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**GORGEOUS GEORGE** (or Georgina) Prince Rupert's beautiful visiting swan, has taken off for parts unknown. The young Trumpeter, which settled in Morse Creek pond about two weeks ago, suffering an injured leg, was taken to Shawatlan Lake and flew away, headed for the far end of the lake where others of his breed were reported sojourning. C. J. Walker, assistant game warden, rescued George from the frozen pond, nursed him overnight aboard the TML 4, and took him to Shawatlan.

## MLA Issues Challenge On SC Monetary System

VICTORIA (CP) — CCF opposition leader Arnold Webster today fired the first gun for the opposition in the throne speech debate that opened in the legislature Wednesday with a government member advocating Social Credit monetary theories.

The CCF leader will be followed by Dr. Larry Giovando of Nanaimo, lone Progressive Conservative in the legislature.

Mr. Webster is expected to deal with "labor matters" and most of the points in the speech from the throne and Dr. Giovando will likely aim his big guns at logging and hospital insurance as he has in the last two sessions.

Wednesday Rev. Charles Parker (SC-Peace River) used his speech in reply to the throne speech to challenge the people of B.C. to send men to Ottawa who would "restore to parliament the right to issue money to equal production."

His speech was seconded by Thomas Bate (SC-Point Grey).

Mr. Parker's speech was the first time a government member had devoted a major portion of his speech to the monetary theories since Social Credit was elected in 1952.

"I challenge the people of this province and of this assembly to put God first and build through Christian principles a stepping stone that will lead to the rise of the people of Canada to the supreme power of the vote and put in the federal government men who know the facts and have the courage of their convictions to restore to parliament the right to issue money to equal production, so it would not be borrowed, would not have to be paid back and there would be no interest or taxes, thereby giving us free access to the fruits of our labors."

"There is a group of people which is determined to rule this world without God," he said, "and it is using the money system to do it."

Mr. Parker warned of a deflation similar to the one that followed the First World War. Something was wrong with an economic system that had to

## Quakers Fight For Six Hours Have Man Pinned in Wreck

CP—Weary survivors of a train collision at the west end of the Pacific Railway here today fought for six hours to free a man pinned in a wrecked passenger car while doctors vainly tried to keep him alive.

Killed and 87 injured in the second section of the Pacific Railway train from Toronto to the first day farming community west of here in snow storm.

Ten of the injured were in hospital today. B. Casselman of the steel beam was pinned in a washroom at the rear of a sleeper in the first section. Charles Martin and M. A. Dean also were in the combination washroom-smoker with Casselman and were pinned behind the beam.

Both men bled profusely from head wounds for 2½ hours until a relief train reached the scene and then for some four more hours while rescue workers toiled frantically to chisel them out. Doctors, fearing they might succumb from the bleeding and lack of food, gave them intravenous injections.

Dean had both legs broken in the crash and suffered head injuries only.

Some of the passengers were stranded at the accident scene for 10 hours but, with the tem-

# Sale Of City Drydock Delayed By Government 'Til September

## Plant Will Operate Through '54 Season

OTTAWA (CP) — The government has decided to postpone the sale of the Prince Rupert drydock and shipyard for six months and is taking action to ensure continued operation of the 44-year-old enterprise.

Edward T. Applewhite, Liberal member of the Commons for Skeena said here, the decision to delay the sale until September 30, was made today at a cabinet meeting.

The drydock and shipyard, built during the First World War, have been operated for many years by the CNR under an agreement with the department of public works. The department has assumed the operating losses which amounted to between \$120,000 and \$230,000 annually.

The agreement to delay the sale of the drydock and plant followed protests to the government by Mr. Applewhite and other Prince Rupert groups opposed to the unconditional sale of the drydock as announced by CNR president Donald Gordon, January 28.

Minister of Transport Chevrier met with Bruce Brown, MLA, Prince Rupert on February 12, after Mr. Brown was delegated by a special committee from Prince Rupert to personally protest the unconditional sale.

Mr. Applewhite said that the decision to continue operating the enterprise will enable shipping on the coast to use the drydock and shipyard for the 1954 fishing season.

## COLUMNIST WILL RECOUNT OLD-TIME SPORTS EVENTS

John Cluet-Jessome, physical instructor in Nova Scotia and organizer of some of the largest athletic events in the Maritimes some years ago, is now residing in Prince Rupert.

Although retired from active participation, he is still active in outdoor rifle activities and plans from time to time to write a column on oldtime sports history for The Daily News, where he is employed as a linotype operator. His first column appears today on page 6.

