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Merit system would improve teacher standard

way that "we can make it 'second to right. none' in the province" is a commendtrustees one of the most concise reports in recent years, Mr. Phillipson said "it would be our combined hope." . This places the school superintendent, "the school trustees and many hundred parents in the identical hopeful cate-

Mr. Phillipson was speaking to the board about teachers qualifications, which in a staff of 78 throughout the district, range all the way from doubtful to secondary advanced. It was pointed out that the situation in the elementary schools is fairly healthy with 33 out of 43 teachers qualified to give the children of this district a good basic grounding in their formal education. A better year was predicted.

Things in the high school, where the student is prepared for facing the doutside world, are not quite as good. Whereas 77 per cent of the elementary teachers have elementary basic or better only 40 per cent or 14 out of 35 teachers in Booth Memorial High school have secondary basic or better qualification. It is a staggering thought to parents who have high hopes for their children.

number of well qualified teachers with less than the basic qualifications who are working toward their second basic certification and are doing a very professional service to the district."

to ways and means of recruiting more still "second to none."

ISTRICT School superintendent J. fully qualified teachers at this level M. Phillipson's hope that the new (the high school level) and encourage Senior High school being built at Al- present staff members to improve goma Park will be staffed in such a their status." Mr. Phillipson is so

G. P. WOODSIDE

Furthermore, now that contract ne-Table one indeed. In presenting to the gotiations are underway, District 52 school board has an opportunity to do something about it. Last May, the Prince Rupert Teachers association asked the school board to consider introducing a merit system. The board which agreed it was a good idea should do that little thing.

The trustees should completely overhaul the salary scale system for this district which both the school board and teachers has problems peculiar to itself. The board should pay good teachers a salary commensurate with their qualifications and in line with other professions and give teachers with even better qualifications something extra for their superior status. It should pay the poorer teachers just what they're worth and there should not be an honest complaint anywhere. Such a move, from top to bottom of the teaching staff would provide teachers with an incentive to improve their status and also attract other good teachers here. That would give the teachers the professionalism they have long desired and the ones that deserved it would earn the respect of the board, the children and the parents. At the same time it However, as Mr. Phillipson pointed would prevent the board from placing out it is to be noted that there are a 12 teachers with elementary basic. qualifications or less in the high school where they shouldn't be in the first place. It would also help ensure students that when they entered high school that their education was in Mr. Phillipson then urged the qualified hands and even though they school board that "it would appear are going to school 500 miles north of that we should continue to look closely Vancouver their education would be

College fees

"THE recent survey by the Canadian for a seven-year medical course. per annum for an arts course in the history. less expensive universities to \$14,000

Press of college fees across the Despite these higher costs, obtaincountry undoubtedly presented some ing the money for college must be a lot startling figures to many older Can- easier for today's students than it was adians. The days of the annual tui- for their parents. In the mid-30s unition of \$125 and \$25 a month for board versity enrolment in Canada was 35,are gone. Instead, tuition fees run all 000. This year the figure will be about the way from \$150 to \$750. In addition, 90,000. In that span of years the counsome colleges advise out-of-town stu-try's total population has increased dents to provide for spending \$750 for just over one-half. So the proportion board and \$500 for such expenses as of Canadians who are able to carry books and clothes. Thus the annual their schooling on to university is cercost for a student can run from \$1,215 tainly much higher today than ever in

—St. Catharines Standard.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS U.S. now wants Chiang to reduce Quemoy forces

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Associated Press Staff Writer

Nationalist China to withdraw some troops from its offshore islands even though officials here see little chance of negotiating a Formosa reducing manpower and increasing the striksettlement with Communist China. The line of U.S. action is apparent in state-

- ments made by State Secretary Dullos at his press conference Tuesday. Dulles denied the U.S. has any plans for

urging Nationalist China to reduce its military strength on the island of Quemoy now that the Communists have extended their seven-day truce there for an additional two weeks.

He added, however, that "no doubt there are discussions that are going on" now on Formosa between U.S. Defence Secretary Nell McElroy and others as to the most usoful dis-Doubtion of Nationalist forces.

