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As I See It



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Tobacco Road Appeal

PUBLIC OPINION overwhelmingly supports the Everyman Theatre in the appeal from the magistrate's verdict in the now famous 'Tobacco Road' case.

If the Vancouver police chief, and prosecutor, believed 'Tobacco Road' was obscene it was their plain duty to take it to court.

The magistrate's contradictory verdict makes confusion worse confounded.

SYDNEY RISK, the universally respected chief of Everyman theatre, is (rightly) found Not Guilty.

But how about the magistrate's own courtroom? Ordinarily he presides to only a handful of spectators.

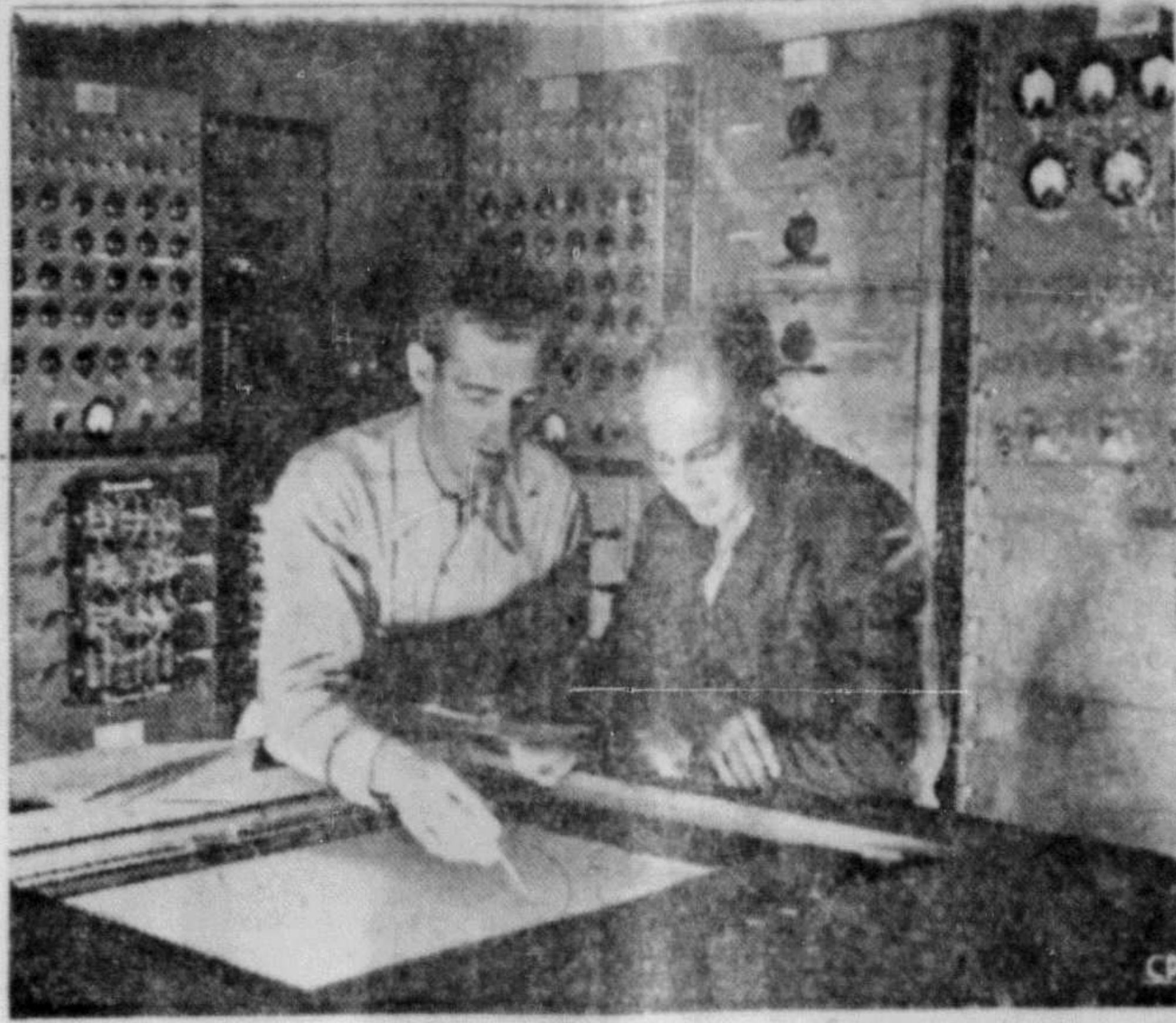
THE MAGISTRATE states "if the play was allowed in other areas it was because it conformed to the moral standards of the area and where it was banned it was because it did not conform."

