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### Science Needed

A LTHOUGH it does not come entirely as a surprise in view of the Babine slide that affected the current salmon cycle up here, the poor sockeye season is nevertheless disappointing news. With the Skeena catch less than half of what it was last year. and only a fifth of what it was for the comparable scason four years ago, northern fishermen havé been dealt a tough blow that will be felt to some extent by the rest of the population.

While the northern coastal economy has been stabilized by the recent inclusion of other industries, rishing and the many other occupations that go with it are still the means of livelihood for the targest single section of our people. The salmon run is regarded here with the same close interest, and often anxiety, as the wheat crop is on the prairies.

It would appear, however, that fish are more unpredictable than grain, perhaps because until recently they have been exposed to less scientific research. By improving methods of irrigation, fertilizing, soil conservation, pest control and crossplanting, the experts have made farming on the prairies a far less uncertain career than it was several years ago. Now they are even attacking the elements themselves with experiments in rain-making.

In fishing, too, science has made considerable headway. There is little more to be known about the private life of a salmon once he is headed for the serve 10 months compulsory Canada can afford full em- out of line and our export trade, spawning grounds, and the fisheries department has done outstanding work in clearing the way for him and in providing protection against depletion of numbers. In addition, the fishermen themselves have the use of equipment which has simplified their work.

But until the time that the salmon return to these shores, their movements and habits remain largely a mystery. Little is known of the influence at sea that affect them, or of whether there is anything that can be done to help the industry should their secrets be discovered.

For this reason, particular interest attaches itself to the international scientific expedition now embarking on a wide tour of the north Pacific to deal with the problem. Maybe there are years ahead yet before the puzzle of the salmon and of other species, for that matter—is entirely solved. But the work must be pressed as diligently as possible, for the industry cannot function at its best or retain its personnel until the element of guesswork is reduced to a minimum.

In this day and age most men and most companies like to have at least a rough idea of what they are going to earn during the year and to plan accordingly.

### REFLECTS and REMINISCES

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### As I See It

Swedes' Total Defence

STOCKHOLM—Sweden is the best prepared country the conductor. "There will be alls exchanged almost daily bein the world to meet an attack because the whole delay." Swedish defence system is integrated.

There is universal compulsory service for the armed forces. But foreseeable future abandon her there is conscription for the civil position of strict neutrality. defence system too. Every adult But it is also obvious that assignment for some defence if the third world war comes. duty either in the armed forces. She seems to feel that there merning. or the civil defence organiza- will be some preliminary signs of a lit is the biblical wilderness of road to Jersualem are the United tion or home guard.

The army cannot give orders to bomb. the civil defence people except. But if Sweden is forced to HUNGRY REFUGEES seatial to their operations.

where one service's responsibility the will to defend herself. leaves off and the other's begin.

Sweden has a crack army,

it is worth noting that Sweden spends a relatively larger slice. of her defence dollar on the army than does Canada. The Swedes do not think the army is obsolete. Every boy must

training, between age 18 and 20, and he is called back for a one. month's refresher course every dinary layman might suspect,

BUT there is a very well organ-1 ized home guard, where rifles. and machine guns are actually a wholly practical problem. kept under lock and key in the hemes of the civilian militiamen.

and alert against traitors. Every family in Sweden has: been given exact instructions is just 157,000, Since the miniabout what to do in event of an

attack on Sweden. An official government pamphlet has a foreword from the king which tells the people: defend herself."

column activities and false radio in record year 1933. announcements when it says:

may have only seven minutes it is also known to have serious! kaminent danger,

THERE is no sign that Sweden is considering any change in The people want to be told. For underfed nations, Canada cutlook. Just as she studiously he truth. They want to be is the corner grocery store well ept out of the two world wars. tual defence organization, so ; there is no indication that Swed-A centenarian declares she en will now or at any time in the

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Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., is re- | he competitive. But then al vista domes, which is what the bloactive to March 1 of this year, arragure of inflation overtook

navy, and air force. Incidentally, of TAWA DIARY it is worth noting that Sweden Some eminent Parliament Hill the United Kingdom and Westeconomists are trying very ear- ern European countries. As a nestly these days to determine result of the rise in their costs how long a nation-specifically, Canadian prices ceased to be

> ployment. And contrary to what an orit isn't just an intellectual exercise in which the experts are prengaging. Actually, they are endeavoring to find the answer to For right at the moment

Canada has, for the first time There is even an anti-sabotage since the Second World War. souad in every factory, trained virtually full employment. The number of people out of work and seeking a job nation-wide mum number of unemployables in the Dominion is placed at 150,000, that means that only 7,000 employable Canadians are but of work at the moment.

