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Bluffing on hospital insurance

abandonment of B.C. Hospital Insurvient good bluff either.

Neither the government of which Mr."Martin is a minister, nor any HIS. Hospital insurance isn't perfect are on the same escalator. but it affords protection that very few altze this.

limself in such extreme terms. seems, evident that the government is determined to squeeze hospital costs as low as possible. We applaud this idea as long as it is directed to sensible foolish attitude that will seriously per cent. harm the badly needed expansion of ard of these services.

Mr. Martin very properly draws that nobody will mention it again. attention to the tremendous increase urated in 1949.

But in that 10-year period the cost

PROVINCIAL Health Minister Eric of everything went up. And the tax-Martin's warning to B.C. hospital payers' contribution to BCHIS has administrators that they must either gone up. When it was found that incurb mounting hospital costs or face dividual premiums would not pay for BCHIS the provincial sales tax was ance. Service, is pure bluff. And not raised from 3 to 5 per cent to cover the added cost.

Mr. Martin should remember that while the cost of hospital services was other political party, would suicide by rising, sales tax receipts were rising seriously proposing abolition of BC too. Both receipts and disbursements

There is another factor that Mr. would be without. All politicians re- Martin seems willing to ignore. Ottawa is now participating with B.C. Since Mr. Martin has expressed and some other provinces in the cost of hospital insurance. For a full fiscal year the federal government will contribute nearly half of this year's cost of BCHIS—a sum that will run around \$16,000,000.

This is so much of a windfall for economies in the taxpayers' interest. the hospital service that it was hoped But we feel there is grave danger this the federal aid would enable the govmay develop into a pennywise-pound ernment to reduce the sales tax by 1

Surely the government doesn't in-B.C. hospital services and the stand- tend to quietly put this federal boodle in the general revenue bag and hope

When Mr. Martin pulls a bluff in the cost of building and maintain- about terminating hospital insurance ing hospitals since BCHIS was inaug- he should try something that will

-The Vancouver Province.

Little finishing canter

ployes. The tentative plan outlined activity... to the National Federation of Federal seems to hold enormous promise for aging workers and for employers. It would permit an employe to reduce until age 70.

ed the physical and emotional shock of department. sudden retirement even to persons

USTICE Oliver Wendell Holmes who have welcomed it. We surmise used to speak of retirement as "the that a vast majority of employees in little finishing canter." At least that the Government would prefer to is what retirement ought to be. It is continue working part-time when the very good news, therefore, that the arbitrary date fixed for their retire-Department of Health, Education and ment rolls around. Gradual with-Welfare is thinking in terms of taper- drawal is as natural and desirable as If retirement for Government Em- a gradual buildup toward maximum

No less important, the continua-Employes by James C. O'Brien, the tion of light employment into the twi-Department's personnel director, light years would greatly relieve the burden of society in taking care of aged people . . . The taper-off retirehis work load possibly at age 62 and ment idea is one of the most hopeful gradually lessen his hours of employ- means to this end yet suggested. Priment for the following five years or vate employers and other governmental agencies may well give it the Experience has amply demonstrat-thoughtful study accorded it by the

-Washington Post.

LETTER FROM LONDON

Nigeria on last lap toward independence

By DON TAYLOR United Kingdom Information Service

chance of their affairs.

In my view the successful conclusion of the Niperian Conference in London represents Butain's prentest triumph in the colonial held since the end of the war. For here was a country of approximately 36 million people Britain's largest colonial territory, four times the size of Britain herself, with innumerable tribal groups and deep religious differences. In 60 years from these meredibly diverse elemcare, the British have brought a nation into being As a result of the London Conference the door was opened for Nigeria to become tully independent on October 1, 1960.

