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To Judge Good Teachers

COMMISSION of the National Education Association has tried in a recent study to make clear some of the difficulties in the way of merit pay for tëachers. This system, in use in some school districts, entitles teachers and administrative personnel to additional pay for superior service. The idea has caused controversy in educational circles for nearly 20 years. In that time 148 cities have experimented with merit pay in their schools. Yet today the system is used by only 26 communities—one of them being West Hartford. The NEA Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards attributes this uncertain popularity to several factors.

A big factor is the absence of a precise meaning to the term-"merit pay." Because of this, the plan has often ween construed as just another salary schedule. Many superintendents, having tried the system only to abandon it, say it lacks evaluating procedures. And doubtful confidence in merit pay is understandable if judgments on superior performance are based on anything but objective standards. It is easily conceivable that merit pay applied from bersonality preferences could be disastrous to a School district's morale. Yet a teacher's work in the lassroom is naturally fused with his, or her person-

For all the misgivings and resentment that some leaching groups hold for merit pay there is no denying the worthiness of its purpose—to provide an incentive for maximum effectiveness by the teacher. Today's teacher salary schedules proceed oftentimes from the fiction that any number of teachers in a school district, given the same experience and education, deserve the same pay. No two teachers are equally effective, but the superior one should be recpgnized and rewarded.

Several years ago New York State tried to do this when it began minimum salary schedules in the public schools. The law called for merit increments to be administered by local school boards. But no Fernie – for a total of 52 – at son nuisance and a running means considered equitable by the teachers could be worked out in applying merit pay, so the idea was abandoned in favor of automatic raises. This is an unhappy solution and only makes more compelling the need to discover methods of evaluating fairly a teacher's effectiveness.

—Hartford Courant

THREE-BID-ON-RADIO STATION

KITIMAT (9) — Three applications for a radio station here will be heard in Ottawa December 6, Frank Howard, MP Skeena has informed the Kitimat. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Applications have been submitted by A. H. Nicholl, Vancouver; International Radio and Television Corp, Vancouver; Malcolm M. Keeble, Parksville, B.C.

A petition with 2,500 names was obtained by the Kitimat Junior Chamber of Comemrce and forwarded to Canadian Broadcasting Corporation president Davidson Dunton.



EVERY MEETING of the Bermuda House of Assembly is opened in ceremony tradionally typical of British formal custom. And playing an integral part in this bit of pomp and chreumstance is the Maca, held here by a House of As- T sembly employee. The Speaker of the House, robed and bewigged, onters the chamber. preceded by the Sergoant at Arms bearing the Mace. Mounting the dias, the Speaker strikes the gavel, bows to the members, and the sitting begins. The silver gilt mace was made to resemble the famed Jumes I Mace, Which is on display in the Tower of London.

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Elmore Philpott

OTTAWA — Notwithstanding the frequent hints by

cabinet ministers that there may be another general election very soon, there are strong reasons to

VICTORIA REPORT

. . by J. K. NESBITT VICTORIA—Thursday, Jan. 23 will be the big day in this capital—the opening of the 1958 session of the Legislature.

Once again the Premier has chosen a Thursday because, says, that day helps the opposition. On the Friday will come the speeches, by S.C.'ers, moving and ment. seconding the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, and that will give the leader of the opposition the weekend study them and make his reply on the following Monday.

The Premier always likes to say he helps the opposition—but, Christmas—and with the strong! being a politician, he'll politically embarrass the opposition probability that the Conservaevery chance he gets, as the opposition will politically embarrass the Premier every chance it gets. That's politics, and it's also de- own party members.

The Premier, when he announced the date of the election, didn't seem one bit worried knew all the answers, and by about finances. There are stories of the terms of his solemn oath of Scientist the Provincial Treasury's in had office, even he cannot tell. the Provincial Treasury's in bad office, even he cannot tell. shape. The Premier wouldn't say it's rolling dough, but he scoffed Conservative high command balate the stories that the province anced out the advantages versus at the stories that the province anced out the advantages versus is facing bankruptcy, or even the disadvantages of an immeditough times for a while.

