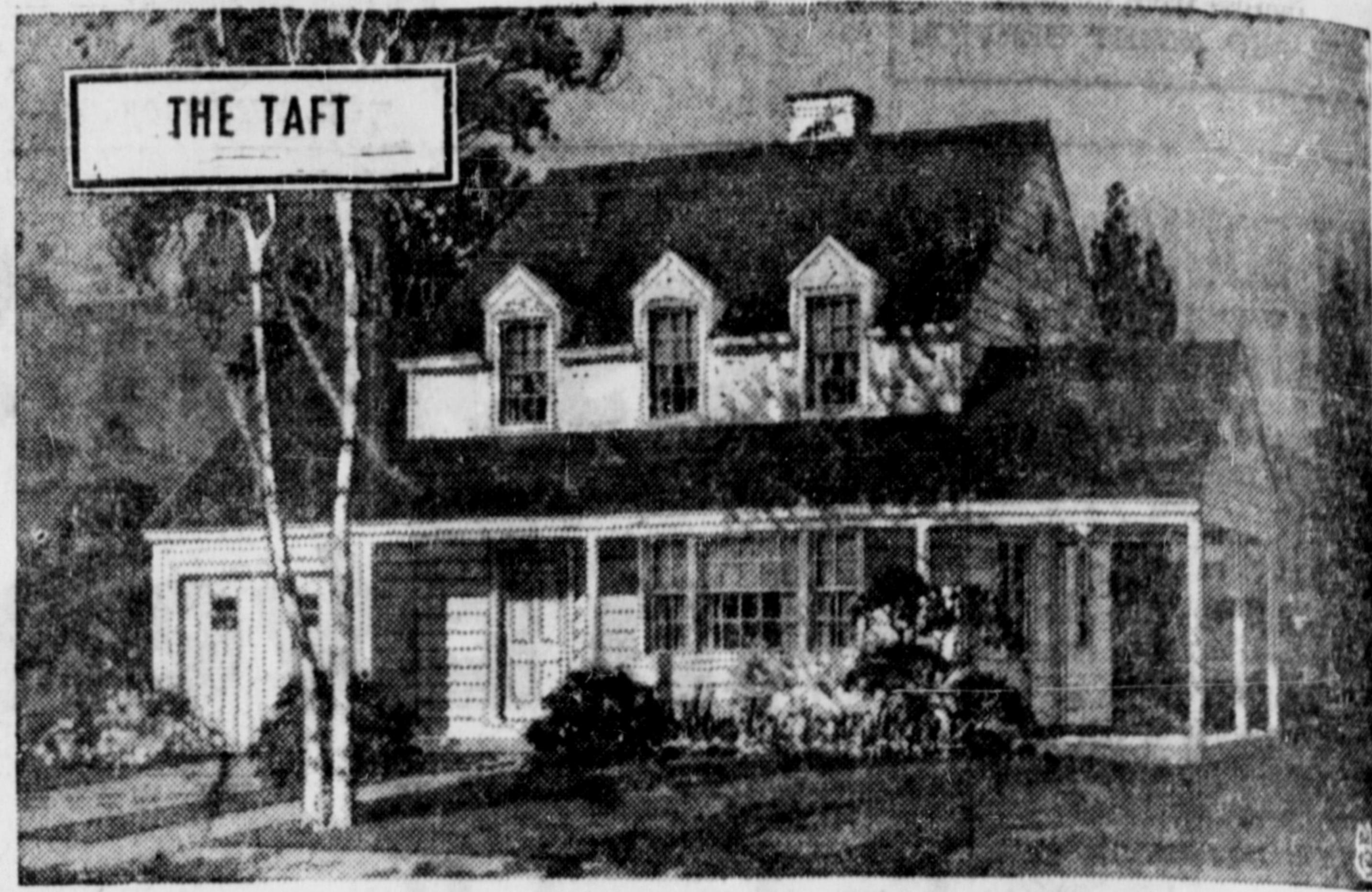
Mr. McDonald goes on to say we have not been bothered to maintain our lines. What his implications are by that I don't know because the less interruptions a utility has the less expense of operation.

