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Capital Punishment

USTICE Minister Fulton's brief reference to the extremely controversial subject of capital punishment in answer to a question in the House of Commons is of interest in the light of experience of other countries which have abandoned the doctrine of a life for a life. Mr. Fulton, replying to Mr. Harold Winch, said the Conservative government had no present intention of commuting existing death penalties pending study of the Senate-Commons joint report.

Barbaric as executions may appear to some, perhaps it is just as well for the federal government to leave this issue alone for the present. There is grave doubt as to whether society has yet progressed far enough to be able to afford to allow convicted murderers their lives. The practice of retribution carried to the ultimate finds fewer adherents nowadays, when the emphasis is less on punishment for revenge than as a means of correction and rehabilitation. The executed killer is placed beyond both.

Abolition of the death penalty, however, leaves the problem of protection of society unsolved. those countries where it has been tried the consequences give rise to serious misgivings as to the wisdom of removing what it widely believed to be the most potent deterrent against violence. In Great Britain where the death penalty was partially abolished two years ago there is growing agitation for its restoration because of an alarming wave of violent crime. The same thing is happening in West Gerinany, where the death penalty was done away with after the last war in revulsion against Nazi terror-

It appears that what has aroused deepest concern is not so much the incidence of premeditated murder as of gangsterism and robberies in which criminals shoot policemen and others to death while making their escape. Proponents of a return to capital punishment in West Germany as in Britain maintain that violence and indiscriminate killings are on the increase because criminals are reassured by the knowledge that they cannot be deprived of what they value most, their lives.

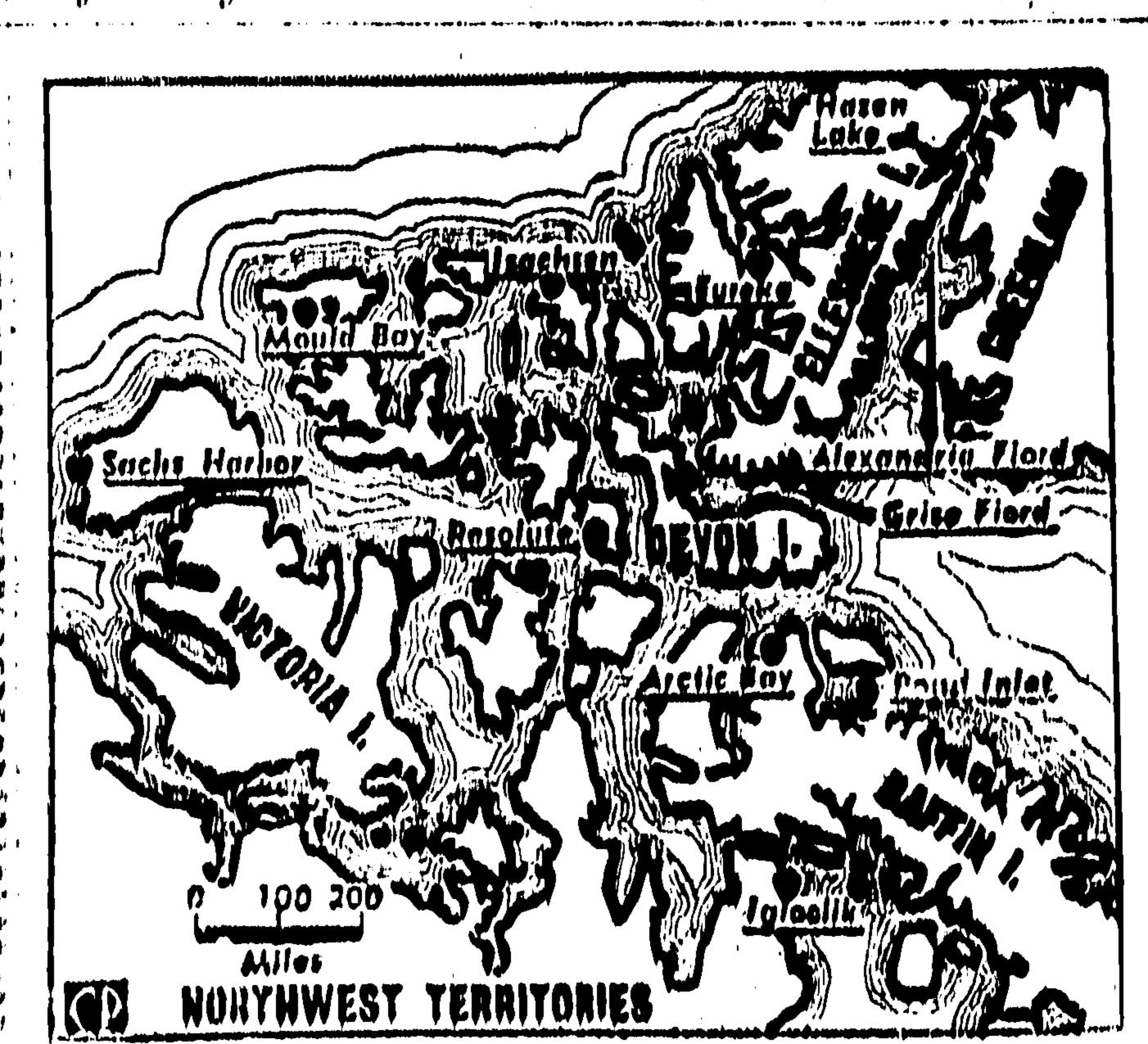
This is an aspect of the capital punishment issue Which predominates in the minds of those who are more concerned over crime in general and the wel-Fare of the innocent than over the preservation of a killer's life. It would seem to be the lesser evil to retain the death penalty until a substitute can be found of equal value as a deterrent. —Victoria Colonist.

