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## Panhandle Politics

SOUND words of caution against a hasty surrender of B.C. power in exchange for Canadian corridors through the Alaska Panhandle are contained in the current edition of the B.C. News Letter. It says:

"If American trading of passageways for power were too tough, the Canadian policy might well be to keep the power in Canada, transmit it down the so-called A-Route trench east of the coast range to Stewart, Alice Arm, Prince Rupert and Kitimat and exploit the energy for all-Canadian use. As in the case of Columbia river or Fraser river power, once any large block of northwest power were alienated to United States consumption, it would be a practical impossibility to recover it for eventual Canadian use without creating a serious international incident."

The article points out that nowhere in the world is there comparable volume (possibly 12 million horsepower) of undeveloped hydro electric energy transmittable to tidewater ports as in the northwest corner of B.C., behind the Panhandle. Contending that it would be feasible for B.C. to develop the northern ports it now possesses to serve the northwest part of the province by all-Canadian routes, except possibly in the case of the Atlin-Yukon region now reached by Skagway, it continues:

"Danger for B.C. in negotiations would be the existence of the same kind of mentality as lost the Panhandle to Alaska, on the basis that it was wilderness and of no particular value now or in the future. U.S. economy, more advanced than that of Canada, often perceives resource opportunities more clearly than does that of Canada. Modern transmission lines can carry power without too serious line loss up to 600 miles. Distances from Stikine river and Prince Rupert or Kitimat are no greater than from Mica Creek on Columbia to Vancouver."

"One of the few factors promising early development of the westerly part of B.C.'s northland is the power potential, greater than that of the Fraser and Columbia rivers combined, according to preliminary estimates. Negotiating for corridors with this power as the currency could prove a costly game for B.C. in the future."

## Silliest Solon

PROBABLY the silliest moment in the 89 years of the Canadian House of Commons took place some weeks ago when a member on the opposition side rose to direct the attention of the defence authorities to the fact that Murray's restaurant, of good repute, was using paper place mats on which some views of Canadian life were delineated, including the draftsman's imagination of the location of the Distant Early Warning line.

This map, especially after it had a bit of gravy spilled on it, was probably the most inaccurate map that anyone ever produced. In any event, the vastness of the country and the smallness of the scale suggested that, if the Russians bombed the exact location as shown on the map, no one within a thousand miles of the real line would likely be injured.

Amazingly, the member thought it worth while to suggest that the honorable member making the complaint should stop being so silly. If that member is truly representative of the Canadian voter and his constituency is typical of the country at large, democracy has no future.—The Printed Word.

## Scriptures

He that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat. Isaiah 55:1.  
Money can buy material things, but it cannot buy love nor a good life. Time is reckoned from the birth of a man born in a manger. Who never owned a house and Who had no material fortune. We are all equal in God's sight.

