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Opposition Victory

FWAS fortunate for the Liberal government that the filibustering dispute over the Defence Production Act did not occur closer to election time. Although details of the debate were not of a sort likely to capture public attention in the manner of the Camp Pettawawa scandal, there was a broad constitutional issue involved which could not fail to impress the electorate as important.

Briefly it was a fight to prevent the government having certain unlimited powers over an indefinite period of time. The government's position was an unpopular one. Since it was stated in the Throne Speech itself last January that there was "hopeful evidence" of lessened international tension, the Liberals were hard pressed to explain why they should now have extraordinary wartime emergency powers.

The whole embarrassing affair was a testimonial to the strength wielded (perhaps we should say formerly) in the cabinet by Defence Production Minister C. D. Howe. The debated Act was his own pet project and his colleagues staged a gallant battle in his behalf, though it is difficult to imagine that their hearts were in it. Certainly as an eminent constitutional lawyer, Prime Minister St. Laurent himself must have had serious misgivings about the rightness of their cause.

While a compromise solution has been reached which gives Mr. Howe three more years to exercise some of his wide powers, the conclusion of the fight was nevertheless a victory for the opposition. Its unorthodox filibustering tactics revealed a sturdiness and daring that have been missing in most of its previous attacks. The Conservatives in particular have cast themselves in the role of championing the people's rights.

Although the debate may have faded into history by the time another election comes around, the great Liberal powerhouse has suffered a blow which is certain to leave a permanent mark. It was notable proof that nothing can be taken for granted under our parliamentary system and that the popular voice can make itself heard through a lively opposition, no matter how small,

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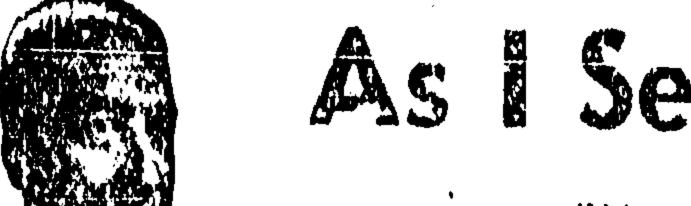
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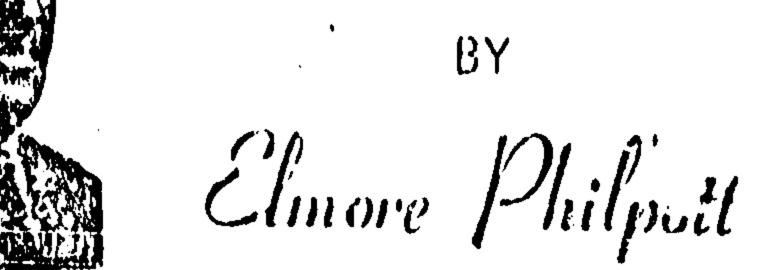
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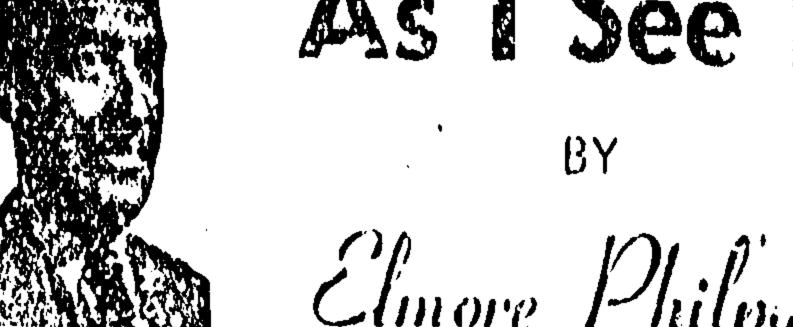
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As See It



Even at first glance, we can conthe grand tour of the canals, weeks of filibuster. quarter hour in the rush period the victory as "the most satis- away on a fishing trip.

> of this wonderful and ancient parliamentary supremacy, by witty guides.

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The whole countryside is that famous Venice, which for my doubted, it was the shock of see-sist" on the legislation. It was tich, vivid green -greener than money is one of the most over- mg support for the opposition on giso. Howe who had torpedoed "England's green and pleasant rated spots on earth. The canals editorial pages across the coun; what looked like a face-saving land," and as green as the land of Amsterdam do not stink, as at try that are generally friendly to Social Credit compromise. And of the shamrock. But whereas times they do to high heaven in him that brought the Prime it was Howe who had been the the Irish are fanciful enough Venice. The water in the Am- Minister around. to attribute the beauty of their sterdam canals is changed three

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(waiting for customers, knitting ment side.

