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## London Night Clubs Having Tough Times

LONDON (AP)—Times are so tough for London's night clubs that even the best of them often round up friends by telephone to fill in the great open spaces and drink on the house.

"There just isn't the money about," is the first reason any club owner will give.

The latest blow to fall on the night clubs has come from the government, which has told the treasury to tighten up on business men's entertainment allowances. Luncheon allowances still seem to be okay, but nocturnal jaunts now are out.

The law hits the clubs in two other ways. Even though they are "private," the clubs must stop serving drinks at 2 a.m. and clear them off the tables by 2:30. This is clearly discouraging to the would-be dawn reveler, who in the old bottle party days was still putting them away at sunup.

Another law has pushed up staff wages through the catering industry. It is designed to protect employees against the var-

ious unfair practices and fixes steeply ascending rates for late night work. A general estimate is that wage bills are five times pre-war.

The basic problem of all clubs is how to keep going during the lean months, with overhead just as high as in the summer, when the tourist trade saves the day.

The owners are trying to combat the tightwad trend by cutting prices. The lead was taken by the fashionable Churchill's Club, which charges one guinea (\$3) annually for membership. People now can drop into Churchill's and from the bar and a few tables up at the end of the room see the floor show without paying any charge above the cost of the drinks (about five shillings for a large whisky.)

## More Rain This Year

Heaviest precipitation so far this year came last month with a total of 9.94 inches to bring to 24.84 inches the total for the first three months. Amount of snow recorded at Digby weather station was 13.8 inches.

Cloudy skies prevailed for all but 52.7 hours in March, while temperature struck a mean of 37.11. Maximum temperature of 48.9 was recorded March 25; the minimum of 26.5 on March 19.

Minimum and maximum barometer readings were 30.30 and 28.89 inches. Maximum wind was southeast 39, March 22.

By comparison, 1952 so far has recorded four to seven inches more rain than in 1950 and 1951 respectively.

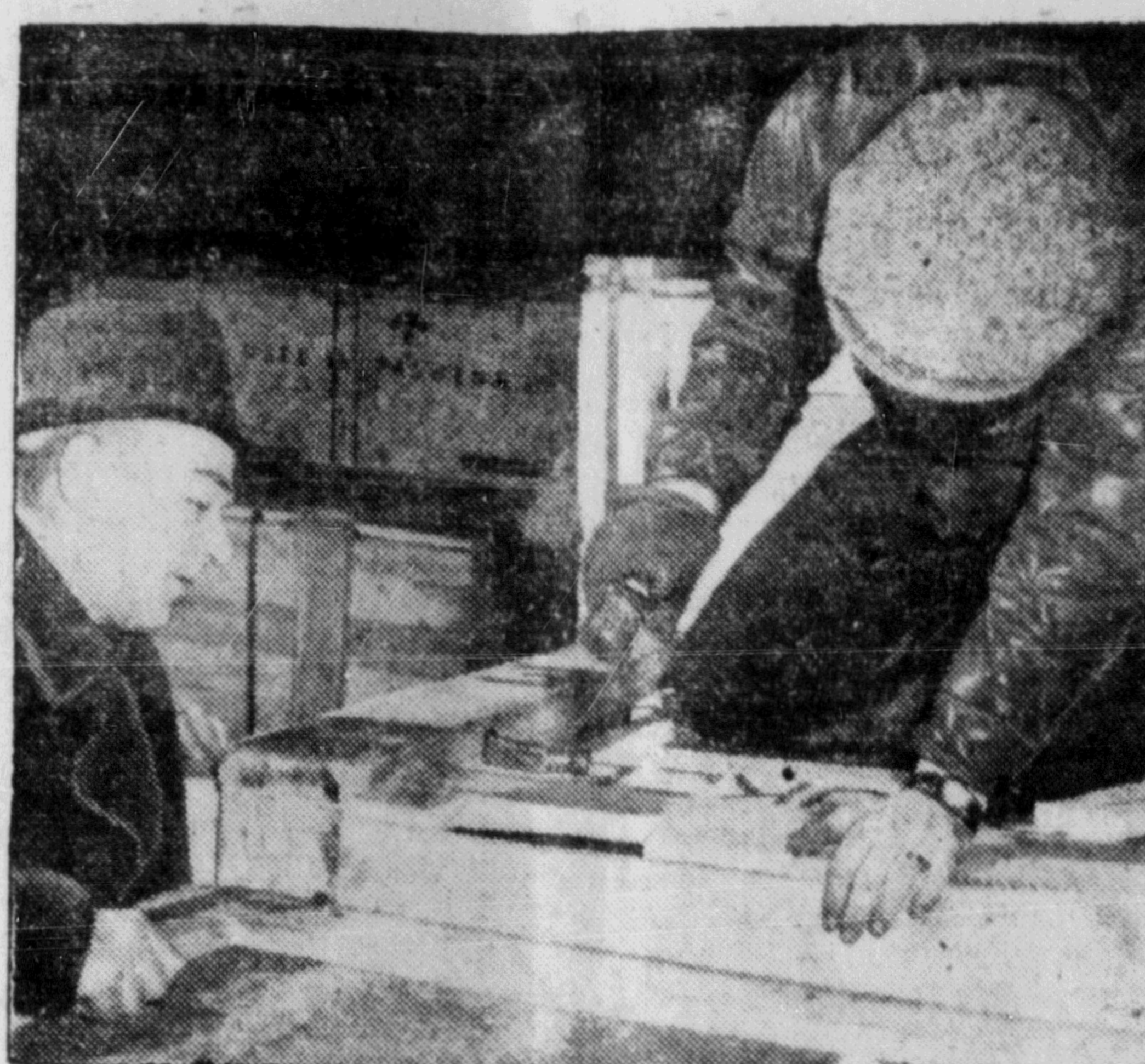
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**CHECKING ALL BAGGAGE**—A rigid check is being made of European immigrants to ensure that the virus of foot-and-mouth disease is not brought into Canada, the Agriculture Department has announced. In Halifax immigration officials are on the alert to check the baggage of immigrants who arrive almost daily. A workman opens a crate to enable H. W. Simpson of the Agriculture Department to check for straw and hay. The baggage of some settlers must be disinfected. (CP PHOTO)



