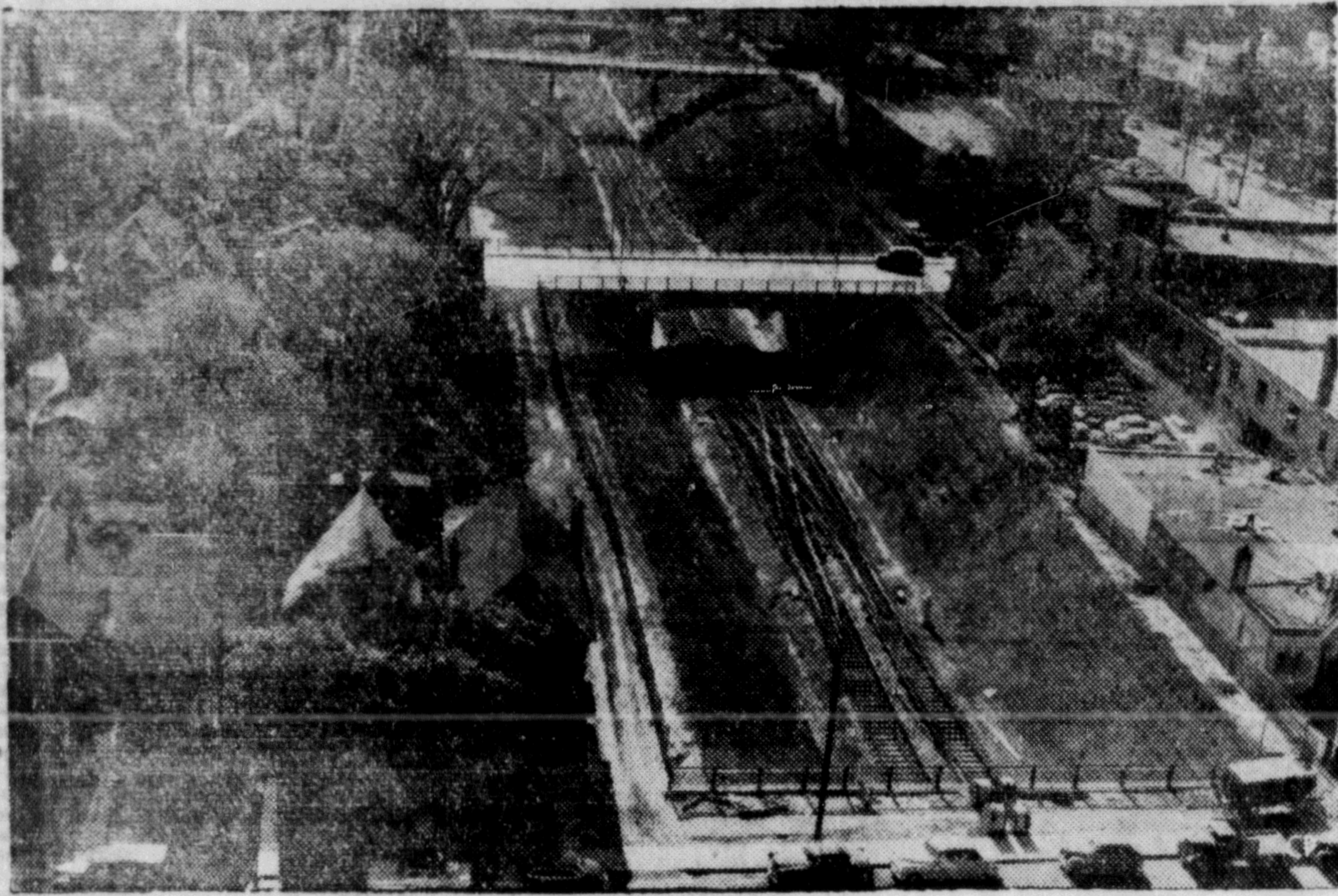
