

Governor-Generalship as Bribe

CCORDING to the Canadian Commentator, there are persistent rumors that Mr. Diefenbaker plans, as a generous gesture, to recommend that Mr. St. Laurent should be appointed as Governor General of Canada when he retires from active political life.

"I hope these rumors are false," says editor Marcus Long. "I bow to no one in my admiration for Mr. St. Laurent. "I believe that he, more than any other Canadian, has the needed qualifications for the highest office in the land. The mixture of Irish and French blood in his veins makes him a symbol of the two main ethnic groups which built this country. I envy his ability to speak both French and English without any trace of accent.

"He is a man of integrity, intelligence and charm. He loves this country and its people. No one can question his loyalty to the Queen and his devotion to the Commonwealth. He would make a perfect Governor-General, except for one thing. He is a politician, the leader of a political party.

"If Mr. St. Laurent were appointed as the representative of the Queen it would set a dangerous precedent. It would justify making the highest office in Canada a reward for political service. It requires no crystal ball to predict that future claimants for this high honor may lack Mr. St. Laurent's qualifications while quoting his example."

The point is well taken. Already we have the which is not yet recognized by rica—has very briefly postponed lines, ply the inland waters of COASTAL NAVIGATION example of the Senate which has become primarily a haven where loyal party supporters can rest in financial comfort and quiet distinction.

It has been suggested that Mr. Diefenbaker might make such a move as a means of pleasing voters in Quebec. The thought behind this is that without French Canadian support, the Conservative government will always have difficulty in mustering sufficient strength to run an efficient government.

Being the man he is, however, it is difficult to believe that Mr. Diefenbaker would stoop to using the position of the Governor General as a political bribe. It is also difficult to believe that Mr. St. Laurent would help him to do so.

Bachelors Gay They Stay

ANADA, at the last count, had 422,593 more bachelors than spinsters, a snippet of news which will either cheer your or shatter you, depending on whether you are an unmarried young woman or an unmarried young man.

For the girls, this lack of balance widens the field and they should whistle for joy, unless it also means that men are caring less about marriage: for young men, it increases competition and, alas, girls will expect to be spoiled even further.

The 1956 figures of the Bureau of Statistics show that there were 1,691,761 single maies (over the age of 15) in Canada and 1,269,168 single women and that the margin between the two has been widening over the past five years.

Of the whole population, of all ages, 50.9 per cent are single, but in the country areas the percentage is much higher—57.

The rise in bachelordom's ranks could be caused either by the influx of young immigrants seeking ecortomic security before wedding bells, or simply by a tendency to stay single longer. Or both.

But, undoubtedly, there is a strong core of diehard hachelors, the men who become realists and are not tempted by romance, the men who acquire the "habit" of heing a bachelor and won't change.

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6 China Tory Test

[T IS A fine thing for Canada and the Commonwealth that Prime Minister Diesenbaker has decided to send to Singapore the highly respected Hon. J. M. Macdonnell. The occasion is the first stage in the birth in Malay of what will eventually be another twin nation member of the Commonwealth.

Yes, it is a fine thing for Canida to be represented there by so well and universally-liked. parliamentarian. La n d statesman as "Long Jim". Bu

will also be a good thing for he new Tory government Canada. The facts of life will ait those Tories in the face.

For in Singapore-as indeed n any other part of Asia-the newly appointed cabinet miniser in the new government Janada will get quick over whelming proof of the difference there is, in fact, between the imaginary British Empire which still exists in the minds of too many Canadian Tories and the real Commonwealth of 1957, as it actually does exist in fact.

FOR instance Mr. Macdonnell against the question of China. He will find that if he really Commonwealth sentiment and mighty China has a government, world. which has long been recognized by Britain and the Asian mem-

State Department of the United arity and commonsense. States, or whether Canada is to

China, soon after Prime Minis- solidly beside John Bull. but for the opposition of certain tion of China will afford a good able. As the good restaurants in at the end of long inlets. Regard- Gosnell. Mr. Gosnell knew Rev.

It is probably that the then Liberal government of Canada would have been willing to stand up to the formidable opposition of the U.S.A. had It been assured that its action would have been generally backed in Canada, But the attitude of the Conservative leadership at that time (1955) convinced the government that t would be expedient to postpone the question of the recognition of China till after the general election of 1957.