There'll be a new Mr. Speaker there was the argument that the this coming session — Mr. Hugh Prime Minister could have ap-| Shantz of North Okanagan | pealed to the people for a clearbers, elected in by-elections last majority, to get away from the |September-a C.C.F.'er in Bur-|hair-trigger balance of power naby, S.C.'ers in Cariboo and that now exists in the House.

be as follows: Social Credit, 39; voters would have regarded the corder | C.C.F., 10; Liberals, two, and in- extra election as not only undependent Labor Mr. Uphill of necessary, but a Christmas seaaway from an obligation to per-\$5,000 a session each.

Mr. Uphill came to the Legis- to perform. All three opposition lative Buildings the other day, parties had agreed to expedite stitute for Medical Research as he has been doing the last 37 government legislation. years, ever since he was first M.L.A.'s were born,

remarkable politician with the had their chance to stage in the back to memory. But hidden inremarkable record in public life. convention, and pick a new the interpretive areas of the He's now well into his 80's, but leader. you'd never know it, looking at In this connection it is only a mechanism that locks the past sure he was not contaminated him, the way he roars around fair to say that no government and seems to scan it for the pur-with radioactive particles. legislative corridors. He seldem in the whole history of Canada pose of automatic interpretation looks back, which may be one of has so quickly carried out so of the present." the reasons he's ever young. many of its election promises.

The birth of the CCF in the ceptions. public life and the Legislature! of British Columbia was recalled IT IS constitutionally possible to experience with similar past ex-suspended in the pool. The or-

.he Legislature, – He did just that; in 1933 he would be a natural choice for became the leader of His Majes- the Conservatives, especially as ty's Loyal Opposition, during the they are going to have extreme

Soon, however, bearded, saint- make substantial tax cuts. ly-looking Rev. Connell fell out The pessimists say we will have with his CCF'ers. He was not well on to a million unemployed

In the 1937 general election, half million.

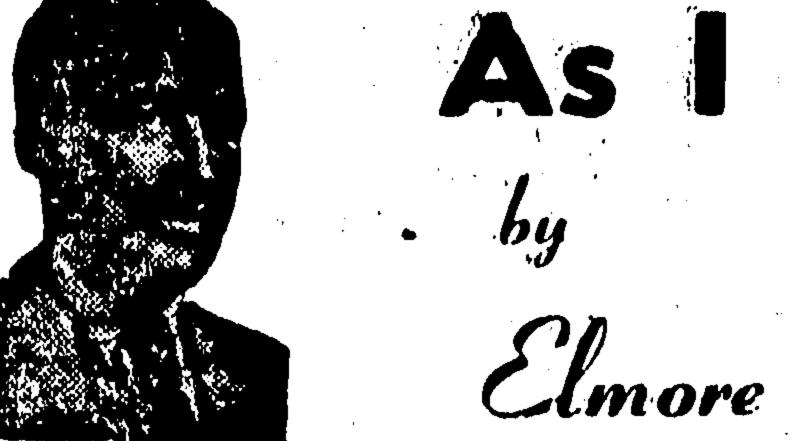
politicians hard-bolled. dreamer, a man of high ideals, this government. who did his very best to help his " fellow man in the hurly-burly of which the government can meet politics, to which he was not, by by bringing on a new election, nature, fitted, being too gentle, but rather by solid legislation in quite unable to shake his fist in the House of Commons. anger under the nose of even his | political/enemies. But he was, you might say, "the father of the CCF in B.C.," as J. S. Woodworth is down in our history as the father of the CCF in Canada.

