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Diefenbaker or Drew?

WITH JUST TEN DAYS now to go until the opening of the Progressive-Conservative convention two of those who are considered to be the principal contenders for the leadership of the party have announced candidature. John Diefenbaker last week entered the ring. In spite of his apparently highly organized campaign many observers believe that George Drew, Premier of Ontario, will get the call now that he too has allowed his name to go to the convention. Of course, Mr. Diefenbaker is highly popular in the west and has friends in Ontario as well as the maritimes. He himself expresses confidence.

When Mr. Bracken's resignation as party leader was first announced it was generally believed that Mr. Drew would be a certain candidate. Now he intimates he is willing to give up the position of Premier of Canada's largest province for the difficult position of leader of the opposition. That is, no doubt why three months after the Ontario general election Mr. Drew has made no move to obtain a seat in the provincial legislature which he failed to win in June.

TEACHING IMPROVIDENCE

UNDER THE IMPACT of high prices and high taxation the Canadian citizen is becoming increasingly improvident. This is due in part, perhaps, to the assumption that if we don't look after ourselves someone—preferably the government—will assume the obligation for us. But more, we believe, it is due to the "what's the use" attitude that is creeping into our thinking. It is an attitude that suggests that we might as well have commodities that we can see and feel, because the security we had been planning is subject to every whim and every increasing demand that is made upon us.

During the war we learned the lesson of saving. It may be that it was partly a patriotic urge, partly the influence of mass action. But, whatever the cause, it did start people saving who had never thought of saving before. By the later years of the war, we were putting away a steady 19% of our income. It was a habit with us and we took pride in it.

Today, the saving habit is running headlong down hill. In 1945, it was 15%, in 1946 12%. That isn't because we have deliberately gone on a spending spree. It isn't anything as natural or as pleasant as that. It is because high taxes and high costs are encroaching on our security, and it isn't secure any more. More than all that, it is because, both in a business and a personal sense, the prejudice against profits and personal initiative and personal independence has undermined our confident belief that looking after his own responsibilities is the first duty of man.

SHADE TREES DISAPPEAR

FOR VARIOUS REASONS, beautiful old shade trees in some of Canada's chief cities are being cut down and there are no replacements. The steady increase of street traffic, extension of lines of communication, and the necessity of utilizing every foot of space on streets already lacking adequate width, help explain why the trees are not being spared. They have grown to such extent that residences are unduly darkened. Some have been standing for a century—splendid elms, maples and other species—the disappearance of which will give a peculiar sense of loss to the many who knew and loved them so well.

EVERY LIFE HAS CRISIS

"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of day." Archdeacon E. Hodson, conducting the morning service yesterday at the First United Church, in the absence of Rev. R. A. Wilson, used this text from Genesis 32 as the basis for his sermon.

The speaker illustrated how Jacob, who in modern life would have been termed a Smart Alec, was constantly trying to get ahead of his twin brother Esau. Once when Esau was fainting with hunger, he begged Jacob to feed him but before he would grant the request the younger brother demanded that Esau trade his birthright for food. Later, when Isaac was old and blind, Jacob and his mother Rebekah evolved a scheme whereby the father bestowed the blessing of the first-born upon Jacob instead of the older twin. Fearing his brother's anger Jacob fled to his uncle in Haran where he prospered.

After twenty years in exile, Jacob decided to return home with his family and many possessions. Throughout his years of success he had felt that his achievements had been gained by his own ability but when he came to the border of his homeland and learned that his brother Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men he remembered the sins of his past and it was difficult to face them alone. All night he fought with his conscience and admitted that he had sinned and been a cheat and acknowledged the power of God in his life.

"Like Jacob," said Archdeacon Hodson, "you and I must face a crisis in our life when we look back on the sins of our past. No other human can stand with us then and we must face it alone with God." Assisting with the service was the junior choir conducted by J. S. Wilson and accompanied on the organ by Mrs. L. Dakin.

