

Firm Proposals Sought By Ottawa on Douks

By The Canadian Press

OTTAWA.—The federal government wants firm proposals from the British Columbia government before acting on the problem of B.C.'s rampaging Sons of Freedom, Justice Minister Garson said in the Commons.

The fanatic, stripping sect of the Doukhobors recently has been on its annual spring outbreak in B.C. and Premier Bennett wanted to know what the federal administration will do.

H. W. Herridge (CCF—Kootenay West), in whose riding there have been many Sons of Freedom depredations, proposed:

• That as soon as the justice department gets written proposals from the B.C. government, it do all it can to assist the province in maintaining law and order, with financial aid if necessary.

• That the "small group of fanatics" leading the Sons of Freedom be dealt with sternly and that efforts be made to make good citizens of the others.

Howard Green (PC—Vancouver-Quadra) suggested that:

• The federal government pay B.C. half the cost incurred by Sons of Freedom trouble, which might run to \$300,000 this year for guards and other special measures.

• The external affairs department help in finding a home in other countries for the Sons of Freedom. Some of their chiefs now are in South America exploring the prospect of a migration.

The justice minister told Mr. Green that it is not up to the federal government to make overtures to other countries about the possibility of finding a new home. British Columbia was in a better position to make such a recommendation, which would be considered when it was made.

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Abbey Fund Slowed by Winter Flood

LONDON (CP)—The appeal for funds to restore Westminster Abbey is making slow progress. In three months, only about £85,000 has been raised compared with the £1,000,000 target.

The appeal was given tremendous publicity when it was launched last January. Then came the disastrous floods on Britain's east coast, with their spontaneous claim on public sympathy. Since then sponsors of the Abbey appeal have sought to revive the initial enthusiasm, without much success.

Despite this, substantial contributions have been received from Canada. The appeal there is the personal responsibility of Alan Jarvis of Toronto, who went to Canada two weeks ago to make a country-wide tour in support of the appeal.

Jarvis, a Canadian, is head in London of Oxford House, residential settlement in the East End for youth organizations.

In London, a spokesman for the fund said letters containing Canadian contributions are received at the abbey every day. "I've just opened one from a church man in Owen Sound, Ontario, containing a \$5 bill and a gold sovereign," the spokesman said.

The money is required not for pre-Coronation repairs but for long term purposes.

PPCLI Band Going to Korea

OTTAWA (CP)—The band of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, stationed at Currié Barracks in Calgary, will leave shortly for a visit to Korea.

The 25 musicians will go by train to Vancouver and fly from there "some time after May 20," arriving in Korea in time to participate in Coronation celebrations with the 1st Commonwealth Division.

After the ceremony the band, commanded by Lieut. Alan Brown of Calgary, will be available for programs for troops of the division.



GROUP CAPT. EDWARD B. HALE, 39, of Hamilton, Ont., commanding officer of the RCAF's No. 1 fighter wing in England, has been formally decorated with the United States Distinguished Flying Cross. The purple and white decoration was presented in a ceremony at the U.S. embassy in London. It was in recognition of Group Capt. Hale's service in Korea, where he did 23 combat missions in 23 flying days last August while attached to the U.S. Air Force.

EARLY ARRIVAL
William Fraser Tolmie, Hudson's Bay Co. surgeon who arrived in British Columbia in 1833, explored wide areas.

Nova Scotia Liberals Seek Election on Past Record

HALIFAX (CP)—The Liberal government of Premier Angus L. Macdonald is fighting Nova Scotia's May 26 general election on its record, assailed by opposition parties as reflecting extravagance, waste and patronage.

Liberals, after 20 years in government, say their record is one of proud achievement. Progressive Conservatives say it shows extravagance and waste, and the CCF hinted at corrupt election practices and patronage in the administration of business.

Housing and education are big planks in the platforms of all three parties.

Liberals said they had assisted housing to the extent of \$2,000,000 and had increased teachers' salaries, provided free schoolbooks and built 13 rural and regional high schools.

The Progressive Conservatives, official opposition in the last House, promised to seek federal aid to meet mounting education costs if the party wins the election.

The party promised to "follow an educational program which places greater emphasis upon the teaching problem and the course of study." Its manifesto outlined co-operation with in-

dividuals and municipalities in the housing field.

The CCF manifesto promised to back efforts to improve housing by slum clearance and the establishment of low-rental accommodation.