OTTAWA DIARY

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Finance Minister Walter Harris

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which continues today.

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OTTAWA () -- Trade Minister Britain, like Canada, refused to The whole population seems to Howe says opposition "hullaba- accept subsidized goods." be riding bikes. In the taxis you loo" over the wheat deal with The discussion developed dur-Communist Poland could lead to ing a Commons review of Mr. Young girls and boys are rid- four-fifths of the \$20,000,000 pur- Howe's departmental estimates

> as never before," he said. prospects of a near-record grain

Opposition leader Drew has crop and certainty of a record said the government is playing capital investment. Santa Claus in the arrangement under which Poland will finance PAINTING and 85-per-cent of a 9,250,000-bushel purchase under a one-year Canadian bank loan insured by that government.

Mr. Howe said opposition criticism is unfortunate because it invites competitors into Canadian

"I don't see why we have to

have all this hullabaloo," he said. ". . . I hope to hear no more He said he wouldn't be sur-

prised if Poland took only the 50,000 tons of wheat it has bought already and turns down

The remaining 200,000 tons it has

of operation. Canada has more to Czechoslovakia at the subsidized price of 37 cents a pound. If exports are to be subsidized

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Mr. Howe said there is no | zoo for the first time. Zoo offi- country outside the Iron Curtain | | "I could do a lot with that." Man in restaurant, trying to clais corrected the report, "11's where Canada could sell subsicut tough steak: "Now I see what happened before, and it will dized exports without protests I trom other exporting countries.