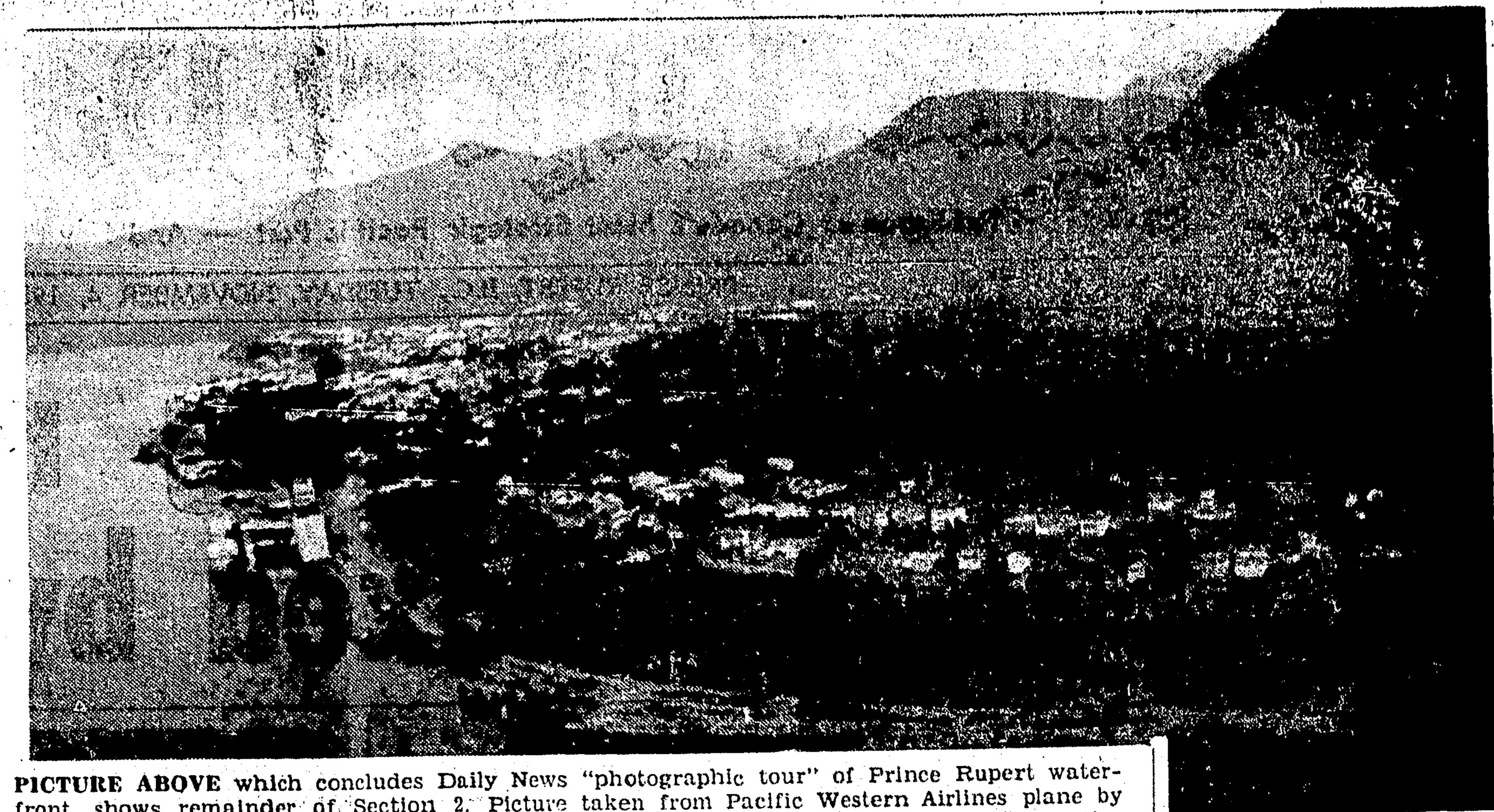
Only three years ago, few people would have thought it possible for the Nigerian leaders to compose their religious and tribal differences. In so short a time It can be said at once that the patience resource and sympathy of the Recretary of State for the Colonies Alan Lennox-Boyd, has had much to do with this signal Armingh. His efforts have been immeasurably added by the Governor-General, Air James Robertson and the Federal Prime Minister Abubakar Talawa Balewa A great deal of credit poes to the three regional premiers, Dr. Asttawe, Chief Awolowo and the Bardauna of

Bokoto The chief obstacle to agreement in London tutes which should comprise an independent Federation of Niperia At present there are

The the hazardous years of the post-war, the Eastern, Western and Northern Regions. era Britain's policy for her colonial territories. The first two already have self-government, has not been easy to pursue. Always the desire what the Northern Region will attain the te grant independence as soon as possible came catas in March. In some quarters it was has had to be balanced against Britain's plain - te. "ra" further states should be created, but duty to ensure that her colonies were econome - the decision at the Conference was that the ically and politically stable before they took | questure should not be allowed to hold up bita. n.m. of independence. Subsequently, it an arreed that there should be special proorgan after independence to decide the issue it the demand for new states was again raised. In practice everything will depend on the regult of the Federal elections about a year from now The new Government will need to hold discussions with the British Government about final arrangements for the transfer of power on independence Clearly if the new Government is against the formation of new states all should be plain salling,

There is great significance in the news that Britain and Nigeria will continue to cooperate in the field of defence. Throughout, the Nigerian leaders have shown great awareness that independence entails great responabilities. All three premiers and the prime minister have made it plain that the closest links will be maintained with Britairs.

