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## Is Bingo Good or Bad?

▲ LMOST everywhere these days one hears arguments pro and con about bingo as a means of raising money for charitable purposes. In the current issue of Maclean's magazine there is an article that takes a look at the daddy bingo games of them all—those played in Ottawa.

Without deciding whether they are good or bad, writer Herbert Manning at least manages to show they should not be too quickly condemned. He quotes the man who started the whole thing, Wes Brown

of the Lions Club, as saying:

"We built a health centre for \$50,000 and a cerebral-palsy centre for \$25,000; we're sending kids to school and university with scholarships, our cobalt-bomb building will cost us \$75,000 and the federal government will provide the bomb. A few year ago one youth won a car at one of our bingos and sold it. He's going to university with the money. We bought an artificial arm the other day for an Ottawa civil servant so he could get a better job — a raise in pay from \$100 to \$175 a month.

"Perhaps there's another side to it. Perhaps we can't always keep out crooks and cheats. But when I look at those things, I feel proud about bingo

in Ottawa.''

No doubt Br. Brown's remarks about "crooks and cheats" were said with some feeling. Ottawa has had the experience of players punching phony numbers on their cards and of racketeers working together as checkers and players. The danger of trickery is most apparent when a big prize, such as a car, is at stake.

Although new safeguards have virtually eliminated cheating, another danger has come up for the Ottawa games in that they may be pricing themselves out of business. "They've gone crazy with prizes," one bingo-supply dealer said. "One car isn't enough now. You have to give away two or the players aren't interested."

In the middle of the confusion and pressure groups are the police. An Ottawa police inspector complained that "we can arrest a man for asking the public to guess the number of beans in a jar, but we can't get a conviction against bingo operators who are running an equally flagrant gamble."

The loophole for bingo is a section of the Criminal Code that says a place is not a common gaming house if it is used "occasionally by charitable or religious organizations for the purpose of playing games ... if the proceeds from the games are to be used for a charitable or religious object." By varying the schedule of their games, operators are able to honor the word "occasionally" and stay within the

Some day no doubt the question will become big enough to demand a firm decision one way or another. Meanwhile thousands are having a lot of fun, and honest non-profit organizations are able to carry out projects they never dreamed of before.



AUSLEMS PRAY in stocking feet at a London, Ont., hotel where some 700 members of the Islamic Association of Canada and the United States hold their first conference in Canada. Hotel cilicials emplied a suite of all tables and chairs and covered the floor with 19 bedspreads for the ceremony.

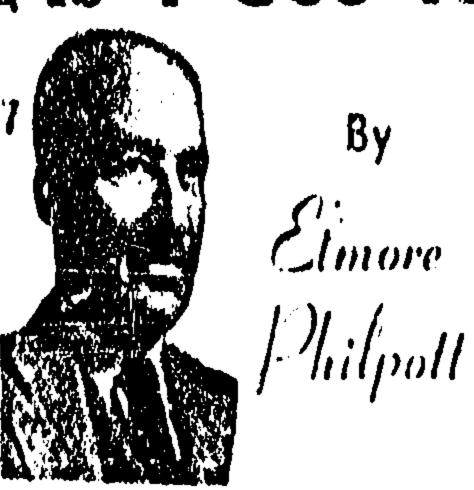
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I had had my way smoothed for me by advance letters of intreduction from the Hon. Paul VCTORIA REPORT thigton, who are responsible for our civil defence in Canada.

time to look around this great Columbia.

among the most warlike, even strange reasoning they said it because he had newhere else to in Europe. Sweden was in fact was still a Coalition government, turn. The SC big-wigs in the an imperialist power not so many For one session the Conservatives east didn't think much of Mr. centuries ago, ruling over vast dislodged the CCF as the op- Bennett then, and sent out Rev. lands beyond her present borders. position.

Part of Sweden's overseas empire is now included in Poland and Russia.

But Sweden has not been involved in any real war since 1811, OTTAWA DIARY in the days of Napoleon. Sweden and Norway came very close to. The main factor of surprise to. Things have generally broken so and recounted, it began to look war at the time of Norway's in- most MPs during the closing well for them that they could bad for Liberals and Conserdependence. But, private citi- hours of the present Parliamen- afford the luxury of being in-vatives, better and better for! zens will tell you on both sides of tary session is the failure of the dividualists. With Western . CCF'ers and SC'ers. But which? the line, there just could not be current severe and disastrous farmers things have been dif- Mr. Bennett, hurriedly elected a war because the farmers' sons drought in Ontario and Western ferent. Disaster in the form of SC leader after the election, took on both sides silently agreed Quebec to show up as a large- drought, rust, grasshopper up his residence in the Empress ! that, orders or no orders, they scale House of Commons Issue: ", plagues, frost, and hall have Hotel, day and night awaited a would not cross the border to If a similar drought had af- visited them frequently for suc- call from the Lieut.-Governor to fight each other.

SWEDEN kept out of both world vigorous pressure on the part of organization geared to exert wanted to be sure which party that Sweden is better prepared the farmers affected. But there in times of emergency. other country I have ever been such action from the Ontarlo or onomists estimate that the crisis did come for another year, in, including the U.S., Britain the Quebec MPs.

and certainly Canada, Here are some of the already-given the recent weather in these in the neighborhood of a quarter jurity. published facts which tell the parts has been the references to billion dollars. The figure ud. On the afternoon of Aug. 1, story in a nutsheli.

