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Censoring Needs Change

ANADIAN efforts to develop a distinctive national culture will never come to much just as long as we treat ourselves like irresponsible schoolchildren in what we are allowed to see and read.

In the current issue of Liberty magazine it is brought out that the final arbiter on what books we are permitted to read is - of all the unlikely individuals—the minister of national revenue, James L. McCann.

Recently asked about his qualifications for the job, Mr. McCann replied: "I suggest you do not have to be a great literary critic to tell the difference MONTY does not seem to know, prove is that nuclear weapons hetween decency and filth. I have looked at a num-- garding civil defence will make to 1954 military theories into a her of these books without reading them very far, I could see they were not the type of literature that fence organizations in Canada. should be let loose in this country where everybody "Can read it."

It is under this bureaucratic condition that our appreciation and creation of literature are endeavoring to flourish. Books that are imported go first to the publications division of the customs and excise their plans on the principle that department. There they come under the scrutiny of evacuated before or after nuclear It staff headed by a principal clerk, formerly a stenographer. If any book offends the staff, it is then referred to the deputy minister and the minister himself. Once a book is banned by Mr. McCann and his fellow censors, it apparently is banned for all time.

"As head of the department, I take full responsibility for the final say as to whether these books enter or are prohibited," Mr. McCann said. "And I intend to do that until some better system of censorship is set up."

In the interests of Canada's self-respect, if nothing else, that "better system" of censorship present British government is should be set up without delay. This is no reflection conscription, probably in 1958. on Mr. McCann's taste in literature, nor is it a The reasoning behind the rumor suggestion that he should be releasing a flood of obscene or otherwise unwanted books on the market. But the final choice of what books may be sold ent type of British army is should never be left to a single individual, and those who are in charge should have something more fitting to qualify them than is indicated by the title of minister of national revenue.

Office Hero

THE office hero who has "never missed a day's work" is a grave menace.

He proves his hardihood by coughing and spluttering his way to the office, doggedly sticking to his job, and coughing his way home again. If the office hero really wanted to show his mettle, he could strip to the waist and go for a cross-country run, or do some long-distance swimming—anything, in fact, as long as he kept his germs away from his fellow-—Sherbrooke Record.

We remember a brilliant engineer who said he would let MONTY of course has dropped ton to head the CPA which nothing interfere with his happiness. He ended his days an object of charity. He would have done better had he not the best policy. to make people think, talk and He was born in Hamilton. He thought he was smarter than he really was.



Monty Drops Bombs

FIELD MARSHALL Montgomery has long cially the verbal kind which work havoc among the They were students of agricul- placing in their hands and that stuffed shirts on the home front.

Hence he was only running true to form in Ottawa when he He deserves the thanks of inexpressed the opinion that civil telligent people everywhere for defence plans for evacuation of making us all realize we must big cities were a waste of time take a new look at the ways and and money, and that no Euro-means of defending ourselves. pean country should abandon military conscription because "if a demand in all Western counone NATO country did away tries for a re-examination of the with the system others might whole why, wherefore and HOW of our defence.

or care that his remarks re- have already knocked all 1914 even more difficult the fine but cocked-hat. thankless work of the Civil De-

The men and women in this organization have fought a slow uphill flight to advance civilian defence plans to the point they have now reached. The top men in civil defence organization in Britain; the U.S.A., Canada and other NATO countries are basing whole areas would have to be bomb attack.

Now along comes Monty and says, in effect, that the whole thing is futile.

If the famous fighting leader, thinks and openly talks that way can the ordinary civilian be blamed if he yawns and tries to forget the whole thing? that is the exact opposite o what Monty wants.

extending up to Fifth Avenue Field Marshal Montgomery's blast about the need for keeping opposite Annunciation school. military conscription in Europe, is, of course, the first loud blast in the coming political fight in

It is common talk in professional military circles that the the matter over. thinking of abolishing military

Some of the younger British military thinkers have for some time been arguing that the pres-la duce the exact kind of armed force that Britain would need in the event of a Third World

scription" school holds that Briairborne professional army, always ready for instant action

The radical school of thought holds that the modern Air Force, now armed with nuclear weapons, is really what maintains | Western world power - just as | Navy—and not the small army -which maintained British

world power. They claim that the present conscription system actuall, wastes the better part of the best officers and NCOs are kept in the 1930s when he piloted busy training the recruits going In and this conscription pipe-i country. McConachle rose in

his Ottawa bombs deliberately! flies 40,000 miles of air routes. Ont. (CP Photo).

Colombo Plan in action.

noted for his delight in dropping bombs—espe- was the visit here over the that they were serious about the as part of Canada's contribution. There is a growing feeling in this year to the Colombo Plan. Parliamentary circles that, fun-During their stay they will be damentally, the Colombo Plan is His words are likely to lead to

> Ubec province? At first glance the most im- from the disappointing tendency. pressive feature of the Viet- to go sour periodically.

