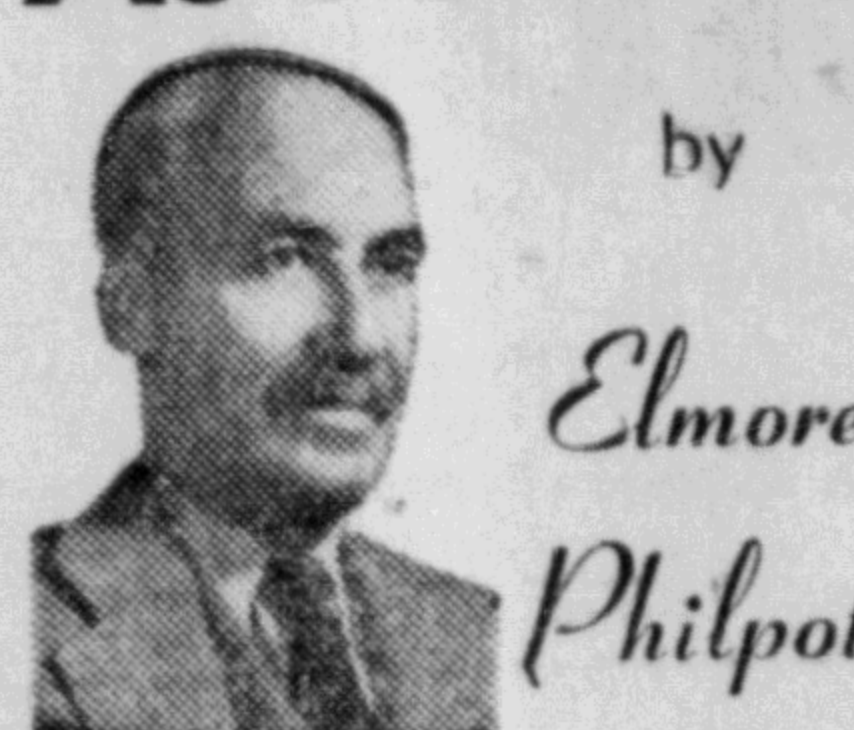


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As I See It



Why Doukhobor Delay?

ONE of the worst consequences of the past year of political confusion in B.C. is that the Doukhobor problem has been allowed to go from bad to worse.

Now the non-Doukhobors in the Kootenay country are forming vigilante squads and threatening to take the law into their own hands.

It seems like a good time to remind ourselves of certain facts: That the vast majority of the Russians of Doukhobor origin who came here in 1898 and their descendants have contributed greatly to the general progress of Canada.

There has been no special Doukhobor "problem" in Saskatchewan for many years. What trouble there is in B.C. centres in a diminishing minority of the Doukhobors here.

AFTER the last big outburst of trouble in the Doukhobor country the government of B.C. took one of the few constructive steps to deal with the "problem" on a scientific basis.

It appointed a large Consultative Committee on Doukhobor matters. But this was, in fact, a "front" for the smaller group of professors and scientists who were retained to do the real job.

The latter Research Committee issued its printed 342-page report on March 29, 1952. That report contained most concrete and clear recommendations for dealing with the B.C. Doukhobor "problem."

This report and the other work of the two committees on the Doukhobor problem cost the people of B.C. a large sum of money. But over a year after the Research Committee made its report not a single one of the recommendations it made has even been attempted—much less carried out.

THE MAIN recommendations were as follows:

1. That as many of the Doukhobor troubles arise directly from economic causes—the legal tangles surrounding ownership of land occupied by Doukhobors be cleared up; and that lands now held in trust be sold to Doukhobors on fair terms, individually.

2. That specially qualified teachers be employed for Doukhobor districts; and special means (which are outlined) be employed to attract them to school rather than drive them there.

3. That Doukhobor marriage ceremonies be recognized as legal.

4. That Doukhobors be given the vote, the same as everybody else. They already have it in Saskatchewan.

5. That the Criminal Code be amended to make it less harsh for silly things like nudist parades but that administration of law be made more harsh for real crimes of violence; that Doukhobors convicted of crime lose their legal exemption from military service.