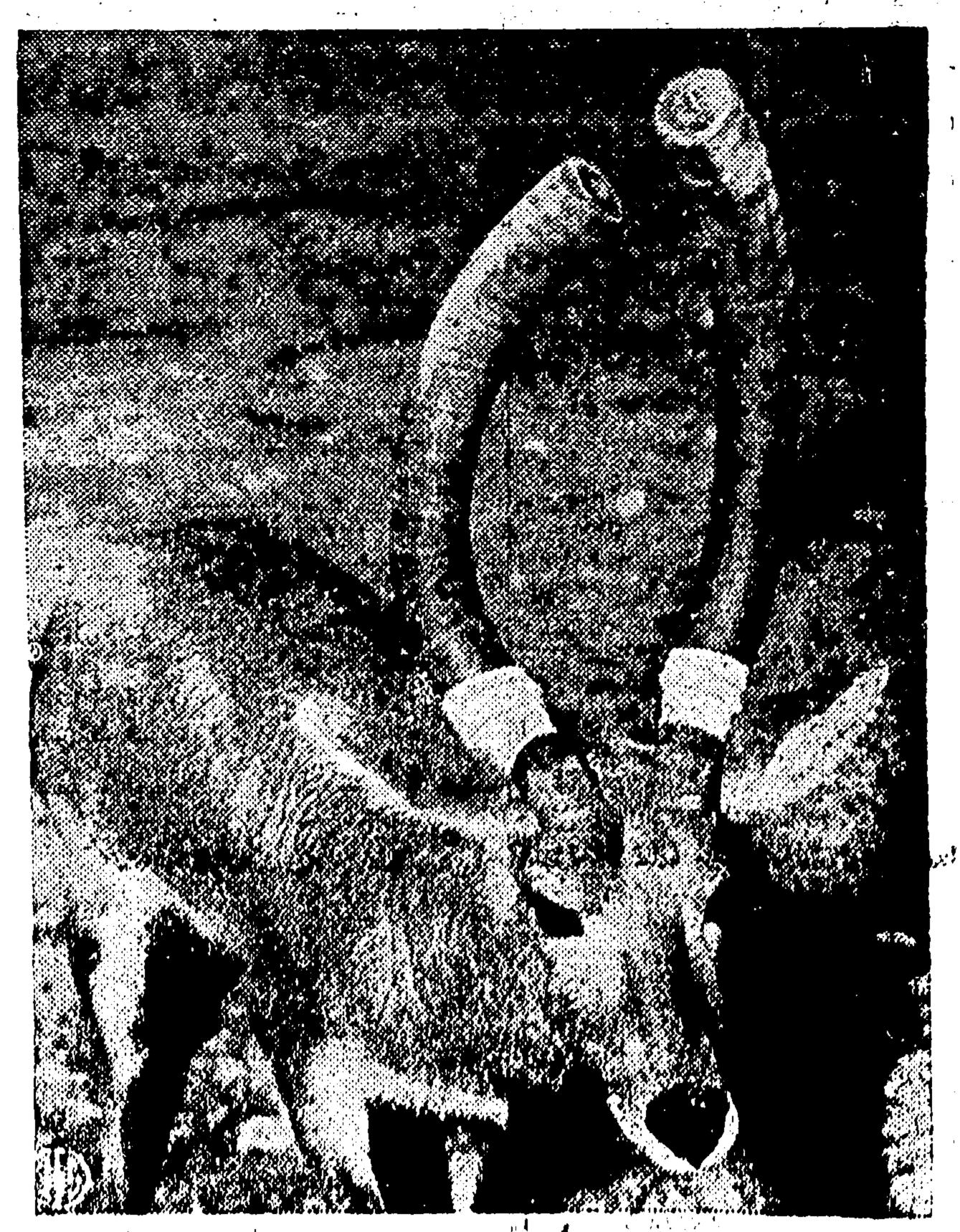
THE question of the recognition of China is of ever-increasing importance, especially as the real balance of world power, inside and outside the Common-THE CRUISE OF THE wealth, continues to shift to-1 ward Asia and Africa.

It is significant that, although For an interesting, inexpens- PASSENGERS DIFFERENT that bility in Asia, and peace in the the Alaska Panhandle.

