

RUSSIA UNVEILS MONUMENT TO 100-YEAR-OLD PEASANT

LONDON (Reuters)—Russia unveiled a monument at Petrikov to Vasil Talash who, at the age of 100, fought as a guerrilla against the Nazis, the Soviet Tass news agency said. Talash, a Byelo-Russian peasant, died in 1946 at the age of 102, Tass said. When he was 75 he led guerrilla forces during the Bolshevik revolution of 1917.

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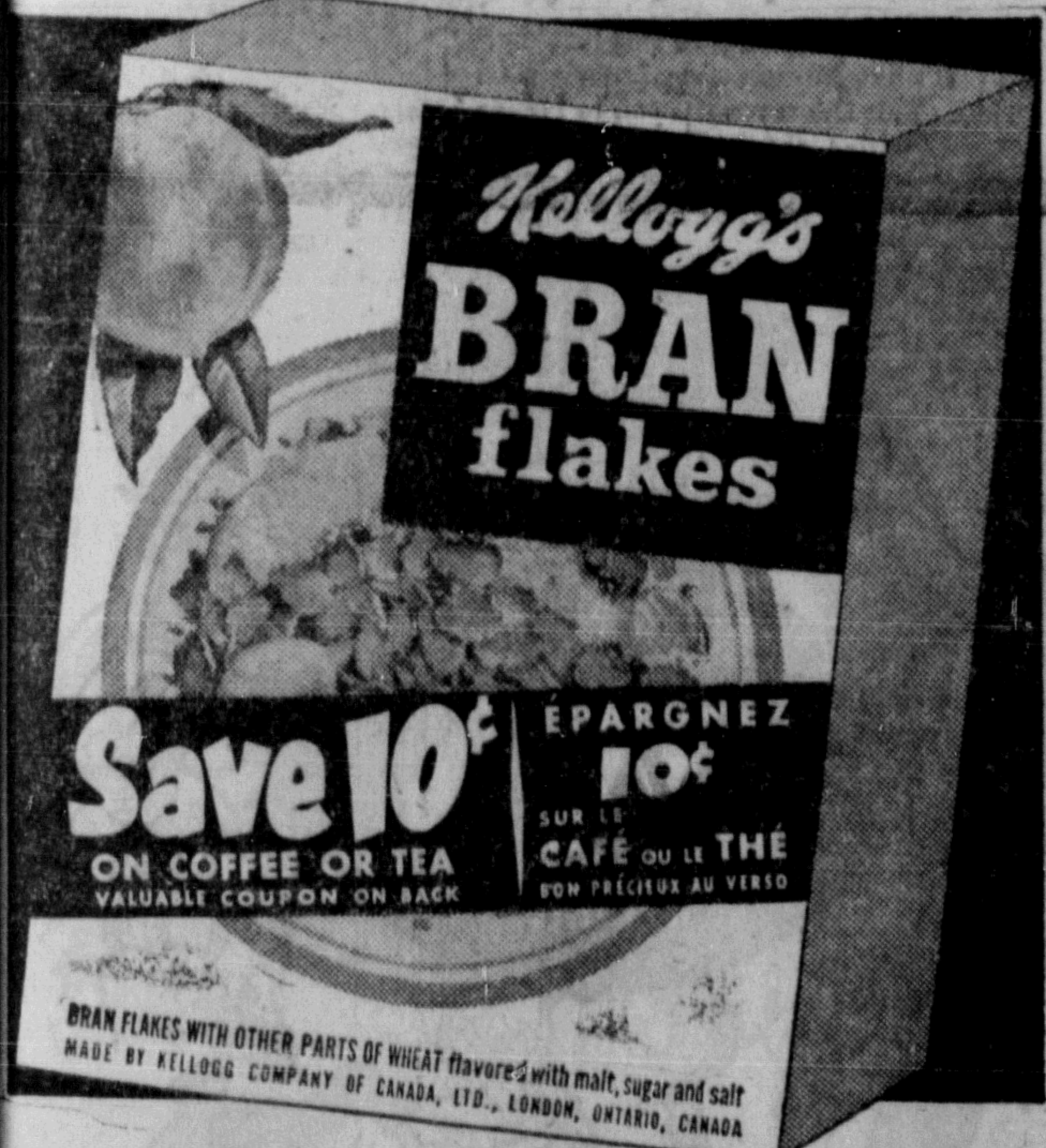
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NATURE FINDS A WAY to take care of her orphans—and in this case it's a hen playing step-mother to nine ducklings in the infield pond at Randall Park race track in Cleveland. Reliable witnesses maintain they actually saw the hen swim on one occasion, although she is shown here just wading behind the little paddlers.