Is His Honour suggesting that Vancouver is so vastly superior to all the cities in 14 countries where the play has been performed since 1937?

Blackmail Charge Made In Visa Case

MONTREAL (CP)—The Herald says an immigration official, who claims he was blackmailed into the Italian visa racket, will be among at least six or seven men to be arrested as "higher-ups" within the next few weeks.

Five men were arrested three weeks ago in connection with irregular immigration visas given by irregular Italians. They were scheduled to appear for preliminary hearing today.



MAZES OF STATISTICS are fed into the electronic brain at the Canadian armaments research and development plant at Valcartier, Que., reducing the time-consuming job of computing complicated higher mathematical problems.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Prehistoric tools are reported to have been discovered in Southern California. But in almost any household a wife can indicate where a prehistoric car-penter has been.

DAM THOSE EMERGENCIES

Certain parts of coast trees, ground fine and mixed with small quantities of fish oil are said to form a useful food in an emergency.

MILESTONES

- 40 Years Ago Today: Frazier Snider and Evelyn Eckenrood after being united in marriage at the Baptist Church attended the indoor baseball game and later were taken for a tour of the city by the victorious team the Pirates.
30 Years Ago Today: Two Seattle fishermen were swept overboard and lost just off Ray Island.
20 Years Ago Today: Herman Rensvold a young fisherman lost his newly purchased craft on his first day out.
10 Years Ago Today: The Government Liquor store went dry for the first time here when the existing stock was sold out before closing time.

Germany Ready To Sign Pact For Paying Debts

LONDON (AP)—West Germany and her foreign creditors are scheduled to sign an agreement Feb. 27 outlining terms for settling more than \$5,500,000,000 worth of public and private German debts incurred since the First World War.

Keen Hunters

TRENTON, Ont. (CP)—Three young men who shot 64 foxes this winter in Prince Edward county have collected \$192 in bounty.

OTTAWA DIARY

When popular, smiling, able "Doug" Abbott took the floor in the House of Commons to deliver the government's budget, his performance was a swan song in duplicate.

REPECTED FIGURE: It was only a little more than a week or so ago that the news leaked out that "Doug" Abbott—entirely at his own insistence—was through with the generally thankless and always onerous post of Finance Minister.

Cheery Bizze: WINNIPEG (CP)—A mortgage-burning ceremony featured the silver jubilee celebrations of the Winnipeg Badminton Club.

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The 'Sunshine Budget'

IN HIS BOOK "How To Win Friends and Influence People" Dale Carnegie never discussed tax reduction. He did not need to, as witness the example of Finance Minister Abbott yesterday as he knocked off a percentage here and a fee there.

There is no secret to it. It is a political stratagem as old as the parliamentary system itself.

At the same time, not much of a case can be made against Mr. Abbott proving that he was motivated by purely political considerations.

With a bigger pot to draw from, Mr. Abbott is able to reduce the percentage of his take and still come out ahead.

Although it is a budget designed to please the family, Mr. Abbott has remembered to give encouragement to our national industry.

"Corporate tax rates at their present levels are so high that they are adversely affecting corporate saving at a time when vast amounts of capital are required not only for resource and other development, but also to finance a vigorous replacement of obsolescent plant and equipment in order to increase productivity, and to place a more solid foundation under our current wage rates."

Mr. Abbott has heeded the advice well, particularly as it affects smaller corporations.

Simultaneously, however, it must also be conceded that he has shrewdly evaluated Canada's blossoming economy. It is by no means all fluke that the hatchet man is now the sunshine man.

Diplomats Watching For New Trends When Assembly Reconvenes

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—Diplomatic observers throughout the world are awaiting the reopening of the United Nations General Assembly for indications of any new currents in international affairs.

Oil Refinery One of Safest Places to Work

One of the safest places to work in Canada is an oil refinery. The Montreal East Refinery of Shell Oil Company of Canada finished 1952 with a record of 1,473,395 hours of accident-free performance.

