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Senator Nancy Hodges

APPOINTMENT of Mrs. Nancy Hodges to the Senate is a move that in every respect strikes me as being just right.

As she receives this honor which is often tinged so strongly with politics, her party affiliation—strong as it is—seems to be of less account than her accomplishments. Outstanding among these, of course, was her election as speaker of the B.C. legislature four years ago, which made her the first woman in the Commonwealth to be given this distinction.

But it is sometimes overlooked that she handled her duties in that position with exceptional ability and that previously she had established herself as one of the sharpest debaters in the House.

Her appointment is doubly right because it is recognition of the important part women are taking in political life. While it is true that the influence of the Senate has diminished with the passing years, it does not follow that its members must likewise fade from the public scene.

This, at any rate, is very improbable in the case of Mrs. Hodges. She has proved that women can have a busy part in affairs of government. Why not senators?

Flying Saucer Airport?

IT IS with a sense of pride mixed with uneasiness that we note Sir Roy Dobson, prominent British aviation industrialist, has commented that Canada leads the Western world in the designing of "very advanced" military aircraft.

Apparently what Sir Roy has in mind is a "flying saucer" type of jet aircraft capable of zooming straight up from the airfield and landing the same way. Should such a plane become a reality, it would revolutionize airfield planning and construction. The long ribbon-type runways of today would be replaced by small plots of ground that could be laid out almost anywhere.

It is gratifying to know that Canadian ingenuity is leading the field in aircraft development out, speaking quite selfishly, we wonder if this might not provide another excuse for delaying action on an airport for Prince Rupert.

It is true that we have waited a long time already, but to be asked to wait until flying saucers make a general appearance would be just a little too much even for people as patient as we are.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

"Emotional upsets are good for you," one hears. So is water if you refuse to allow it over your head.

EATING ONE'S WAY

Canadians and Americans, dining in an alien land are usually misunderstood. If knife and fork are used at the same time, they must be both English. Americans eat one way, Canadians another. To try and explain is useless. Waiters know best. Nothing, as yet, has been heard respecting attempts to utilize fingers.

JUST TURNIPS

Turnips in Ayer, Ontario, have been selling for 35 cents a bushel, and made attractive looking under the name of rutabagas. At seven cents a pound in the States they can be disposed of at \$35 a bushel. Perhaps all these games improve the flavor, or something like this.

As much as folks are paying for food, they pay even more for government. It's fun to eat, but you can't say that about Ottawa or Washington.

"Only tame bears are dangerous," says a headline. It's not explained how this is certain.

One noticed a plush chair costing nearly \$200 in a show window a short time ago. It's easy enough to dawdle over a

girl for far less money than that without anyone being neglected.

THE OLD DOC!

"Eventually," remarks an astronomer, "it will be possible to predict the weather 50 years in advance." In the interval, we shall continue to pin our faith on old Doc Chase's almanac which does it 12 months annually.

Leslie F. Parkes, long in the CNR service here, returned a few days ago from New York City where he viewed some of the sights of the great city. These included the statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island at the harbor entrance. Cost was \$250,000. The statue has a height of 152 feet, and the pedestal is almost 150 feet. It was the gift of France to the United States in 1884 and is visited daily.

Although the typewriter, fountain pen, ball point and mechanical pencil are here to stay, it is interesting to note that they are failing to budge the old fashioned lead pencil as a seller.

"The farmers are mad," a Republican politico said last week. "They can't see why steaks from grass fed beef costs 98 cents a pound when all the farmer gets for the meat is 14 cents." Their anger touched one of the most sensitive nerves in United States affairs.—Time.

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As I See It



by

Elmore
Philpott

Off to Ottawa

MY BAGS are packed, with all the necessities for Ottawa, including flannel underwear and a black fur hat which a kind lady gave me to keep my ears from freezing.

Have also, much against my will, broken down and bought me a Homburg hat. Ugh! Come to think of it, frozen ears would be a new experience—I am more familiar with the burning ear condition.

It is a thrilling experience for me to be going back to Ottawa after heading that way a couple of times before. A generation ago, in those days some folks, even Liberals, considered me a terrible radical because my ideas were ahead of their time to this extent:

I believed, then as now, in full employment in times of peace as well as in times of war, and for whatever government action is necessary to assure that.