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TREASON

Editor, Daily News:

I have read with interest the report in your paper of the address of J. T. Harvey before the Rotary Club describing the Communist menace in world affairs, particularly the boring from within method in our own Dominion of Canada and the statement that Communist tactics are synonymous with treason. It would appear that Mr. Harvey's purpose was a patriotic appeal to all good Canadians to treat all those tainted with Socialistic views as traitors—enemies of our own nation working in conjunction with a foreign power.

Mr. Editor, I would like Mr. Harvey to revert back about 37 years in Canadian history. There he will find such persons as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, W. L. Mackenzie King, W. S. Fielding and scores of other prominent Canadians branded as traitors working in the interests of a foreign power. According to Tory standards a vote for reciprocity with the United States in 1911 was pure treason. Again in 1917 a vote against Union government and conscription was treason.

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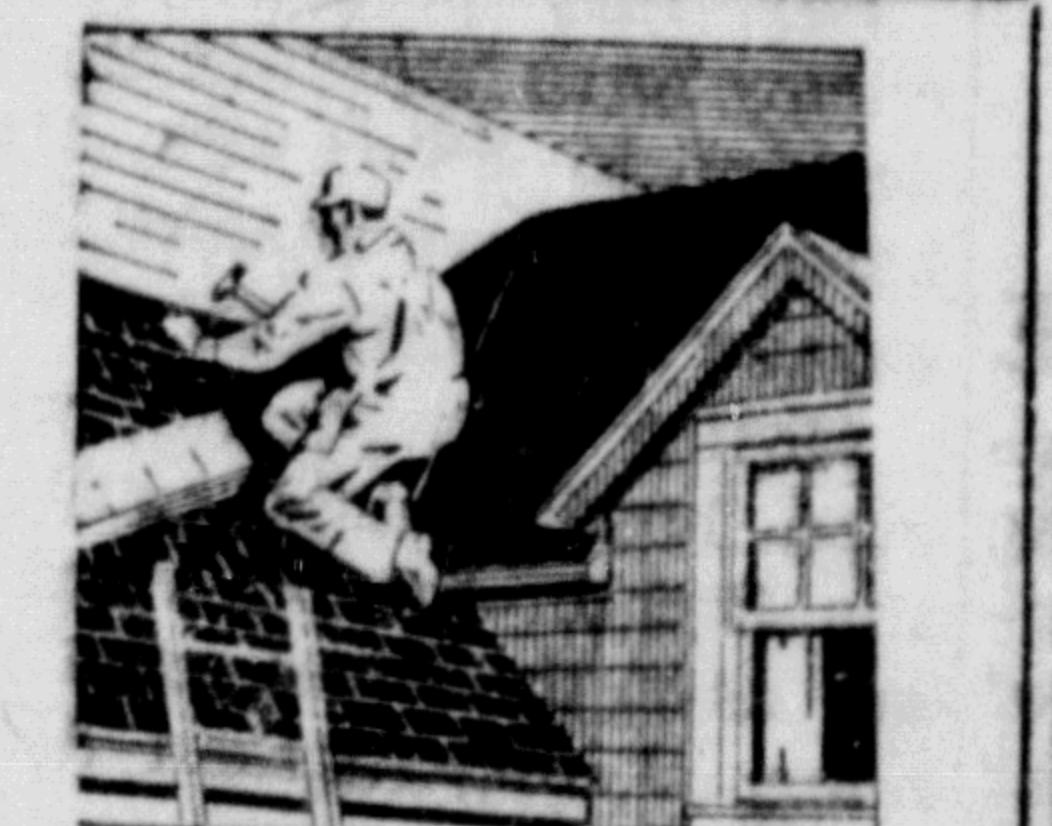
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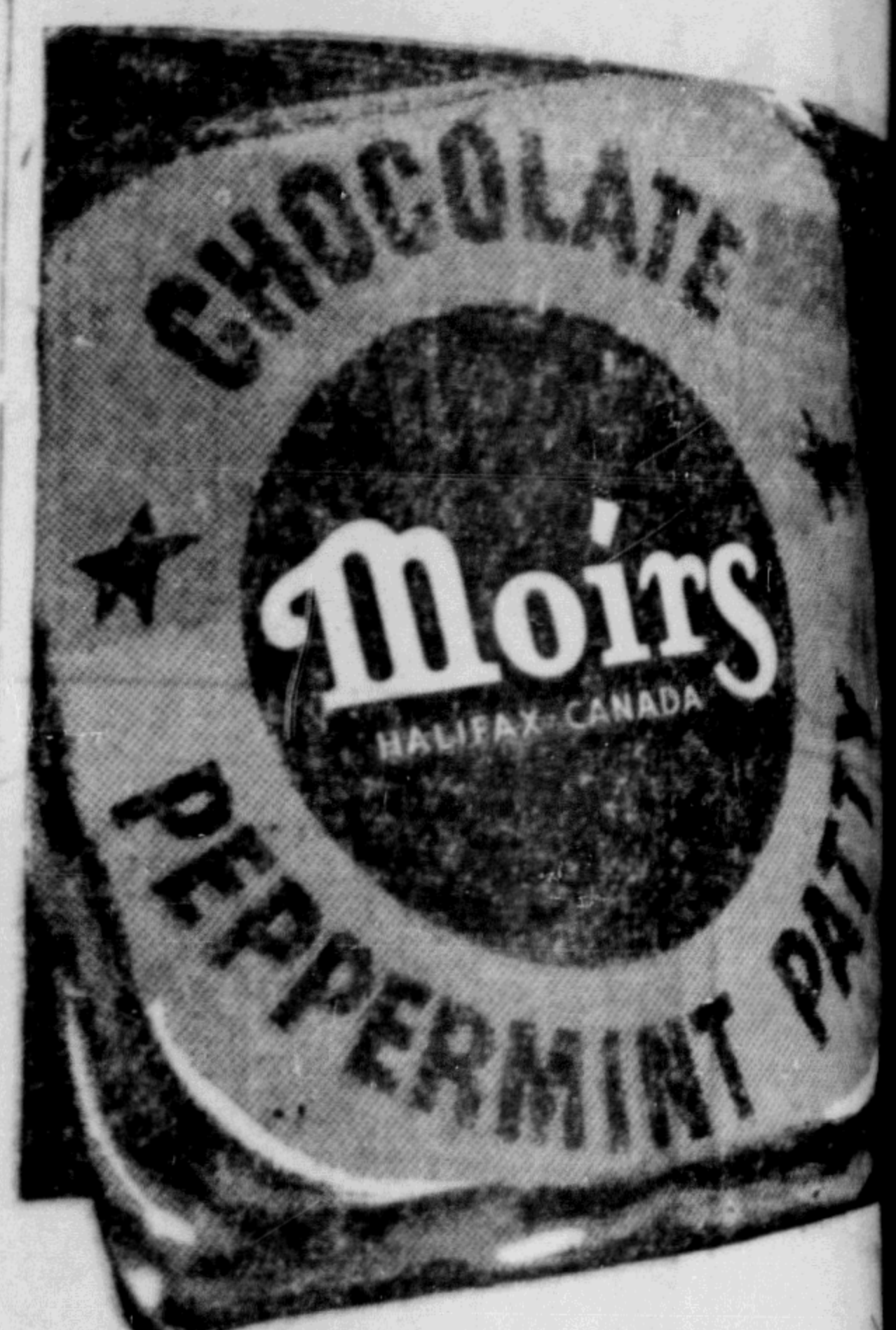