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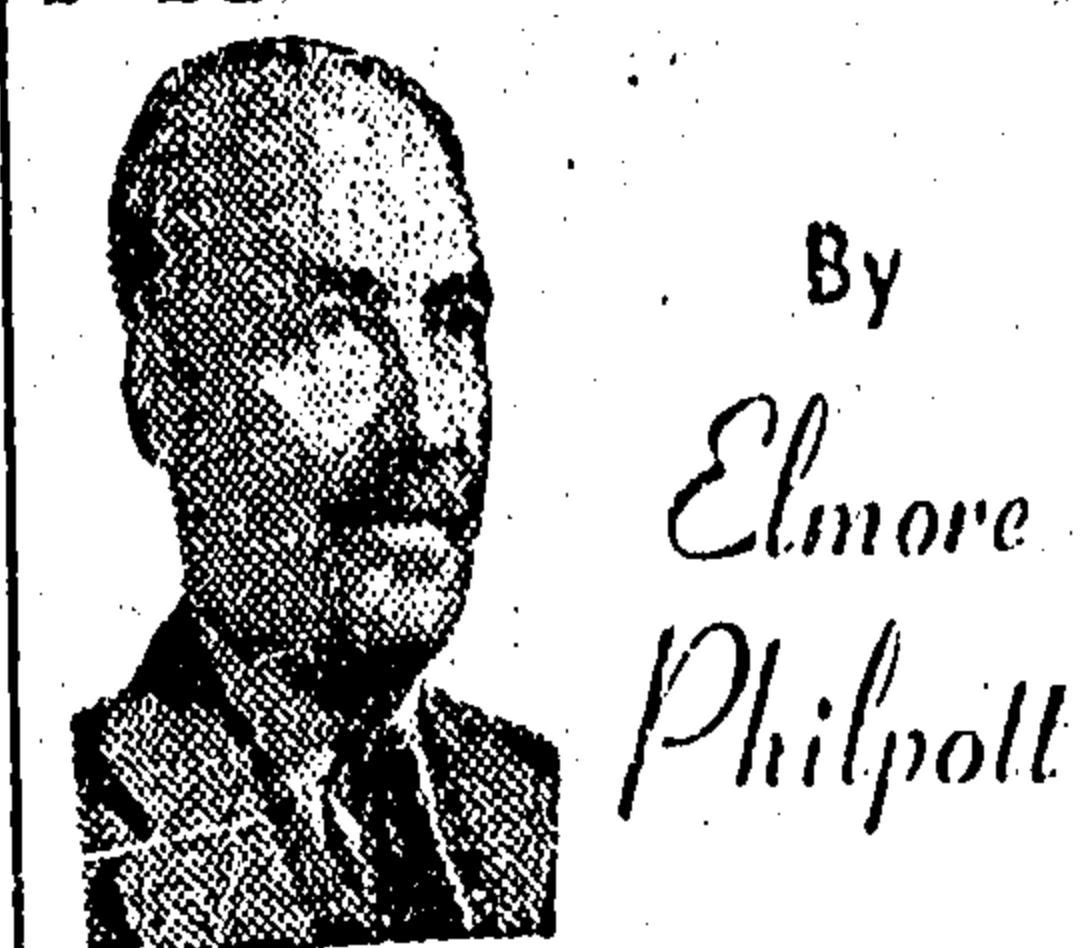
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## As I See It



By  
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Dulles Moans  
COMPARISONS are odious but often highly instructive.

Contrast the reaction of Prime Minister Eden and U.S. Secretary of State Dulles to the news that Russia has voluntarily reduced her armed forces by 1,200,000.

Says Eden: "We welcome the Russian reduction. If it so happens that everybody starts to catch this habit, we shall have no objection. But I think we are entitled to say we were the first to start it."

Says Dulles, according to the New York Times: "By releasing uniformed soldiers and airmen into industry and agriculture, the Soviet Union might actually increase its war-making power. The Russian move was prompted not by a love of peace, but by solid and compelling economic reasons."

No wonder the London Daily Mirror headed its comment on the U.S. Secretary's appalling statement as follows: "Doleful, Doleful Dulles."

"The man is a persevering pessimist," says the Mirror. "A little while ago he was talking about the brink of war. Now he is moaning (very suspiciously) about Russia's decision to slice her armed forces by 1,200,000 comrades."

IF THE West wants to know why the West is suffering moral defeat after moral defeat, in country after country, all it has to do is to examine the statements of John Foster Dulles. In office he has been almost like a one man disaster. His latest statement, pouring cold water on the Russian arms cut, is simply the most recent of a succession of breaks and blunders of monumental proportions.

When the whole Russian world line was changing in a way which was visibly winning friends and influencing people in Asia and the Arab belt, where the West needs friends most, the U.S. Secretary of State was in effect telling the whole world that he deprecated disarmament.

For years, everybody in the western world has been hoping and praying that Russia would agree to measures to end the arms race. The West has demanded "Actions, not words." Yet, when Russia voluntarily takes the action which the West needs most, and wants most, John Foster Dulles speaks and acts like a disappointed boy.

IT SHOULD not be supposed that John Foster Dulles speaks for the whole American people, or for that matter, even for the whole Eisenhower administration.

For months' past, President Eisenhower's real peace-maker has been Governor Harold E. Stassen. Mr. Stassen's comments, at the end of the inconclusive London disarmament conference, were helpful and hopeful. He suggested that the U.S.A. and Russia had been as put in their positions at the beginning of the conference, but only four miles apart at the end.