He drew a sharp line between urging Na-· tionalist President Chiang Kai-shek to cut down on his forces for military reasons and for political reasons-"that is, in order to move toward some kind of agreement to avoid conflict with

the Communists. Dulloy unid the milliary question simply is whether it is more effective to have Chiang's forces deployed "in their present numbers on Quemoy and Matsu or to have a greater number on Formosa, which would have greater floxibility and greater range of action under cor. Pressure.

The United States is trying to persuade tain contingencies—and they could go back to Quemoy if the necessity came."

He also spoke of the "military question" of ing power of the remaining troops on the off-

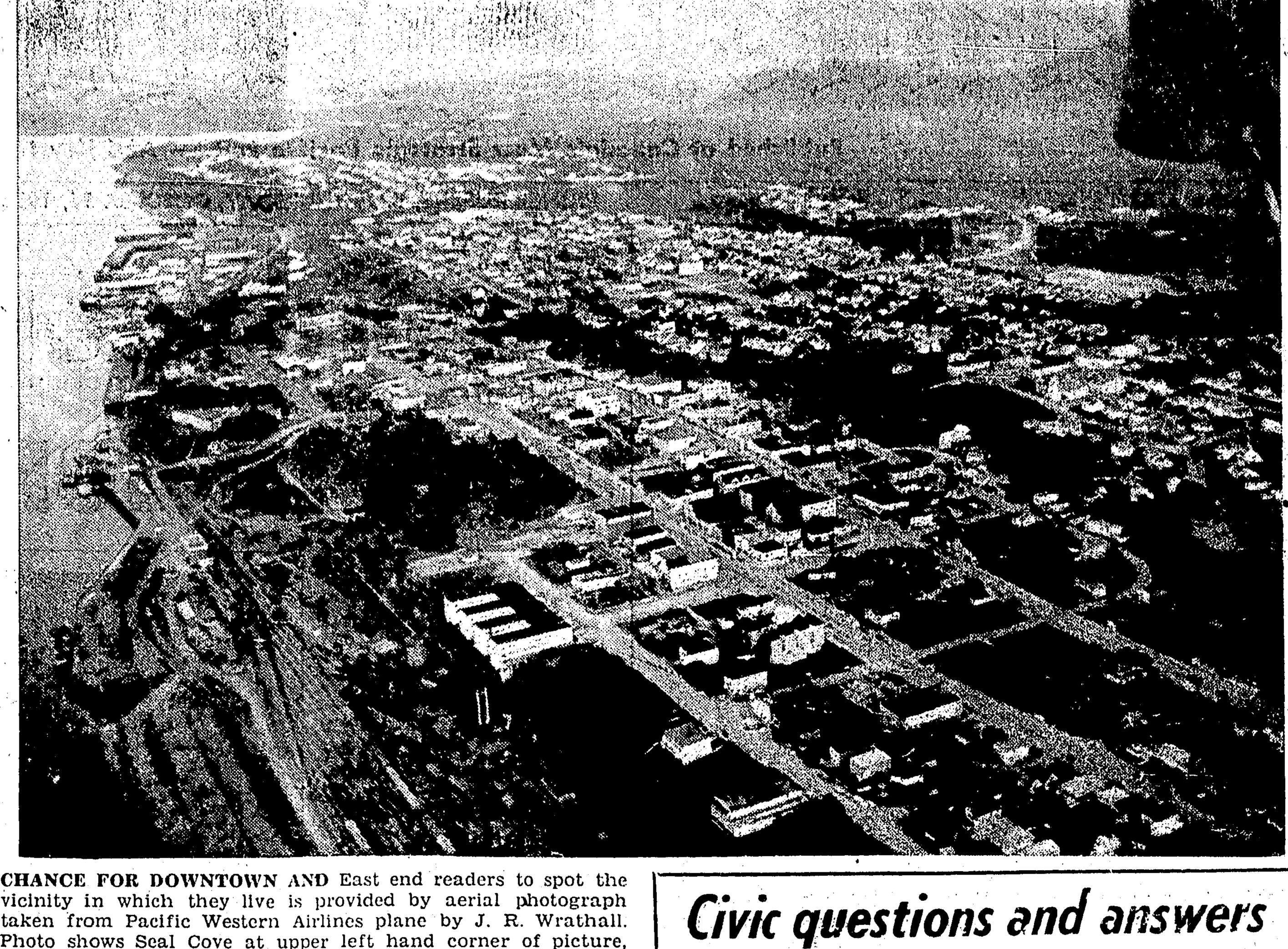
shore islands. The Nationalists have openly opposed any troop withdrawal, but reports from Formosa indicated they may be resigned to the idea of fewer troops equipped with better weapons.