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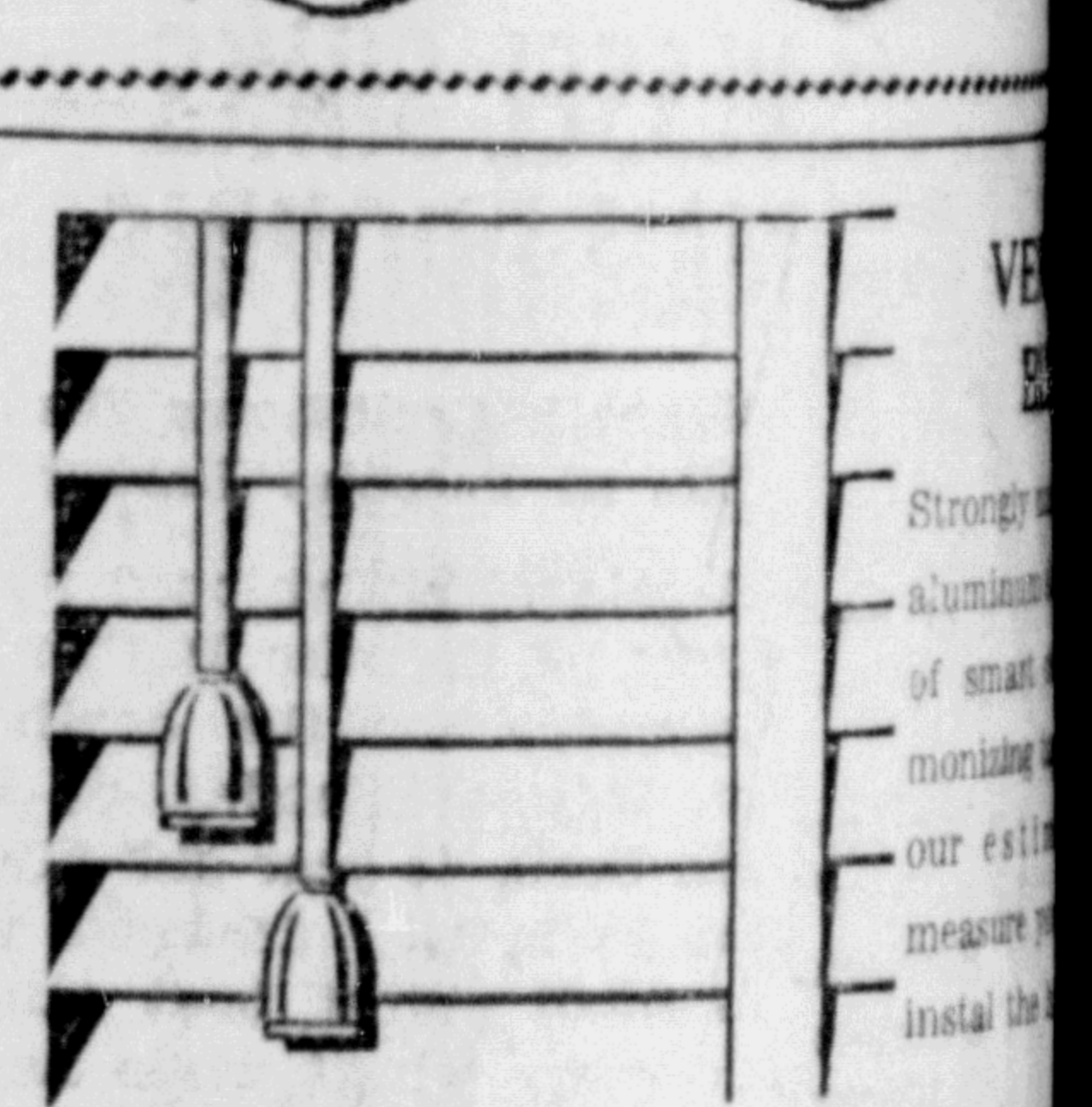