6. That police protection in trouble areas be strengthened.

7. That the Sons of Freedom either be assisted to emigrate from Canada, to re-locate in B.C., or failing the location of such a site be assisted to rehabilitate in the areas they now occupy.

IT IS by no means beyond dispute that the latest wave of arson in the Sons of Freedom districts are the work of that sect. It seems more likely fires were set by some groups anxious to get rid of some or all of the Sons. But of course it could have come from an internal fight.

The point is that the rewards offered by the Attorney General do not get to the heart of the trouble.

What was the sense of spending all the public money (our taxes) on the report of the Research Committee if not one of its recommendations is even to be attempted?



DAG HAMMARSKJOLD (left), newly-appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations, discusses his new work with his predecessor, Trygve Lie, the first U.N. Secretary-General.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

A little more than two years ago the Federal government acted jointly with the government of Newfoundland to name a special committee to investigate all economic aspects of the fishing industry of Newfoundland.

It was a conscientious committee which considered thoroughness rather than haste to be the essence of its instructions. As a result it has only now laid its report on the respective doorsteps of the two authorities concerned.

From the standpoint of the government here, this is considered to be excellent strategic timing—for the government here. If the report had arrived here, if the report had been a demand for action upon it, at the present session of Parliament. And that might have been difficult. For in certain of its recommendations, the report could be a political hot potato.

But as the situation stands, the session is too far advanced for any action to be taken upon the report before adjournment. That gives the government here the recess for a breather in which it can consult with the Newfoundland authorities and decide just how much of the 300-odd-page-plus document should be implemented.

The recommendation in the report which has aroused the greatest initial Federal misgivings is a novel proposal for re-financing the Newfoundland fish packing industry. The principle is laid down that present methods of sun-curing and hand packing, still practised in many fishing communities of the province, are obsolete. They take time which the fisherman should be spending in the pursuit of fish and consequently lower his earnings. Mass production packing plants are recommended as a substitute.

Since the cost of such plants will be more than private enterprise sources may care to provide, the report suggests that private capital should be required to supply only 51 per cent of the cost, and that the federal government should supply the balance.

Everybody knows that three cabinet ministers flew in here from Ottawa and told the Liberals—that little group that claimed to have the balance of power—that the government had to be defeated," the Premier said.

About 40 Wells To Be Drilled In Peace River

NEW YORK — Charles F. Shock, general manager of Canadian Pipe Lines Producers Ltd., says oil companies in Canada's Peace River district have programs for drilling about 40 wells in the next two or three years and if the United States approves the importation of natural gas to the Pacific Northwest, these programs will be augmented.

Schock said Wednesday at an informal luncheon for financial writers that he had no estimate of the total cost of various companies' programs but some wells will cost as much as \$400,000.

— THE LETTER BOX —

FLY THE FLAGS

The Editor, The Daily News: As secretary of the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association, I have been instructed to write to your paper.

We as a patriotic organization hope there is a much larger display of flags throughout the city during the coronation celebrations, than there were when Her Majesty's representative—the Governor General—visited the city.

In the business section of Prince Rupert there were only six flags in evidence, those over the two government buildings, the Canadian Legion, the Norwegian and Swedish Consulates and Woolworth's Store.

Through the medium of your paper all citizens were requested to display flags if possible. At this time, when there are so many new people coming into our city from other lands, hoping to make their homes here and become Canadian citizens, it seems to us that we, as good Canadians should set them, and our own children, an example of respect and loyalty to the great country which is our heritage.

ELIZABETH EVANS, Secretary, Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association.

I could mention a few more items in order to save the taxpayers money: A volunteer city council, less travelling by city officials at \$17.50 plus per day on useless trips.

To conclude Mr. Editor, it is high time the taxpayers look to a city manager form of administration and retire the bungling councils we always seem to elect.

THOMAS ELLIOTT Member of Board

A BIG QUESTION MARK

The Editor, The Daily News: There must be many people in Prince Rupert who regard the Power question as I do, and wonder, "Where are we in regards to this question, and what now?"

