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## Reds Tighten Defences in Truce Area

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

PANMUNJOM, Korea — The Communists have tightened a menacing ring of trenches, bunkers, barbed wire and guns around almost all the Panmunjom neutral truce area.

From this frozen patch of attack-free ground between the opposing armies you can see an intricate system of deep Communist trenches, at some places less than 30 yards from the neutral border line. There remains only a corridor on the Allied side, through which United Nations personnel may pass.

Truce talks broke down here last October 8 after months of bitter wrangling. Now the UN command the Reds maintain only small security and service detachments within the 1,000-yard-radius circle.

The Allied command, replying to a Red protest, admitted an accidental shelling of the armistice site, but protested in turn that the Communists invited such incidents by "setting up machine-guns and other weapons immediately adjacent" to the circle and "the United Nations is compelled, in self-defence, to direct artillery fire against these positions."

I received a cold, menacing welcome from the Reds inside the circle, and noted many changes in the surrounding area.

What once was farm land or small hills covered with scrub growth now teems with Chinese soldiers in green quilted winter uniforms.

Outside the neutral border a Chinese held a burp gun pointed toward the circle.

NO RESTRICTIONS  
There are no restrictions forbidding the Reds to take positions around the circle, but they must remain outside.

Apart from mail exchange, Panmunjom's only other use these days is a place for meetings of liaison officers. There have been 52 such meetings since the suspension of truce talks, 37 of them called by the Reds to lodge protests.

The UN command keeps 41 men in the neutral circle, including security guards, balloon and searchlight crews, cooks and service personnel. The Communists have about the same number.

Four balloons hover over the area to warn away planes. The neutral circle is marked with bright red cloth panels.

17-Year-Old Boy Receives Pilot's Licence  
MACDONALD, Man. — A 17-year-old high school student in this town, 20 miles northwest of Portage la Prairie, is probably one of Canada's youngest licensed pilots.

Douglas Fulton, who lives at Oakland, nine miles from here, recently received his licence at the Portage Flying Club and has logged more than 40 hours flying time. Doug was 17 in November.

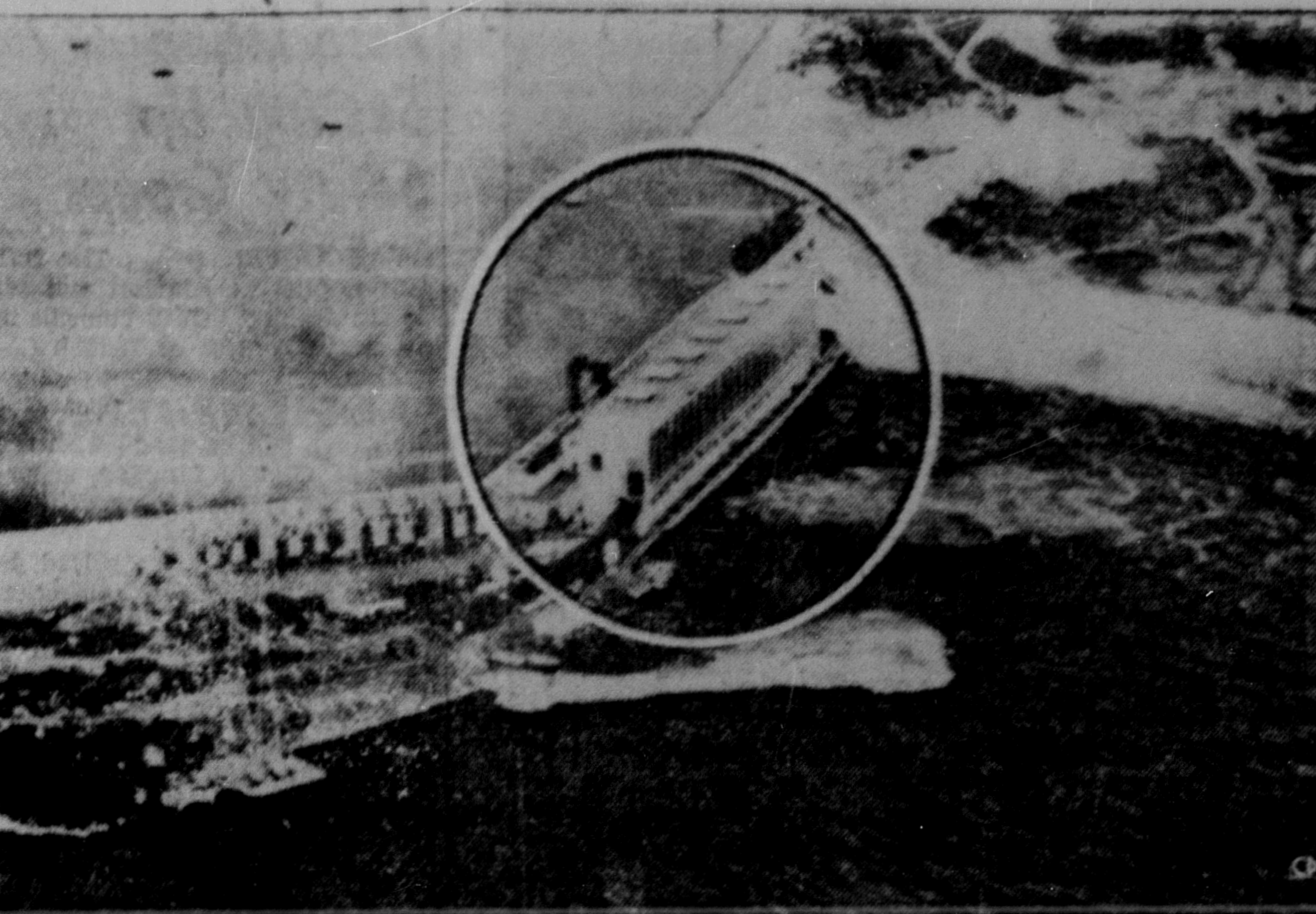
The boy's father, Russell Fulton, an Oakland farmer, thinks Doug will make a career of flying. He drives nine miles to school each morning and has included algebra and diesel engineering in his course of study. He is an active athlete with a fine reputation as a baseball player. His winter activities consist of hockey and curling.