Simple English This?

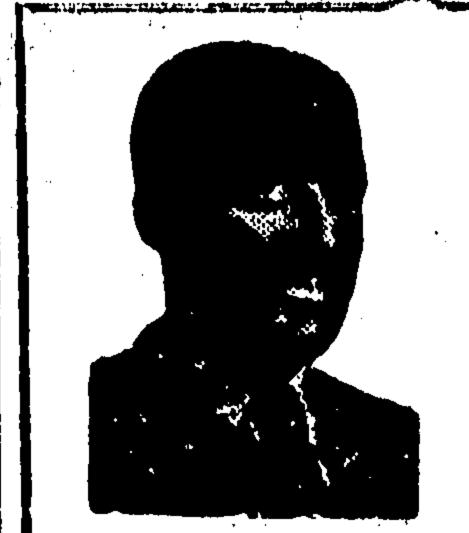
ORONTO'S civic property committee struck a blow for correct English the other day when it rebuked property-department officials for reporting That citizens "flout, flaunt and circumvent" the zon-

Of the three words, only "circumvent" could have any proper application in this case. One of its Elictionary meanings is "to get the better of by craft yor fraud," and there are undoubtedly individuals who Mo just that with the zoning rules. "Flout" on the in ther hand means "to mock, jeer, insult, express con-Lempt for"; while to flaunt something is "to parade for show it off." Irritated property-owners may on Loccasion insult and show contempt for this particular bylaw, and some might conceivably parade or show Joff a copy of it; but neither proceeding is illegal. The misuse of "flaunt," incidentally, is one of the commonest of recently-developed errors in English.

What the officials in question presumably meant Yeas that individuals were breaking the bylaw. Why Shot just say that? -Toronto Globe and Mail.



" REAF AMERICAPT FROM NAMAO, near Edmonton, made anmual Chrishmas supply drop of gifts and supplies to lonely Arctic outposts. Working out of Resolute, on Cornwalls Island 1,000 miles northeast of Edmonton, the barrel-chested C-110 Plying Mozear schoduled drops to numerous stations. mostly manned by about eight federal transport department employees and United States weather station men.



