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Public should help protect new park

THE Prince Rupert public should be both indebted and grateful to the Columbia Cellulose Company Limited for providing a picnic site at Kloiya Lake. With the provincial government making no effort towards large-scale development of Salt Lakes Park and only one Forestry picnic site between this city and Terrace the new park will be a welcome haven for families on warm weekends.

While longtime residents, who know the country well have favorite spots picked out from previous experience, the newcomer to this part of the country finds picknicking quite a problem. The main difficulty is to find a pleasant spot to have an outing with one's family where there is room for the children to play and where it is safe. It stands to reason that parents cannot take small children off into the more inaccessible spots which they themselves could reach. Therefore a handy, easy-to-reach area is essential.

For that reason and with picnic spots at a premium without many hours of driving, the responsible residents of this city should assist Columbia Cellulose Company in seeing that the new picnic site at Kloiya Lake is kept in top-notch condition. That not only means keeping it tidy when they

themselves are using it but making sure that no one else in their presence destroys or willfully damages the property so carefully prepared for the public by the pulp company.

As pointed out by a company official the park should not be allowed to become a night-time hang out for delinquents, adult or juvenile. Without too much effort company officials, workers and members of the public could police the site occasionally and without any qualm of conscience report to the RCMP any misdemeanor or persons engaged in vandalism. Reporting a crime is not being an informant. It is a public duty, from which many otherwise responsible persons shrink because of the trouble it might involve. But the same people often wish someone had witnessed and reported damage being inflicted to their property when they find their car, their garden or their home vandalized without their knowledge.

As a token repayment for the Columbia Cellulose Company's generosity, the least the public can do to help keep the new picnic site in its original conditions, is to treat it properly themselves and make sure that others do the same.

Must guard freedoms jealously

T'S a free country!" we are apt to say—or hear said—on occasion, without usually, giving much thought to the profundity of this particular observation.

Free it certainly is. We have our problems, but (though there is ever need for vigilance) we can rejoice that Canadians have as much individual freedom as any people in the world today; and a good deal more than most.

We are free, among other things, to worship and vote as we please; to express our own opinions, however eccentric, and to read and/or hear those of others; to move from one place to another without hindrance; to change our jobs at will; to go into business for ourselves; to leave the country and return to its as and how we choose. And, let it never be forgotten, we are free from wrongful arrest or detention without charge or trial.

These are the basic freedoms, and there are millions of men and women who do not have them even in this twentieth century. They were won for us by other men in other centuries and at great personal sacrifice.

Nothing is asked of us, save that we prize them and guard them jealously, for they can be lost more easily than they were gained.

The Red Ensign is our official flag

MR. JUSTICE MANSON is absolutely right in pointing out to city council that the Canadian Red Ensign and not the Union Jack should be flying over our city hall.

The Red Ensign with the arms of Canada in the fly has a double sanction as the present official flag of Canada. It has long since been designated so, on a temporary basis, by order-in-council. And it is recognized by the world.

It flies at the United Nations and at every other international affair at which Canada is represented. It is atop the Peace Tower in Ottawa and over the door of every Canadian embassy and consulate abroad. It is painted on the tail fins of RCAF aircraft in service with NATO.

Until a permanent Canadian flag comes along—if ever—the Red Ensign should also be flying over city hall.

-The Vancouver Province.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Spectre of inflation haunts treasury

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA ()—The spectre in inflation still haunts the federal treasury. It could bring a change in pace in government spending on a huge public works program.

So far, the administration is bearing down hard on the recession, moving to create more jobs through vast new projects but federal financial advisors are privately wondering whether the accent shouldn't be on inflation rather than on recession.

They look back to the inflationary spiral of 1956 and wonder if that wasn't caused by the "easy money" era of 1955 that followed the recession of 1953-54. Again they wonder if a new period of "easy money" and easy credit will send prices upwards and force consumers into deeper debt.

Some of these advisors have suggested the government take a cautionary approach in its spending program. An indication of this frame of mind came in the throne speech when the government seemed to agree that inflation was indeed a threat.

The throne speech, outlining government legislation for the new session of Parliament, touched on the need of largo-scale federal financing to cover the cost of projects that would include a 400-mile northern rail branch, aid

for construction of the South Saskatchewan irrigation and power project, expansion of harbors and airports and countless other

And it called on all Canadian groups to recognize the dangers and inequities of inflation "and the need to restrain demands which will give rise to increases in prices and the costs of production."

Prime Minister Diesenbaker spoke in similar vein before the Canadian Labor Congress at Winnipeg April 24 when he appealed to consumers to start an "aggressive buying drive" to stimulate the economy.