It seems to me that if the Commission wants to come in and supply our power, they should be ready and willing to take a stand and give us definite answers to the questions they have been asked. They will not recommend that the new diesel be installed, neither will they oppose its installation. They would not commit themselves as to what our future rates might be, under this system. Everything about the Commission is a big question mark, and yet, we

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

The Editor, The Daily News: Your report on the council meeting held last Monday tends to demonstrate to the citizens, the lack of knowledge of some of the aldermen whom they elect to the council.

In the first place, a chairman of an arbitration board is not appointed by either party to a dispute, but by the elected representatives of both sides.

If a chairman cannot be agreed upon, the Labor Relations Board is notified, and they appoint a chairman. Such was the case with the city firemen.

Mr. Scott McLaren submitted to me a list of names which had been given him by city officials, any one of whom would be acceptable to the city. Impartial? Maybe. I refused to consider any of them, and suggested an outside man having no interest in the city whatever, such a man could be nothing but impartial since he would have to rely on the evidence presented at the hearings before forming an opinion.

Therefore Mr. Hewitt cannot be blamed if the city's brief was a very weak one, in comparison with the firemen's.

Twice during the hearings Mr. Hewitt tried to get the both sides to come to an agreement without the board, but failed.

Regarding Mr. Long's statement that comments by Mr. Hewitt at the start of the hearings indicated "that the city's arguments were useless," I fail to find any reason for such a statement, but would say that Mr. Long had some "useless arguments" and is trying to cover up his weakness with the city council.

The threat of a volunteer Fire Department did not impress either the chairman or myself, and I commend the city council for their action (wisely or otherwise) in trying to save money for the city.

Bennett Blames Ottawa Liberals For Defeat

VICTORIA — Premier W. A. C. Bennett charged Wednesday night that his minority Social Credit government was defeated on orders of the federal cabinet ministers.

The Premier, in an unscheduled speech at a meeting of the Victoria Social Credit candidates, reviewed the defeat of his government on the floor of the house when the six-member Liberal group teamed up with the rest of the opposition.

"Everybody knows that three cabinet ministers flew in here from Ottawa and told the Liberals—that little group that claimed to have the balance of power—that the government had to be defeated," the Premier said.

Let Us Be United...

AT HAZELTON, a village steeped in pioneer history, the largest and most important convention of B.C. Indians ever to be held is drawing to a close. Attending the 23rd convention of the Native Brotherhood of B.C. are native delegates from across the province, many of whom are seeing this part of the country for the first time. There are also many who are seeing their organization in action for the first time.

At Hazelton, where the last Indian uprising was downed in 1884, 17 years after the first white man arrived, the keynote today is unity. Let us be united in our efforts and let us unite with our white brothers in one cause, leaders of the Brotherhood are saying time and again.

Chief crusader for unity is William Scow of Alert Bay, Brotherhood president. Chief Scow has reminded delegates that since formation of their organization in 1930, Indians in the province are coming into their own. As examples, he listed such accomplishments as securing the provincial franchise and achieving a better understanding than ever before with their white brethren.

A significant feature of the convention is the presence of politicians. Now that the Indian has a vote, he is expected to have an important part in determining the results of the coming provincial election. As a consequence, candidates are busy with handshaking and other amenities. The impression they make could decide the ballot count in three, and perhaps four, ridings in North Central B.C.—namely Atlin, Prince Rupert, Skeena and possibly Omineca.

So, much that is new has been added since that last uprising. When the week-long convention is over, many new friends will have been made on the shores of the Skeena. But what is more, a further and firm step will have been taken by these first Canadians who, by their united effort, are winning a battle of minority and misunderstanding.

THE INDIAN'S CASE

By EDWARD GREEN

The Indian isn't free, the native son is yoked. Do you really blame him, for being so provoked? When land was free and white man none He roamed the land from sun to sun. He isn't just a child the white man is to rule And if a white man thinks so, I call him just a fool. God gave the Indian freedom same as me and thee And God will have an accounting with those who don't agree. The native son has no vote, no enfranchisement as we Politicians don't consider him, they just let him be. God in all His graciousness gave liberty to men And God in all His righteousness will certainly consider them. Years upon years have rolled along The white man said—it won't be long Years upon years have passed us by Could it be a great white lie? God is displeased I know right well For the Indian lives in a white man's hell From sun to sun and dark to dark Their cry goes up to its mark. God will answer, just you see And from bondage set them free.