The fact that everybody should remember is that by her single-handed demobilization of 1,200,000 men Russia has, in fact, wiped out the remaining four-mile gap mentioned by Stassen.

Instead of bemoaning this fact, or belittling it, every intelligent person in the whole world should welcome it, and support it.

Only if there is a drastic reduction by all nations in their wasteful expenditure on arms and armies is there hope of tax cuts, and higher social benefits.

I have already shown in this column that Canada could cut income tax by one-third, raise old age pensions to \$80 per month, and increase family allowances to \$10 per month per child, if a sane armament limitation agreement were reached.

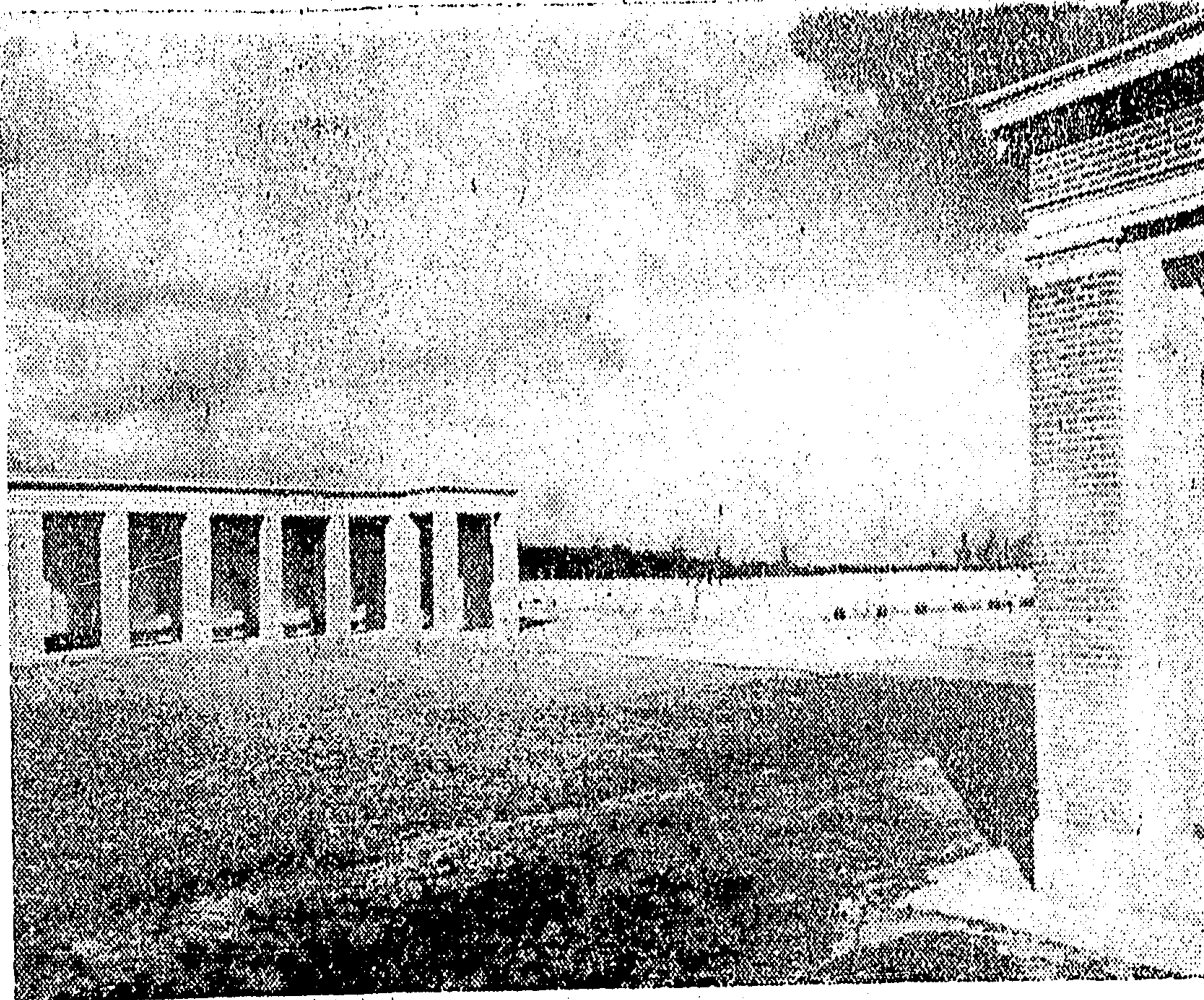
The Russian arms cut is the most hopeful sign yet that such an agreement may soon be practical politics.