Dulles said repeatedly that the Chinese Communists have rejected; the whole concept of discussing the status of the offshore islands as a basis of settlement. The Communists have demanded that the U.S. should withdraw its own forces from Formosa and abandon Nationalist China.

Dullos assorted "the United States remainsa loyal" to its treaty of alliance with Nationalist China and has no intention of bargaining on

the Red domand. He suggested the greatest current danger is that the Reds might make some progress toward driving a wodge between Nationalist China and the U.S. with their coaso-fire.

Furthermore, he said, "we have to be very careful" to handle the problem in such a way as to avoid other "violent reactions" or the exhibition of weakness under Communist



vicinity in which they live is provided by aerial photograph taken from Pacific Western Airlines plane by J. R. Wrathall. Photo shows Seal Cove at upper left hand corner of picture, docks and waterfront area down to Ocean dock warehouse in left foreground and city spreading over rock and muskeg to right and as far as the eye can see. Notable landmarks are Elizabeth apartments centre foreground; provincial court house middle, left; Prince Rupert hotel, centre; Algoma Park, upper right.

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

Bores come in many shapes and sizes. There are the people who scrabble in their wallets for a set of fuzzy-looking snapshots of their absent wives and children, and stand waiting for you to make some comment.

You can forgive them their dullness, because there something touching in the proud way they show their dog-eared treasures. There are the people who

apologize for taking 15 minutes of your time on the telephone, and then go on to take another 30 minutes. But these are bright conver-

sationalists by comparison to the Hometown Bore. The Hometown Bore is a

man who tells you with ponderous coyness that his town is better than your town. He makes elephantine jokes about the climate. His town has less rain more sun, less smog and more flowers than your town.

The people in his town are snappier, or else more relaxed and carefree than the people in your town. The late Sinclair Lewis wrote about a Hometown Bore by the name of Babbitt, who has spiritual

heirs today in almost every sizable town of North Amer-

From hearing the Hometown Bore talk, you would think he had invented his town. But he was only born there, or brought there at an early age, and his emotional roots are all tangled in the town, so that it is part of him.

That pool in the river is where he learned to swim, and that park bench is where he and his girl sat on their first date. Naturally, there is no pool and there is no park bench like those anywhere else in the world. There is no town quite like his town anywhere else in the world.

Therefore his town is better than your town. Of course vou feel the same about your town, and you get into an argument with him—unless you have lived in more than one town. and got your values confused, or unless you have grown out

Some people never do grow out of it. All their lives they play the game of "my town is better than your town," with the zeal of children vying with each other at chestnuts, or

housing facilities.

LETTER BOX

Rank and file refute claim

The Editor, The Daily News:

We have just read a letter in your paper signed by "Equal Rights" which makes a false and unwarranted attack upon the president of our union, Brother Pat O'Neal.

We are not, nor have we ever been, officers or stewards of our union. We are just ordinary rank and file mem-

We will state flatly that Brother O'Neal, in conducting any meeting that we have attended, has done so at all times within the spirit of fairness and democracy. In fact we would say that Brother O'Neal has bent over backwards to ensure that every member of the union has equal rights to speak his piece at union meet-

Porhaps "Equal Rights" is one of those rare individuals who thinks that he is right and everyone else is wrong! "Equal Rights" is one of those nasty types who didn't get his own way at a union meeting and like a spoiled brat is now pouting and using your paper to vilify, not only Brother O'Noal, but our entire union membership. "Equal Rights" probably proposed some motion to one of our meetings and was voted down by the membership and is now taking this course to vent his anger and frustration upon our members using the name of Brother O'Neal to do so.

