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## Federal Aid on the Road

Ottawa will help British Columbia to get around the fence built 50 years ago by the Alaska boundary settlement in which Canada played no decisive part.

That is apparently the meaning behind Fisheries Minister James Sinclair's announcement that the Federal Government will share the cost of the Stewart-Cassiar Road. The minister says Ottawa will pay half the costs up to \$12,000,000 for new construction.

There is little hope, he explains, of getting corridors through the Alaska Panhandle in the near future. Hence it becomes a matter of national interest to provide some means of access to northern British Columbia and the Yukon.

Having committed itself, the Canadian Government will doubtless insist that construction of the road be better managed than it has been so far. The project must be lifted from the morass in which it was left by the inept direction of the Provincial Government and freed of waste and inefficiency.

It is up to the Federal Government to see that the road is built properly, that expenditures on it are not parcelled out to friends of people in important positions merely because they are friends, and that the route avoids the physical and political potholes on which public funds have been wasted between Stewart and Cassiar.

No work was done on the road last summer. Operations have been suspended since the Wade and Wells contract expired and was not renewed. At present the project lies within Department of Highways jurisdiction, turned over to it by the Department of Mines after the fiasco revealed in the 1956 legislative committee inquiry.

—Victoria Times.

## Slovenly Speech

WHY is it that schools pay little or no attention to speech? We are not talking about grammar or diction. We are talking about the mechanics of speech, the articulation and enunciation of words, the things that make the difference between a pleasant sounding voice and an unpleasant sounding voice, between clear, audible speech and slovenly, slurring, careless speech.

There is nothing snobbish in being particular about the way a carpenter uses a saw or a logger uses an axe. The only difference is that the saw and the axe are particular tools of specific trades, whereas speech is a basic tool which everyone must use.

—Ladysmith Chronicle.

## Do Your Part To Prevent Mishap Every 48 Seconds

Every 48 seconds an automobile accident occurs on Canada's streets and highways. Someone is injured every eight minutes. The annual toll in lives lost and property damaged each year reaches a higher level.

Many automobile accidents occur at night and the All Canada Insured Federation recommends these rules for night driving.

• Do not drive when overtired. Stop for coffee or a short nap.

• Do not rely on "wake up" pills. Their effects are sometimes unsafe.

• In general, drive slower than you would during the day, when visibility is good.

• Keep a special watch for pedestrians in dark clothing. Always dim your lights when following another car or approaching other cars.

• Keep well to your own side of the road. Approaching drivers use their lights to help ascertain their own position. Pull off the highway if you must stop for repairs or other reasons.

• Always carry a flashlight or flares for use in emergencies.