Co-Operation Urged in Housing Field  
OTTAWA — Prime Minister St. Laurent indicated Tuesday he feels more could be accomplished in the housing field through closer co-operation among federal, provincial and municipal governments.

He told a delegation from the Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor that he had spent Monday visiting housing projects in the Toronto area.

"I would like to see the projects matched on the outskirts of our large cities," said Mr. St. Laurent.

The projects were the result of understanding and co-operation at federal, provincial and municipal level.



FIRE WHICH SWEEPED the huge Chats Falls powerhouse (circled) near Ottawa last week caused \$5,000,000 damage. This airview shows the \$20,000,000 plant, owned jointly by the Ontario Hydro and the Ottawa Valley Power Company, and located on the Ottawa river, 30 miles west of Ottawa. Four generating units of the plant were in ruins, cutting off the 220,000 horsepower output of the plant which supplies Toronto and other southern Ontario centres.

## Naguib Government Takes Egypt Out of Red in Seven Busy Months

By ED POLLAK  
CAIRO (AP) — The government of Gen. Mohammed Naguib has taken Egypt out of the red in seven action-packed months.

When they took over last July, Naguib and his team inherited an economic situation fringing on bankruptcy.

The state's coffers were empty. Foreign currency reserves had dwindled to practically nothing. Cotton, the backbone of Egypt's economy was not selling. Inflation was spiraling sky-high.

The soldier premier and his men tackled economic problems with military thoroughness. Recently a cabinet minister announced that Egypt, for the first time since the end of the Second World War, would have a balanced budget in 1953-54.

Furthermore, Fund Galal, minister of national guidance, announced \$114,800,000 extra funds will be spent on several industrial and development projects during the next 12 months, won their economic battle.

First, they went all out against soaring prices. Prices of foodstuffs and commodities were frozen. Army officers were attached to the ministry of supply to see that ceiling prices were applied and halt black market operations. Several merchants were arrested and jailed. Simultaneously a 15-per-cent slash on house rents was decreed.

With the problems of the cost of living settled, the government tackled the job of selling Egypt's cotton which accounts for nearly 75-per-cent of this country's exports.

