



YOUNG BOYS—like twins Ronald Gordon (left) and Roger Allen Johnston of Sechart, B.C.—sign up for seven years but have the option of asking for release at the end of five years.
(Photo by LILLEY)

Soldier Apprentices Find Army Camp Like Boys' School

KINGSTON, Ont. (C)—Canada's first 16-year-old soldier apprentices are changing the face of the army.

The 64 apprentices quartered in this area—41 at the Royal Canadian School of Signals at Vimy and 23 at the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers' School at Barriefield—are finding that life in an army camp can be much like that in any boys' school. Enlistment requirements call for a minimum grade eight education and many of the boys, like identical twins Ronald Gordon and Roger Allen Johnston of Sechart, B.C., left school to join the apprentice squadrons.

Gamma Globulin To be Tried on Polio Victims

OTTAWA (CP)—Arrangements have been completed for a test in Canada of gamma globulin, a substance being experimented with in the United States as a protection against paralytic poliomyelitis, the health department announced today.

The health department said preliminary reports of studies in the U.S. are "encouraging," and that in limited experiments the occurrence of paralysis among those who suffered from polio was less in those who received gamma globulin than in those who did not.

Final evaluation of the usefulness of the product, however, will require further clinical observation and study.

Production in Canada will be handled by the Connaught Medical Research Laboratories, Toronto. Special equipment is being obtained from the U.S. in time to permit the preparation of an initial quantity for the early summer. A federal grant of \$67,000 has been allotted to buy the equipment.

Gamma globulin is obtained from human blood plasma, with a pint of blood required to produce a single dose of gamma globulin. The amount available this year will be small.

A conference of provincial public health and research experts was held here recently under the chairmanship of Dr. G. D. Cameron, federal deputy minister of health. This group recommended that clinical trial of gamma globulin be carried out in certain areas as indicated by the number of polio cases which develop.

A standing committee consisting of representatives of provincial public health and research institutions and medical schools is being formed. Its main function will be to keep in touch with the polio situation and to assure the most effective distribution of gamma globulin.

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General Eisenhower Among Thousands Stricken by Flu Epidemic in 16 States

NEW YORK (AP)—The widespread outbreak of mild flu, grippe and other respiratory infections appears to be waning in most sections of the United States.

A country-wide survey today showed that flu-like diseases are on the decline in at least 16 states, with only three states reporting a sizable increase.

Elsewhere, respiratory infections are running near normal for the winter period.

The survey indicated the outbreaks have been more distressing than dangerous. In most cases the illness lasts only three to five days. Few deaths have resulted directly.

The four states hardest hit by infection a week ago—Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Minnesota—all reported conditions slightly improved.

Several notables have been stricken mildly. President and Mrs. Eisenhower have colds and sniffles. Other victims include singer Lily Pons and Neva Jane Langley, newly-crowned Miss America.

Dr. Roy Feenster, Massachusetts director of communicable diseases, said most of the flu this year is A-prime type and not particularly serious.

"This year's flu is getting more attention because it is hitting all parts of the country about the same time, whereas it usually jumps from one area to another over a period of weeks," he said.

Infections appeared to be increasing somewhat in Kentucky, Alabama and North Dakota.

Dr. R. O. Soxvic, North Dakota health officer, estimated 8,000 to 10,000 cases have appeared in that state with incidence still showing a slight gain. He said the flu outbreak is the heaviest in "many years" but that the disease itself is relatively mild.

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'Secret Enemies' of Russian People Must be Eliminated

LONDON (Reuters)—Stalin has ruled that "class warfare" must be stepped up in Russia.

A Soviet spokesman stressed in Moscow that "secret enemies" of the Russian people must be eliminated.

Nikolai Mikhalov, one of the younger men promoted to Soviet leadership at the Soviet Communist party congress last October, quoted Stalin's directive in a speech to a Moscow meeting commemorating the death in 1924 of Vladimir Lenin, founder of the Soviet state.

Mikhalov said Stalin had exploded the theory that the class war would peter out as the Communist regime became stronger and Soviet society became more and more classless.

Persons holding such views "can have nothing to do with our party," Mikhalov quoted Stalin as saying.

