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Civic Centre Is Partly Closing

Setting an example for the rest of the community, Civic Centre management today decided on a curtailment of activities in order to conserve light and power in view of the current emergency. Auditorium and gymnasium will be closed but smaller meeting places will remain available for essential meetings. Closing of the gymnasium will mean suspension of basketball leagues. The Daily News at the week-end started a power conservation program which, it is estimated, will mean a fifty percent saving in consumption.

"Foolish" Act Causes Blaze

Because the landlady could not sleep, what might have been a major fire was averted early this morning. Mrs. E. M. Cook of the Vernon Apartments on Second Avenue woke up early today and smelled smoke. She made a check of her room and, finding nothing there, rushed outside for an investigation of the ash can. Returning to her suite, she noticed sparks flashing from the ceiling next to the chimney.

The fire department was called and by 1:30 a.m. the blaze, which had been caused by ashes dumped in a paper box by the roomer directly above, was quickly extinguished. Damage is estimated

at between \$50 and \$75. The flames burnt a hole through the ceiling of Mrs. Cook's suite. Events of the Moose Hall fire still fresh in their minds, the landlady and the Fire Chief both felt irked by the act of disposing of hot ashes in a paper box.

Flying Help In Measles Scourge

EDMONTON — The Great White Father is today sending help to her children—Indians and Eskimos scattered along the Mackenzie River Delta—where seven men have died in a measles epidemic.

Winging its way to the Arctic settlement of Aklavik, Northwest Territories, a plane is carrying Dr. Paul Harvey and three nurses

from the Charles Camsell Indian hospital here. They will help Dr. K. A. Ward, Aklavik's resident medical officer, to fight the epidemic.

United Nations In "Worse" Situation

LAKE SUCCESS — The United Nations today faced the prospect of trying to function without Russia for at least a month.

Only six atomic talks have been stopped by the walk-outs of Soviet Russia and Soviet bloc countries since December 13.

Other committees continue their work, apparently unhampered but with the knowledge that Russia will not consider any decision taken in her absence as legal.

Trygve Lie, United Nations secretary-general, says the United Nations is in a worse situation than when the Berlin blockade threatened to burst into war.

NEW HOTEL (Continued from Page 1)

Reconversion of this building will, it is estimated, cost upwards of \$100,000.

The first suites should be available by late spring with six months required for completion of the whole project.

A new company is being incorporated around this new apartment project and Armstrong Agencies have been appointed to handle the property.

Churchill Stirs Them

LONDON — Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill stirred up Britain's election campaign during the week-end with a warning against "another plunge into Socialistic regimentation."

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney General, last night retorted: "I would have thought that, if ever men's souls were regimented, it was under the old Conservative party regime."

Churchill, in an address Saturday night, called for a return to free enterprise to "win us back the glorious ascendancy" which marked the rise of the British Empire. It was his first major speech since the general election was set for February 23.

MONEY LEFT OVER

In the year ending March 31, 1949, Britain's budget showed an overall surplus of \$352,000,000.

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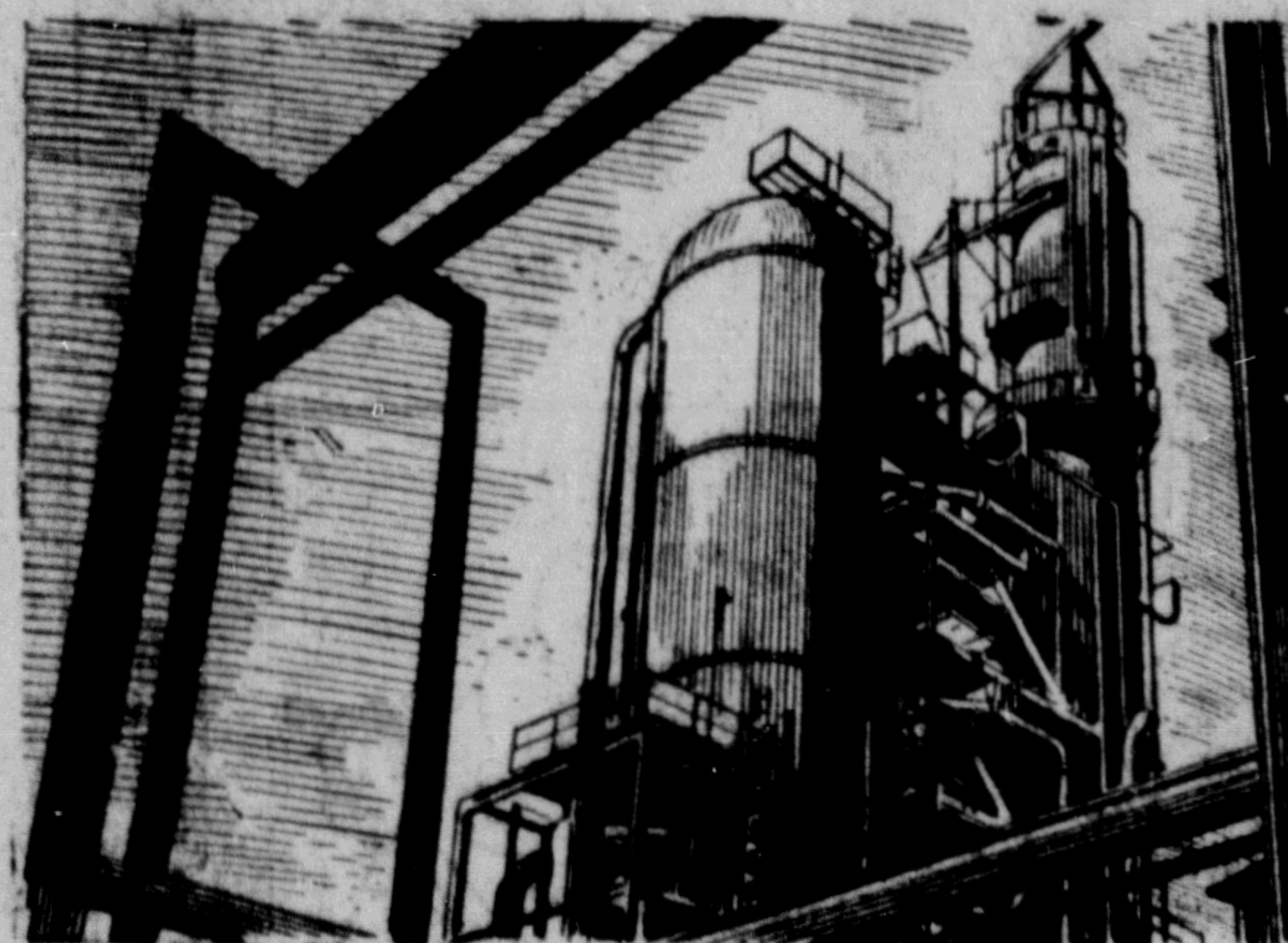
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