The grant of independence to so large a country, with so considerable a population, cannot but have a most significant effect on Africa as a whole. It is bearlening to know that the Prime Minister of Nigerla and the Premiers have stated their desire that after independence their country should not only continue co-operating with Britain, but should become a full member of the Commonwealth. reus the difference of opinion between the Buch membership represents "independence Nigerian delegations as to the number of plus" and quite certainly is of immeasurable value to the new states in the complicated



front, shows remainder of Section 2. Picture taken from Pacific Western Airlines plane by J. R. Wrathall, unfortunately, does not include Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative, association plant at Fairview which is to the right of CNR track in foreground. Growth of Section 2 in last few years is demonstrated in foreground with large area still to be developed in centre of photo. Grain elevator is to left and city stretches out to middle distance for five miles.

All aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

newspaperman by the name of Wallace Reyburn writes an entertaining column from London, England, for some Canadian newspapers. I forget which papers they are, off-hand.

There's only one thing 1 don't like about Mr. Reyburn's work. In his zeal to please and flatter Canadian readers, he sometimes loses sight of the

A while ago he was commenting on a survey which showed the average Englishwoman to be short and dumpy. He expressed confidence that the average Canadian woman was far more shapely.

If he had consulted a parallel survey taken in this country, he would have found that the typical Canadian girl was dumpier and thicker in the waist than her English counterpart.

Recently he made some remarks about unsightly British television aerials, and put forward the opinion that Canada, being so much more advanced than old creaky Britain, must surely have evolved a neater, more streamlined aerial by

But if he had only known. our aerials are just as jagged and unsightly as ever. And "backward" Britain had a working television service before the 1939-45 war, when television in North America was still in the experimental stage.

know what Mr. Reyburn's game is. He is trying to ingratiate himself with Canadian audiences by appealing to their sense of superiority. But he should keep more closely in touch with events in this country.

If I am correctly informed, there is a good reason why Mr. Reyburn sometimes fumbles the job of being a Canadian overseas covering events in fusty, outdated old Britain. He isn't a Canadian. He's u New Zealander.

Sometimes an imperturbable manner in the midst of difficulties may be extremely amusing. This is the absurd position in which guardsmen and butlers, and others committed to professional imperturbability, may find themselves. From Montreal Gazette

The Old Sweat

By DOUG SMITH Aldershot manner, "SQUOD-

One of the most pathetic things that Ottawa did in the last war was to put "retreads' into uniform without any brushing-up program.

Now, to the uninitiated "retreads" simply means soldiers who have served in previous war, retired to civvy street, then brought back into uniform again.

After they got into the swing of activities, the retreads did a marvellous job. But at first, it must have been grim for them.

My first experience with a retread came back in 1940. We were lined up on the parade square awaiting the arrival of a new officer.

The RSM, to smarten us up, had just given us 15 minutes of warming up. Now, it was the turn of the new officer to take over.

Resplendent in his Sam Browne, with a streak of parti-colored ribbon running across above his left breast pocket, the retread officer acknowledged the RSM's salute and took over. Clearing his throat, he rear-

ed back and barked in his best Sudden retirement

harms From the Standard Beacon-

It is becoming more widely recognized that compulsory retirement at an arbitrary age makes little sense for either workers or employers. Even individuals who prepare for retirement and welcome it. experience physical and emotional shock. Few healthy and alert persons in their sixties want complete leisure. Most of them, however, would probably welcome a slower work pace and an easing of responsibility. Tapering off is a more natural process than sudden re-

B.C. put to shame

From the Ottawa Journal A "sea serpent" seen off the South African coast has wonderful possibilities as a tourist attraction. Fishermen said it looked like a giant lion sitting on its haunches and it glared at them before submerging. To match this, British Columbia will need a sea serpent playing a tin whistle.

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SHUN! Move to the right in fours. FORM-FOURRS!" Not a man moved.

The officer blinked, stared as if he couldn't believe his eyes, then, as if patiently explaining to children, he lectured: "Come now, mind me: on the command, form fours, odd numbers will stand fast: even numbers take a sharp pace to the rear and another to the right. Now, then-FORM FOURRS!"

The squad stood fast to a

Puzzlement now gave way to near panic. Desperately, he turned to the RSM hurrying towards him.

"Sir," said the RSM in a low voice. "They don't form fours any longer. They took it out of the manual. They now line up in ranks of three."

It was a pathetic retread who muttered "Well, I'll be You take over Sergeant stumbled.