When Mother Nature goes on a rampage, which she frequently does, not only in this area but in other parts of the world, it not only affects us but also rail, road, telephone and telegraph communication and frequently there is not much that one can do about it. Utilities as a rule prefer to have continuity of service. This applies not only to the

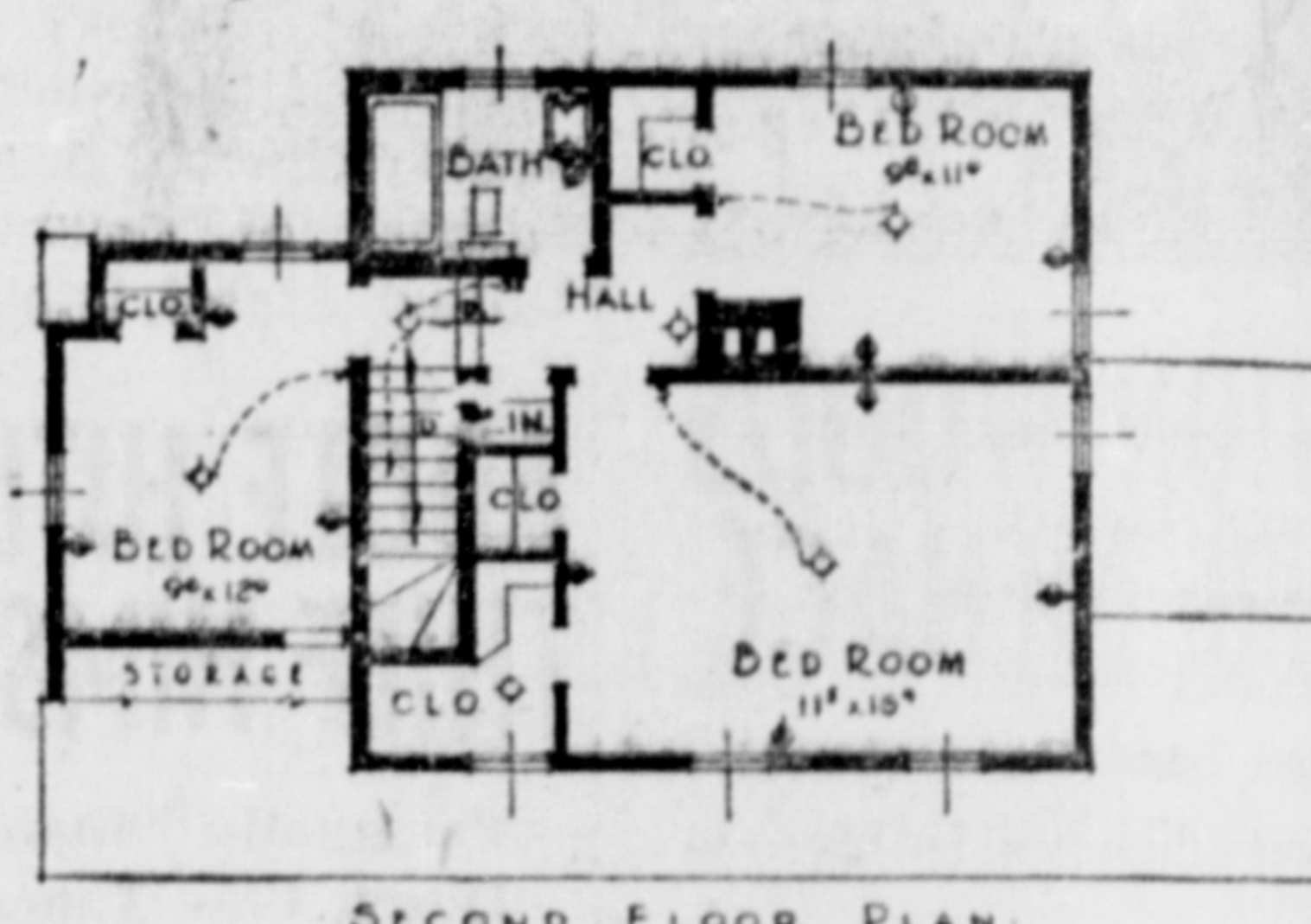
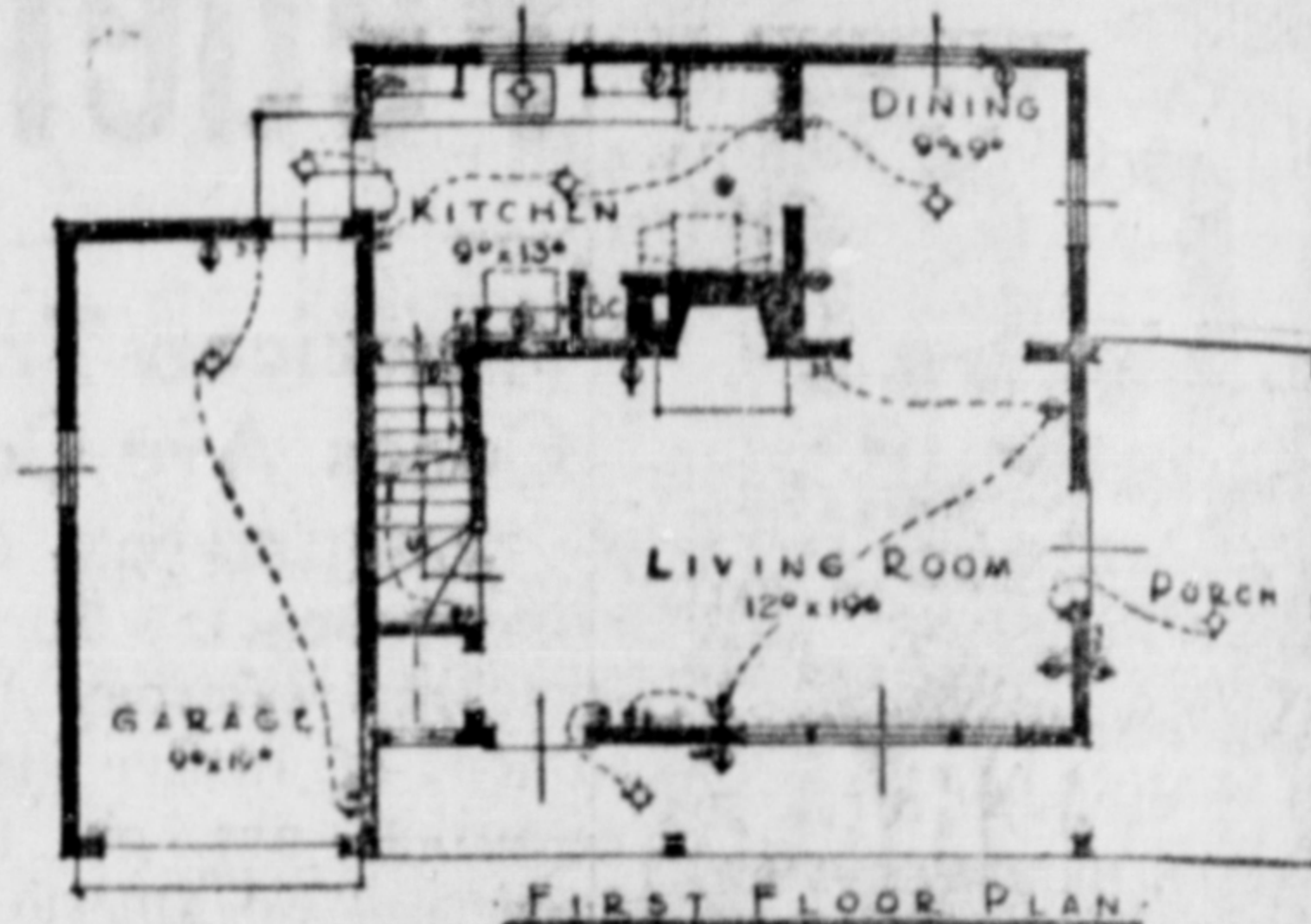
management but also to the line staff, particularly if they have to turn out in stormy weather in the middle of the night, when even if they are earning double time, they would much prefer to be sitting comfortably at home. As an example, our last interruption the trouble was due to two trees sliding down the mountain at different points on the Escal, which necessitated bringing in the Dry Dock steam plant and sending seven men up the river to clear the trouble, which cost us, in the final check-up, for standby, labor, boat, etc. over \$1,000. This is one of the many reasons why utilities prefer continuity of service to interruptions and also why no utility, either on this or any other continent, will guarantee complete continuous service. If a customer absolutely requires a continuous service, they usually install standby which, although costlier, usually saves them over until the utility resumes normal service. I hope this deals with Mr. McDonald's letter to his satisfaction.