In an economy the size of Sweden intends to defend her- Canada, that is full employment self, can defend herself, and will to all intents and purposes Right now there are 165,000 The pamphlet makes direct more persons with jobs than a reference to the danger of fifth year ago, and 65,000 more than

flatly: "Any announcement or- In theory and sociologically dering resistance to cease will be full employment is recognized by Federal authorities as an [ While the Swedes know they ideal situation. But in practice warning of any actual Russian difficulties associated with it. attack, they feel sure that there For in a tight labor situation! would be other earlier signs of competing employers inevitably bid up wage r. ' 3. That means ' that production costs soar and prices of the commodities proi duced increase. In cases where her fundamental war-and-peace these commodities have to be -30ld in foreign markets, Cana- [ dian prices are likely to cease; after incidental matters such as and just as she firmly is a mu- markets follows as a conse-

Recent news reports received! at the Capital have emphasized that this danger is by no means unst theoretical. Despatches from New Zealand within the past few weeks have described! a condition there of actual sur-Employees plus of jobs over applicants. the high levels to which wage! rates were being bld up as a

Canada's problem is considered by the authorities here to be similarly critical. Only a few? mual wage will "possibly" come months ago Canadian costs were showing signs of being tool The 1955 contract, with B.C. with to enable our exports to



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## Peaceful-Looking Gaza Middle-East Powderkeg

By GILBERT SEDBON

and a banging of couplings, fear. throwing up a flurry of sand. Up the border a few miles

"We've come off the ralls," said away, artillery and mortar fire

alarm on the 250-mile journey "part." by day across the great Sinal! The cease-fire demarcation desert from Cairo to Gaza. When line of 1948 is merely a single the wind blows hard overnight, plowed furrow---a frontier of Swede from 18 to 65 is liable to Sweden expects to be attacked parts of the single line often frustration. are buried in windblown sand by In their white jeeps, the only

the coming of that struggle. If Shur, this northern corner of the Nations military truce observers While the civil defence or and when Sweden sees those Shaal, a wilderness of white sand working through the Egyptianganization is on a cumpulsory signs of a coming storm, it is my dunes, scorehing sun and blue Israell mixed armistice commisbasis and while it is closely in- guess that she will immediately sky. Here and there, those ever i sion. tegrated with the army, the civil-decentralize her population so moving hills have overwhelming ian side is kept uppermost in that no more than 15,000 could a little oasis, leaving only the yel- force outside Gaza town and the be wiped out by any one nuclear low top fronds of the swaying comps cannot stop the nocturnal palm trees towering above.

say, to request extra fire fight-light, she surely will fight. For - It is a peaceful looking landing service to save some points she has not only made up her scape especially when the shell-hills, a few of the Arab refugees which the military consider es-mind to fight in such circum- ing moves farther down the line, go back for a glimpse of their stances and she has provided. Inside the narrow coastal strip, homes or fields, risking and But there is no clear-cut line herself with the tools as well as more than 250,000 Arab refugees semetimes losing their lives.

In this ancient capital of the GAZA (Reuters)-The "train Philistines, a destitute populato nowhere" halted with a jerk tion lives in hunger rather than

tween Egyptian and Israeli sold-A devailment is no cause for iters at outposts a mile or so

persons who can drive along the

Even the sunset curfew in crossings of the line. At night ! the lights of the Israeli settlements twinkle from the nearby are crowded in a sordid tent life. Others go back to steal or wreak; vengeance by murder which, in turn, is avenged.