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Election Date Recedes

believe that this will not happen before March 31, 1958. Indeed there are a few hard-

headed, astute parliamentarians on both sides of the House who reason that the Diefenbaker government will not go to the country till the end of its regular term—that is, till 1960 or 1961. It is a fact that an immediate

vorable combination of circum-

stances for the present govern-

At least one Liberal ex-cabinet

minister was willing to bet that

dissolution within six days after

sion. Had that been done, it

himself was the only man who

But it is a good guess that the

But on the other hand there

form, rather than just promise

on 60 days' notice. Mr. Diefen-

the number will not exceed a

general election was a possibility right after the Queen's visit. here were voices inside the Conservative party who argued very convincingly that then was the time to strike—that never again would there be such a fa-

Mr. Diefenbaker would ask for the opening of the present seswould have been possible to have

The House party line-up will was the knowledge that many

Mr. Connell, an Anglican cler- baker could call one for Janugyman, wanted to do something ary, February or March. But by concrete for his fellow man, and custom, preference, and indeed he thought the best way of going common sense; Canadians prefer about it was to become a CCF'er, their elections in non-winter seaand, if he could, get elected to sons.

D. Pattullo.

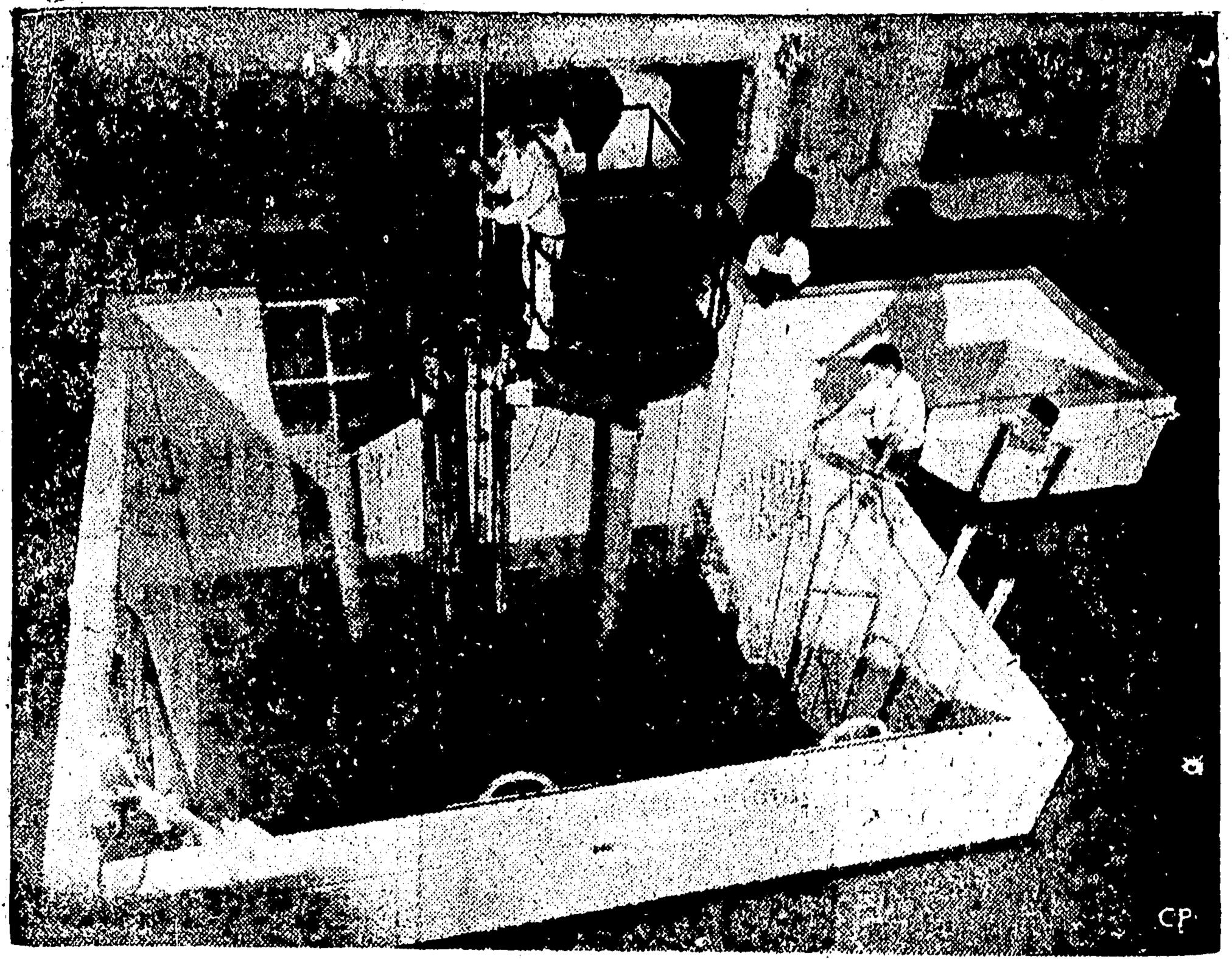
militant enough to suit their this winter. The optimists say SHAPE.