We are not asking "Equal Rights" to identify himself for we are sure that if he had any integrity he would have done so in the first place, The ontire history of the development of freedom within the country is filled with the names of people who attemptad to subvert democracy by hiding bohind such phrasos as "equal rights," "freedom," etc.

rights" that along with rights there goes responsibilities and obligations. Obviously "Equal rights" has ignored this. One of these obligations is to his union and his brother members. All that we ask is that "Equal rights" extend to his fellow members and workmen the same degree of fairness and honesty that has been

extended to him. Yours sincerely, Pat Ratchford, Carl Johnson,

A. Timms, Bill McKee, Bill Gunn, Dick Bury,

E. Sheppard, G. Garrioch, C. Dearaway,

L. Vidotto, • Joe Walsh, L. Shankel, Howard R. Gale, John Leniuk,

R. Ryc, F. Morowski, Rod Harris,

A. Dolany, C. A. Colman, R. Starnes, G. W. Forguson,

V. White,

. Davidson, C. R. Whatman. Prince Rupert.

Ethereal dump

From The Sault Daily Star

When the day of space travel eventually arrives, it may be possible to shoot our radionotive waste into outer space, confident that it will not return to earth. In the meantime, however, the problem of controlling this dangarous matorial throughout the world is one which should be taken up by the United Nations without

This is one of a series of questions on city affairs, problems and projects to which Mayor P. J. Lester has offered to provide answers. Questions should be sent to "Civic Questions and Answers," City Hall,

Q. I have four children and I cannot get a decent place to A. The City realizes that

adequate housing should be available for our residents.

It is a question of getting the assistance of the Province and of the Federal Government. We have made arrangements with the Provincial and Federal Governments to build some 20 or 30 housing units. Progress in this has been slow, and negotiations which have been extended for over a year are still in abeyance.

It is possible, however, that these new units will be avail-

able by next summer. The city is also anxious to assist any group which might want to organize a low rental housing association which could result in additional

There are also various private groups who appear interested in building housing units in Prince Rupert. We give them all the informa-

Toot-timer

From The Sherbrooke Daily Record

A trombone player's wife sued for divorce in the U.S. claiming her husband lavished attention an another woman. He's what you might call a

Prince Rupert, together with name necessarity ferlect the opinion o

tion they might require and

and address. The afiswers do not the whole or individual members of city council.

we certainly hope that by a combination of all these steps, there will be an easing of the housing shortage.

cornsilk and watch the longlegged cranes fly overhead and to plan the wondrous things they were going to do. But Go west from Hannibal on

Tom's birthplace

From The

ern newspapers—we charit.

ably do not say which one it

when the dateline turned out

to be Hartford, Conn., and the

article in reality a descriptive

Mark Twain "achieved his most

notable literary production:"

Now we would not for a ino-

ment depreciate the import-

ance of the house where Sam-

uel L. Clemens performed the

mechanical labor of writing out

the stories of Tom Sawyer and

But the birthplace of Tom

Sawyer? Not in a thousand

times ten thousand years. That

greatest of all great American

boys was not even born at Han-

nibal, although he and Elick

There they played in

winter and summer and exex-

plored the cave and padfiled

out to the island to smoke

were boys together there.

Huckleberry Finn.

