

Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

Anscomb Widely Travelled—Wages at All-Time High—Readying for Another Session

VICTORIA—Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb holds the record for more travelling than any other cabinet minister.

He now beats even Premier Johnson who has been twice to England in three years and taken innumerable trips to Ottawa.

Mr. Anscomb has been to England, too. Last spring he went to Newfoundland to present British Columbia's mace to the Legislature at St. John's. Now he's preparing for a trip to New Zealand to represent the British Columbia government at meetings of the British Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Clarence Wallace, taking the leading role for the first time. The 1951 sessional entertainment at Government House will be more brilliant than usual for His Honor and Mrs. Wallace are determined that during their regime the official mansion atop Rockland Avenue hill will be the scene of many notable social events.

Average weekly earnings of male workers in B.C. have now reached an all-time high. Last year, according to the annual report of the Department of Labor, the average weekly salary was \$49.1—compared with \$27.97 in 1918. The lowest in those 21 years was \$22.30 a week—in the depression year of 1933.

Last year the provincial payroll continued upward, totalling \$690,000,000, an increase of \$50,004,021 over 1948.

The construction industry forged ahead to complete its most successful year on record although some curtailment was noted in the lumber industries where production was somewhat hampered under extreme winter conditions.

Despite this, the construction industry topped all previous records to lead with the greatest increase, up over \$6,500,000. Metal-trades industries gained by \$4,000,000 while the total covering the group of miscellaneous trades and industries was up over \$3,500,000.

The lumber industry, which had reached an all-time high in 1948, showed decreasing payrolls in 1949, off some \$12,300,000 from the peak figure established the previous year.

The shipbuilding industry continued to decline, to show a further decrease of over \$4,700,000 from the 1948 figure. Pulp and paper manufacturing recorded a drop of more than \$1,800,000.

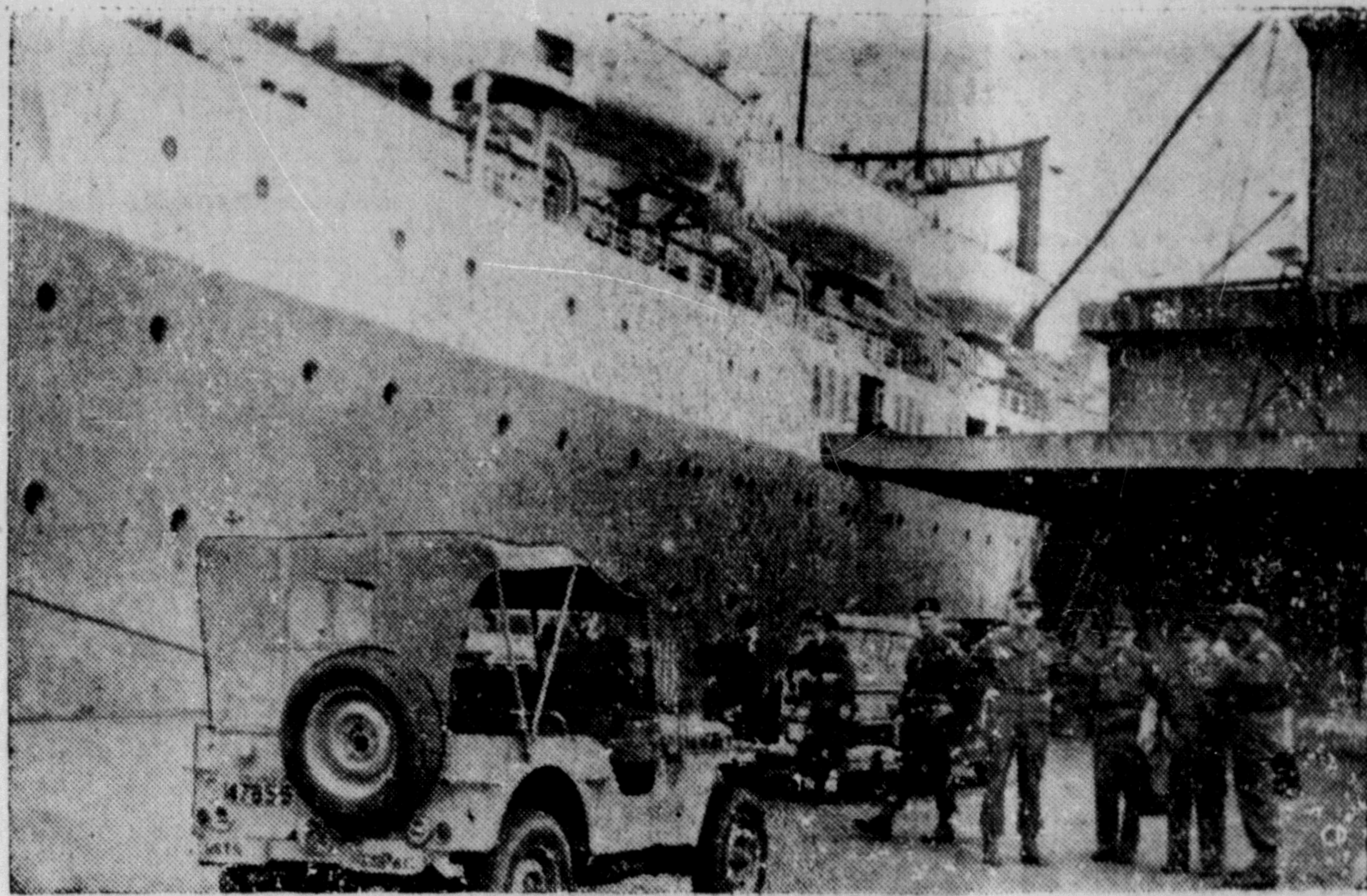
If you want to earn more money than any other laborer—get a job in the pulp and paper industry. Last year the average weekly wage in that industry was \$54.10—highest in the province. Average wage in the lumber industry was \$51.40 a week.