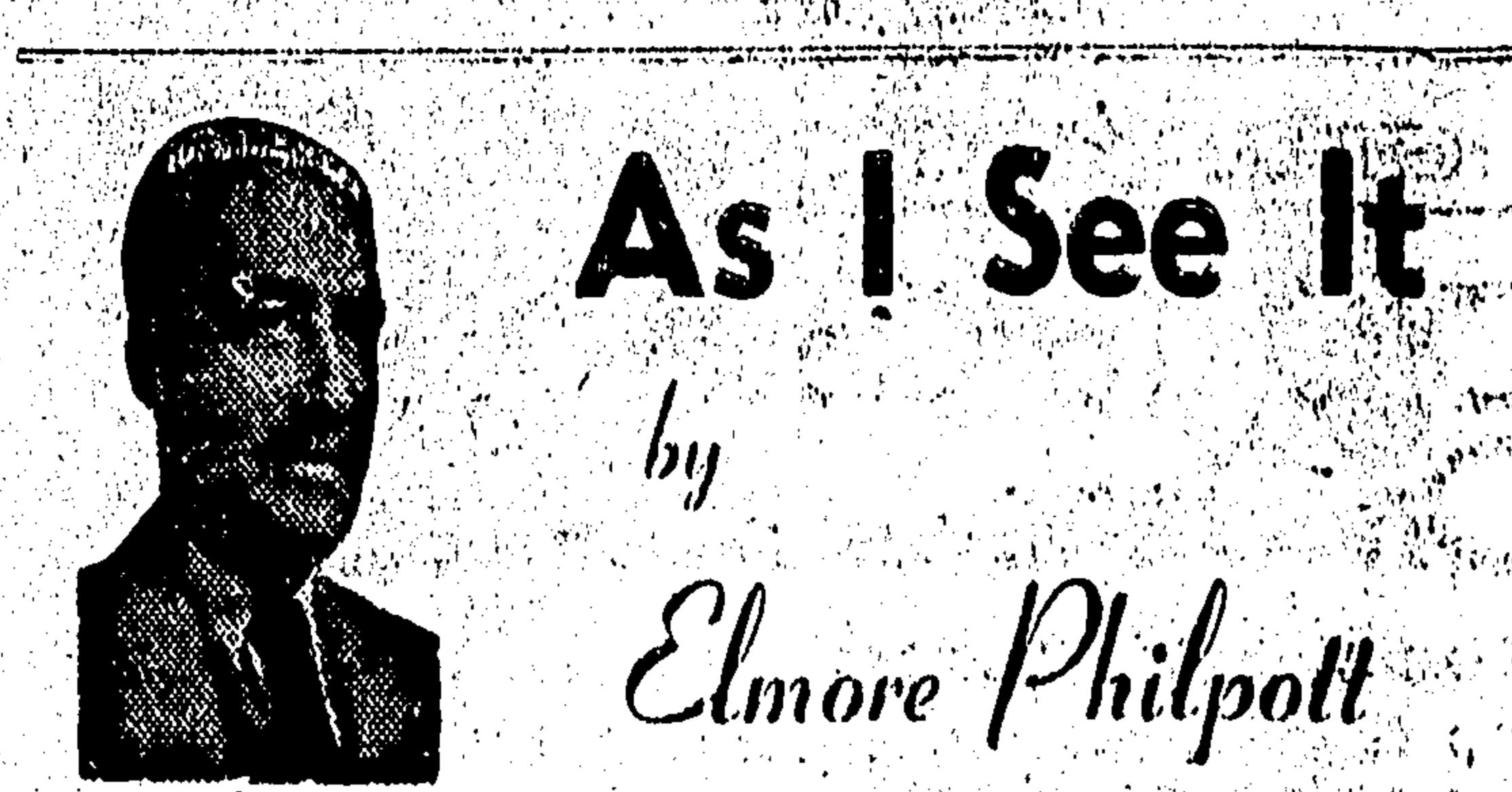
• Pump your brakes several times to give a good warning when you are about to stop.

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## As I See It

by

Elmore Philpott

### To Save Israel

READERS of this column are well aware that I have always tried to do my bit to support Israel as a national home for the Jewish people.

I have not always agreed with some means which Zionists favoured to further the objective of their restored Promised Land. But I have never wavered in my hope and faith in the final fulfilment of the age-old dream of the Holy Land once again flowing with milk and honey, and with every man sitting under his own vine and fig tree with none to make him afraid.

In the years before the final proclamation of the resurrected nation of Israel I tried my best to advise my Zionist friends that it would be better for them in the long run to "make haste slowly" and to build up their new state on a basis of acknowledging partnership with the Arabs who had been living there for as long as the English had been living in England.

There were few outstanding Jewish leaders in Palestine—notably Dr. Magnes the noble head of Jerusalem university—who were then advocating such a course. But the grim facts of history were such that these voices were drowned out by actual events.

Of course the Israeli army did what every well-informed military authority knew it was capable of doing, especially in a surprise attack. But it's a poor trick which won't work both ways. From a long-range point of view, Israel is a hundred times more vulnerable to a surprise attack by her Arab neighbours than they are.

It is no secret, in military circles, that the world is rushing out of the era of the piloted airplane, and into that of guided missiles. There is no country in the world more vulnerable to future attack, in the rocket age, than Israel.

In a later article I will try to show how this state of affairs is not only a danger to Israel, but to all of us; but that there is something we can do about it, to help save Israel and keep world peace.

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UNFORTUNATELY for Israel, there were long range costs to the short range victory. The most serious cost was the bitter hatred of Israel, not only by all the neighboring governments but by the million-or-so Arabs who had either been chased out of Palestine altogether, or who were living in relief camps near Gaza, or under the rule of the Israeli military government around Nazareth.

I shall never forget the shock that I got in 1951 when visiting Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, to learn that almost all the Arabs there then voted Communist, because the Communists were the strongest anti-Zionists. And among the Arabs who were then voting Communist in Nazareth were Christians (believe it or not, Baptists).

That was six years ago, and I understand there has been a great improvement since that time in domestic relationships in Israel.

But let us never forget this elementary fact about the re-born state of Israel: In the first ten years of internationally recognized sovereignty, about one million Jewish immigrants were brought into the little country. But the net increase in the population was nil. The number of Jewish immigrants coming in just about balanced the number of Arabs going out.