Mr. Jessome came here from Nelson to replace W. T. (Bill) Priest, who left recently for Revelstoke.

## Queen Given Chance to Rest As Tour Turns to Tasmania

SYDNEY — Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh left today aboard the royal yacht Gothic for Hobart, capital of the Australian island state of Tasmania. They are due Saturday.

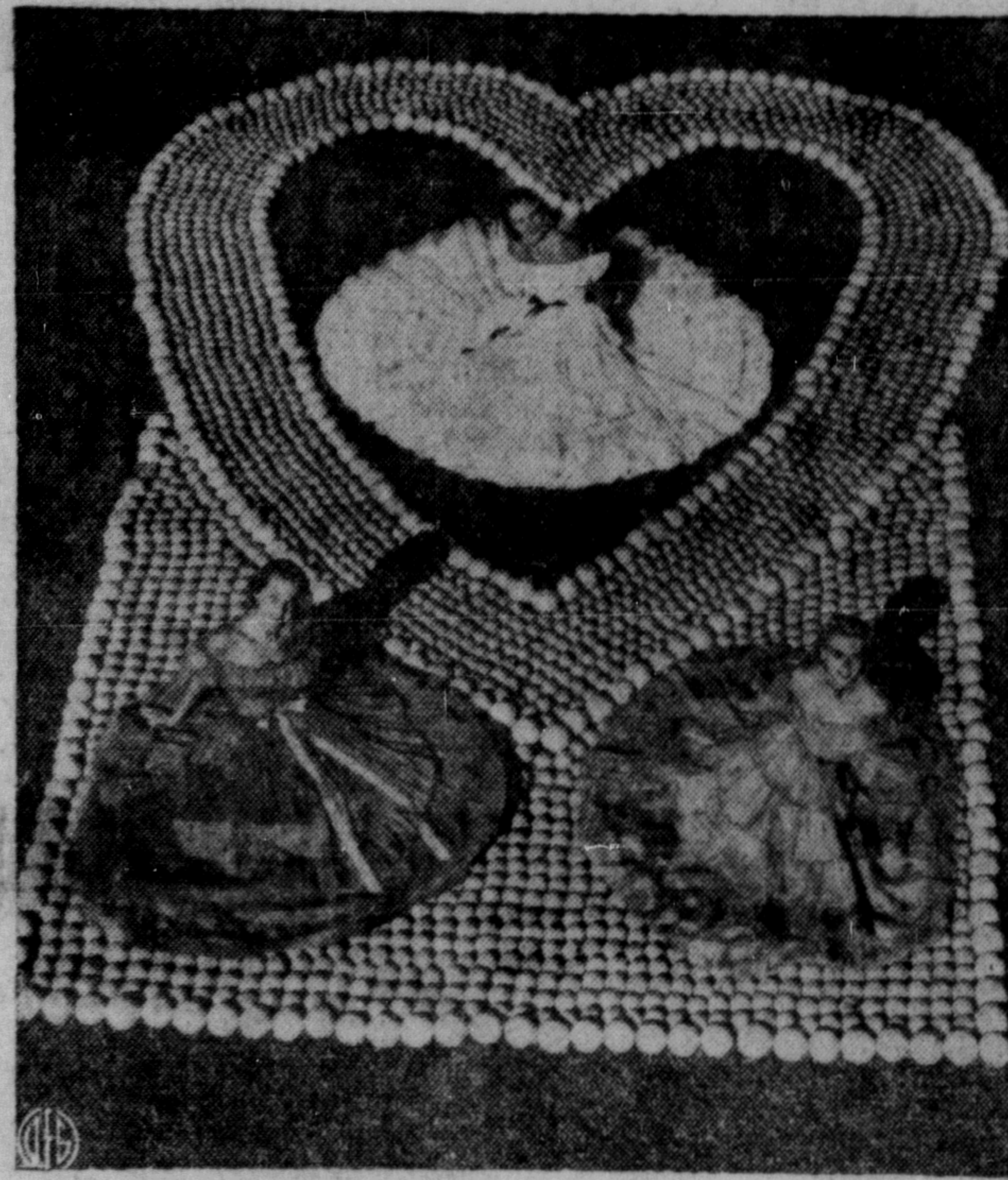
Thousands of Australians packed the shore to cheer the royal couple on their way as the Gothic steamed slowly down the harbor escorted by hundreds of small craft.

The short voyage will be the Queen's first opportunity for a real rest since she arrived in Australia. The last 16 days, which included only two short breaks, have been packed with official engagements.

