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CONCIUSION of the annual meeting of the in-U ternational Pacific halibut commission at Seattle brings to mind the increasingly successful work of this organization.

The commission is responsible to Canada and the United States for the regulation of the north Pacific halibut fishery which now produces nearly 75 per cent of the world's production of halibut. The catch during the past year of more than 71 million pounds, an all-time record, was taken by 700 regular halibut vessels manned by 3,000 fishermen.

When regulation began 23 years ago the catch totalled only 44 million pounds and required a ninemonth season of fishing to take the catch. Under the halibut commission's management there has been progressive improvement of the stocks and the present 71 million-pound catch was taken in two months of fishing.

The additional catch over previous years resuited from the exercise of the new authority of the commission to have multiple open seasons in any one year. The 1953 treaty, which provided that authority, requires also that the commission develop the fishery to levels of maximum sustained yield.

Unfortunately it is completely impractical with present funds to embark upon the research program required to guide the commission in carrying out its obligations under the 1953 treaty. Canada, recognizing the importance of the situation, granted the necessary funds and appears prepared to continue to do so. So far, the United States has not matched Canada's contribution.

The North Pacific Fisheries Congention between Canada. U.S.A. and Japan'also makes it important that the commission be fully advised of the conditions that prevail in the halibut fishery.

At its recent annual meeting the commission agreed that in view of the great increase in total yield resulting from the multiple fishing seasons last year, it is essential that there be at least one more year of observation of the fishery under virtually the same conditions. Moreover, it decided that there be no changes in the regulations that might materially increase the removals from the stock in 1955.

On the basis of good results achieved, its de-r tions. cision appears wise. As in every other business, sound planning in the fishing industry pays off.

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• War Threat Worsens

THE sudden decision to have Canada's external affairs minister accompany the Prime Minister to London testifies to the deadly and deepening danger

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Commonwealth resist with all credible American folly and protheir might the U.S. decision to vocation. defend the two little Islands of As our Prime Minister pointed Quemoy and Matsu in the name out while he was on his world of defending Formosa.

HERE is why the U.S decision and in any really big war, our but the off shore mainland is- of U.S.A. lands, caused such concern in the Commonwealth capitals.

The USA, does have a somewhat dublous and debateable legal right to defend Formosa and the nearby Pescadores Islands, as these had been Japanvise possessions until the second notid war.

It was the U.S. which liberated these islands from Japan. Thus— Freezing Plan even though Formosa was almost immediately handed over For B.C. Goods to the government of Chiang Kai-shek, it is possible to make out a wobbly case that the legal Urged by MLA sovereignty of these Japanese; possessions has not yet been VICTORIA 5-A program of finally decided.

But as Sir Anthony Eden in ducts to make them available to Britain, and Walter Lippmann in local housewives in off seasons the U.S.A. have made crystal was proposed Monday by a memclear, the United States has no ber of the Legislature, legal claim to interfere by force. F. Richter. SC-Similkameen

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tinctive Pearkes victory was the the-world tour, for instance, saw fact that, for perhaps the first the airports of a number of fortime since his ascension to the eign countries plus as much of Prime Ministership, Rt. Hon. Mr. each country's scenery as was St. Laurent left on an overseas afforded by a drive from the airassignment without any press port to the principal hotel in party accompanying him.

Some weeks ago the Nanaimo sect of government ministers be- in any country. ing chaperoned by newspaper Asia—even a war started by

fact—the main objective of the seats in his plane,

Oddly enough, the people who were least disappointed over the ticulously detailed account of where we all can support them Prime Minister's decision were with all our heart and soul is the newspapermen and radio correspondents themselves. Accompanying a Cabinet Minister on an overseas assignment is a good deal less glamorous than it

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icr Nanaimo in British Columbia. The newspaperman who tra- him; What made the event a dis-velled with the PM on his roundeach Capitol. Apart from that. what he saw was mainly the keyboard of his postable typewriter-and that looks the same

and radio correspondents on Under these circumstances !! But now most statesmen in what a good many of us in Can-their round-the-world travels, is hardly surprising if a correshigh positions in the British 2da would consider an act of in- He said that the obvious effect pondent's reaction for the free of the policy, if not its intention, transportation which he is rewas to blas the correspondents ceiving fails to be one of apprecithus transported in government ation to the Cabinet Minister planes in favor of the govern- whom he is accompanying. The classic example of this was fur-As a result of this criticism, the nished in the case of a Canadian Prime Minister included no press Press reporter whom the late to defend, not only Formora destiny would be linked with that representatives in his party Prime Minister Mackenzie King which left here on Friday, al- nominated for a trip to England though there were several vacant during the late war. To Mr. King's chagrin as well as to his disappointment, the main despatch which the correspondent sent back to Canada was a me-