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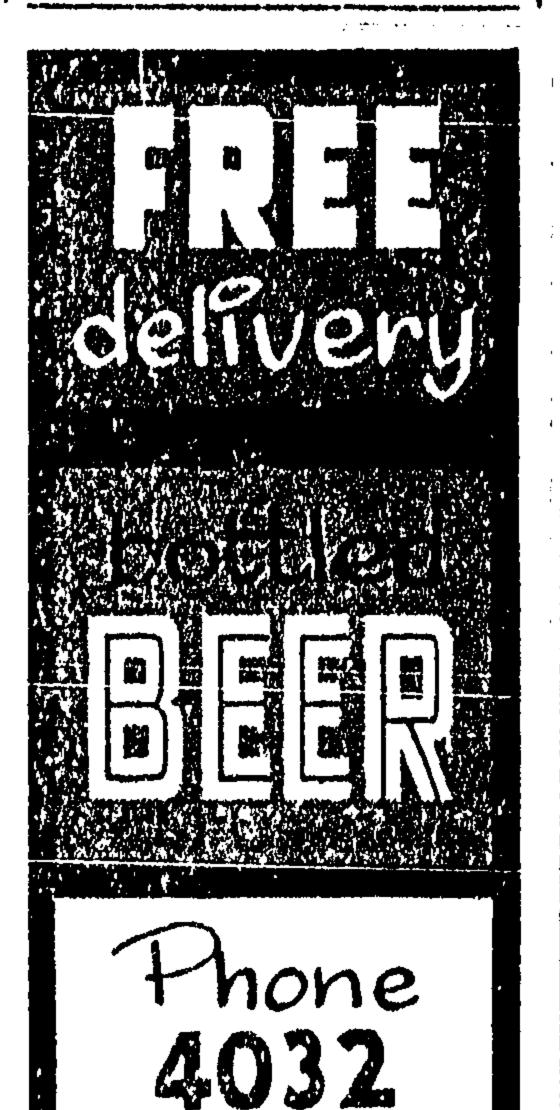
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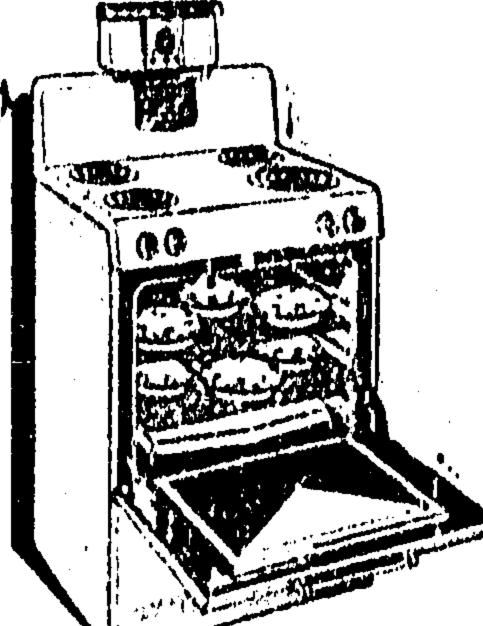
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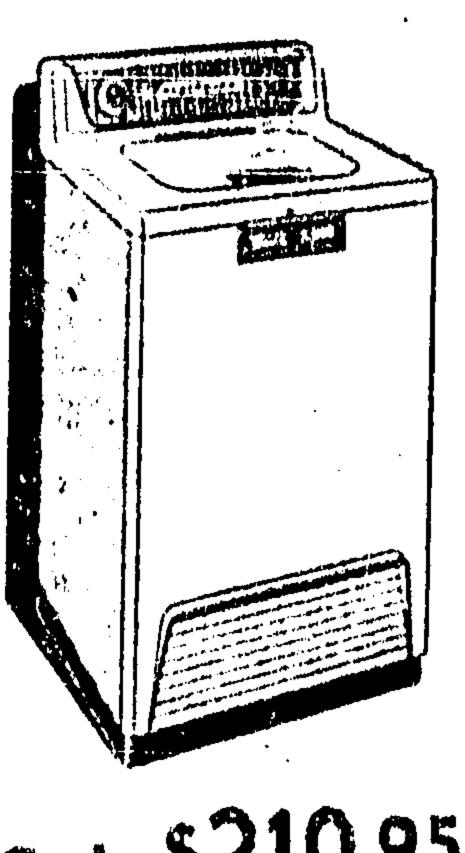
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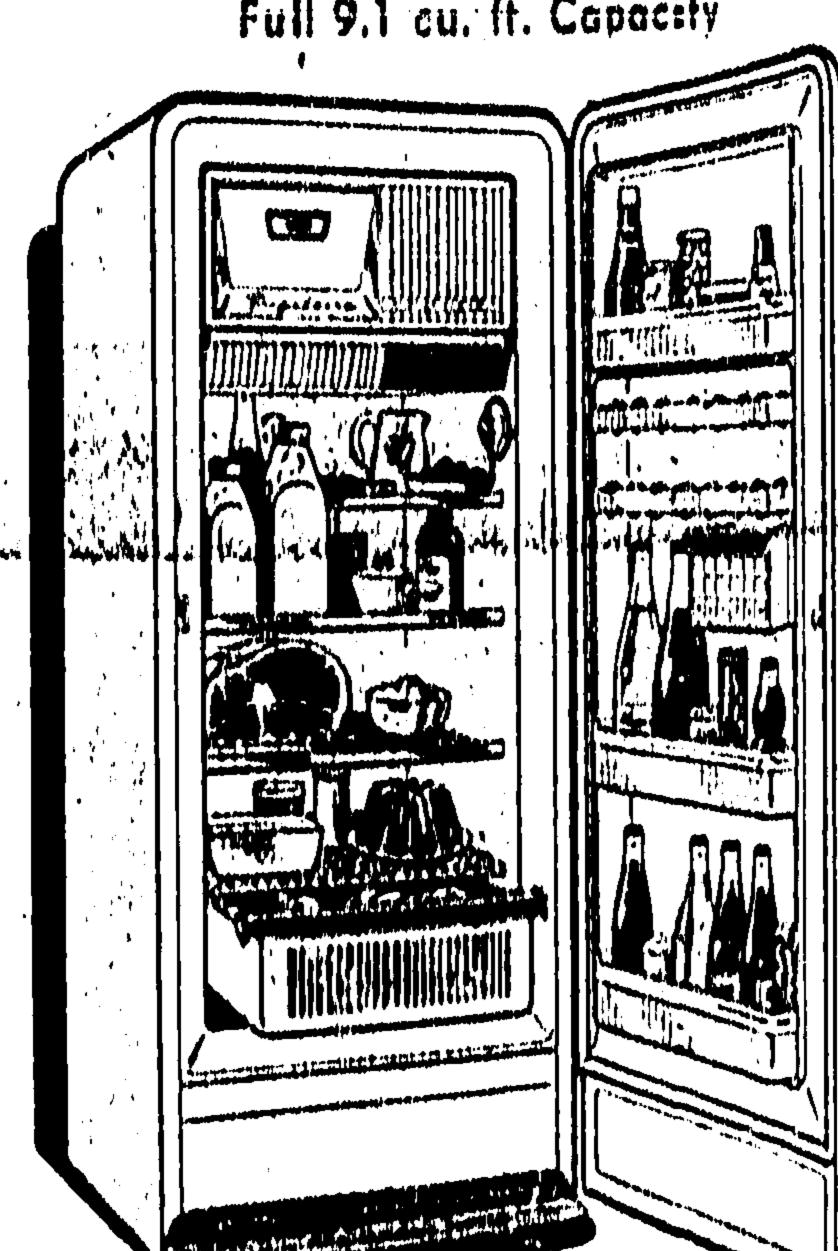
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