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cially designed to test samples

of uranium fuels which will pow-

The reactor, known as the Pool

Test Reactor, was built at a cost

of some \$300,000 by Canadair

Limited, Montreal, for Atomic

Energy of Canada Limited, the

Crown company which operates

the atomic establishment here

The pool is 21 feet deep, 1

feet above floor level. Test on

Two life preservers -- painted

have been hung on concrete

safeguard in the event a non-

swimming atomic scientist should

A dunking would not be seri-

of radioactivity is created in this

type of reactor. However, any

scientist who did fall in would

The reactor is similar in de-

sign to other swimming-pool re-

dinary water in the pool acts as 🕃

the agent to keep the reactor

cool, as a shielding against radio-

activity and as the moderator

which makes the fission process

er the electric furnaces of the

Low-Power Atomic Reactor Resembles Swimming Pool

By JOHN E. BIRD Canadian Press Staff Writer

CHALK RIVER, Ont. (CP)—A concrete pool tives would have come back with complete with life preservers—will play a big role in what they now lack—that is, a the next few years in the design of Canadian-built

latomic age.

atomic power plants. The open-top pool, containing tually is a small low-power IN this case, the Prime Minister about 31,000 gallons of water, ac- atomic research reactor espe-

ate election. On the one hand the Recorder

Wilder It is scheduled to go into oper-There'll also be three new mem- cut verdict, and a stable working Penfield, director of the Mon- ation late this fall. treal Neurological Institute, says HAS METAL BRIDGE there is an area in the human brain which records experiences and preserves them in a manner feet wide and 16 feet long, with comparable to a wire or tape re- thick walls rising about three

> Dr. Penfield, one of the world's fuel elements will be made from leading authorities on brain a metal bridge extending over function, described research on the centre of the pool. this particuluar area of the brain before the Rockefeller In- white with bright red stripes--

walls on two sides. They are a "There is a permanent record A minor consideration was that of the stream of consciousness elected an M.L.A. way back in some people would also have said with in the brain." Dr. Penfield accidentally tumble in. 1920, before many present-day it was a bit unsportsmanlike for said. "It is preserved in amazthe Conservatives to rush on the nig detail. No man can, by volous because only a small amount He never seems to change, this election before the Liberals had untary effort, call this detail temporal lobes, there is a key to receive close inspection to en-

> It seems propagge, ne said, that actors, one of which is located There are, of course, some ex- the "tape recorder" mechanism at McMaster University in Hamserves people as they make a lilton. It consists primarily of a conscious comparison of present group of uranium fuel elements

have an election at any time, periences,

As Successor A very early spring election

LONDON (P---The name of Lt.-Gen. Guy Simonds, of Canada has cropped up again in speculation on a successor to Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery. retiring deputy commander of

Admiral Earl Mountbatten. saddened but not embittered, he But the grim fact remains that Britain's first sea lord, appears formed his own Social Constructive the new Conservative, governtion one paper, The Observer, tive Party, but he and all his ment will be facing a problem tion. One paper, The Observer, candidates were defeated. The which will remind a great many refers incidentally to the possipublic then, as now, prefers its people of the dark days of R, B, bility that Gen. Simonds might take over, and his name is also i That will be the real test of being mentioned in NATO circles in Paris, as it was two years ago. But it is not the kind of test!