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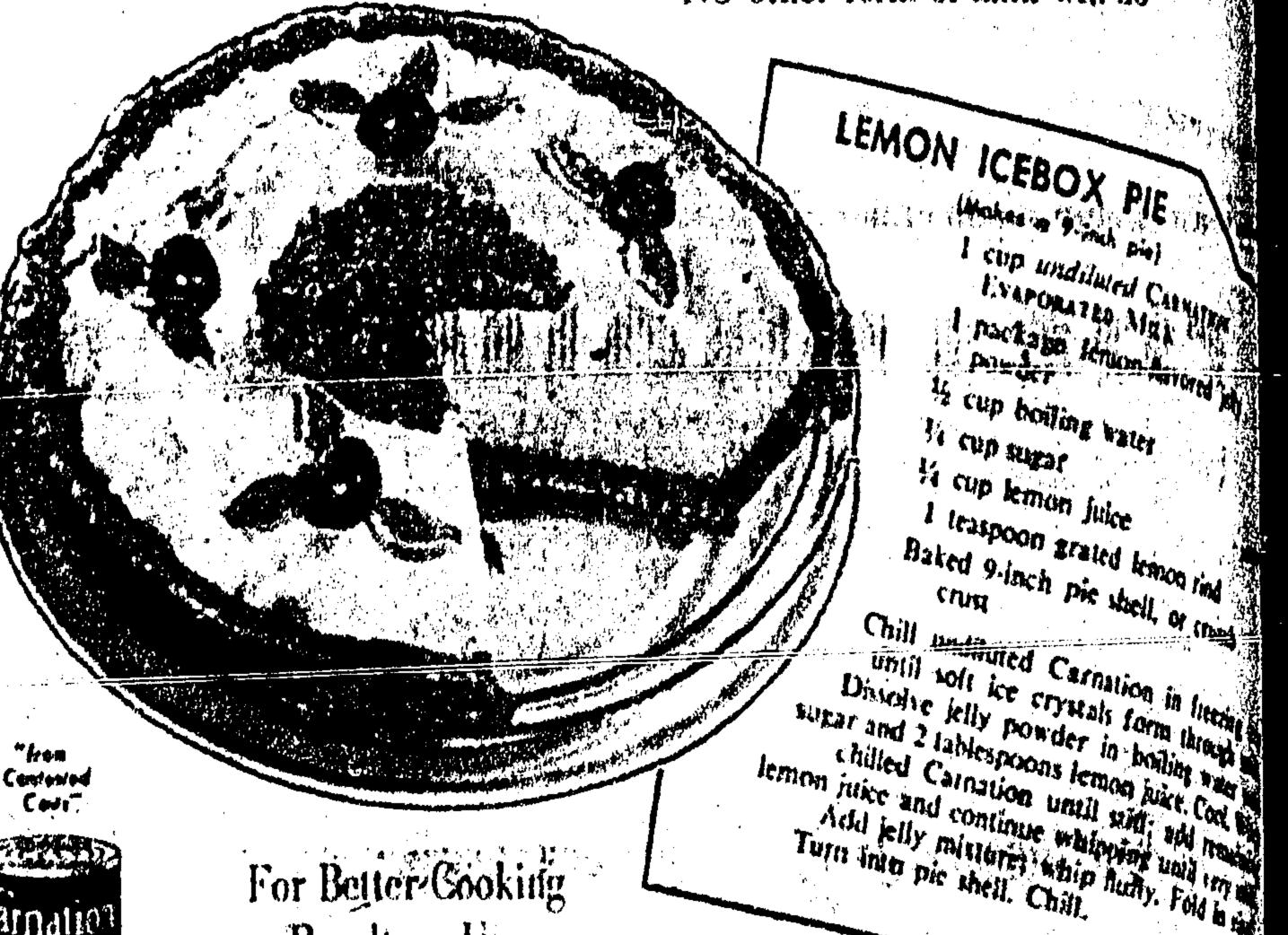
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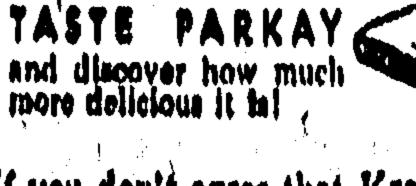
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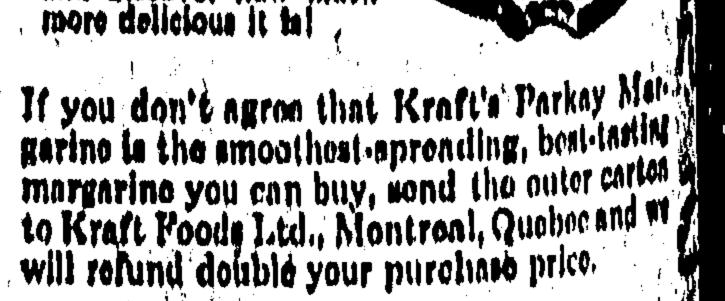
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