... Which only brings to mind the humble thought, "If another war did start, you blokes would all be potential retreads." I wonder how he would stack up?

From The Duluth Herald Remarks on segregation: By Governor Faubus of Arkansas: "What Mr. Eisenhower" and many others who express similar viewpoints fail to realize is that they are support: ing a court decision which is not constitutional and there are millions of people in every. section of the country who

By President Eisenhower: "Every American must under-" stand that if an individual community or state is going successfully and continuous+i 43 ly to defy the courts, then' there is anarchy."

"Millions" have a right "to" think that a decision is unwise or that it ought to be " unconstitutional. That does... not give them the power to declare it unconstitutional, or to act as though it were.

If every man becomes his own supreme court we'll have no laws, no government, nome country and no freedom.

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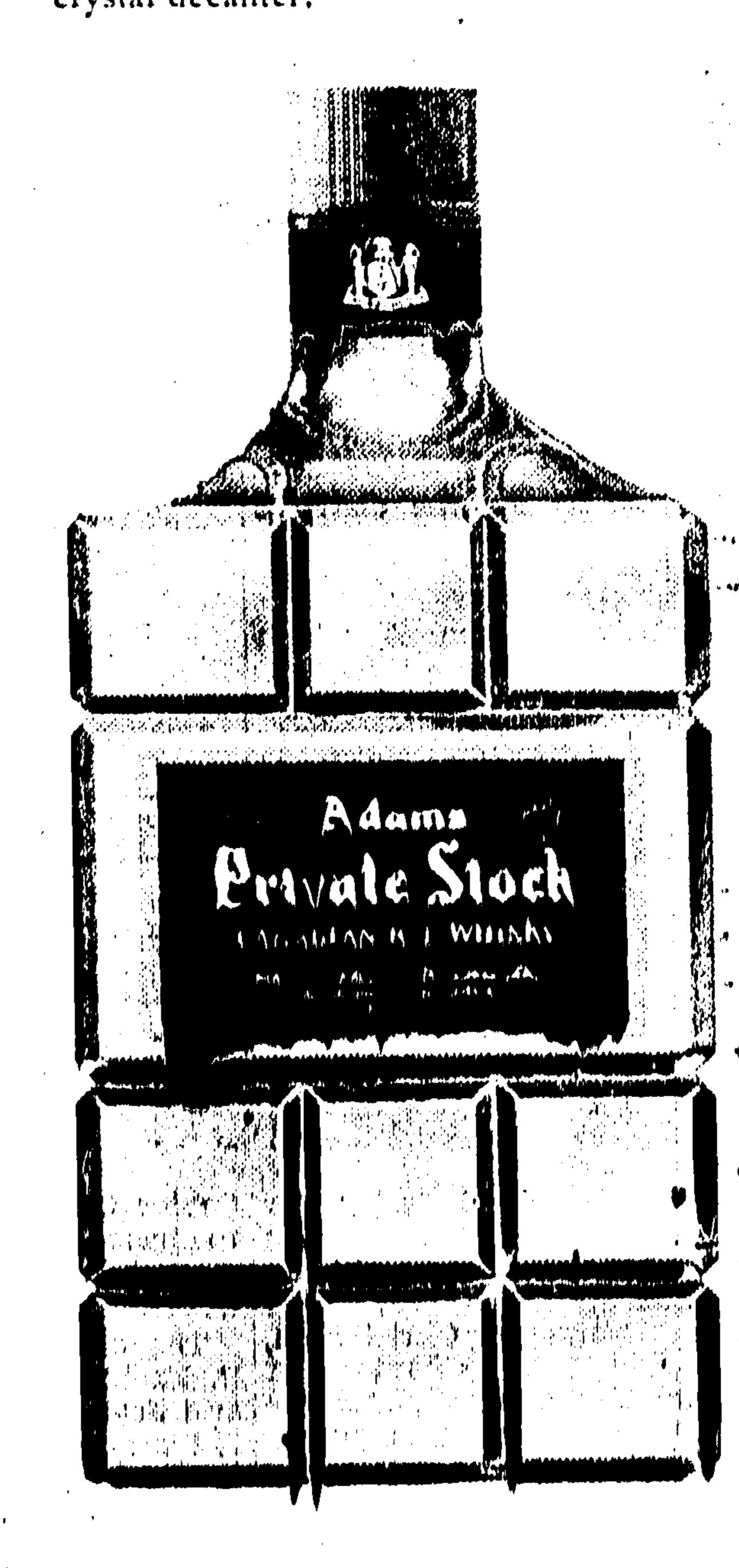


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