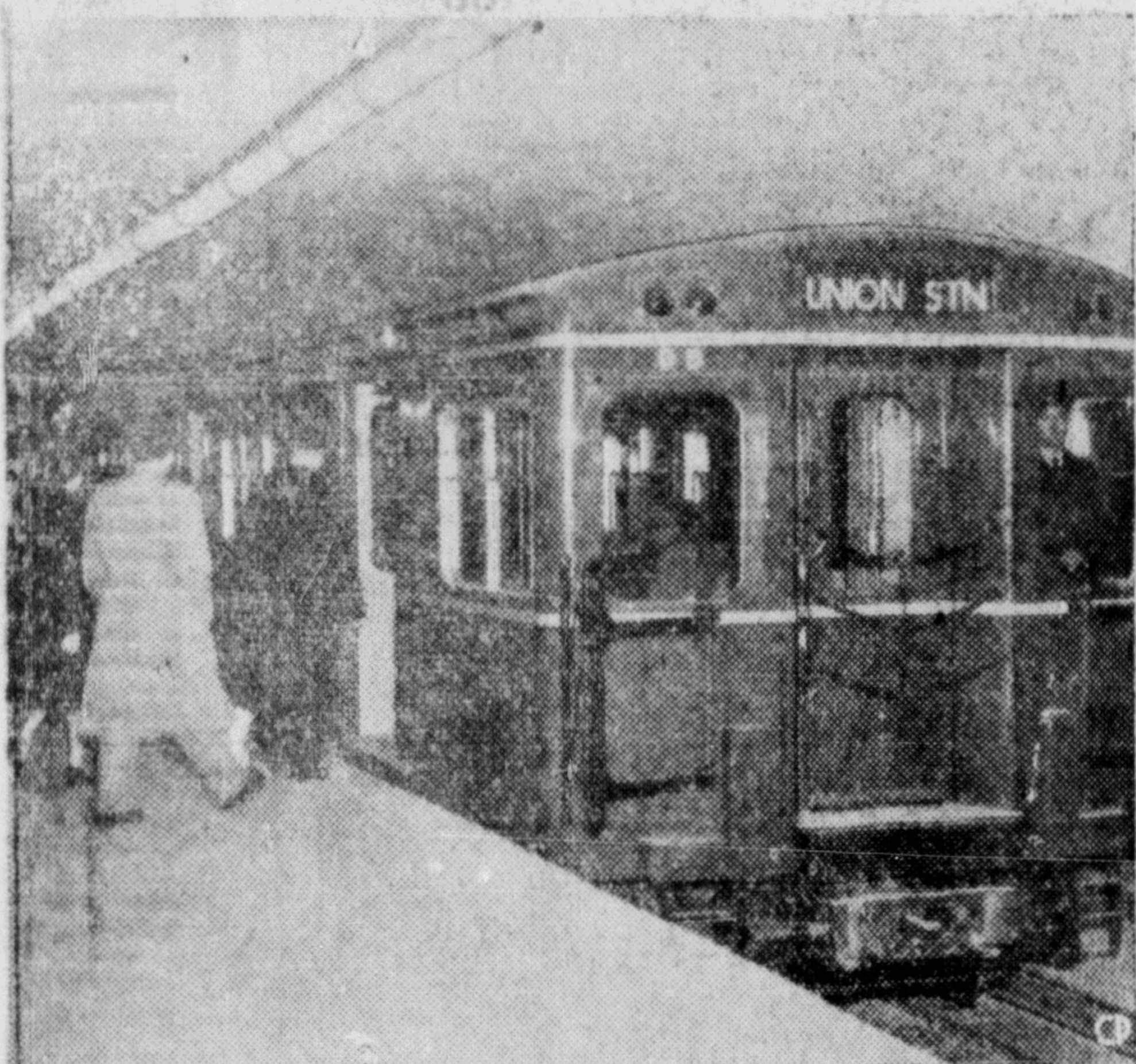