I did not believe that anybody should be allowed to go hungry, in a land which had too much food, nor poorly clad in a land of idle textile mills. I believed nobody should lack a house, if we had idle carpenters or sawmills. I believed that the world was on the doorstep of an age of abundance, and the only question was whether we had horse sense enough to open the door and walk in.

I believed, then as now, in peace, on the only basis on which there ever yet was peace, anywhere on earth—that based on law, built on "goodness and mercy."

I DON'T KNOW whether I have learned anything at all in the intervening time—except not to take myself too seriously.

Don't even know whether or not I will make a good MP. We will all just have to wait and see. There is a strong streak of Irish in me that inclines to be "agin the government"—every government, everywhere. Sitting on the government side of the house may cramp my style a bit. Also, I am aware I am full of contradictions and inconsistencies.

"Confused Liberal," a Communist paper once called me—and how right it was! I qualify for the title of GWAIC after my name—Gee Whizz. Am I Confused? I was confused in a war in which I shot only 18-pound shells, and I'm a lot more confused now when I think of atom bombs, and worse. I am confused about finding ways to sell our wheat, without lowering our prices; about how to get along with even Uncle Sam, not to mention Uncle Joe. I am confused about a thousand other problems. But I guess it's the typical British strain of

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— THE LETTER BOX —

The Editor,
The Daily News:

My hat is off to the men of the mills who have voted to strike and also to those who while they voted otherwise will patiently and loyally abide the issue of the majority decision.

In the ordinary course of events it would be possible to get the impression that the whole setup is totally materialistic and that all that matters is the machines and the paychecks.

But here we have a situation where some thousands of men have the tremendous courage to thumb their nose at their next 20 pay envelopes and also at the millions of dollars of machinery which they serve. And further are willing to endure all the nattering from hither and yon concerning their crazy behaviour.

Why are they doing it? I wonder if there are not some deep underlying reasons of which the

Naguib Awaits Word From U.K. On Canal Dispute

CAIRO (Reuters)—Egyptian President Mohammed Naguib today said he is "awaiting British final word" on the dispute over evacuation of the Suez Canal zone.

Egypt already has sent Britain her "final word," Naguib said. Informal Anglo-Egyptian talks here were suspended two weeks ago, and no date was fixed for another meeting to discuss removal of British troops from the defence base.

In a press statement, Naguib also said Egypt does not consider that negotiation on the dispute is "the only means whereby her rights can be attained."

Settlement of the canal zone dispute is believed snagged on conditions under which British forces could return, and Egyptian insistence that British technicians remaining behind in the base wear civilian clothes rather than uniforms.

Patrol Examiners Hit Linguistic Road-Block

SHAWNEE, Okla. (AP)—Highway patrol examiners bumped head-on into a linguistic road-block when they attempted to test Michael Szaizko, 49-year-old displaced Russian.

Szaizko doesn't speak English. His wife speaks German and Russian but no English. Their daughter speaks German and English but no Russian.

The examiners first tried to give the driving test by talking to the girl, who told mama, who told papa, but it all got too confusing. So another displaced German, Jelsi Jeolo, was called in. He speaks German and English and passed on the questions to the wife, who relayed them to Szaizko.

He promptly flunked the driving test.

VITAL WATERWAY

The Clyde river in Scotland, one of the world's busiest waterways, is 106 miles long.

men themselves are only dimly conscious. Could it not be true that there is a resentment on the part of a human being against the machine?

These machines go their pitiless and ruthless way day after day and night after night, making no accommodation to the rhythm of the life of a human being, and this very fact is liable to make otherwise reasonable and genial souls bitter.

I wonder if they do not feel the urge upon occasion to vindicate their essential humanity. I have known even clergymen who felt they had to quit their jobs in order to prove to themselves that they were human and not just a bit of a mechanical system.

The boys who went into the armed forces, leaving home and comfort and adventuring life itself, were also under the necessity of proving to themselves that there is something else in life apart from money and security and all that sort of thing. And if our community and the larger community of the west coast has to pay and pay dearly along with the strikers, in order that they may prove this thing, I submit that the price is worth it.

There are other ways of coming at one's humanity which lie in achieving a right relationship with the Creator and Redeemer of human beings. But if you don't happen to have this, and it is not easy to find even though we have churches, what a wonderful thing it is that in some way or other the Nature of True Humanity will suddenly manifest itself, no matter what the cost.