Today's list was a typical example. After flying here from Canberra she drove straight from the airport to a gathering of 48,000 school children. After her car was slowly driven through their ranks she was hurried off to review a parade at Balmoral naval depot.

Then, after an interval spent in Government House, the Queen attended a garden party there attended by 8,000 guests.

Before boarding the Gothic she inspected a guard of honor.



EVELYN AY, Miss America of 1954, sits in this lovely Florida Valentine of oranges and grapefruit, and Southern beauties in their crinolines add a lacy touch to the romantic picture designed for last Sunday.

## Big 4 Nearing Agreement On Korea Peace Conclave

BERLIN (AP) — Russia and the Western powers were reported today at the point of full agreement on setting up a Korean peace conference, which would probably lead into Indo-China peace talks, at Geneva in April.

Western sources indicated their expectation that Foreign Minister Molotov will accept terms for a conference which would not give Red China any special standing as a great power.

Molotov has spent much time in the Berlin Big Four meeting, which was scheduled to close today, arguing for a Big Five conference including the Chinese. The West has rejected this and insisted the Big Four here should sponsor a limited conference of all interested powers on Korea and Indo-China.

The proposed Geneva conference would embrace about 20 countries—16, including the U.S., Britain and France, which fought on the United Nations side in Korea—South Korea, Russia, Red China and North Korea.

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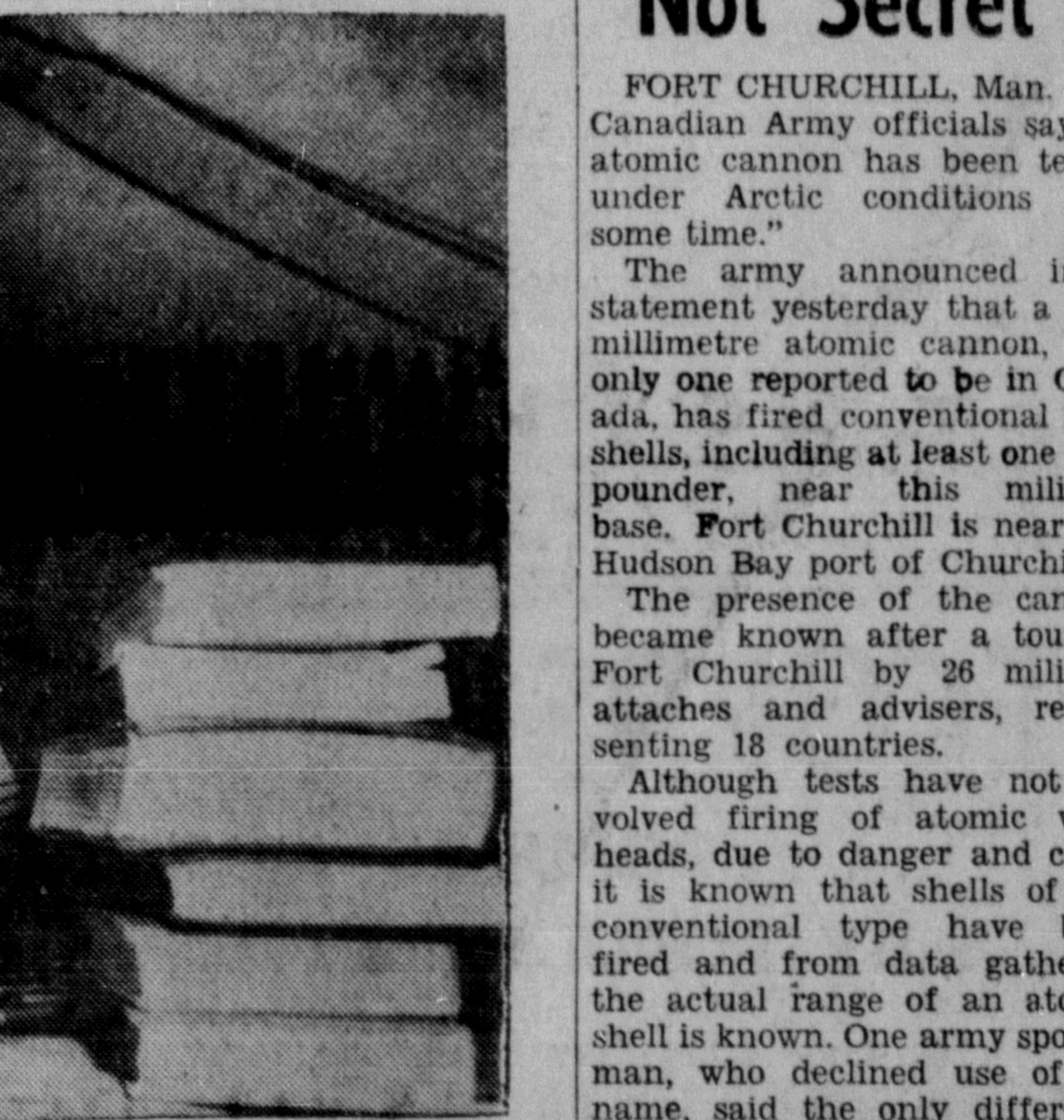
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WITH A BRAND-NEW Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska after his name, M/Sgt. John P. Virbila of Oakville, Conn., burns the midnight oil in a tent at First Marine Division headquarters in Korea as he begins work for his master's degree. Turning to the battle of the textbooks each night, when the day's duties are done, the 33-year-old Leatherneck hasn't allowed active Marine service to interfere with his education. He was graduated in absentia, in January.