• Tariff Threat to Trail

OTTAWA-Good relations between Canada and the United States are now threatened more seriously than they have been for a good many years.

If the U.S. lead and zinc lobby a loss would surely cause a tidal done had they so chosen. wave of demands in our parliament for rataliatory action.

and allies would find themselves and the consequent counter-ac- mines produce, but theirs do not. tion by Canada, by both the King and Bennett governments.

powers are no longer stockpiling | ient in these metals, and by no metals for war purposes.

With the cessation of such self-sufficient. other suppliers of U.S. base mate rights of his fellow workers action. metal needs, who are located in the mining industry. outside that country.

fair and courteous enough to er bothered about protocal or prospect. allow our Canadian Metal Min- red tape. competition, as between mines lead and zinc. per hour. Average in U.S.A. is ernment that all Canada would only \$2.30 per hour.

exploited the situation arising just and unfriendly act which from the Korean war, and the would certainly cause a strong

wins its argument before the direct exhortations from the U.S. Tariff Commission, and if Presi-president, Canada did greatly dent Eisenhower acquiesces in expand lead and zinc producthe requested boosts, one third tion. But our mines studiously of the workers in Trail, B.C., will refrained from trying to grab likely lose their jobs. But the the U.S. share of the total markcircumstances surrounding such et-as they could easily have

Our lead exports to the U.S. were 90,298 short tons in 1953, The two next-door neighbors but were only 45,799 tons in 1956. Zinc shipments were 276,697 right back to the bad old days tons in 1953 and were 289,219 which followed the stock market tons last year. But this is beley tariff boosts by the U.S.A. certain concentrates which our

smellers workers in Canada THE basic cause of the demand whose jobs directly depend on

possible means can she become

stockpiling, world prices have A raise in the lead and zinc fallen. A good many U.S. "mar- tariffs against Canada would be

than admit the fact that they self sponsored. are uneconomic producers, they Mr. James Byrne, MP for as 1957 drew to a close. the mines and miners in Trail, has acted in parliament as the of a national emergency shaping Canadian labor movement. The off the strike. B.C., Flin Flon, Manitoba, and vigilant guardian of the legiti- up and calling for government congress was formed from a

powerful backing of the re- and without Parliament—but By December, virtually all pro- dent Jodoin. The operation is Try Daily News Classified THE U.S. Tariff Commission was doubtable C. D. Howe, who nev- no crash program appeared in vincial federations and local la-

ing Association to appear before | C. D. was not above phoning MID-NOVEMBER FIGURE it, and present a masterly brief the key people in Washington. The bureau of statistics esti against the proposed increase. It and telling them in a few pun-mated that 292,000 Canadians did so in November. The brief gent words what would happen were unemployed at Nov. 16, showed that there is no unfair to them if they penalized our more than double the number

Nor have the Canadian mines tariff on lead and zinc as an unlater stockpiling. In response to kick-back from this country.

Al Aboard By G.E. Morlimore while employment caught up, the new government late in the

Canada? It is true that you can bringing in some wolves and buy sprigs of the stuff wrapped lions to make life more colorful weather employment, it ordered in plastic from flower stores. But in a sheep and cattle country. there is little of it around.

unless a white-berried spray of ards and to forest trees. The 000. It also was pushing a vigor-

By old tradition, any girl wno

America. However—a botanist grow in B.C. anyway. tells me-we do have a couple of its poor relations. On the Pacific ern England and the ericanum or "small" "mistletoe," Europe and Asia as far as Japan. an inconspicuous; plant with But there is none in Scotland. So small greenish berries.