# Canada's First Subway Nears Completion



WHEN TORONTO'S 4 1/2-mile subway opens March 30, it will be Canada's first. This view, looking south towards the downtown area, shows a section of the open-cut system. Yonge street, Toronto's main north-south street, can be seen on the right. A section of the central residential area is on the left.



TORONTO'S shiny red trains are ready for the opening March 30 of Canada's first subway. This picture shows the downtown-bound platform in one of the five underground stations.

By WALTER GRAY  
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TORONTO—The underground stations are shiny in their newness, the turnstiles ready. A subway train in spanking red with black trim, stands empty by a station platform.

Only the pushing mass of workers and tired shoppers is missing. They will come soon. At 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Canada's first subway will begin operation. An investment of \$58,500,000 and four years of construction will begin to pay off.

Carving a line near of Toronto is a 4 1/2-mile rapid transit route, built by the Toronto Transportation Commission. It runs under or parallels Yonge street, 150-year-old, traffic-clogged artery running north from Lake Ontario.

### Starts at Station

Starting at Front street at the Union station and the Royal York Hotel, the underground section curves sharply north beneath the city's main thoroughfare, through the commercial district. The double track line emerges from the tunnel to the east of Yonge street at the outer reaches of the downtown section and gouges through the central residential area. It goes underground again to cross Yonge street and comes out once more at its nerve centre in the Davisville yards. It ends at the northern terminal on Eglinton avenue.

TTC officials say 98 per cent of the work is complete. The remaining two per cent consists of work at the Eglinton terminal where feeder buses will fan out through the residential districts to the north, east and west.

### Cars Arrive

Seventh of the 104 subway cars, costing \$8,000,000, have been delivered from England. Training programs for operators have been established and already supervisory personnel are running trains along the system. Hiring of operators is under way.

Construction figures are impressive. Since the first pile driver dug into the pavement on Front street Sept. 8, 1949, the TTC has spent \$50,500,000. A total of 287 homes and buildings were razed in the subway's path. Workers used up 10,000,000 board feet of lumber, 1,140,000 bags of cement, 145,000 tons of gravel, 12,000 tons of reinforcing steel, 10,000 tons of structural steel and 3,850 tons of rail steel. Power shovels dug up 1,390,000 cubic yards of earth.

### Splendid Record

And the job has been done without a fatality. There were only two major delays: A gas main exploded in the tunnel in the downtown area and a burst water main flooded part of the tunnel and a nightclub dining room.

TTC officials say the subway has been hailed by visiting experts as the "finest and cleanest" in the world. It looks it.

Simple in design and bright in color, the 12 station—five of them underground—fairly shout cleanliness. Glass-faced masonry and tiled walls are "public proof"—that is they cannot be defaced by the public.

The rails are imbedded in concrete, except for the switches which are filled with ballast. The tunnel dividing wall, partitioned to cut down wind resistance, is lined with fibre glass to prevent reverberations.

### Habit Change

Once the subway begins operation the travelling habits of a huge slice of metropolitan Toronto's 1,300,000 population will change. Streetcars will be taken off Yonge and Bay streets, the two north-south routes which carry the main load of passengers to and from the downtown area. TTC officials estimate that during the peak rush hour from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. the two lines carry 18,000 passengers. They predict that the subway during the same period will carry a greater load. Each subway car is expected to carry 62 passengers seated and 200 standing.

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## Defence Secretary's Power Over Military Being Tested

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (CP)—A test of power is on to determine whether the authority of the defence secretary is supreme in the United States military establishment. The handling of the cases of U.S. soldiers who decided to stay with their Communist captors

in Korea, or of those who later changed their mind, it became apparent today, is involved in this behind-the-scenes situation. But in earlier incidents, too, the issue of central control cropped up.

Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson has publicly taken the responsibility for ordering the army to discharge dishonorably the 21 Americans who have decided to stay with the Communists. Some army legal experts hold that nothing in military law allows the issuance of dishonorable discharge orders without trial by court-martial. Wilson says he thinks he has the authority.

There was the related incident of the army's sudden announcement of the arrest, on court-martial charges, of Cpl. Edward Dickenson, the Virginia soldier who reversed his original decision to stay with the Reds. This the issue was one of the army's timing and the wording of its announcement.

Outside the army, every high official, including President Eisenhower and Wilson, was startled and disturbed by the announcement last Friday night. The defence department was reported to have asked both the army and marines to hold up on any action or announcement in prisoner-of-war cases until all efforts to win back the remaining 21 had been made, and not take any action at all before the following Tuesday.

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RAMSBOTTOM Eng. (CP) — A house caught fire here and the woman occupant phoned firemen at Bolton, seven miles away. The call was switched back to the local fire brigade-150 yards from the fire.



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## Slasher Attacks More Women

MONTREAL (CP)—A man described by police as a "flat-nosed sadist on a slashing rampage," moving furtively in a howling snowstorm, assaulted two women and a girl Wednesday, bringing to nine the total of such attacks since Friday.

Police said three attacks were reported within an hour Wednesday night, but one turned out to be a false alarm. Three hours earlier, a 15-year-old girl was cut aboard a bus.