GETS ATTENTION  
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## Report From

## PARLIAMENT

By E. T. APPLEWHAITE, MP Skeena

It has been a real pleasure to meet the four lads who are down here representing the Rotary Clubs of Skeena at the Ottawa Rotary Club's "Adventure in Citizenship." On Sunday, May 13, I met them at the train: Bob Jensen of Prince Rupert, Bill Gardner of Terrace, Clifford Morley of Burns Lake and Dale Glass from Smithers. As Ev Jackson said in her column, I was certainly provided with a body guard of six-footers. They have had a very full program here, and I (believe it or not) have been pretty busy so I haven't seen as much of them as I would have liked, but I have been to three of their functions. It is with no little pride that I introduce these boys as samples of what Skeena can and does produce.

In a recent broadcast I mentioned that Public Works has its plans ready for certain work

at the Cow Bay floats. This will include the removal of three existing floats and timber stairs; the removal, repair and re-location of the existing 5 feet x 45 feet gangway and the construction of an approach 16 feet x 98 feet and platform 30 feet x 30 feet. The need for a parking area is also being investigated. This last was drawn to my attention by the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Op.

Not only in Brotherhood Week, but on many other occasions we hear—and talk—a lot, about the Brotherhood of Man. Our difficulties at home in acquiring what I might call the brotherhood-of-man mentality give some indication of the magnitude and complexity of the infinitely greater problems of brotherhood between nations, that gleaming vision of all good men. It is tempting, as it has been put, for "The Embittered

idealist, in terror of further disillusionment, to retreat from life to rock in the cradle of each passing sensation." Hon "Mike" Pearson had an experience last autumn which persuaded him that we are, in fact, enlarging and extending the boundaries of international brotherhood. He visited some of the countries where the Colombo Plan is in action. And as a result not only is he enthusiastic about the continued operation of the plan, he is so enthusiastic that his enthusiasm spreads to all with whom he discusses the matter.

When the budget was brought down in the House of Commons it was freely predicted that there would be a good deal of irresponsible talk about the proposed tax on the so-called Canadian editions of American magazines. Actually the so-called Canadian editions of American magazines are published in Canada with almost the identical editorial content of the parent magazine in the United States. That is to say the cost of the editorial side has already been fully absorbed by the parent magazine. This foreign reading matter is then dumped into Canada at a negligible cost. Since the reading matter has cost the magazine publishers almost nothing, it follows that their overall cost is much below that of a Canadian magazine of a similar circulation: "dumping" one of the worst forms of unfair competition.

A few days ago, through the kindness of Aubrey Simmonds MP for the Yukon, I had lunch with a group including Delegate E. L. Bartlett, delegate from Alaska to the U.S. Congress. Naturally much of the talk was about Mr. Simmonds' proposal of accessways (corridors) through the Alaskan Panhandle. Mr. Bartlett was travelling in his personal capacity and was not representing the U.S. State Department and so it would not be proper to quote him. But I think it would be fair—and it is certainly true—to say that he was very deeply interested in the proposal.

## OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Some eminent and interested economists around the Capital have been interesting themselves over recent weeks in puncturing the celebrated myth that Canadians are "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for more highly industrialized nations.

They have been making a fairly convincing job of it. Some of the statistics that they have accumulated are both impressive and significant.

For instance, the somewhat surprising fact shows up that, on balance, Canada is an importer, not an exporter, of raw materials. Imports for the use of Canadian industry of raw cotton, rubber, bauxite, crude oil, wool, hides, coal, primary steel and primary chemicals exceed in both values and volume, the exports of Canadian raw materials to be processed in other countries.

Actually, fully manufactured products dominate Canadian exports by a fairly wide margin. They constitute 40 percent of the total, while another 28 per cent are partially processed. Only 32 per cent fall into the category of primary raw materials.