Cotton sales, especially to Britain, a long time major buyer, had slumped to insignificant figures since 1950. The main reason was that the price was artificially kept far above world prices by the old Wafdist

government, for speculative reasons.

The new government closed the Alexandria cotton futures exchange and decreed henceforth the government itself would handle the cotton trade. Prices were based on those of the New York cotton exchange, plus a percentage for long staples.

At the same time Naguib entered trade talks with Italy, France, The Netherlands, Holland, Turkey, West and East Germany, Japan, and other countries behind the Iron Curtain. Recently it was announced an agreement with Red China was underway for exchange of Egyptian cotton with grains and other commodities. A deal with Russia also was reported.

To replenish the almost empty treasury, Naguib's government decided that all citizens, with no distinctions, were to pay their taxes.

The administration has started a big drive toward collecting taxes long overdue. Several million pounds are being claimed from ex-king Farouk and the royal family alone.

One of the first measures enforced by the new regime aimed at enticing more foreign investments. That was an amendment of law which prohibited more than 49-per-cent foreign ownership in corporations. The new legislation allows foreigners to own up to 51-per-cent, a controlling majority.

Young Composer  
VANCOUVER (CP) — Vivienne Rowley, 10, heard her own composition "Gypsy Dance" played by the Vancouver Symphony. The work had won the cup presented annually by the Vancouver Symphony Society for young composers.