Industries have been living on light inventories. They have been cautious about heavy stockpiling because of business uncertainty. But there is some suggestion in federal quarters that the production slack may be taken up in the fall. Business may again start building up big inventories as a guard against price ad-

This may generate increased demand for credit to finance larger inventories. Perhans that is why some elements of a "tight-money" policy still remain. Interest rates on shortterm loans have been sharply reduced. But rates on long-term loans still re main high.



". . . Well WHAT kind of volunteers DID you want? . . . "

LETTERBOX

SCHOOL BOARD FAIR The Editor.

The Daily News: In view of the Prince Rupert Ministerial association's recent protest to the District 52 school board over the use of the Booth Memorial High school auditorium by Jehovah's Witnesses, it would appear proper to publicize certain facts. Especially so as I believe these facts will show that the school board has been very fair to all concerned.

Appreciating the school board's concern in caring for these very fine auditoriums, when we made application for use of the auditorium last fall we furnished the board with a number of letters from other school boards in the province, whose auditoriums we have used for our assemblies on a number of occasions.

These letters clearly stated that we had at all times taken good care of facilities. Nevertheless at that time the board went on record as recommending we try for other halls. This we did and received word that the other suitable auditoriums were unavailable. As a conse-

quence we again made application for the school facilities. On the basis of this application, and recognizing that our work is classified as educational, we were informed that we could use the school facilities but it would be necessary that we pay a rental of \$300 and further that we must take out insurance, which cost \$50, to protect the board from any claims which might arise from our occupancy. This we did and we also provided our own cafeteria equipment, staffed the cafeteria and looked after all cleaning.

I cannot help but think that many intelligent persons when reading the, at least implied charge of sedition, made against Jehovah's Witnesses by the Ministerial Association will be tempted to compare this charge with one made some 1900 years ago at which time certain religious leaders said: "We have no king but

Jehovah's Witnesses continue to: 'give Caesar's things to Caesar,' but they will also strive to give: 'God's

dian audiences cold. They

couldn't know it but the Can-

adians were getting as big a

kick out of their act as the

U.S. audiences. They just

But it is true that present

day media have been using up

comedy faster than it can be

produced. We're sophisticated

But when anything really

fresh and funny does turn up

we enjoy it as much as ever

even if with more outward re-

LETTERBOX

LINE LEFT OUT

Re letter headed "Sewer

You will notice there is a

slight typographical omission

after the 8th line in the sec-

ond paragraph. The latter part

of that paragraph should read.

mind you I do not know, that

you do not own A HOUSE OR

PROPERTY in Prince Rupert."

omitted from the published

Next election

From The Economist

will not be about socialism

The next British election

The words in capitals were

PENSIONER,

Prince Rupert.

"By your comments, I think,

Rental" in Tuesday's News.

and we're a tough audience.

didn't show it.

The Editor,

The Daily News;

Laughter comes harder now

From The Calgary Herald complained they found Cana-

According to opinions expressed recently at a conference of comic writers in New York people aren't laughing much any more because they are no longer living in a very funny world. Intercontinental missiles, nuclear bombs, sputniks and other contemporary threats to security and wellbeing dominate the scene today and have killed laughter, it was claimed.

Well we must agree that the times are serious enough. But we think there are other reasons, perhaps even more important ones, which account for a decline in laughter.

Aren't we more sophisticated today than people ever were in former times? We have been exposed to so many professional comedians by way of radio, television, motion picture and stage that maybe humor has simply worked itself out of business.

After all there is a limit to the number of times you can laugh at the same joke. And, unfortunately, there is a limit to the number of jokes although, fortunately, the same joke can be turned out in a great many variations.

The laughingest people in

the world are usually on the primitive side. Good humor is a characteristic of the Bskimos, for example, and natives of the South Seas, where life is simple and uncomplicated. A couple of generations ago life was simple in our own land and people laughed freely. It was not uncommon to see people slap their knees and shake with almost uncontrollable laughter. But that is not to say life didn't have its grim side then or that it hasn't its grim side in aboriginal communities. Hunger, poverty, ac-, eldent, disease, pestilence and disaster have always been

The higher up you go in the scale of civilization, the more refinement in personal habits you get. Propor ladies and gentlemen school themselves to the polite smile. They may be enjoying thomsolves immensely. But they do it with

And so we shouldn't be too quick to donfuse laughter with! amusoment, Comedians used to responsive laughter from audiences in the U.S. have

things to God.' He comes frist. To G. V. Waterman — Yes please, let's be honest. Of course there are many fine, lovely people in this world and as for this earth which will continue to be their beautiful everlasting home, it too is wonderful evidence of our 'Father's' goodness; but as for this world with its strife, cruelty, selfishness and unhappiness, I cannot agree that it is beautiful. I sincerely believe Jesus's counsel to us is good counsel as found at Matthew 12:50 and John 15:17 and if you wish 1 John 2:15:

I still count myself highly favored to bear the name of Him that Jesus called "Our Father," and to be His, Je-

ARTHUR MELIN, Prince Rupert.