It seems only yesterday the 1950 session of the Legislature was prorogued. Yet, here we are in the Legislative Buildings getting ready for another—to open three months hence.

The first sign of a legislative session is when Capt. W. R. Webster, the sergeant-at-arms, arrives in the buildings to get things going. Capt. Webster has arrived.

Soon Madame Speaker Nancy Hodges will be calling at her office each day. She hasn't been around the building in months.

The 1951 session will see a new



CANADIANS ARRIVE IN JAPAN—Officers of the Canadian Special Force are shown on the pier at Yokohama, Japan, shortly after the advance contingent of the brigade arrived on their way to Korea. Fourth from the right is Maj. Roland M. Bourgeois, commander of the advance party. In the background is the U.S.S. James O'Hara, which carried the contingent on the longest leg of its trip to Pusan. (CP PHOTO)

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TUESDAY A.M.

- 7:00—Musical Clock

- 8:00—CBC News
- 8:10—Here's Bill Good
- 8:15—Morning Song
- 8:30—Music for Moderns
- 8:45—Little Concert
- 9:00—BBC News and Commentary
- 9:15—Morning Devotions
- 9:30—Morning Concert
- 9:59—Time Signal
- 10:00—Morning Visit
- 10:15—Morning Melodies
- 10:30—"Melody Time"
- 10:45—Charlie Kunz Presents
- 11:00—Kindergarten of the Air
- 11:15—Roundup Time
- 11:30—Weather Report
- 11:31—Message Per. 00
- 11:33—Recorded Interlude
- 1:45—Scandinavian Melodies

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- 12:00—Mid-Day Melodie
- 12:15—CBC News
- 12:25—Program Review
- 12:30—B.C. Farm Broadcast
- 12:55—Rec Int.
- 1:00—The Concert Hour
- 1:30—Musical Program
- 1:45—Comty. Allison Grant
- 2:00—B.C. School Bdset.
- 2:30—Records at Random
- 2:45—Something Different
- 3:00—The Music Box
- 3:15—Western Five
- 3:30—Listener's Choice.

Liberal Ass'n Hears Member

Sees Danger in International Situation—Importance Of Indian Vote

Emphasizing the importance and danger of the present international situation, E. T. Applewhite, M.P. for Skeena, told the Skeena District Liberal Association on Friday that, while hoping for the best but preparing for the worst, it might become necessary for the government to put on further controls and take other action in its defence planning.

Mr. Applewhite declared that it was important a strong Liberal party should be maintained. He described the party in Canada as being second only to the churches as an asset. He warned against over-confidence and complacency in view of the present Parliamentary strength. It was most important that the party be kept in power. It would be a tragedy if it were not. After all, the Opposition had little indeed to offer. It was easy to be loyal to a leader of the calibre of Prime Minister St. Laurent—a man of honesty and enthusiasm. Members of the cabinet were sincere and able and were more esteemed or respected than British Columbia's own minister, Hon. R. H. Mayhew.

The member urged the necessity of local associations keeping their fences up between elections as well as just before election activity. Fifty-five percent of women and it was gratifying to hear that they were becoming active.

Commenting on the presence of native delegates at the meet-

AIR PASSENGERS

From Vancouver (Friday)—Mrs. Geddes, A. C. DesBrisay, Lieut. Cmdr. J. M. Gelby, Mrs. M. Bishop, Mrs. D. Chorney, F. J. Hensworth, M. McCallum, Mrs. C. Lipsin, J. Ramsay, Miss J. Olson, Miss A. Nichols, Mrs. A. Soloway.