## Shorter Week For Mailmen Starts April 1

VANCOUVER — Mail handlers and carriers in 23 British Columbia communities will start a five-day, 40-hour week April 1 but Vancouver postal union officials are protesting what they termed "the limping way it is coming in."

Affected are Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Victoria, Vernon, Chilliwack, Courtenay, Cranbrook, Duncan, Kamloops, Kelowna, Kimberley, Mission City, Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster, Ocean Falls, Penticton, Port Alberni, Powell River, Prince George, Princeton, Revelstoke, Trail and Rossland.

## \$1,750,000 Canning Plant For Vancouver

VANCOUVER — Plans were announced here yesterday for the construction of a \$1,750,000 canning plant in Vancouver, largest in Western Canada.

G. G. Lister, president of Canadian Canners (Western) Ltd., and executive vice-president of Canadian Canners Ltd., said construction will be completed in June.

The plant will be on a 13-acre plot and will contain a completely automatic can-handling process, and a new process for grading peas, Mr. Lister said.

The present Canadian Canners western plant here was built about 23 years ago.

## Thompson Buys Nanaimo Daily

NANAIMO, B.C. — The Nanaimo Daily Free Press has been acquired by the Thomson Co. Ltd., it was announced Wednesday.

The Free Press will operate as a division of the Vancouver News-Herald Ltd.

There will be an enlarged staff for The Free Press under the new ownership and the present staff will be retained. The Free Press has a circulation of about 7,000.

The Free Press, an evening newspaper, was founded in 1874 and has been owned by Ronald and Oswald Norris and Robert Stewart since 1933.

Editorial policies and staff will be unchanged.

## U.S. Weapon Near Churchill Not Secret For Canadians

FORT CHURCHILL, Man. — Canadian Army officials say an atomic cannon has been tested under Arctic conditions "for some time."

The army announced in a statement yesterday that a 280-millimetre atomic cannon, the only one reported to be in Canada, has fired conventional type shells, including at least one 600-pounder, near this military base. Fort Churchill is near the Hudson Bay port of Churchill.

The presence of the cannon became known after a tour of Fort Churchill by 26 military attaches and advisers, representing 18 countries.

Although tests have not involved firing of atomic warheads, due to danger and costs, it is known that shells of the conventional type have been fired and from data gathered, the actual range of an atomic shell is known. One army spokesman, who declined use of his name, said the only difference between an atomic and conventional shell would be the size of the explosion.

Another army official, who also could not be named, expressed an opinion that the United States might have a similar cannon in Alaska, testing it under "damp cold" conditions while Churchill is known to have "dry cold."

Results of the tests were not divulged. However it is known the tests would involve how lubricants, projectiles and powder charges work in Arctic temperatures. U.S. authorities are conducting the tests.

In recent years, the base here has been used by U.S. and Canadian military men for testing military equipment, types of clothing and foods.

## Women Curlers To Take in 'Spiel

Three rinks are getting in final practices today before heading for Smithers on tomorrow night's train for the annual women's bonspiel.

They will play Saturday, Sunday and Monday, returning on Tuesday night's train.

Following are rinks, the skip first named: Bessie Wakley, Lil Thom, Helen Ford, Alice Ritchie; Elsie Anderson, Ethel Johnson; Pat Petrov, Peggy Andrew; Carol McDonald, Dorothy Scott, Lea McKay, Nessie Stone.