Sweden is spending only \$500,- heat wave. The fact that it also Immediate rains could pare it a criment House, handed his res-000,000 a year on defence, only has been a major disaster to Pttle. Prolonged dryness could knation to the Lieut.-Governor, about one-quarter of what we central Canadlan dairymen and send it higher. will spend this year in Canada, farmers has received little if any Yet Sweden is obviously getting specific mention in Parliamenfar better defence value for her tary debates.

Here is what she actually has on hand now-ready to fight at drought in central Canada hasthe drop of a hat--or perhaps I should say at the first threat of the drop of a Russian bomb:

versal service army of 700,000 Quebec farmers are less well of total loss. The balance is repre-lineat Hollse, came Mr. Bennett's men (as compared with Canada's ganized than farmers in Western scrited by the lowered production moment of supreme victory. He army of 50,000 regulars and 50,- Canada. The truth is that in the of milk, butter and cheese, by was sworn in as Premier. So 000 militia).

The fourth largest air force in | -the whole world--ranking only below those of U.S., Russia and Britain. Sweden with only half. the population of Canada has double the number of jet planes 🌃 that Canada has.

A navy of 212 units, all tallormade for the exact jobs they would have to do in event of war with Russia.

The most important fact of all is that the whole air force, the whole navy, the whole army, the whole arms manufacturing industry is now housed in underpround shelters.

Canada might get seven hours wirning in event of a Russian air attack on America. Sweden might get seven minutes warnting. But Sweden is roady-right now-to defend herself with only COL. DONALD G. KETCHE.

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vast underground shelters which, right-hand man, Finance Minis- Conservative preferred Mr. Anssome think, could enable Sweden ter Herbert Anscomb, and all the coinb to Mr. Bennett. Well, Mr. to survive even an H-bomb at- Censervatives walked across the Bennett would show them, and tack which came almost like a floor of the House, too, because everyone else! He did, and how! bolt of thunder from a clear blue their chief, Mr. Anscomb had. An election was called for June. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wis-What a day of shattering po- mer, who should have presented BEFORE I try to tell the story of litical crisis that was! Coalition, a solid Liberal front, took Sweden's 'admirable defence after 11 years, had suddenly fal- lighting each other about hossystem, let us all remember these len apart! We had a Liberal pital insurance. Mr. Bennett by government, though the Liberals now had embraced Social Credit,

specting same 10,000 men of the division which participated in the inspection.

Mr. Hansell, MP to run their tives. Mr. Bennett sat on the side- B.C. campaign. Mr. Bennett

lines, rubbing his hands in po-bided his time, and it's some-

The reason the issue of farm

SON, 48, of Ottawa has been

(CP from National Defence.)

been bounced.

It will be three years next litical giee as he saw Liberals thing when he bides his time, for Monday that Social Credit took and Conservatives politically patience isn't his long suit. One will never forget meeting

quite made up his mind which Mr. Bennett during the camand beautiful city; I had heard It was Aug. 1, 1952. British way he'd jump, but that tremen-paign. He said Social Credit ekther wouldn't get anywhere, or and military heads of Sweden's turmoll and uproar for many bition of his was burning hotly it would make the grade-that civil defence set-up the story of months from the January day within him. He had quit the there'd be no half-and-half. How right he was! What uncanny strangled while "experimenting had been taken on a personally- Byron Johnson fired out of his grin because he couldn't get to political instinct this man has with a rope." The boy had The fer jumping at the right moment. When will come the time model boat.

tem of voting in those days, unsuccessful attempt to revive I cooked up by Liberals and Con-him. servatives and aimed at ruining the CCF, making Liberals and the end of a double tier bunk-Conservatives the government bed. A light rope was around his and then the opposition, turn neck, RCMP said. The Swedish kings were once wouldn't admit that. By some in a sort of political desperation, have happened if it hadn't been whether an inquest would be and turn about. That might well the was not immediately known for Mr. Bennett and his SC'ers. Into complete reverse they spectacularly threw the well laid plans of Liberals and Conserva- storm was sacred to Venus, the

Because of the long delay in counting, under alternative voting, nobody knew for weeks and By NORMAN weeks what actually had hap-

fected the Prairie provinces, it cessive years at a time. The form a government. The Lieut.would have been the occasion for price of survival has been strong Governor took his time. He wars. But the amazing fact is western MPs for financial aid to pressure on the Federal treasury had a majority of legislative seats. He wanted no more politifor world war three than any has been no suggestion of any. Department of Agriculture ec. cal crisis, though crisis after

drought of the past several weeks until another election gave Soc-In fact, the chief publicity may cost central Canada farmers ial Credit an overall House ma-! It in the public press as a record mittedly is highly approximate. Premier Johnson went to Gov-

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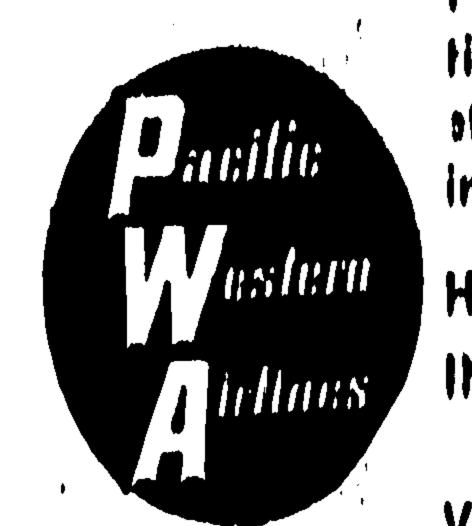
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