We do well to hope and pray that all this will not create burdens which will be too great to bear, and that there may be no bitterness generated as between human beings, but let us all join in honoring the men who prove by their deeds that they are not materialists, much as they may enjoy their pleasure and comforts, and all in the spirit of

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BASIL S. PROCKTER.

The Editor,
The Daily News:

As one of Alan Hurst's friends, who has known him for many years and worked as one of his staff for over ten, I want to express my sincere thanks for your editorial in your issue of October 24. I felt that it expressed excellently our feeling for the very real person Alan was.

Yours truly,
(MISS) EDITH BARLOW,
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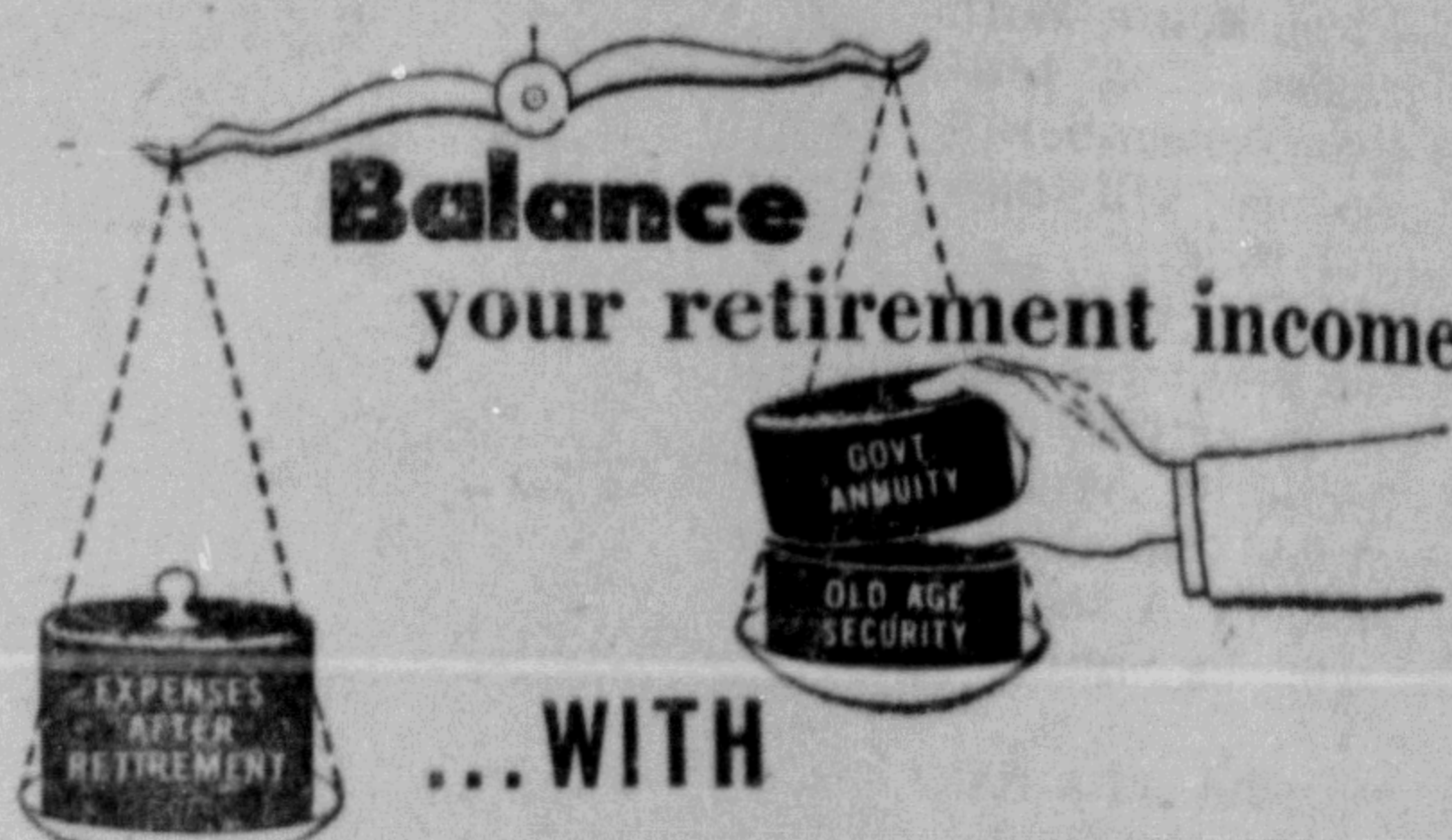
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NOTICE OF COURT OF REVISION