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BIRTHPLACE

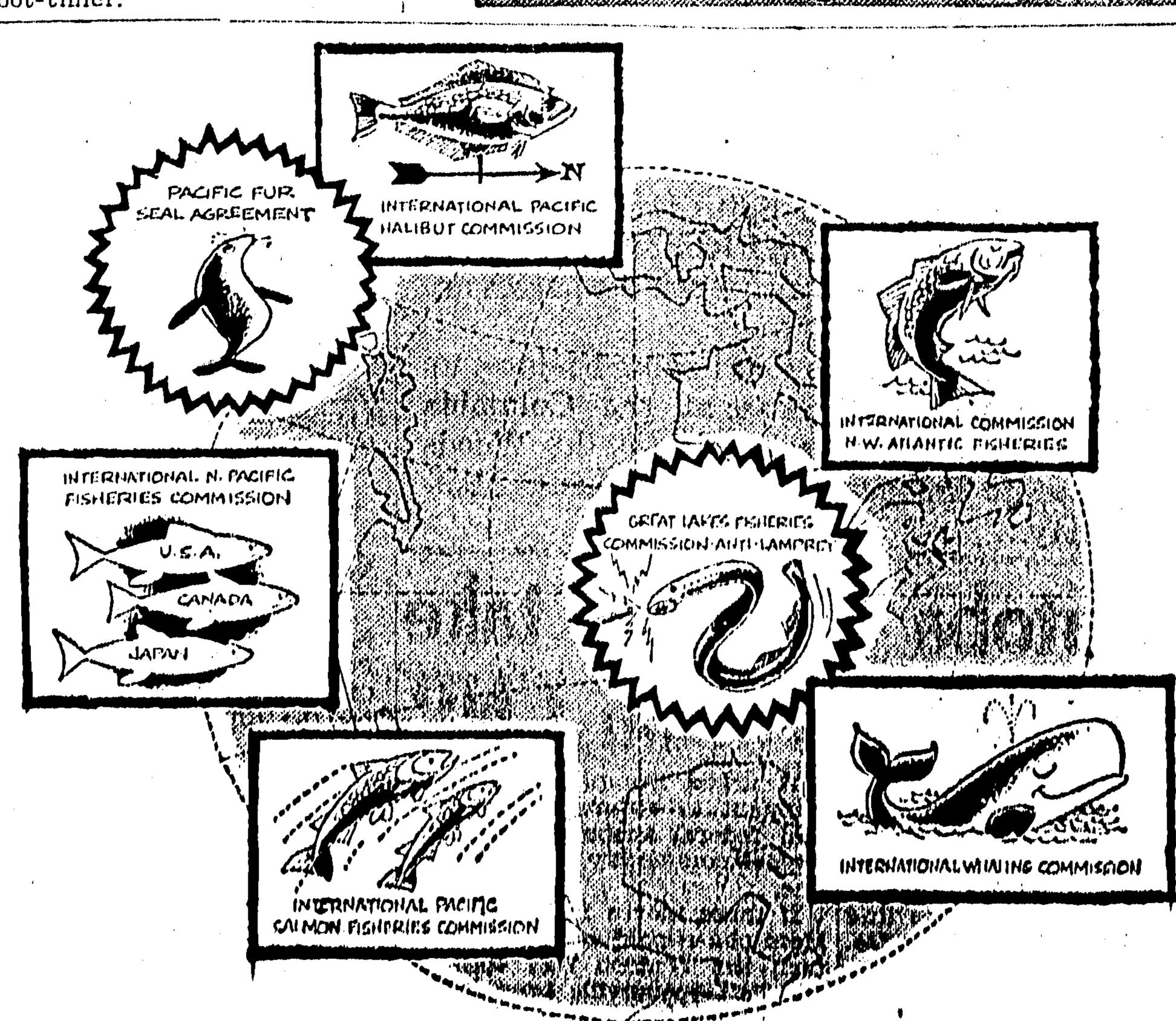
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

One of the well-known East-

Highway 24 to Monroe City. Drop down south on the road to Paris, in Monroe county, but turn off on 107 beyond Indian Creek and before you get to Stoutsville. Go about four miles. You are at Florida-Florida, Mo., population 200. There on the north fork of Salt Creek, little Sam Clemens was born, Nov. 30, 1835. And so was Tom Sawyer.



Almost every man enjoys



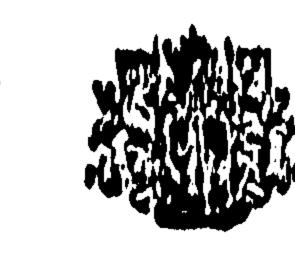
INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION means wise use of fishery resources

Canada has been a pioneer in the establishment of international commissions. the aims of which are to conserve and develop stocks of fish, sustaining their productive level whenever this is threatened by natural and human Catires.

This country is a party to three bilateral fishery agreements with our neighbor to the south, and is also a member of four

international conventions which include other countries in addition to the United

Fish populations renew themselves if given the chance. The purpose of international co-operation is to make sure that they are given this chance . . . through practical programmes of scientific research and by common sense fisheries regulations.



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