### LATENT POWDERKEG

Infiltration by the Arabs and manoeuvres staged by the Is-1 taelis near the truce line are, in the opinion of United Nations truce observers, the main causes of border incidents. which had been hesitating,

leaped forward once more. The border situation is not That's the situation up to the one which could be left indefinpresent time. But a rise in Ca- itely without grave consequences, nadian costs could change the The potential danger here is situation once more to our dis- further accentuated by stateadvantage. And that's what the ments by Isreal's premier, Moshe Parliament Hill economists fear Sharett, that Egypt has forfelt-In the present tight labor situ- ed her right to hold Gaza and ation. They are watching it the surrounding area, and the closely for the first symptoms statement of the Egyptian premof a new inflation. It could have jet, Gamal Abdel Nasser, that any attempt by Israel to seize the Gaza strip would mean "total"

Israel, with her eight divisions, The Valley of Kashmir in the four of which are motorized,: heart of the Himalayas is one of could strike and seize Gaza, but the most beautiful places in that would mean setting the en-Die Middle East ablaze.

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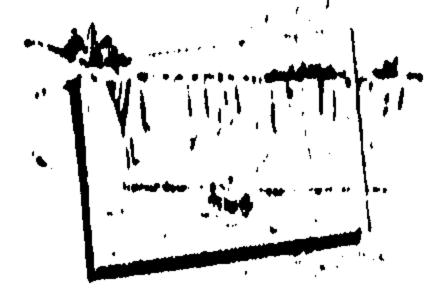
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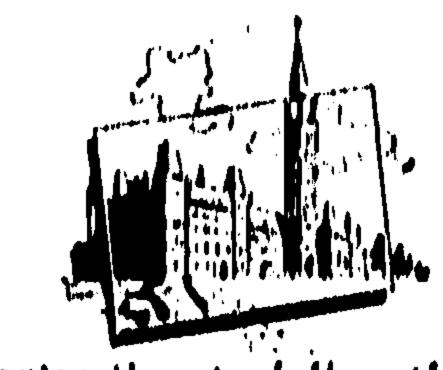