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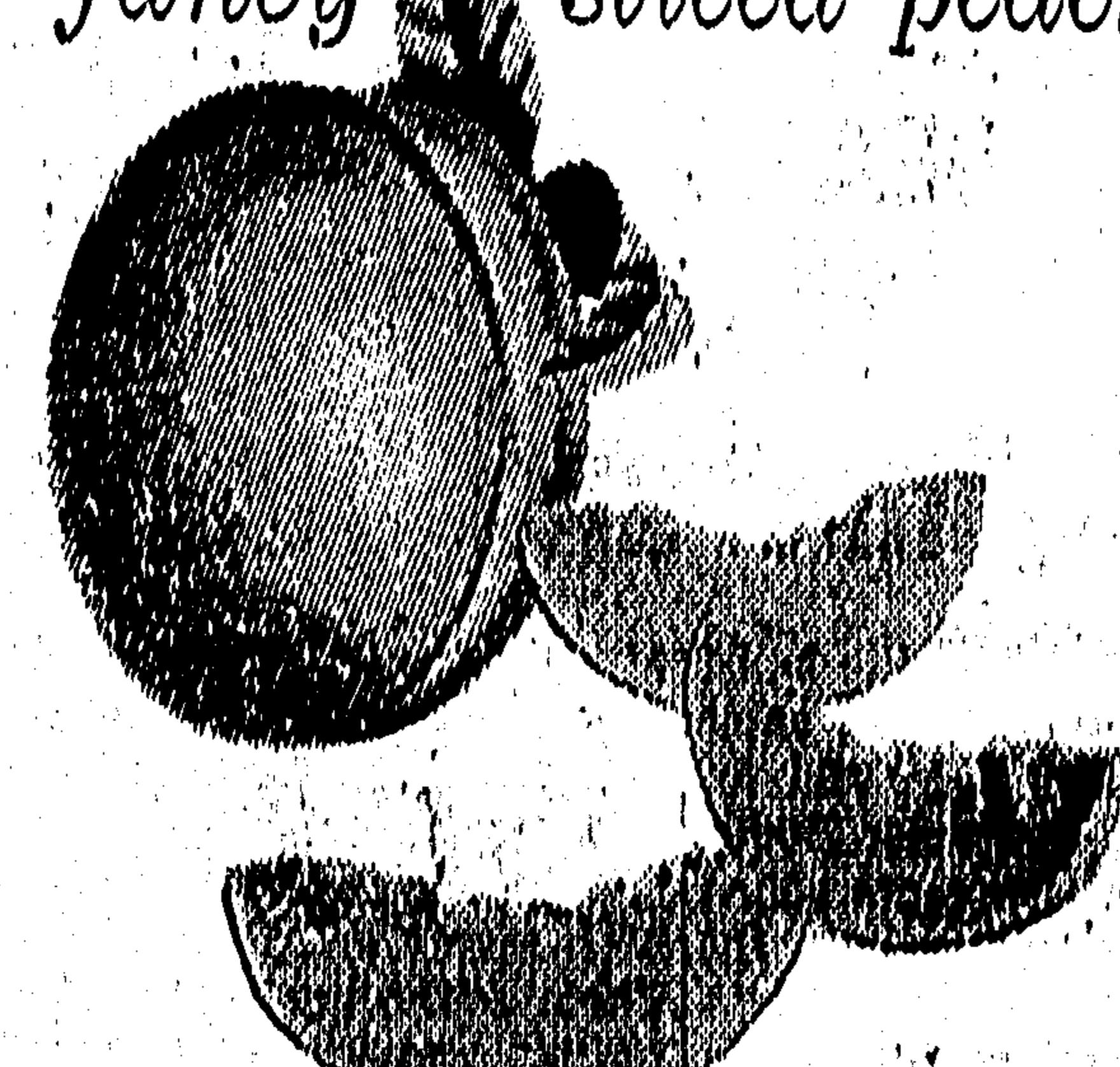
IT IS always easy to be wise after the event. Anyone can now say that the law-abiding majority of the Arab population is grave and perhaps tragic blunder, as soon as Israel's sovereignty was recognized. The stunning defeat which Israel inflicted on the Arab armies which invaded her—plus the presence of the UN—compelled the defeated Arabs to accept what was called "an armistice." But the Arab governments took their revenge.

The municipal council voted recently to refer the question of what to do with the schools to the provincial government.

The Vancouver Sun says "a major revolt" is brewing in Social Credit ranks over the separate schools issue.

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By IRON MONK

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"At the first I was able to meet a large number of city residents quickly and conveniently. At the second, last night, I met the merchants. So did Captain David Roberts of Union Steamship Ltd. We both left with the impression that the businessmen of this city are a pretty smart crew.