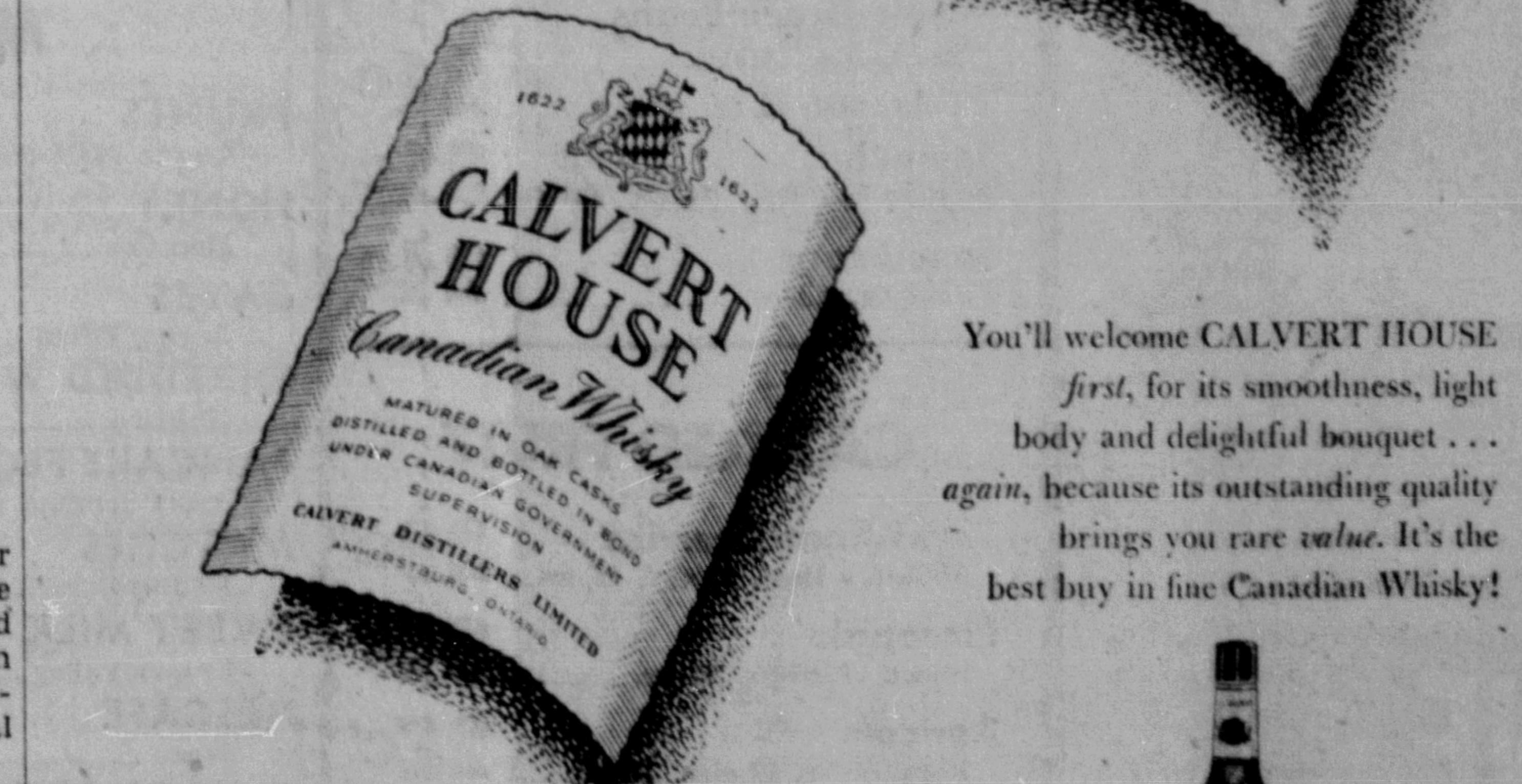
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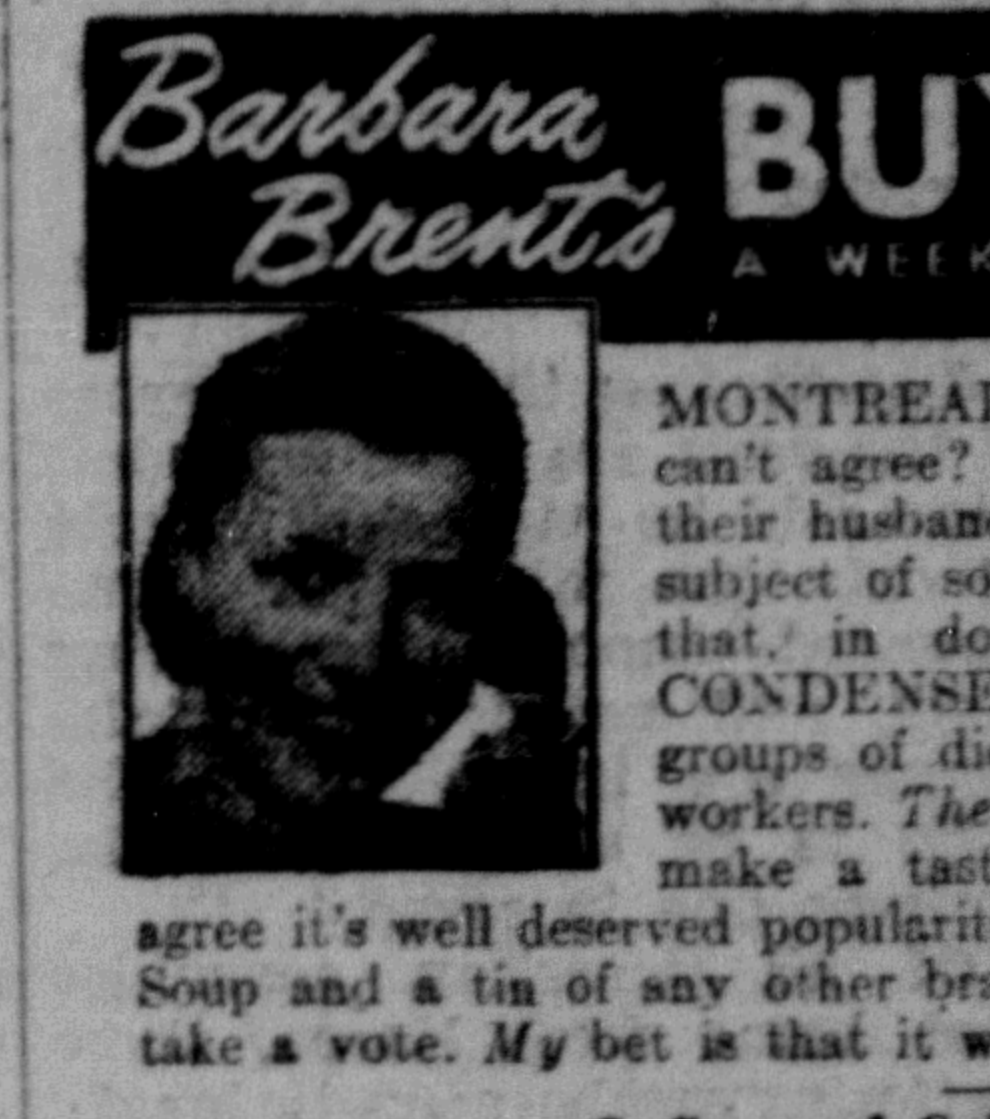
## CP, CN Charge Higher Fares Than PGE