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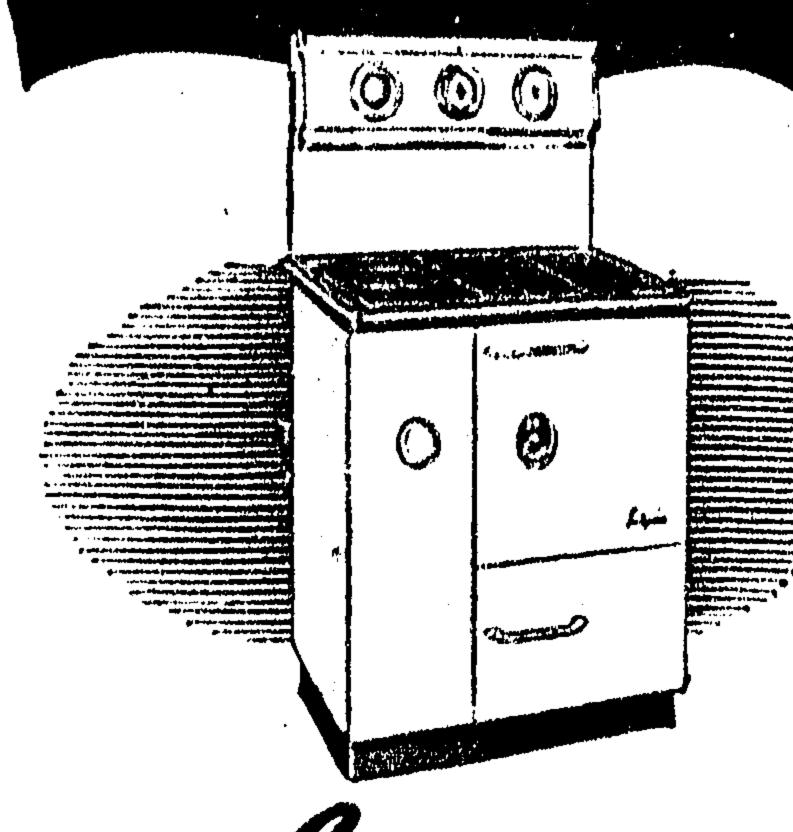
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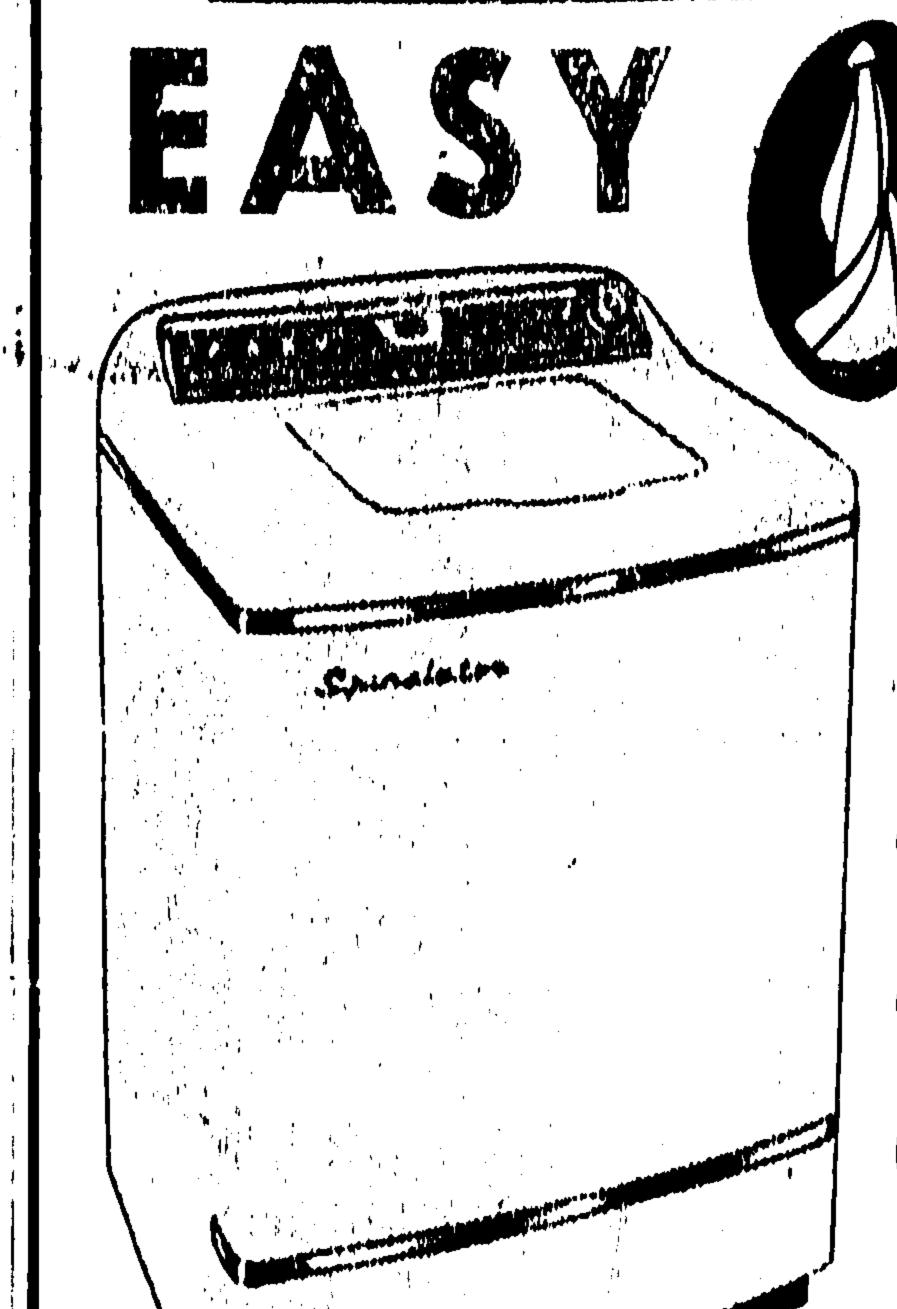
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