Skeena MP queries limits

From Hansard (May 15, 1958)

Inquiry as to Extension of Offshore Limits On the orders of the day: Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to direct to the Minister of Fisheries, T hope notice of it reached him in sufficient time. Does the government intend to make a unilateral decision with respect to extending the present 3 mile offshore limit to 12 miles?

ister of Fisheries):

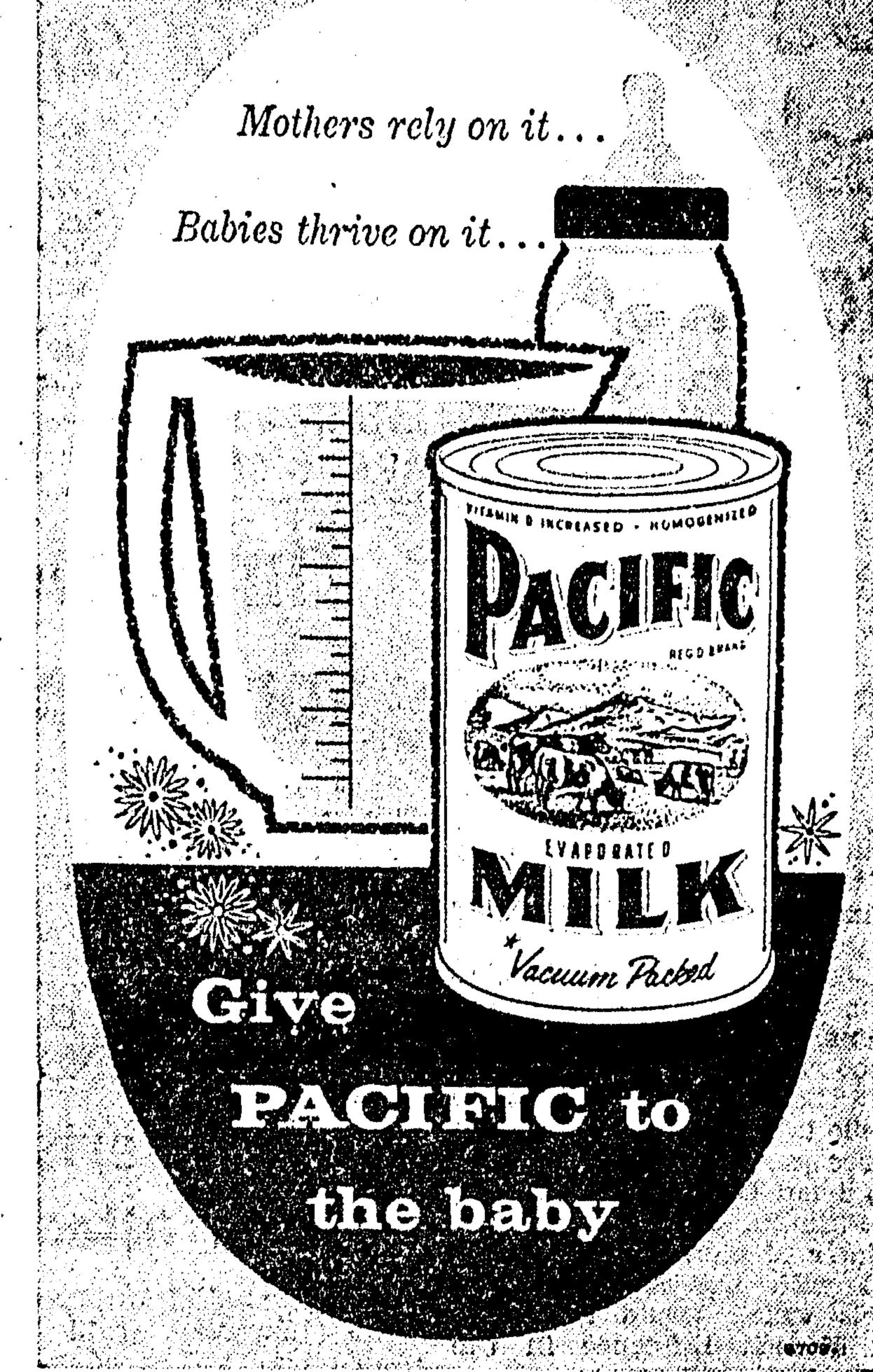
Mr. Speaker, first I want to thank the hon, member for having given me notice of his intention to ask this question. It is one which perhaps should be more properly addressed to my colleague the Secretary of State for External Affairs, but I think I can say that at pre-