Canada ranks fourth amongst world nations in terms of total trade. As an exporter of manufactured goods she ranks sixth. That record, so the economists hold, hardly entitles her to the "hewer of wood and drawer of water" legend.

In investment terms a somewhat similar case is made. Last year approximately one billion dollars was spent in extending manufacturing facilities in Canada. That was about \$100,000,000 more than was spent on the extension of primary industry. Furthermore, the economists

suggest that the picture of United States domination and penetration in respect to the Canadian economy has been exaggerated unduly. On their showing capital investment in Canada since the close of World War II has totalled in excess of \$42,000,000,000. Of this vast sum they say that between 80 and 85 percent has come from Canadian sources.

All these figures have come as somewhat of a surprise to Ottawa political circles. They portray a degree of Canadian industrialization far greater than most MP's or Senators had realized. But if the statistics themselves are a surprise, their possible political implications are appreciated very clearly. All three major parties are considering them carefully, with a view to the policy orientations that they may demand. It's a safe bet that between now and election time secondary industry is going to receive more attention from politicians generally than it has been accustomed to get in the past.

## GROWING CENTER

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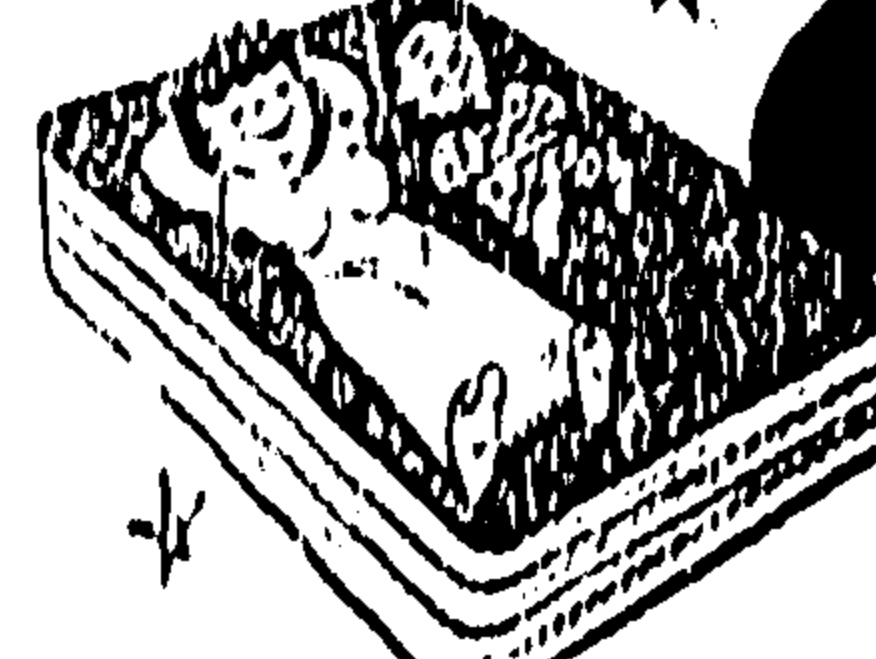
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## Other Papers Say . . .

SHAVIAN TOUCH  
More than 50 years ago, that earnest Fabian, George Bernard Shaw, wrote his Socialism for Millionaires.

While it may have been visionary, it was also prophetic, for Shaw's estate has just been valued at \$800,000, which in terms of dollars puts him in the millionaire class.

This genius, while professing Socialism, was in all respects personally a practicing capitalist. Like Kipling himself, he was very careful about the business side of his writing career.

And now some may find a measure of poetic justice in the development that the government will take 70 percent of the Shaw estate in inheritance taxes. That is "socialistic" enough—a denouement that would have tickled the curious Shavian fancy.

—Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

## AS OLD AS YOU FEEL

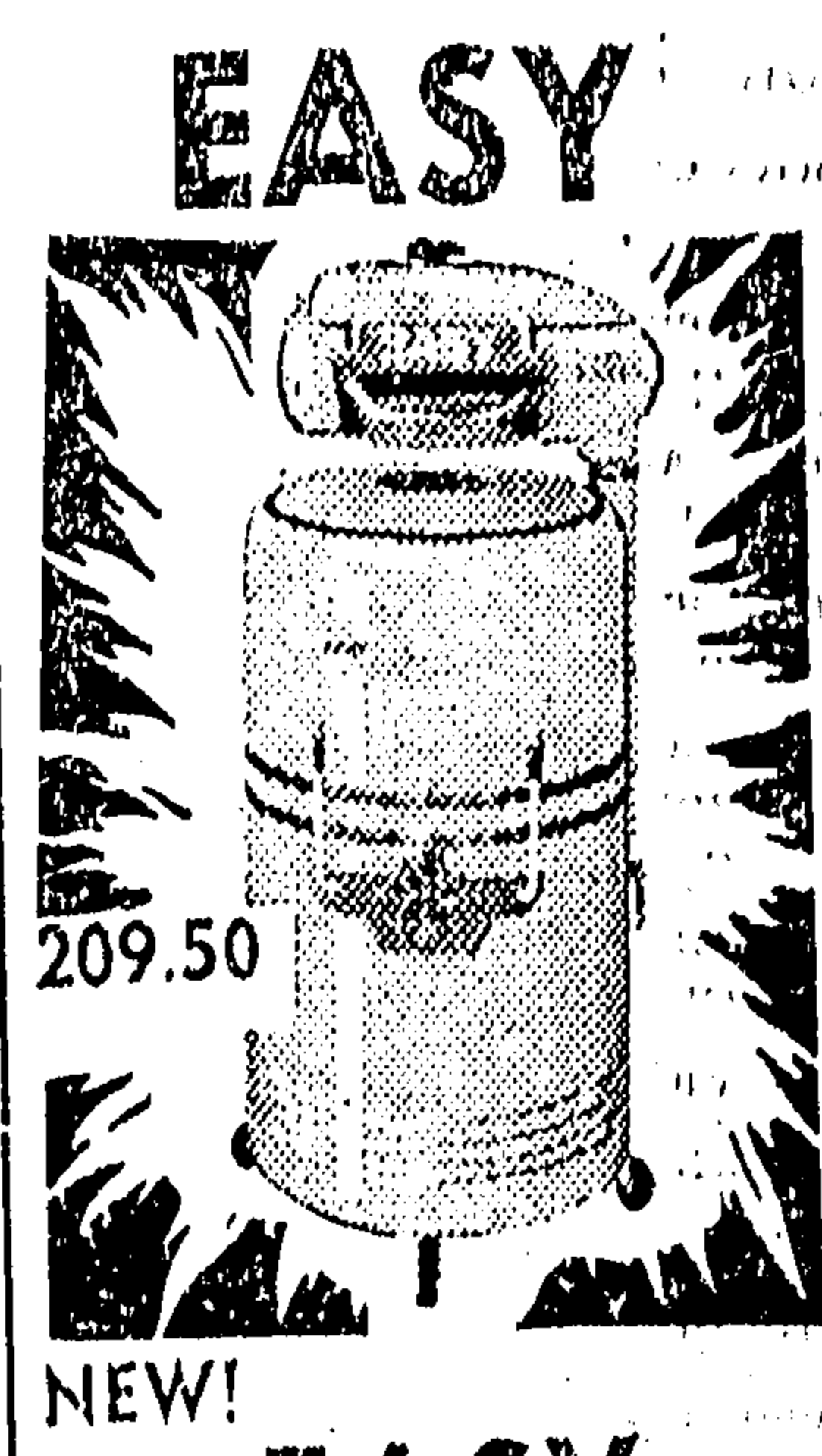
A man is as old as he feels, says an editorial headline in a contemporary newspaper as they deal with the present day trend to bring about forced retirement at a given age, generally 65 years. The argument that many men are at their peak in knowledge and general efficiency at 65 is one which will receive general approval. The heading, however, presents a quite complex question, particularly at this time of year. Springtime is notorious for its ability to make one feel like a young colt one day while the next day one may feel like a very advanced 75 years or more.

## EARLY PLANNING

STRATFORD, Ont. — The council of nearby New Hamburg has called a meeting of its local organizations to plan a centennial program for next year. New Hamburg, 14 miles east of Stratford, was incorporated on June 10, 1857.

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