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No Trade Mark On Souvenirs

OTTAWA (CP)—Howard Green (PC—Vancouver-Quadra) says Japanese have been horning in on British Columbia's Indians by making souvenir totem poles and not marking them "Made in Japan." He made the complaint in the Commons.

Revenue Minister McCann said it was the first complaint he'd heard on that point and that totem poles are not on the list of imports which must bear the name of their country of origin. However, any of those Japanese totem poles he'd seen were marked "Made in Japan."



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Minister Cannot Bind Cabinet

The minister also said he could not bind the cabinet to any action until he knew what the provincial government proposed. He was still waiting for a written submission.

Asked about the federal government sharing in the cost of dealing with the Sons of Freedom, Mr. Garson said it is always willing to consider "any reasonable proposal." But it would make no promises without knowing what the proposal and the costs might be.

Mr. Herridge said the patience of his south B.C. constituents "about exhausted" over the Sons of Freedom actions and suggestions, have been made to the authorities that "they may have

to take matters into their own hands."

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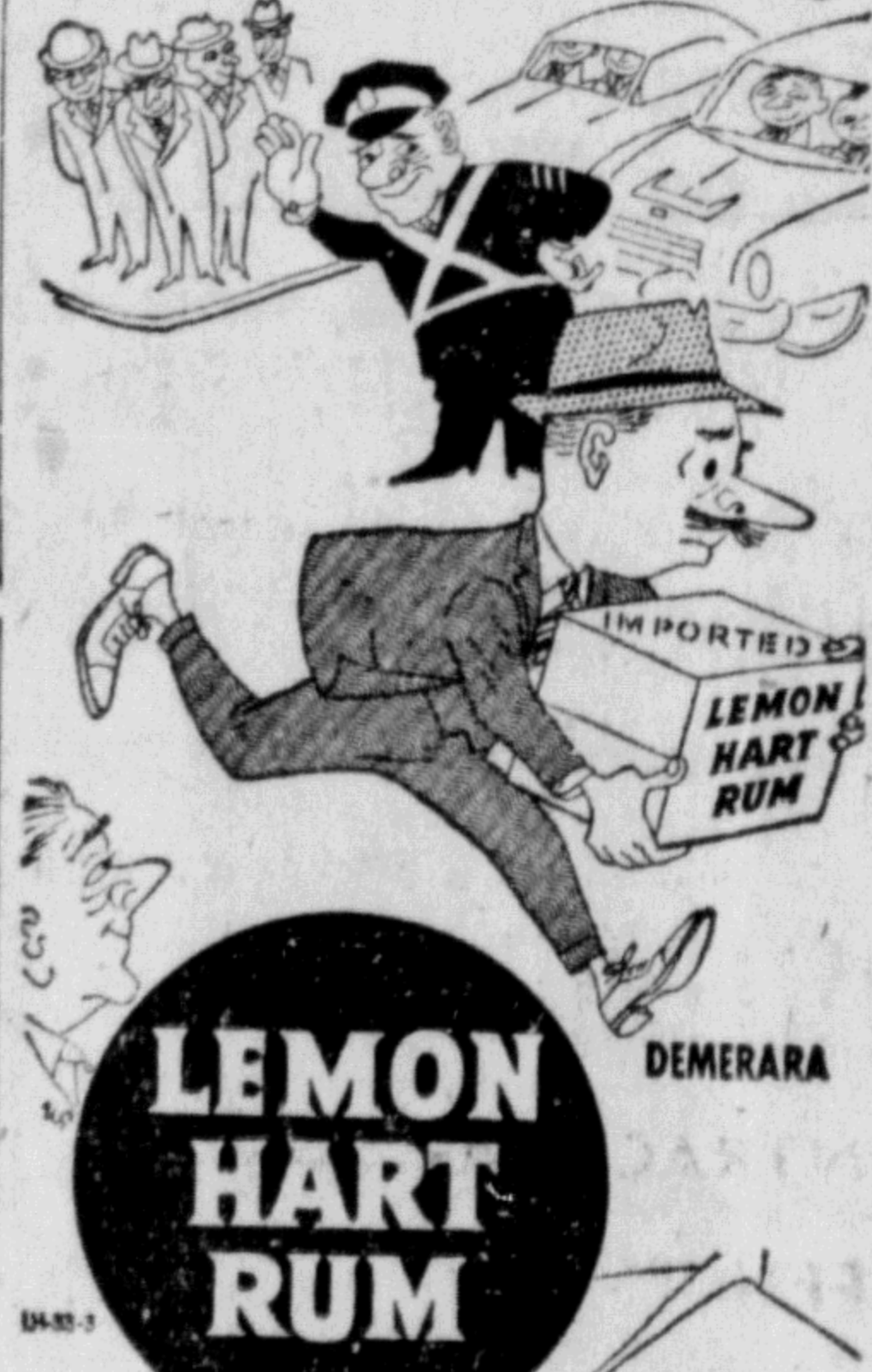