BLACKWOOD on Bridge

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Muzzy Lost Because He Failed To Co-ordinate Hand

One of the more serious failings of players like Mr. Muzzy is that they look at a hand trick by trick, rather than viewing it over all—as a single unit.

In today's deal Mr. Muzzy opened the bidding with one spade, although one club or even one no trump would have been better. Mr. Champion raised to three spades. This bid is forcing to game unless you have previously passed.

It is also a limit bid. That is, with a little less, Mr. Champion would have made a minimum response in a suit of his own and given partner a single raise if partner rebid his suit.

With a little more than he actually had, Mr. Champion would have bid a suit of his own first, planning to jump raise his partner's suit on the next round. And, of course, with a hand strong enough to suggest the possibility of a slam, he would have made an immediate jump takeout over the one spade opening.

Again the final contract of four spades, Miss Brash led the lone six of clubs. Automatically, Mr. Muzzy played the five from dummy. He gave no thought as to how this play might be related to the winning of 10 tricks on the hand.

He was thinking only about this one trick—if he was thinking at all. In other words, if he would lose no clubs tricks at all. If it was on his right, he would lose one club trick—but in that case anybody would have to lose a club.

As you see, it wasn't quite as simple as that. It wasn't a question of losing or not losing a trick in clubs. The question of time was all-important.

If the club lead were a singleton, then the contract might be

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North (Mr. Champion)
S-Q 10 7 6
H-8
D-K J 10 5
C-A J 7 5

West (Miss Brash)
S-J 5
H-J 10 5 4
D-A 9 8 6 3 2
C-6

East (Mr. Masters)
S-9 4 2
H-A 9 7 6 2
D-7
C-K 9 3 2

The bidding:
South 1S
West 4S
North 3S
East Pass

lost by ducking at the first trick.

The contract was lost. Mr. Masters won with the king of clubs and returned the nine. Miss Brash ruffed, put her partner in with a heart lead to the ace and ruffed another club. She then cashed the ace of diamonds and led another diamond for Mr. Masters to ruff. Down three.

Note the slight difference if Mr. Muzzy had noted, at trick one, that he did not need to win four club tricks to make his bid. If he had put up the ace of clubs and taken three quick rounds of trumps, the defenders would have won a heart, a diamond and a club, period.

Knud Rasmussen, a Danish Arctic explorer, established an Eskimo community in northern Greenland in 1910.

St. Laurent Doesn't Think Irrigation Dam Needed Now

By HAROLD MORRISON

Canadian Press Staff Writer
REGINA (C)—Prime Minister St. Laurent has swept away Saskatchewan's hopes of getting Liberal government support for early fulfillment of its greatest irrigation and power dream.

He stated frankly here he is not yet convinced the big South Saskatchewan project, a deeply controversial political issue in this land of bitter drought memories, will be beneficial to all of Canada.

And until he is convinced of its country-wide benefits—such as those that will result from the St. Lawrence Seaway—he would not be prepared to recommend it to Parliament, the prime minister added in a speech before some 2,000 persons attending a Liberal rally that filled the local armories.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner, in an introductory speech said he has backed the project for many years. It was the only proposal he has made to the cabinet in the 18 years that he has been a federal cabinet minister still unfilled.

Both the Progressive Conservatives and the CCF said they would build the dam if elected to power, but he felt sure that if the dam is constructed it will be because of Liberal policies.

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Mr. St. Laurent clarified his position on the dam, after attacking both the Progressive Conservatives and the CCF. He suggested the Progressive Conservatives have "betrayed" Canada's interests by not disclosing what their "secret weapon" is for recovering Canada's markets in the sterling area.

There was no easy solution to the dollar shortage overseas, but it was "by no means hopeless." It could be solved by patience, hard work and international goodwill.

Canada had provided some help, but the key to the problem lay largely in the United States.

As for the irrigation project, Mr. St. Laurent felt this was too serious an issue to be made into a political issue and his position would be the same whether it was an election year or not. He did not even want to make a statement on it during his campaigning, but he might have been considered "pretty coward-

ly" if he didn't.

The project as envisioned by the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration would harness the South Saskatchewan river to build an irrigation and power site between Elbow and Outlook, Sask., to water some 450,000 acres and provide 150,000 horsepower.

In 1950, the PFRA said it would cost \$105,000,000 but a royal commission last year said it would cost \$250,000,000 and turned it down as uneconomical.

"We've got to get a factual basis which we can consider as proper to make a decision in the interests of the Canadian nation as a whole," said the Prime Minister.

The South Saskatchewan project might be required to complete the work of the PFRA but costs had to be measured against benefits.

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