Dealing with Mr. Mickleburgh's letter under "Power and Industries" I cannot understand his attitude in this respect as he, I noted, was the only one, apart from the secretary, who was taking down verbatim the views expressed and the discussion involved. The Northern B. C. Power Co. Ltd. did not say that they would bring in a pulp mill if their franchise was extended, nor had the writer any authority to make such an offer. The answer came from a leading question by, I believe, His Worship the Mayor, who asked "assuming your principals decided to install a pulp mill in the vicinity, would they want an extension of your franchise?" I answered that, as the installation of a 250-ton mill with increased power facilities would

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require an additional investment of one and three-quarter million for power and a mill about ten million, I thought that this would require an extension of the franchise of at least 20 years to recoup them for their investment.

I am not entering into the merits or demerits of the political exposition contained in Mr. Mickleburgh's letter but I would like to say, if Prince Rupert is desirous of inducing large capital outlays in this area, we will have to approach these investors with a more conciliatory attitude

than we have done in the past and we are now doing.
Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your consideration.
J. J. LITTLE,
General Manager,
Northern B.C. Power
Co. Ltd.

RESEARCH IN PACIFIC

Institute of Pacific Relations Plans Activity

TORONTO, @—Plans for increasing the volume of research work done by the Institute of Pacific Relations were drawn up at meetings held recently in Atlantic City. The Canadian Institute of International Affairs is the Canadian council in the I.P.R.

Canadians attending the meeting included: Dr. E. J. Tarr of Winnipeg, a governor of the Bank of Canada; Dr. Alexander Brady and Prof. Edgar M-Tennis of the University of Toronto; Douglas A. MacLennan, national secretary of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, and Dr. Percy E. Corbett, former dean of the McGill University law school, now international chairman of the I.P.R.

Members from I.P.R. councils in France, China, Australia, Britain, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United States also attended the meetings.

The next international conference of the institute will be held in London, England, from September 6-20, 1947, at which the main topics of discussion will be an analysis of allied policy towards Japan, and a survey of the effectiveness of the United Nations Organization in dealing with trusteeships security, dependent area and economic and social problems in the Pacific.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It is nothing like so hot as it was yesterday."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "vagary"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Gellatin, gazelle, ghetto.
4. What does the word "imperativeness" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with er that means "to destroy utterly"?

Answers
1. Say, "It is not nearly so hot as it was yesterday." 2. Pronounce first a as in ah unstressed, second a as in gay, and accent second syllable, not the first. 3. Gelatin, or gelatine. 4. Quality of being commanding or authoritative. "There could be no question as to the imperativeness of his command." 5. Eradicate.



DEPOSED PRESIDENT OF HAITI HOPES TO MAKE HOME IN CANADA—Elie Lescot, deposed president of Haiti, who has arrived in Canada with his family, can be seen in the front row, centre. Deposited after 14 days of street fighting, Port au Prince, the former Haitian president hopes to make his home in Canada. Above, left to right, are: front row, Mrs. Pierre Chauve, a daughter; Andree Lescot, a daughter who has been studying in Montreal; Mr. Lescot and Mrs. Lescot, with grandchild, Claudette; Mrs. Henri Lescot, holding Michel Henri. Back row, Gerard Lescot and his wife, Roger Lescot, Mrs. Henri Elie, Gerard's mother-in-law, Elie, jr., and Paula St. Aude.

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NO COMMENT IN MOSCOW PRESS

MOSCOW, @ — The Moscow press yesterday published without editorial comment the statement of Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada last Friday disclosing that employees of a foreign legation in Ottawa had been involved in espionage activities resulting in leakage of "secret and confidential information." The press accounts were limited to Mr. King's statement which did not indicate what legation was involved. It was the first newspaper mention of the incident and followed radio broadcast mention.

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BEAVER CLUB'S LAST BIRTHDAY

LONDON—The Beaver Club Canadian servicemen's organization during the war, had its sixtieth birthday on Tuesday. The ceremony was attended by Queen Mary and Lord Alton, governor general-designate Mrs. Vincent Massey, wife of Canadian high commissioner, who cut a big birthday cake and presented it to Queen Mary.

LONDON, @—Mrs. Ross Hill, personal secretary to Winston Churchill, is to be engaged at Chequers, country home of Britain's prime minister, in a wedding to Miss Lamont.

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