To Vancouver (Saturday)—W. G. Stenhorn, J. D. Waddington, Mrs. H. J. Weise and infant, T. N. Kettles, J. E. R. Wood, Chow Yuen Que, Miss L. Nichols, Miss D. Hagblad, C. P. Bussinger, A. Campbell, A. C. DesBrisay, F. C. Henley, W. R. Tooth.

To Sandusit (Saturday)—C. Giddings, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones, William Donaldson.

Mr. Applewhite said that his riding had 4100 natives, the largest number of any constituency in Canada. The natives might well control the next election and it was important that the message of Liberalism be carried into their communities.

Ninth Avenue House Damaged

Fire early Sunday morning caused about \$1,200 damage to a house owned by Ole Anderson at 563 Ninth Avenue West. Fire was in the clothes closet and a bed room. Extensive damage was caused by heat.

Sunday afternoon a fire in a trailer residence on Fraser St. was spotted by firemen from the fire hall. The blaze was brought under control before any damage was caused.

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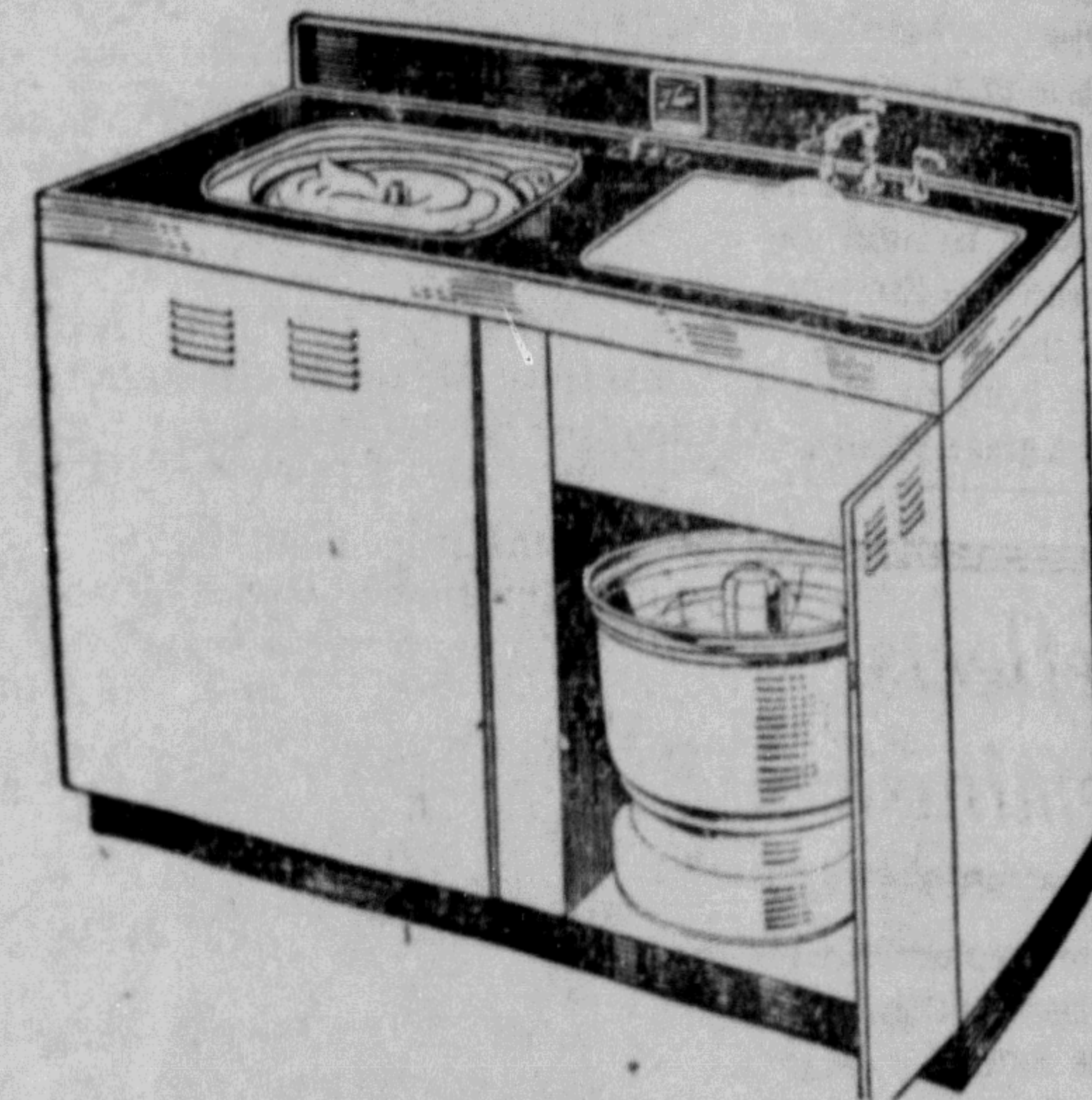
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