Scripture Passage for Today

"No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." —St. John 14:6.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Expert—A person who can take something you already knew and make it sound confusing.

It must be a fact that never before in the history of photography can it be said so many of the same persons have faced cameras, within certain restricted time.

NONE NEGLECTED "In case you find a mistake in this paper, please consider it was put there for a purpose. We

Retired Officers Kill Police Chief

TEHRAN, Iran —Iran's government today blamed a group of retired army officers and government opponents for the murder of national police chief Brig-Gen. Mahmood Afshartus, found strangled in a roadside grave last Sunday.

A communique issued by Colonel Hosseigholi Ashrafi, military governor of Tehran, said investigation and confessions of those responsible led to the discovery of Afshartus' body, six days after his mysterious disappearance in the heart of Tehran.

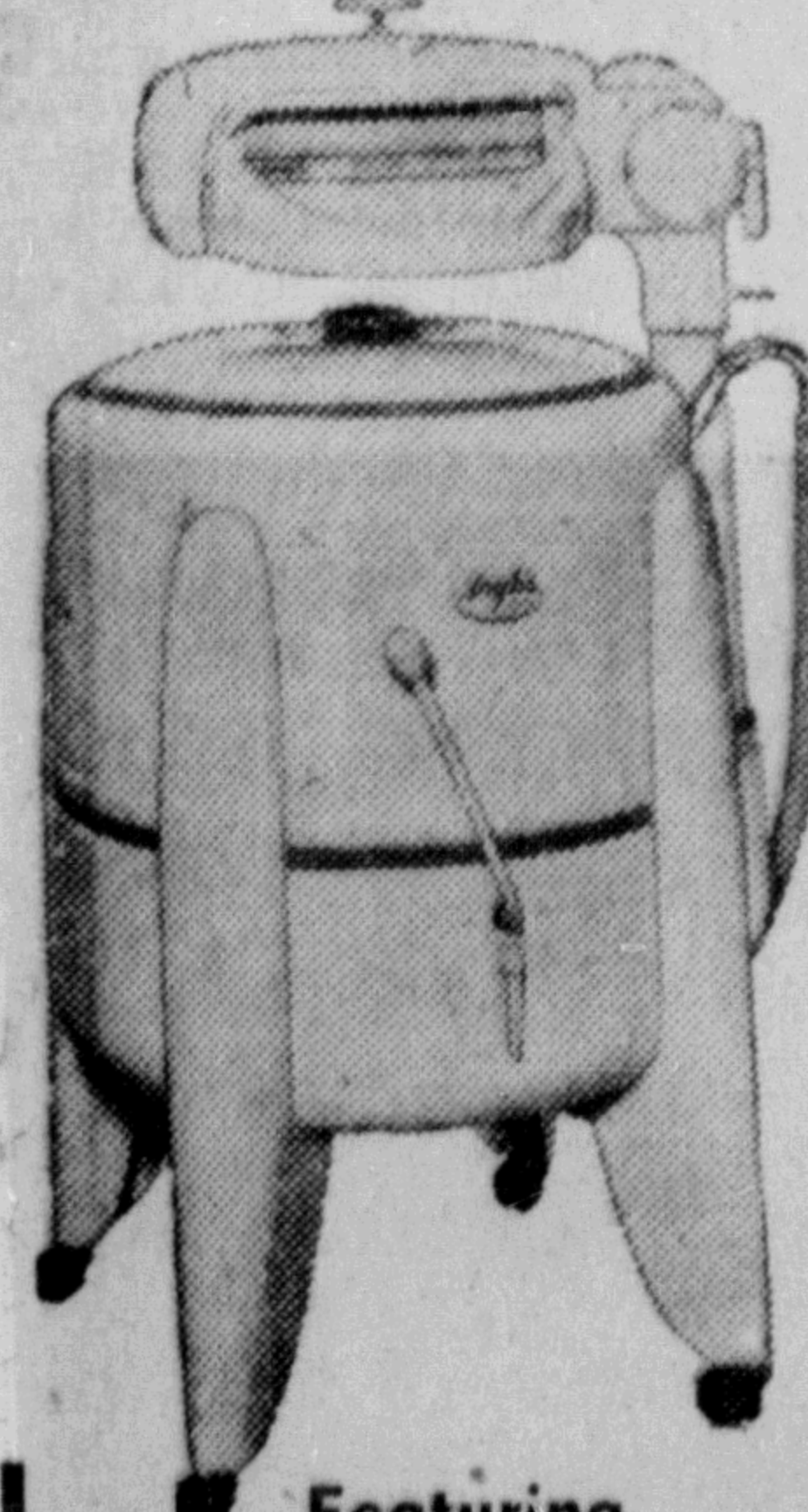
The Ottawa Citizen takes pleasure in announcing its 110th birthday anniversary. Few citizens decided to locate there earlier.