If you kissed a girl under a strange Scottish lass under the Iceble weed-like that; she might mistletce bough, hold back and kiss you back with her little count 10 first. She may not be used to these foreign customs.

clenched fist to the jaw. "Small mistletoe," like its big | brother in Europe, is a parasitic | plant which clings to trees and draws nourishment from them. In Britain, mistletoe grows on oak trees, apple trees, and other frees that shed their leaves in

the autumn. Mistletoe growing on oak trees | was sacred to the ancient Britons. Their priests, the Druids, cut it ceremoniously with golden; knives, used it in rites of worhip, then cut sprigs of the plant and hung it over doorways) to shelter and honor sylvan gods

in the cold season. Because of its pagan associations, mistletoe is not supposed to be used to decorate a church.

The small mistletee is parasitic only on conifers, particularly on ingmlock and jack pine. It is a harmful parasite, and it wenkons he trees. It causes the swol-1 len, puffy, tangled condition known as "witche's broom."

Another variety of mistlatous larger than the west coast one. but still inferior to European | mistletoe, is called phoradendron flavescens or "false Mistletoe." 'It grows in Eastern Canada. This kind gets a grip on deciduous

Why doesn't someone bring the dear old European mistletce to Canada and start a mistleton

To a botanist, this makes about

FILMS HISLIPSED EMETER, England & -- For | month Loster B. Pearson, forthe first time in four years the mer minister of external af-68-yeur-old Thoatro Royal in fairs, and Paul Martin, formthis Davon city made a profit. or health minister, also have The theatre, which showed films | announced they are willing to for part of the season, made stand as candidates for the £1,410. ·

British mistletoe, for erly decorated for Christmas nuisance. It is harmful to orch-ling to release another \$150,000,mistretoe hangs from the ceil- problem is to get rid of the ous program to persuade Cana-

There have been rumors steps under the mistletoe can be misguided souls trying to estab- be left off until spring. llish European mistletoe on thei European mistletoe, which has west coast. A plague on them. the Latin name of viscum al- But my botanist friend tells me bum, does not grow in North hat the stuff probably won't

Mistletoe is common in southmidlands, and is scattered across lir you are planning to kiss



Lloyd Henderson of Portage La Prairle, Man., bas announced he intends to be a candidate for leadership of the Liberal party. A convention to choose a successor to Opposition Leader St. Laurent will be held in Ottown next

(Cr Photo)

leadership.



STORM CLOUDS.—A storm builds up over the Strait of Juan de Fuca near Victoria. The dark clouds and rough chops are typical of the sulden squalls that often blow up over the strait.

crash of 1929, the Smoot-Haw- cause U.S. smelters must have POST-WAR PEAK PREDICTED

Government Measures Not Sufficient for the boosts in the U.S. lead lead and zinc production. Inc., said volunteers "will necested and zinc production. The U.S.A. is not self-sufficence because so-called normal people in these metals and by no

By JOHN LEBLANC

OTTAWA (P) Mounting un trial Relations and Disputes In- Largest and most acrmionious costs of production. Rather which the U.S. government it and early spring, constituted the 000 workers.

In the old days he had the some measures in hand—within gress of Labor.

of unemployed at the same time on different sides of the border. The present government has a last year. The figure represented on the other hand it took in Average pay for Canadian min- responsibility equally forcefully a rise of 84,000 in a month. CLC the brotherhood of railroad ers and smelter workers is \$2.45 to make known to the U.S. gov- Fresident Claude Jodoin, was predicting the number would rise regard the proposed boost in the to a post-war peak of 500,000 However, 1957 employment also was at an all-time high, though LIAISON SOUGHT an upsurge in the labor force had outstripped the rise in jobs.

To hold down the labor force while employment caught up. CLC and the 100,000-member year clamped down on the flow of immigrants, which had been Why is mistletoe so scarce in the same amount of sense as heavy in the early part of 1957. In an effort to stimulate cold-

an extra \$150,000,000 in govern-In England, no home is prop-cheerful associations, is a deadly home-building, and was proposdians to get work done during the winter which normally might

> As stop gaps, too, unemployment insurance provisions were. being broadened and restrictions on federal unemployment assistance to provinces were being relaxed with removal "thresh-old" provision limiting the point at which federal contributions might start.