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rubbish in the Alder Park area,

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The Editor,

The Daily News:

once the envy and the despair which such activities lead. The of her Canadian sister.

youthful appearance had worn in this respect. laway, the chief interest of the Eastern visitors lay in their As one citizen of Prince Ru-ease of manners and in their pert, who for many years has adaptability to surroundings to striven to provide the city with which they were completely a system of parks, a provision

dedicated to the service of both new my appeal to the Parks Board to complete the clearing By G. E. MORTIMORE land burning of underbrush and

A whole generation of gagwriters cut their teeth on jokes about midget cars. In fact some contemporary clowns are still wringing mileage from the subject.

Even at this late date, audi-Commissioners please think ences respond with tired sniggers to quips about cars that are used for roller-skates, refuelled by eye-dropper and worn on charm bracelets.

They can still raise a smirk for the Packard that carried a Morris as a dinghy, and the orphan baby car whose daddy was a Rover.

in recent years the baby car has confused the jokesmiths by growing larger. Manufacturers added another strip of chromium another couple of cylinders, another six inches of genuine syntheticleather seat. until (like Papa seeing daughter in a Bikini) they suddenly preceived that their baby had grown up.

After a recent interval, new baby cars were born to a number of automobile families. Manufacturers (chiefly in Britain and the Continent) began building SMALL small cars once again.

If you want to see them and chuck them under the headlights while they are still in the cute and cuddly stage, you had better hurry. In a couple of years they will probably grow into clumsy adolescent cars that keep whining for a second helping of gas.

meeting West doesn't seem mentary Under-Secretary for in a traffic accident in British nearly so formidable in current External Affairs, entertained Columbia during Victoria yard Kipling's day.

arriving steadily the more they knowledge of French. But they see and learn first-hand of the entered into the function natur-

fally and with a dignity which was a compound of good man-The latest first-hand glimpse hers and appreciative good-will. been of the plan given to the M.P.'s It was plain from their bearing week-end of 38 Viet-Namese, opportunity which Canada was ture selected by the Viet-Nam they were never going to forget government to spend four their experiences in this counmonths in Canada at the ex- try. pense of our government and

given a course in the mechanics the most worth-while work in of modern farm machinery and which Canadian foreign policy also taught road-building. Most is engaged. It isn't on the level of their instruction will be given of power politics as are some of in the agricultural college at the other activities of the Ex-Ste. Anne de la Pocatere in Que- ternal Affairs Department.

Namese was their apparent Instead it is wholly a venture youth. By Canadian standards in the cultivation of friendship they all looked under 15. Actu- by a helping hand at the grassally, their average age was 21. roots level of the economies of Youthful appearance is a char- the countries concerned. Parliaacteristic of their race, both ment is beginning to be really men and women. A Viet-Nam-impressed by the satisfactory, ese matron of 40 would be at even if intangible, pay-off to

But once the surprise of their ents was a further eye-opener

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KAMLOOPS (P.--Wong Chunk) Fan, an elderly Chinese, was The age-old problem of East|strange. Lucien Cardin, Parlia- the only person reported killed

Railway Committee Room. The other types of accidents.

VISITS ARMY ADDE HAMILTON, Ont. (b) Field? Marshal Viscount Montgomery arrived in nearby Mount Hope; Monday for a three-day visit with Lt.-Col. Trumbull Warren. day his personal assistant duling the times as it did in the great Rud- them to a buffet dinner in the weekend. Ten persons died in Second World War. The field marshal's only public engage-At least that is the conclusion students spoke no English and The traffic victim died in hos-ment here will be a tour Thurswhich Ottawa's M.P.'s are some of them had only a limited pital after he was struck while day of the Viscount Montgomery