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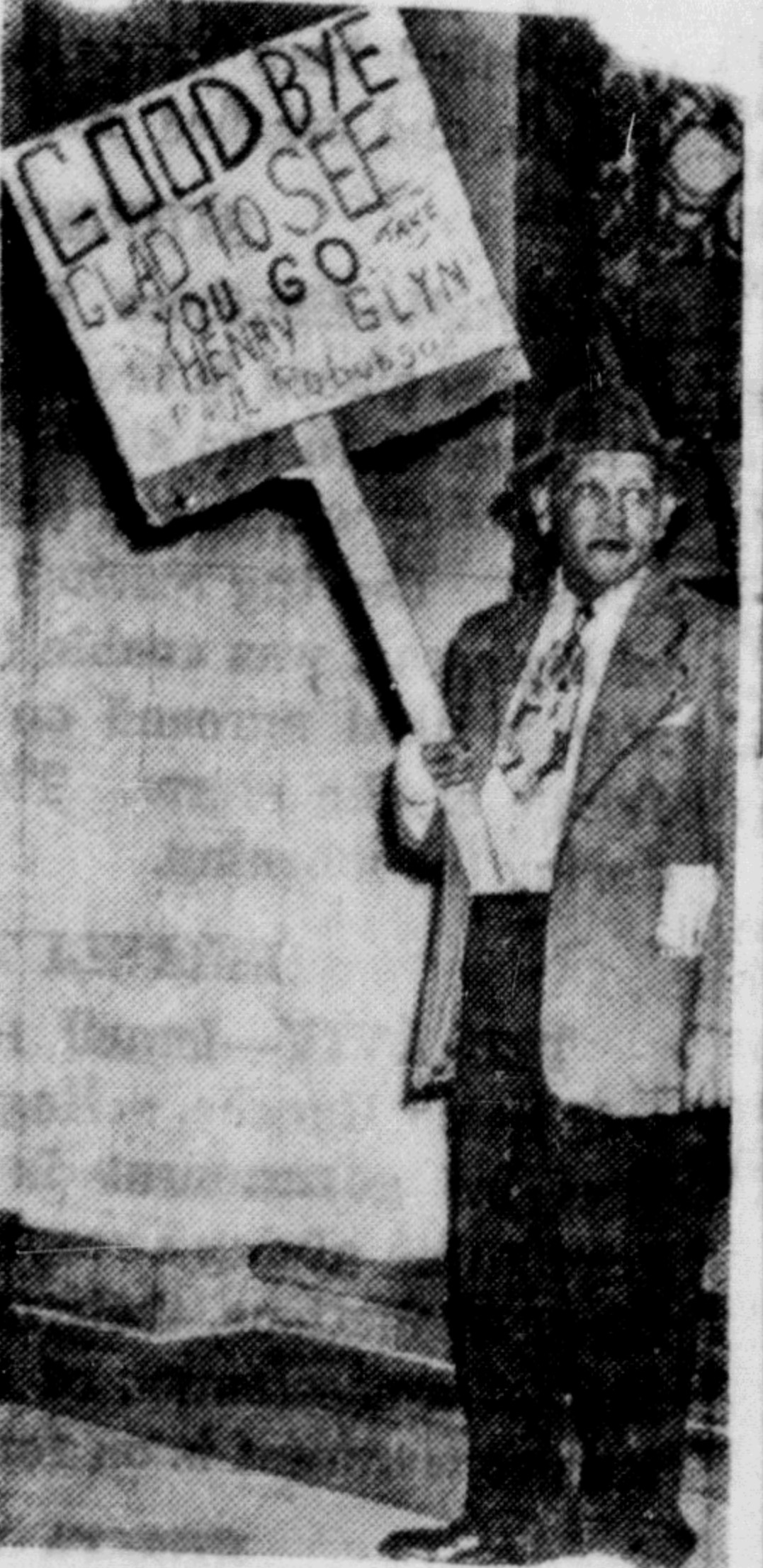
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