FINE EDIFICE The cathedral of Parma in

Italy, noted for its beautiful interior, was consecrated in 1106. EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1st

8.30 A.M. WEEKDAYS 11.45 A.M. SUNDAYS

NEAL EVANS

SWIMMING POOL — Workers complete final stages of construction on a new low-power atomic reactor being built at Chalk River, Ont., to test uranium fuels for atomic power plants. The reactor consists of a pool of ordinary water in which enriched uranium fuel rods are suspended to set up lons of water.

From the Files of The Daily News 10 years ago

Three young Roman Catholic priests of the Oblate Order, who were ordained by Bishop Anthony Jordan of Prince Rupert during his recent visit in Dublin. are arriving in Prince Rupert at the end of next week from the Old Country to be stationed in this vicariate. They are Father Gerard Clenaghan of County Antrim, Father Edward Green, born in Liverpool but educated in Ireland, and Father Edward Ballesty of West Meath.

Mayor Nora E. Arnold, seeking re-election is the first election candidate to file nomination papers. They were received yesterday by City Clerk H. D. Thain in his capacity as returning of-

30 years ago

Thomas Wilson, bandmaster of the Boys' Band, entertained the members of the band and the hand committee at a banquet last night in the Boston Hall. Those present in addition to the members were Mayor Newton, J. Brady, MP George Woodland; Walter Vance, W. Gilchrist and Colonel Nicholls.

ICELAND HERRING

The 1957 Iceland herring fishan atomic chain reaction. The cries yielded about 210,000 barpool holds about 31,000 gal- rels of salted herring for Nor-(CP Photo) wegian fishermen.

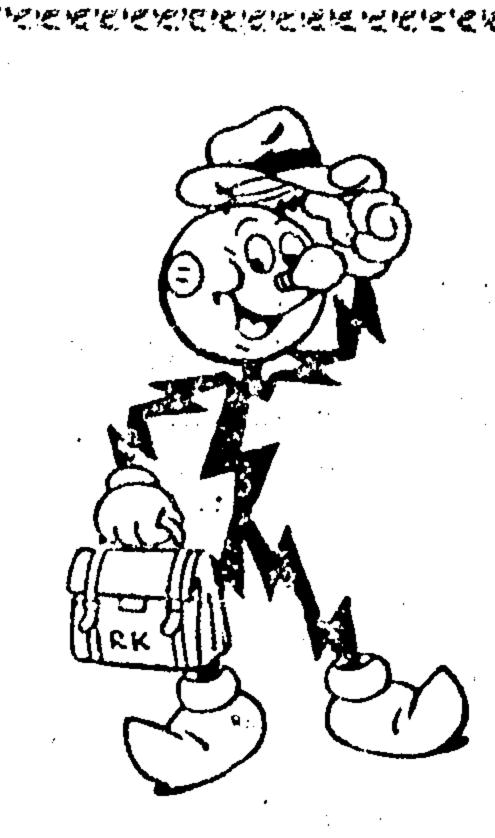
Canada Said Lagging Behind In Research on Mental Health

director of the Canadian Mental nickel per mind." Canada was | Health Association says Canada "lagging away behind" other is "way behind" in mental health countries in research.

age to do a top-flight research ada by the score, said Dr. Grifjob here but we are not getting fin, here to launch a \$50,000 nathe facilities and the opportun- tional drive for mental health ity," Dr. J. D. M. Griffin said in research funds. British 'Columan interview Monday. He said hia's quota is \$2,500. the federal government spends about five cents a year per per-son in grants for mental health. Try Daily News Classified

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