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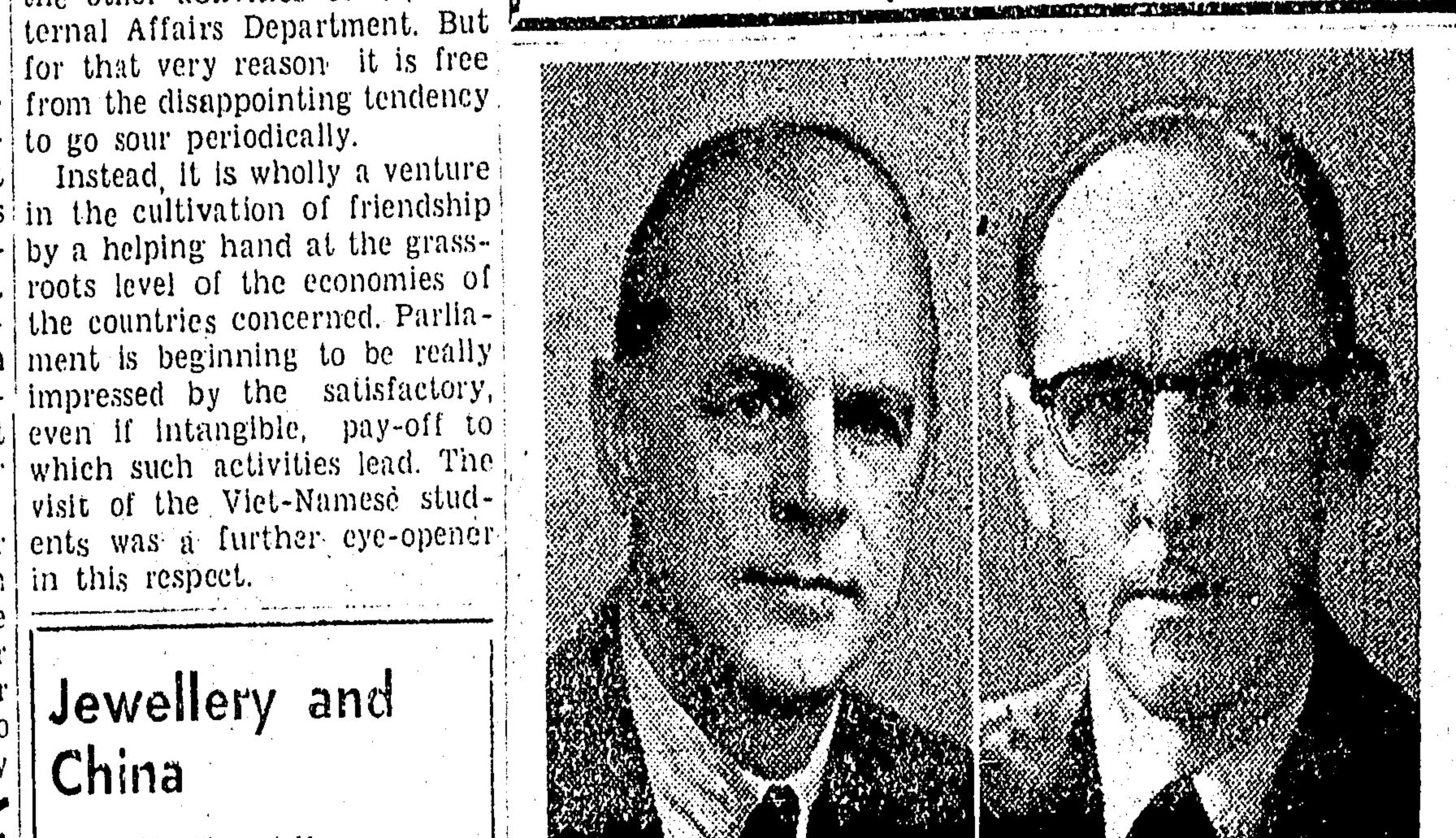
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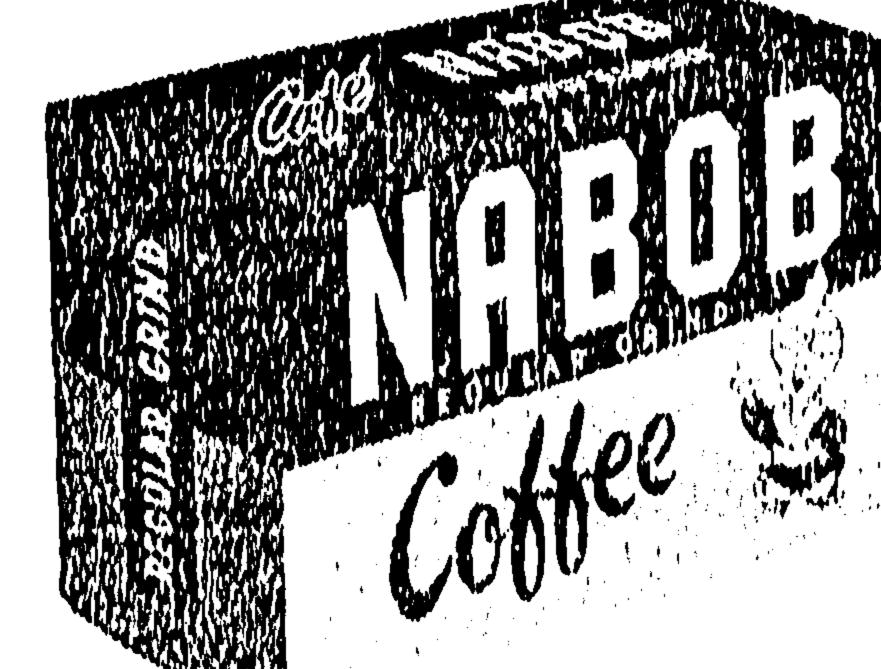
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