The questions shot at the captain after he had presented a new freighting proposition were the sort that rip the wrappings off an attractively idea and probe its vital weaknesses.

Norman Bellis and Archie Bowen (Co-op), Merv Hampton (Kelly Douglas), George Ward and Bill Pottle (Malkins), Frank Heeks (Gordon and Anderson), Alee Combela (Bob Parker) and Gerry Woodside (Daily News) saluted in with brindisies that Capt. Roberts did well to survive.

Both parties were arranged by Union Steamships local agents Ed Enwright and Ron Finlayson. That plus smooth service from the Canadian Legion Club 27's team of waiters, must be the formula for successful receptions.

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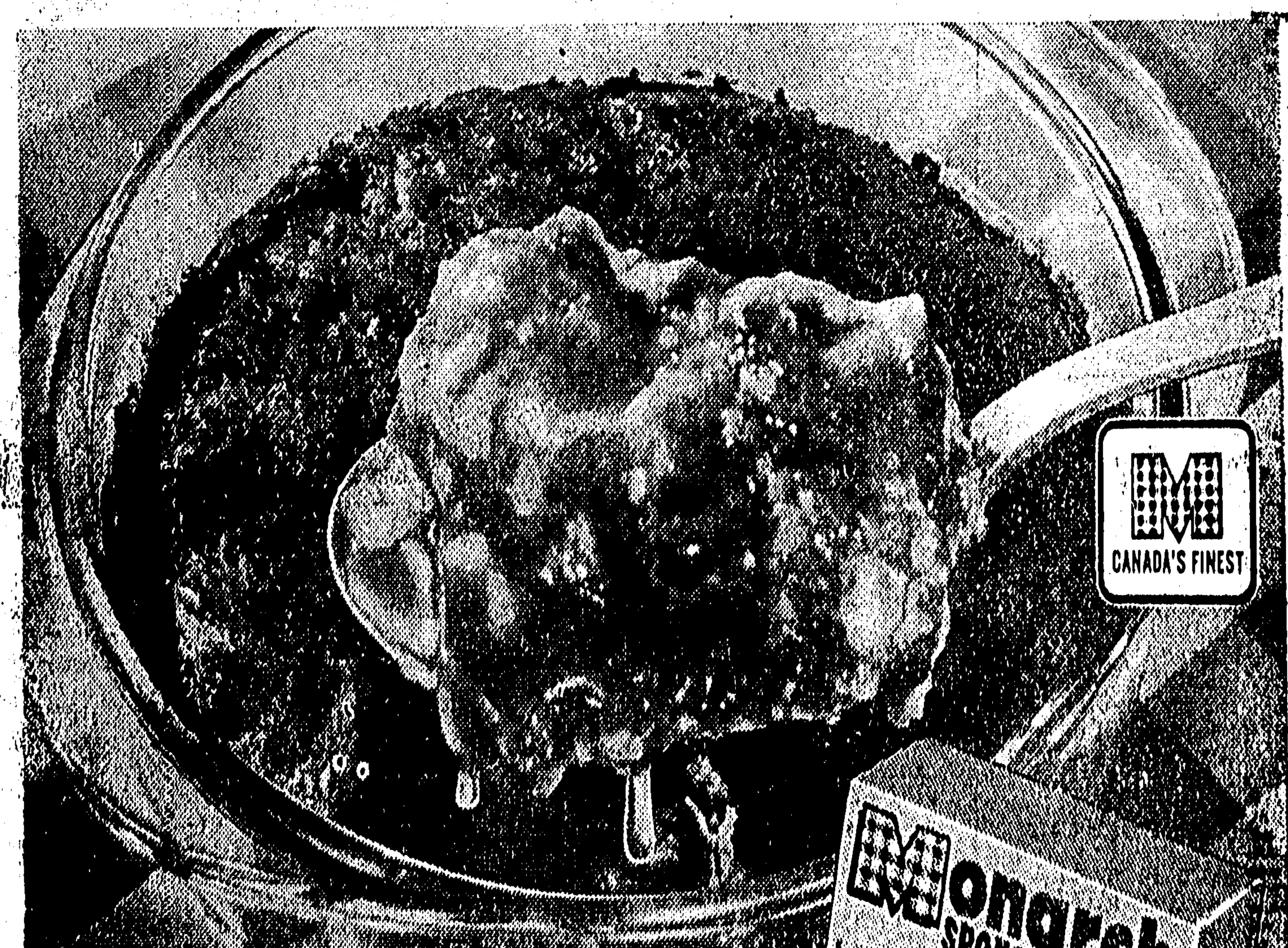
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