VANCOUVER — Board of transport commissioners was told Tuesday that passenger fares charged in British Columbia by Canada's two major railroads are lower than those of the B.C.-owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Figures of comparison were introduced by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways at the hearing on B.C.'s application for removal of the mountain differential on passenger fares.

First-class fares are based on a 4 1/2-cent-a-mile rate in B.C. compared to PGE charges of 4.6 cents a mile with no distinction between first class and coach whereas they charge 4.5 cents for first class and four cents for coach.

The PGE is owned entirely by the provincial government. Earlier counsel for the CPR admitted passengers riding major railroads in B.C. do pay more for tickets than those in the rest of Canada.



Barbara Brent's BUYS AND WHYS  
A WEEKLY INFORMATION SERVICE  
MONTREAL, March 12th — Who says women can't agree? All of my friends (and, incidentally, their husbands, too) agree wholeheartedly on the subject of soap. They like Heinz. And now I hear that in dozens of recent taste-tests, HEINZ CONDENSED SOUPS scored top rating with groups of dietitians, housewives and women office workers. There's popularity for you! And, if you'll make a taste-test of your own, I'm sure you'll agree it's well deserved popularity. Just heat a tin of Heinz Condensed Soup and a tin of any other brand. Serve half-cupful of each. Then take a vote. My bet is that it will be 2 to 1 for Heinz!

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What a good combination they make!  
Especially when the coffee is INSTANT CHASE & SANBORN COFFEE. That's the "instant" made by coffee experts. The flavour's there—and the body—and the real, delightful lift. And that's not all you'll like about Instant Chase & Sanborn. You'll appreciate its wonderful economy. The regular-size jar of Instant Chase & Sanborn gives you the same number of cups as a pound of ground coffee and there's a BIG difference in price. Instant Chase & Sanborn is quick and easy to make, too. Takes no longer to make than boiling the water—and it's as easy to make ten cups as one.

Spring Is In The Air and, if you're like me, you'll be planning to make a suit for Spring's lovely days. Yes, I'm "stocking up" now on lightweight suiting materials... and the skirt. Style No. 805 is the ideal zipper for skirts. It's the one Canada's leading women's suit manufacturers choose for they know that only Lightning gives you everything you need for zipper-satisfaction. It's fine, it's flexible, and it never slides down—the secret automatic lock makes sure of that. Every Lightning has it, and only Lightning has it. Be sure, then, to ask for Lightning No. 805. You can get it in any colour and length you need, and you'll fit your suit with the finest.

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But I Paid That! Have you ever thought you'd paid for something you'd bought, and then received another bill for it? That kind of thing used to happen to me now and then... and it was always embarrassing and sometimes downright troublesome. That, of course, was when I used to run my finances on cash payments and wasn't too careful about my "book-keeping". But no more of that. Now, I pay for everything I possibly can by cheque and know exactly what's been paid at the end of the month when I pick up my cancelled cheques from my neighborhood BANK OF MONTREAL branch. It's the simplest, yet most efficient way I know to keep track of my spending. Why not try it? Open a Chequing Account at your nearest branch of the BoM today. You'll find it a great help in keeping your finances in order.

You Can Take A Bow when your husband raves about his snow-white shirts. But give some of the credit to Blue—for Blue does the best job of all in keeping clothes from turning yellow. When you're rinsing your wash to get the clothes clean, simply put a dash of Blue in the water—to get them really white. Blue is safe for the fine fabrics in your wash. Those beautiful sheets you get for your anniversary—the lachcon set that's your pride and joy—don't take chances—use Blue to keep them white. Costs just a few pennies a month—and that makes good sense, doesn't it? Yes, for the whitest wash, use RECKITT'S BLUE.

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