I understand that the newest NO HOPE OF REDUCING member of the Commonwealthbers of the Commonwealth, but the new nation of Ghana in Af- operated by several steamship Canada, Australia and New Zea- its own clearly intended recog- the coast and recently my wife The dep coastal channels are nition of China in the hope that and I took the 530 mile return singularly free of rocks and reefs. Masset. To his surprise the only In other words, he will have to Canada, Australia and New Zea- trip to Stewart on the SS. Cam-| The months of January and person on the wharf was the decide whether Canada is to land might act jointly and sim- osun. We left Kitimat Wednes- February are the dirty weather continue to follow the sadly out- ultaneously with it in a spec- day at 1:30 p.m. and returned months with gales, snow and lots of-date line insisted upon by the tacular demonstration of solid-Saturday at 8 a.m. During that of Sleet. Meghanical aids such as man raised his hand and said.

stand with the majority of the IN THEIR long years in opposi-Commonwealth nations, in fact. Hition, the Conservatives repeat-It is no secret that the late edly chided the Liberal govern-Liberal government would have ment for too often following are hungry enough and most of able to determine his distance | When we came to Port Simprecognized the government of Uncle Sam, rather than standing

ter St. Laurent's trip to India, This question of the recognipowerful interests and pressure test of Conservative principles. blocs. These included—apart Every Commonwealth considerafrom the U.S. State Department, tion now calls for recognition of the then official leadership of China by Canada. Only United the Conservative party of Can-| States policy—and sadly-mistaken policy at that—says no.



MUTED HORNS - What strange creature can this be, glaring defiantly at spectators at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago? It's simply a reedbuck, wearing rubber hose pieces over his horns for the protection of the female (and the keeper). The precautionary measure is taken every time the mating season of this |on the Skeena, canneries at and screen fame, with a party | African antelope rolls around.

TELEPHONE COMPANY SEEKS RATE ADJUSTMENT

MONTREAL (D.-.. Bell Tele-| shareholders had been taken up. | phone Company of Canada to- The offering consisted of 2,320,day announced it will soon apply 826 shares at \$34 a share. | justment" in Its rates.

to the board of transport com- | Net income for the first six | missioners for "an upward ad-months of 1957 was \$18,418,256, V | equivalent of \$1.18 a shara, com-/ Boll---which supplies tele- pured \$16,984,464 or \$1.24 a share

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NOTHING TO IT: Squadron Leader Peter Blake-Knox (extreme left) of Dublin, Ireland, Staff Officer Medical Services at Maritime Air Command Headquarter, demonstrates the self-administration of atropin, a protection from nerve gas

effects to three RCAF personnel attached to MACHQ who are taking a one week passive defence training in Atomic Biological and Chemical warfare at Ground Defence School, Anderson Square, Halifax, N.S. (RCAF Photo)

TIME and PLACE

By STAN ROUGH

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ABOUT THE CAMOSUN

name to be in the service of the Kitimaat Village in 1911. He re-Union Steamships since 1889, members George Robinson who was built in 1943 at the Smith's operated a store and traded in Drydock Company, Southbank, furs. Mr. Robinson, who were a Middleboro, England as a Cas- large black beard, was frequently tle Class Corvette for the Cana- a passenger and was a keen cribdian Navy. She was commission-bage player. Mr. Robinson (the ed as H.M.C.S. St. Thomas, May purser) is a wealth of informa-1944 (Lt, Comander L. P. Denny tion on the colourful personali- ditional trouble again developed R.C.N.R.) and served in the ties who used to travel up and North Atlantic, in company with down the coast, such as Canada H.M.C.S. Edmunston sank a U- Jim whose Vancouver hobby was Boat December 1944. In 1946 she turning in fire alarms and timwas converted for B.C. Coastal ing the arrival of the fire reels. Passenger Service at Burrard The next morning the judge al-| Shipyard, North Vancouver. She | ways knew what the charge was | has a gross tonnage of 1834, and after fining him suggested length 252 feet, breadth 3612 that he return to his logging feet, cargo capacity 180 tons, re- camp, Marshall Grey was usually frigeration 28 tons and a speed a quiet individual but when of 14% knots. She can carry 140 had a few drinks recited poetry | passengers and has a crew of 50" by the hour. Grey's Elegy being Navigacion aids include radar, his favourite. "Eight Day" Wilradio, telegraph, depth echo son, so named because he never sounder, Telemotor steering ap-| stayed on a job longer than paratus and Direction Finder, , eight days. During the first , CAPTAIN MENEILL

Her Captain is Angus McNeill who started in the coastal pas-[senger service in 1927. Captain] his time, he was promptly haul-| McNeill has seen many changes | ed to the guardhouse. on the coast. Due to the concen-| tration of cannery operations | story, John Barrymore of stage | Haysoptr, Arrondale, Mill Bay, of friends on his yacht Infanta, | Wales Island, Oceanic, Port Es-| came up to the Queen Charlottes | aington, Lowe Inlet, Claxton, on a fishing trip. They had a [Carlisic and Alert Bay are no wonderful time and were espe-