"They are traitors or fools who must be ousted like vermin. The liquidation of classes cannot be achieved by ending the class war, but only by intensifying it."

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Wireless Survey To be Conducted

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The survey will enable civil defence officials to establish an adequate wireless control network in the province.

W. J. Bowerman, retired divisional superintendent of radio, department of transport, has been hired to conduct the survey.

Prisoners Help Sale of Fish

VANCOUVER (C)—Prisoners at the city jail are going to help Fisheries Minister Sinclair sell more fish on the home market.

The police commission has instructed jail cooks to serve fish once a week.

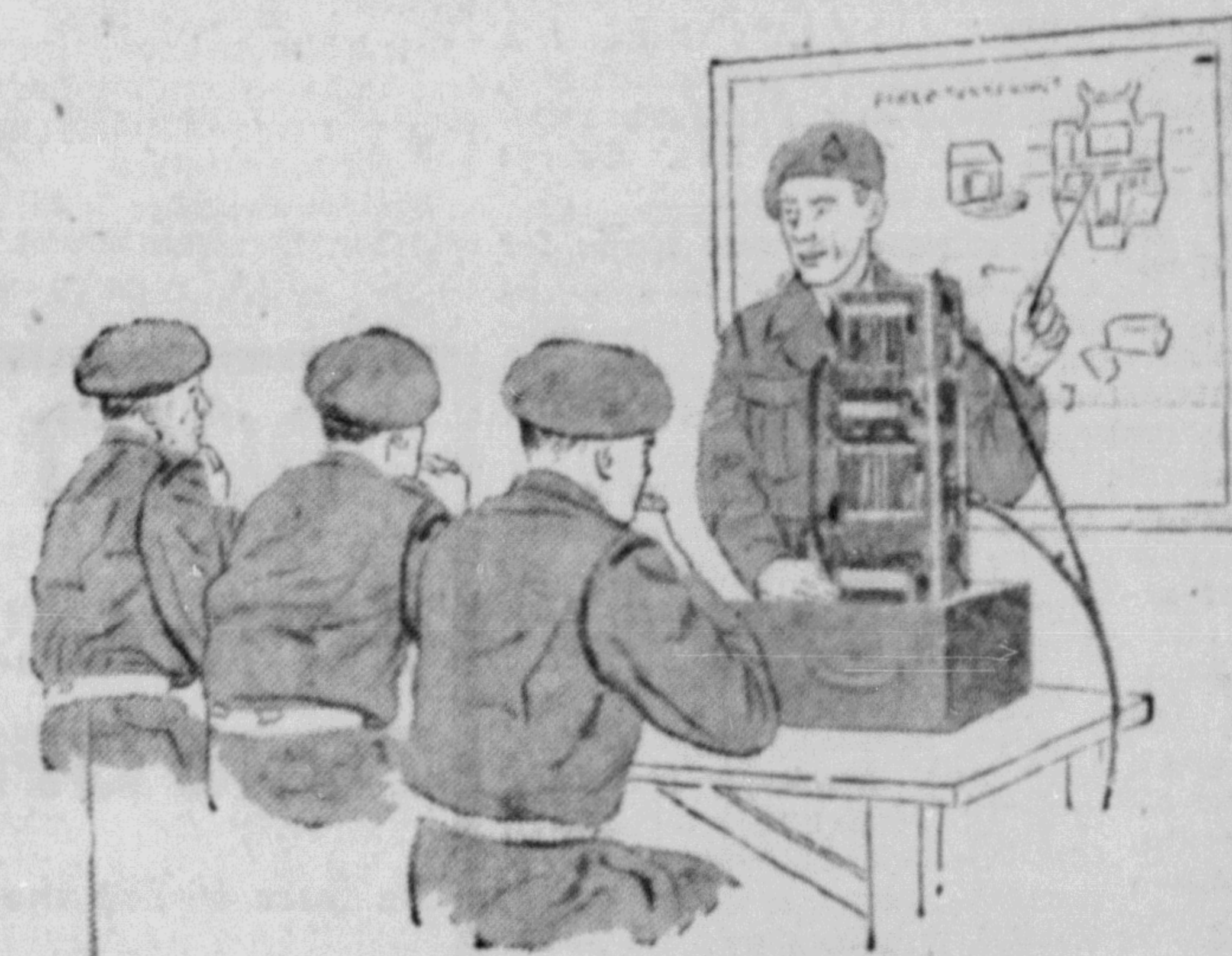
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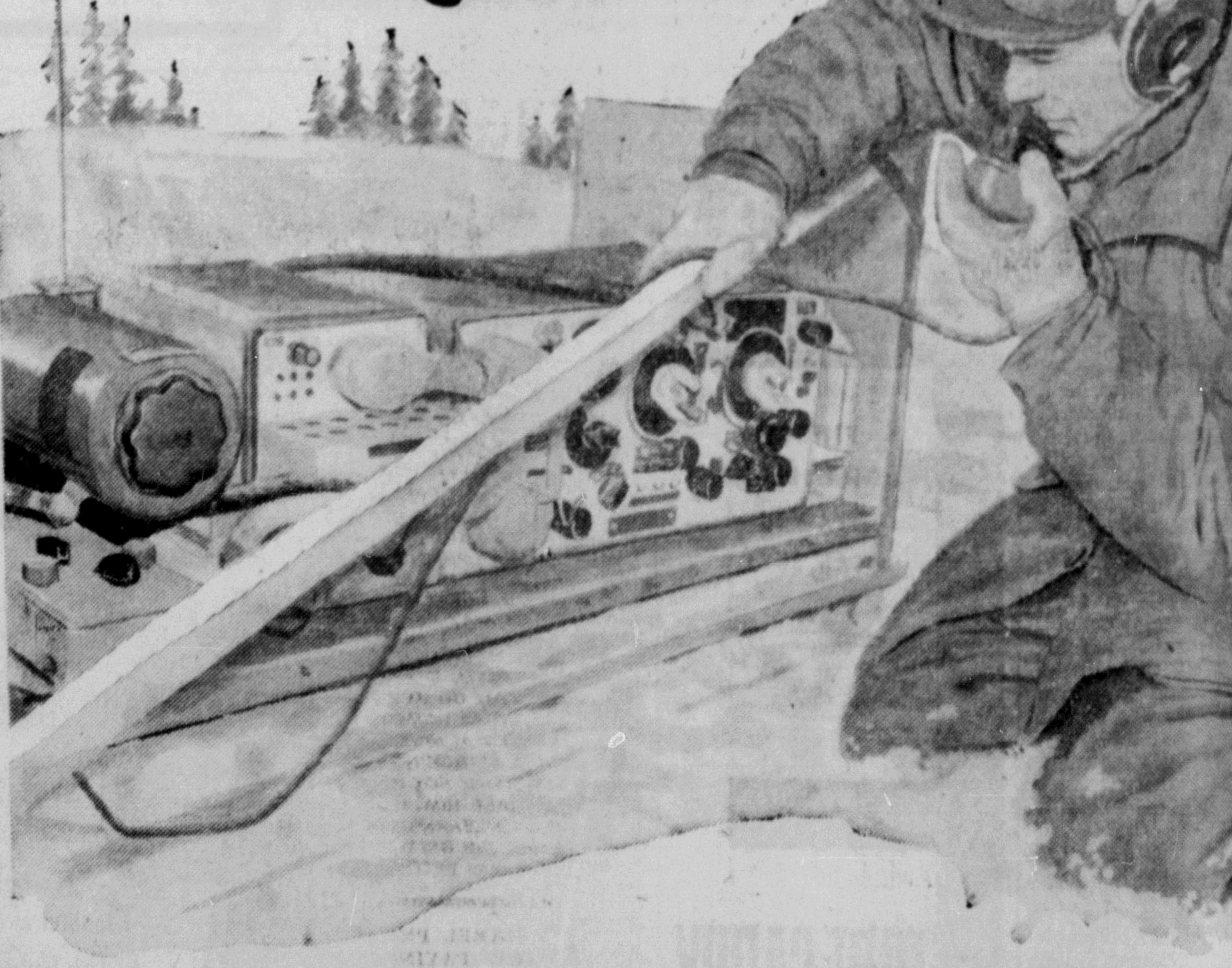
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