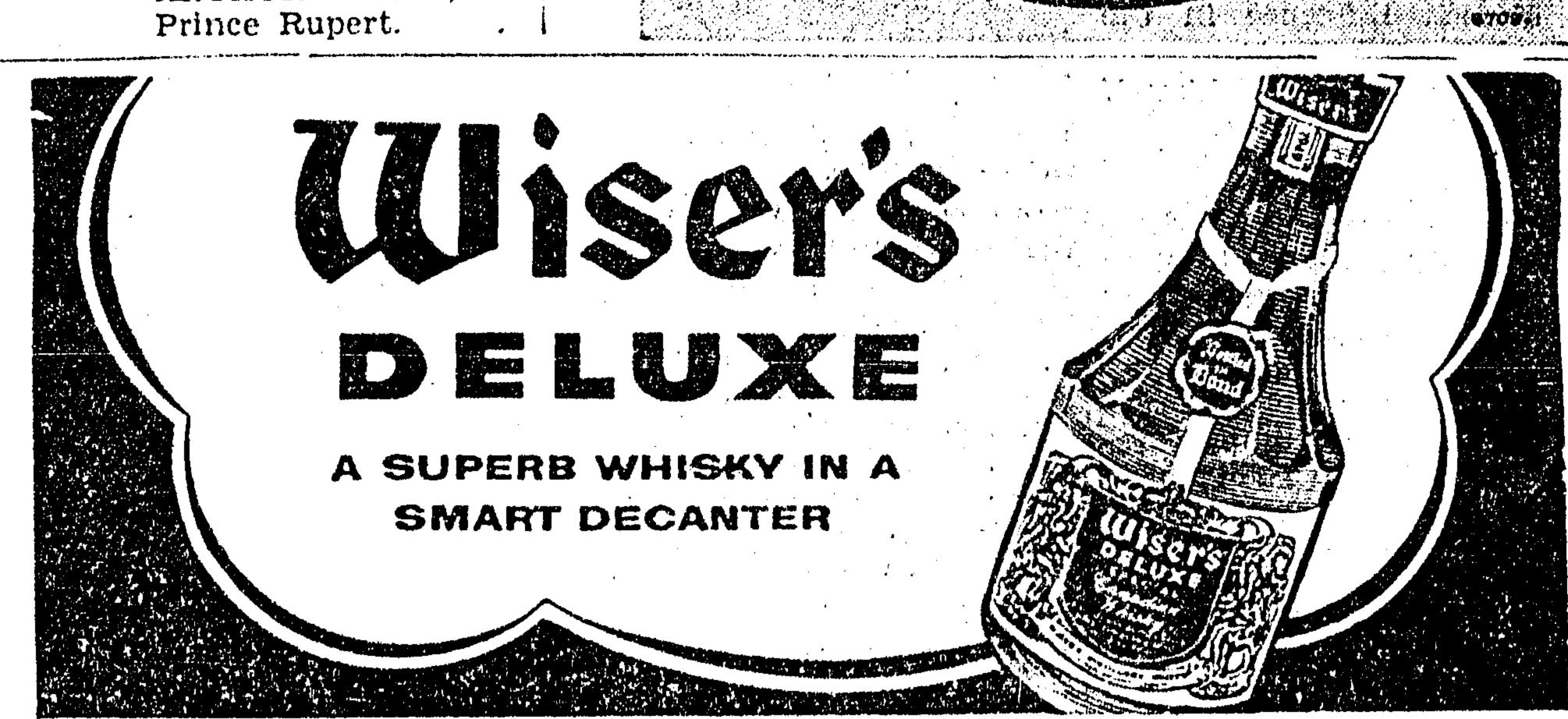
sent the government has no intention of making such a declaration. I might observe that it is hoped further international discussions may be held on this matter, in the future toward the end of achieving agreement on the problem.