towns of Anyox, Alice Arm and Amos Brown. As they were leav- lation has improved with the Stewart are almost ghost towns ing Mr. Barrymore made ar- Federal Government providing that may come to life again. | rangements with Brown to meet better health education and will come slam bang up India, Pakistan and Ceylon have ive and restful trip you can't do There has been quite a change the following year. The next year are now more opportunities for sharp and even dangerous dif- better than to take a three-day in the type of passengers. In the Mr. Barrymore and his party young people to face the probferences between themselves, all cruise up the coast to the Queen old days there were few return lied up at Masset but there was lems and realities of today. wants to do anything practical are increasingly insistent that Charlotte Islands, Ketchikan, passages booked. The miners, no sign of Brown. As a matter of Mr. Cosnell would be an excelalong the line of consolidating the recognition of the real gov- Alaska, or to Stewart at the head connery workers and loggers fact there was no-one on the lent person to be on a panel disernment of China is the main of Portland Canal that snuggles booked one-way passages; today wharf except an old man lean- cussion to discuss the future of strength, he will have to begin foundation stone for future sta- in behind the southern end of tourists from the States and ing against a shed with his hat the native population on the Vancouver are round trippers pulled over his eyes. He went west coast. with a sprinkling of people go- over to the old man and asked, ing to Kitimat, Prince Rupert, "Where's Brown?" "Dead," re-A number of passenger ships, Stewart and Alice Arm.

time we stopped at a number radar help navigation but the "How." "Heart failure." replied of places including Prince Ru- old whistle method is also used the old man. pert, Stewart, Alice Arm, Kincol- as an additional safeguard. By ith and Port Simpson. You are blowing the whistle and listen- TOM GOSNELL OF three nights on board and if you ing to the echo the skipper is PORT SIMPSON the passengers are besides the from the shore. The only place son, the carliest Hudson's Bay nine regular meals, afternoon where ice is a problem is at post on the northewst coast, I and evening lunches are avail-| Stewart and Alice Arm located had the privilege of meeting Sam this north country can be count- ing the men who man the ships, Wh. Pierce who wrote "From

Florida. If you could stay boats on the coast, the big boats kitamaat and settled there. awake there were few dull mo- are never called upon for emer-

MEET THE PURSER

Amos Robinson first went into world war "Eight Day" joined up and one morning stepped, from the ranks and demanded)

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him at Masset on a certain day welfare services, and that there plied the old man. Along came World War I and it was five years before John Barrymore and his yacht again tied up at same old man. Barrymore went ashore and going over to the old

ed on one hand, it is therefore in the old days the crew stayed Potlatch to Pulpit," and Rev. pleasure to sit down to well on and made the sea their pro- George Edgar, two of the earlicooked and served meals that all fession, "now they come and go" est native missionaries on the the coastal cruise boats special- remarked Captain McNeill, with coast. He also knew Dr. G. H. ize in. We had many pleasant a wry smile. Sounds familiar. Raley who was the first ordainchats with the officers and were! With good hospitals at Stewart, ed missionary at Kitamaat Vilentertained with two full length Queen Charlotte City, Prince lage and George Robinson who movies complete with sports Rupert, Bella Bella, Alert Bay, was a lay preacher and teacher shorts, one on Ted Williams and Ocean Falls and Campbell River, who after teaching at Port another about bronco busting in plus planes and plenty of power simpson and Skidegate went to Port Simpson at one time had

a large native population. "Father" Wm. Duncan, the first missionary at Port Simpson, due to a difference of opinion with his Bishop, moved to Metlakatla and fifty percent of the Tsimshian population followed him. The colony prospered, having their own co-operative store, sawmill, fish cannery boat build mg works and weaving mill. Adbetween Father Duncan and the church authorities and after making arrangements with the American Government, the colony moved to New Metlakatla, Alaska, where the community કાંગ્રી flourishes.

Port Simpson now has a population of 850, two community halls, a United Church, a new five-room school, a twenty-five HARDWARE piece band, stores and a public 🛋 health nurse. Fishing is the

more and the booming mining cially pleased with their guide; that the lot of the native popu-



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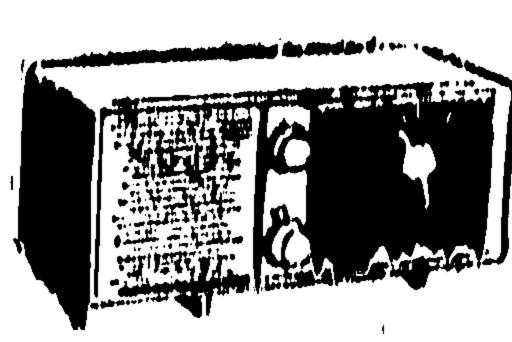


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