OLD RED, WHITE AND BLUE Spotless in her tri-color dress, the steamer Prince Rupert resumed her duties Wednesday. Plying for a life time, north and south, her real history would make a yarn indeed. The number of miles this ship has sailed would represent a very considerable number of times around the globe.

South Africa has a whale of a racial dispute, but you hear precious little about the 325,000 Indians whose forebearers from India settled in Natal in 1860. He is as good, if not superior, in trading to the white man, and is a figure of increasing concern. He's no Zulu. And this is just another of the Union's thorny racial problems.

It's a light docket at Prince Rupert's spring assize next Monday. There will be two cases—one murder charge, and one breaking and entering charge.

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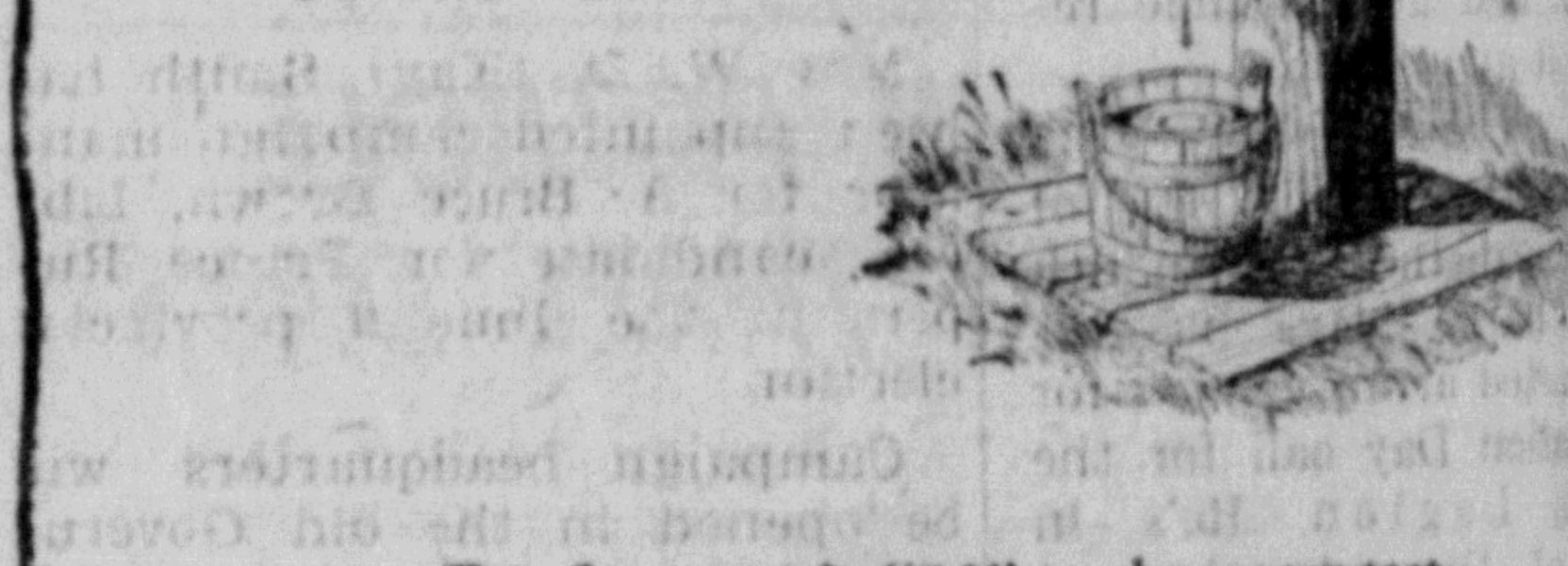