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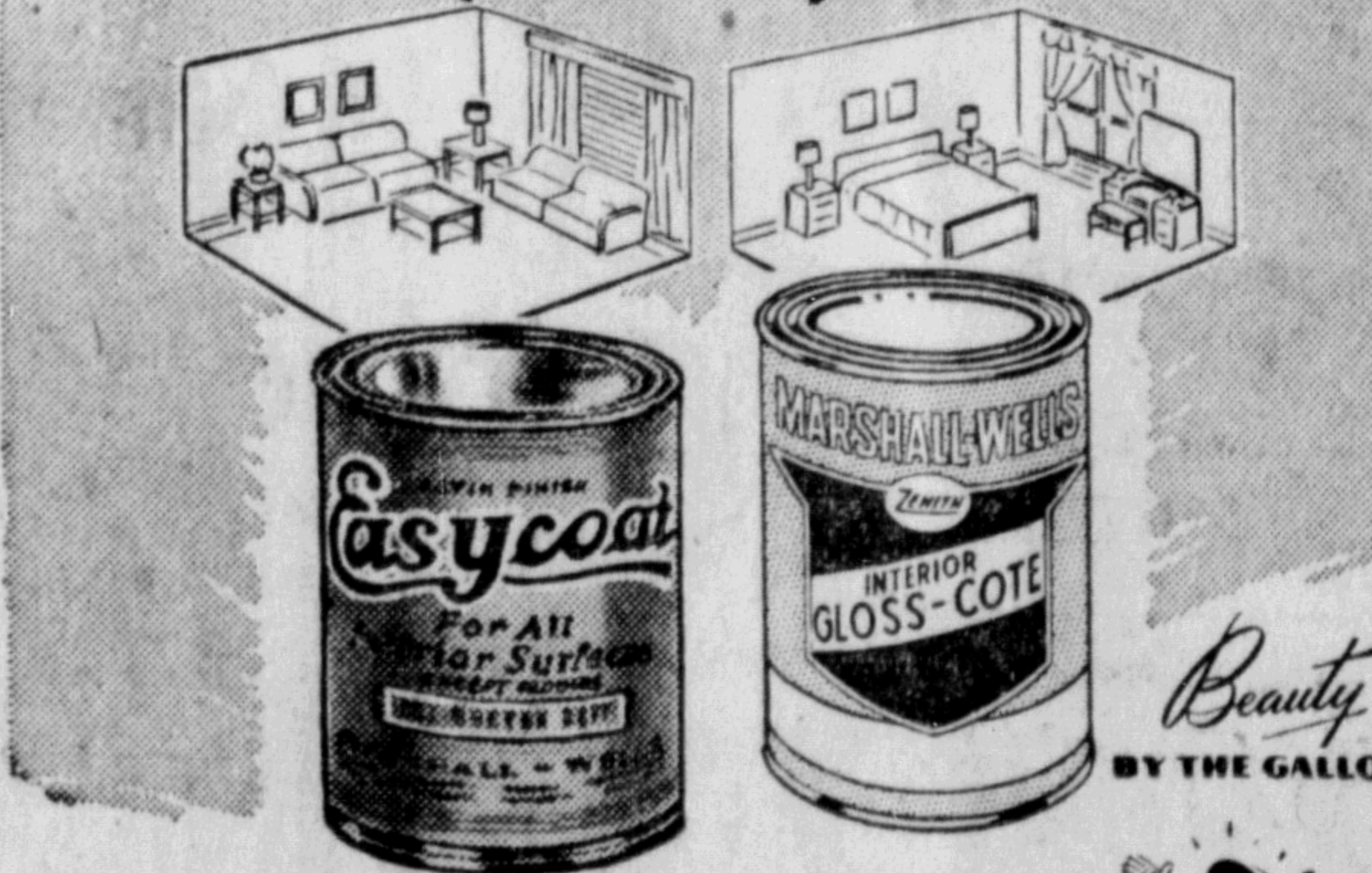
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