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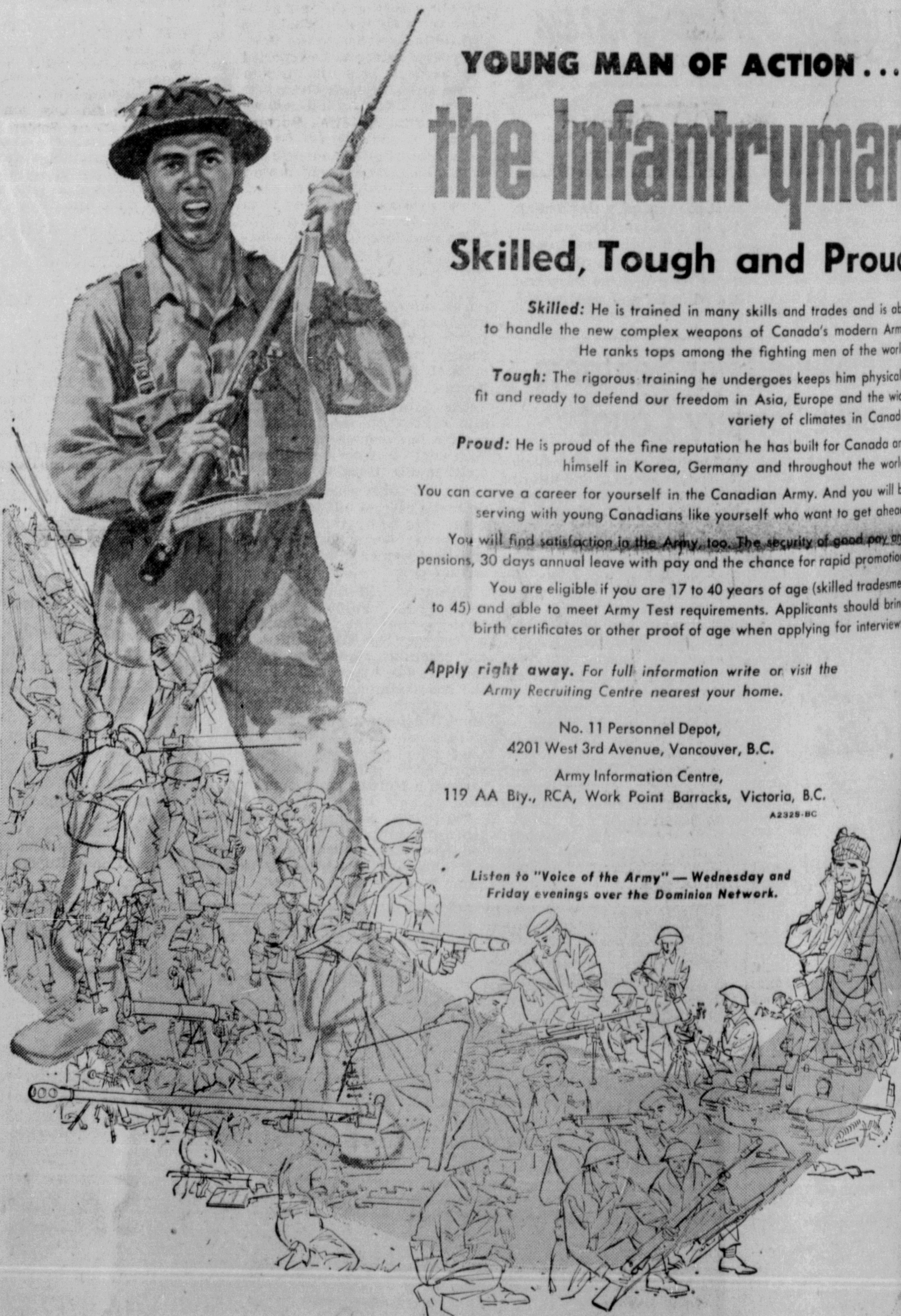
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