The attacks followed a pattern in all cases. Usually the women were slashed in the legs as they boarded streetcars. In the worst assault, a 31-year-old woman suffered a wound that required 21 stitches to close.

## B.C. Electric To Lay Cable To Island

VICTORIA (CP) — The British Columbia Electric Co. has been given permission by the Public Utilities Commission to lay a \$5,000,000 power line across the Strait of Georgia.

The provincial cabinet will likely ratify the order sometime this week.

The PUC decided even with the proposed developments of Buttle Lake and Ladore Falls by the B.C. Power Commission, Vancouver Island would still be short of power by 1955-57 without the BCE line.

The proposed cable will be the longest submarine cable in the world and will give Vancouver island an extra 120,000 kilowatts of power. The B.C. Electric has said it is prepared to start the project immediately and hopes to complete it by 1956.

## Queen, Duke Leave N.Z.

DUNEDIN, N.Z.—(Reuters) — Surging crowds turned out today to bid Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh a mass farewell, slowing the royal couple's car to a crawl as they started their drive to Invercargill.

The first five miles of the 140-mile trip took 40 minutes as the royal car inched through dense crowds along the coastal route. Persons in bathing suits and sun dresses abandoned beaches to line the road outside Dunedin. Two stops, at Milton and Balclutha, were also marked by cheering crowds, turned out to see the royal couple on their next-to-last full day in New Zealand.

The Queen wore a short-sleeved green silk dress with a pattern of grey dots, and a matching closefitting hat, white shoes and gloves.

The Queen and the duke leave for Australia Saturday aboard the liner Gothic for the next stage of the six-month Commonwealth tour.

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He argues that now that India and Egypt are on their own and the Suez Canal possibly passing out of British control, the rock no longer can be considered necessary to British interests. South American diplomats here quote Franco as saying that Gibraltar is "a painful thorn right in the heart of Spain."

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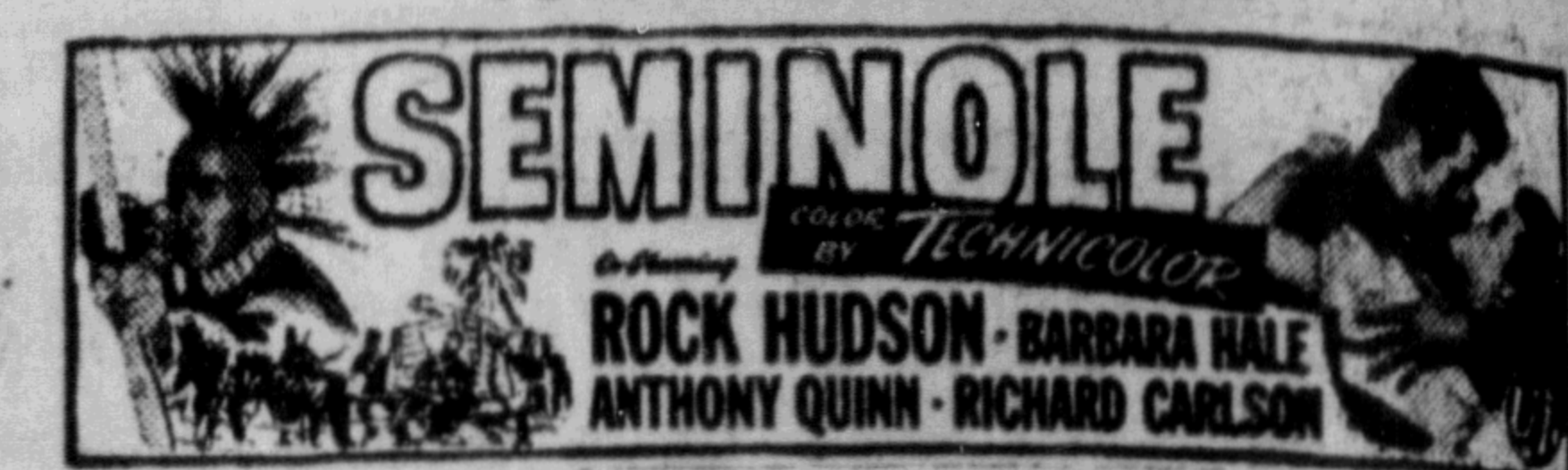
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