## BLACKWOOD on Bridge

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Some Might Have Made This,  
But Not With South's Method

I have recommended opening a four-card spade suit before a five-card heart suit on a hand no strong enough to reverse. Yet Mr. Dale opened the South hand in today's hand with one heart—and he was right. Why?

Well, he had an absolute minimum plus a pitifully weak spade suit. He correctly decided that unless his partner could bid spades, he was not interested in the suit. Make either his hand or his spade suit stronger and one spade would have been his opening.

Of course, Mr. Champion's three-club bid forced Mr. Dale to take further action and he elected to try for game at no trump.

Mrs. Keen opened the king of spades. Now you and I can see

South dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

North  
(Mr. Champion)

S—None

H—6 2

D—A K Q 9 7 3

C—K Q 8 7 5

West  
(Mrs. Keen)

S—K Q J 10 7

H—5 4

D—10 5 4 2

C—9 2

East  
(Mr. Abel)

S—9 8 6 5

H—K 10 8 7

D—8

C—A 10 6 3

South  
(Mr. Dale)

S—A 4 3 2

H—A Q J 9 3

D—J 6

C—J 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1 H Pass 2 D Pass

2 H Pass 3 C Pass

3 NT All pass

that Mr. Dale could have taken

the first nine tricks by winning

the first spade, running six dia-

monds and taking the heart fin-

nesse.

But that would have been tak-

ing an unnecessary risk.

Mr. Dale played differently.

His result was the same but his

technique was better. He ducked

not only the first spade lead but

the second and third as well.

Three clubs were discarded from

the board.

He reasoned this way: Mrs.

Keen had laid down the king,

queen and jack of spades. If she

had the ace of clubs, too, she

was pretty close to an overcall.

And yet she had passed.

NO WAY

Now, if Mr. Abel had the ace

of clubs, he should be permitted

to win with it only at a time

when he was out of the danger

suit, spades.

At trick four, Mrs. Keen could

see the futility of leading any

more spades to knock out Mr.

Dale's ace. With no chance for

an entry in her hand there was

no point in setting up her fifth

spade.

She therefore shifted to a club,

but there was no way to prevent

Mr. Dale from winning nine

tricks.

CROOKHAM, England (CP)—

After J. P. Foster bought land

to build a house in this Hamp-

shire district he found the mun-

icipal boundary ran through the

centre. Neither council wants

the house on their land so Fos-

ter is taking his case to arbitra-

## Desert Film Is Colorful

Daring adventure and desert romance are presented in vivid Technicolor in a spectacular picture "Flame of Araby" which is coming today, Friday and Saturday to the Capitol Theatre here. Maureen O'Hara and Jeff Chandler head the cast with Maxwell Reed, Susan Cabot, Lon Chaney, Burry Baer and Richard Egan providing strong support.

"Flame of Araby" deals with the efforts of outlaw brothers,

## District Films Prove of Interest

Life and activities of the native people of the Skeena district are graphically depicted in a National Film Board picture, "Peoples of the Skeena," which is now going the rounds of local organizations. Yesterday it was shown at the weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club by Sergeant L. A. N. Potterton, RCMP. Such industrial pursuits as trapping, fishing and lumbering, in which the native engage, are shown. Totem poles come in for attention as well.

Sgt. Potterton also showed the Gyros some new local pictures including Golden Gloves boxing, Rotary-Gyro basketball, a Rotary Club luncheon, central interior scenes and also some views of the rugged Kitimat-Kemano country.

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