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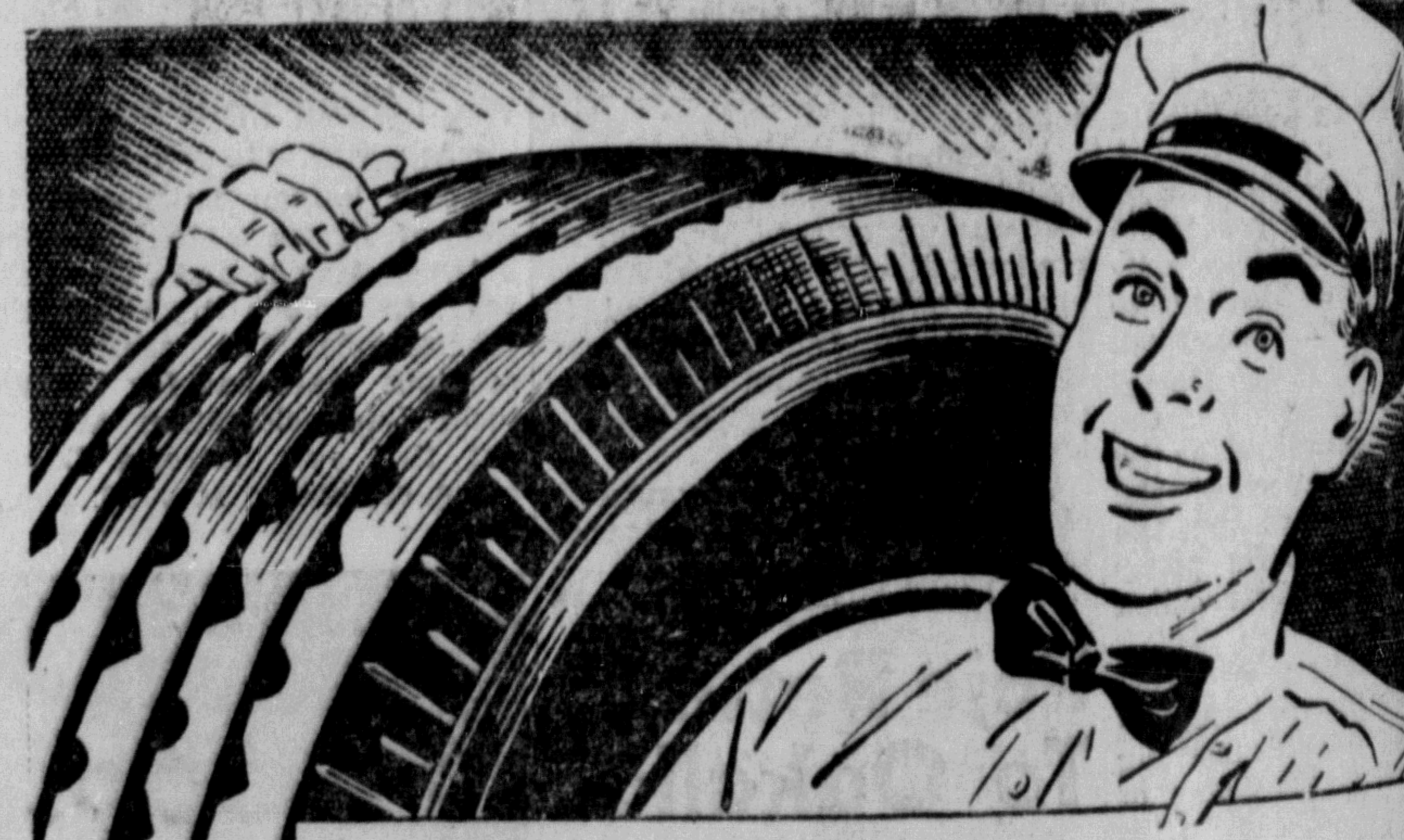


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