Mr. Howard: Does the minister have any knowledge of any definite plans for additional discussions or is he merely expres-Hon. J. A. MacLean (Min- sing the hope that they will be held and we will enter into

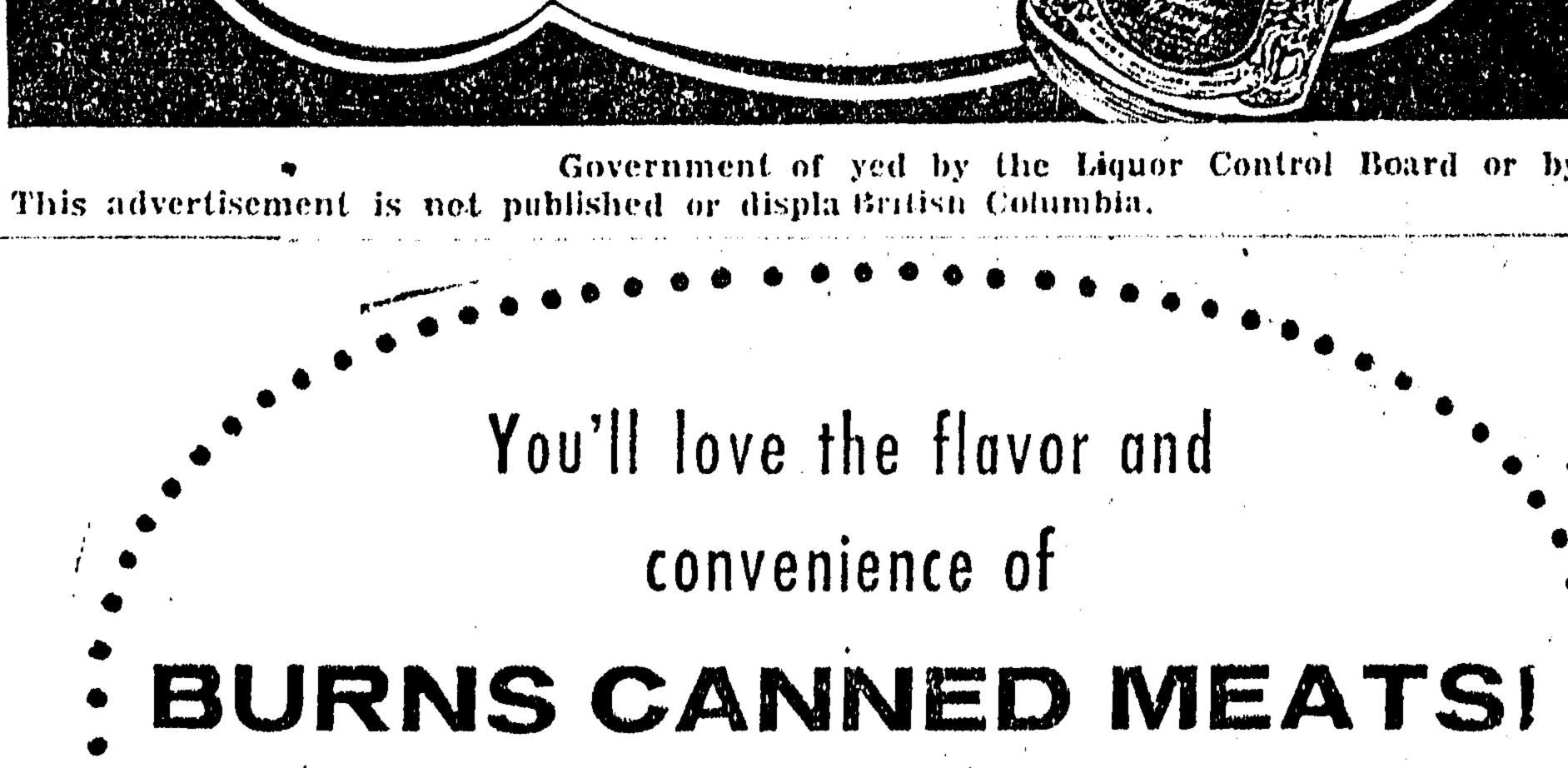
Mr. MacLean (Queens):

Mr. Speaker, the whole problem is still under active international consideration. There are a number of complicating factors that I would not like to comment on at the





Government of yed by the Liquor Control Board or by the





Chance remark

but about capitalism -- or, more precisely, about the pre-

sont state and future expectations of its British version. This will remain the crux even if Labor, with its split mind, does win next time. The only way to enlarge this nation's wealth and the freedom of choice of its people, the only way to underpin its soourlty and a rising standard of life, is continuously to enlarge illy capital. The focus, now more than ever, has to be in investment. The key question now in politics is: How?

A chance remark is anything a man manages to say when two women are talking.