IMPORTANT SURVEY Of over-all interest to labor, was a survey being undertaken

view to overhaul of the Indus- prospect of an early hookup.

The federal government had Congress and the Canadian Con-

bor councils of the one-time rival groups had been merged. The congress was working, too, to hold down inter-union membership raiding, and during the year it suspended the International Union of Operating Er.-

trainmen, to give it most of the Canadian membership of traditionally-independent railroad running trade unions. Meanwhile, negotiations continued through the year aimed

at an association between the Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor in Quebec. By mid-December, no satisfactory basis for a liaison had been

NOT NECESSARY?

LONDON (... The Practitioner, a medical magazine, says that for the ordinary towndweller there is no medical justification for the daily bath.

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by the labor department with a reached, and there appeared no

ginal producers" have found a grave violation of the spirit, if employment, with the possibil- vestigation Act—the labor code is Quebec, where about themselves caught in the squeeze not the letter of the General ity of record post-war jobless —which governs employer-em- members of the United Steel between lower prices and high Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, figures in the coming late winter ployee relations for about 450,- Workers of America CLC struck for more than five months main concern of Canadian labor. During the year, the big cen-against Gaspe Copper Mines tral labor congress—formed in Limited in a dispute marked by are trying now to solve their Kootenay East, is himself a The 1,000,000-member Cana-1956—consolidated its position violence and tangled court batown problems at the expense of hardrock miner. For years he dian Labor Congress was talking steadily as the main force of the tles. The union eventually called

> merger of the Trades and Labor had refused to intervene despite new but not unique problems." a personal plea from CLC Presiunder provincial jurisdiction.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Semi-screwballs might make the best crew for space ships, a sciëntist said today.

Or perhaps Eskimos, or calm Buddist monks.

The reason is that spacemen will face tough psychological ordeals on long trips, and will need training or a particular state of mind to do it, said Donald M. Michael of Stamford, Cohn.

delightful easy adventure, he told the American Association for the Advance of Science. It could mean living for months in cramped quarters . . . so cramped that in human rela-

Space exploring won't be all a

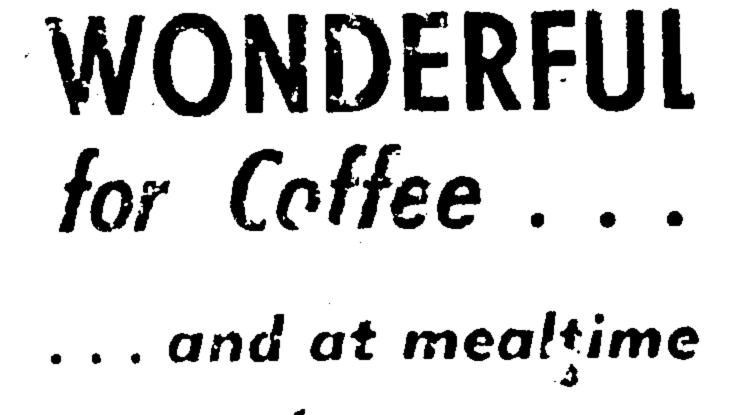
tions a close buddy becomes insufferable...long boredom... danger of meteors puncturing the ship . . . few if any games little stimulation of the ordinary

Michael, senior research associate of Dunlap and Associates, wouldn't take such risks.

might meet one condition—they don't depend upon others for 1.000 psychological support. But they might not feel enough social obligation to do their jobs.

Eskimos or Buddhist monks might make a good crew, since i they aren't so concerned with time and are more sedentary, Michael said.

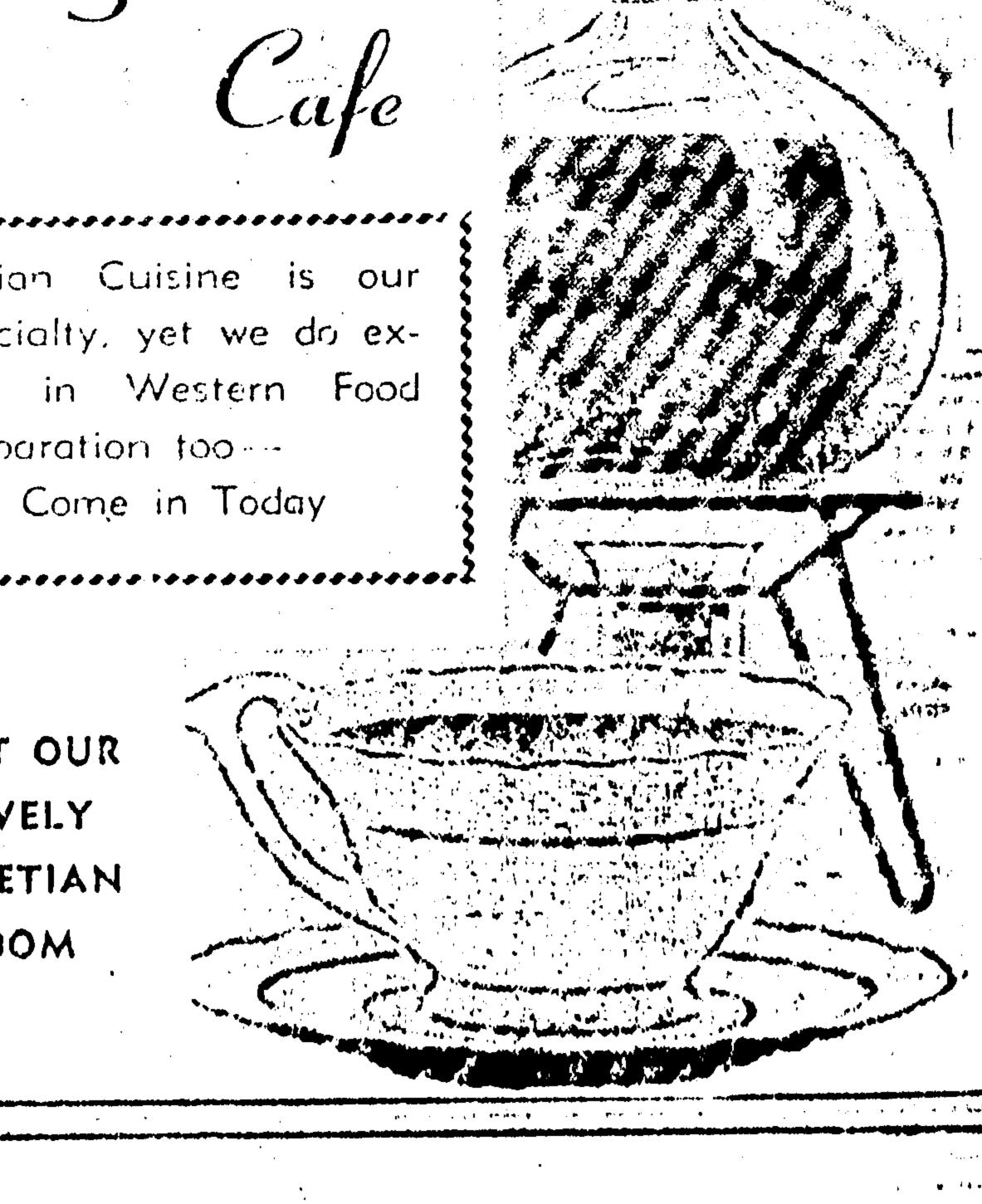
Some psychological problems might be solved by mixing the Prime Minister Diesenbaker sexes, but this "might also add



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