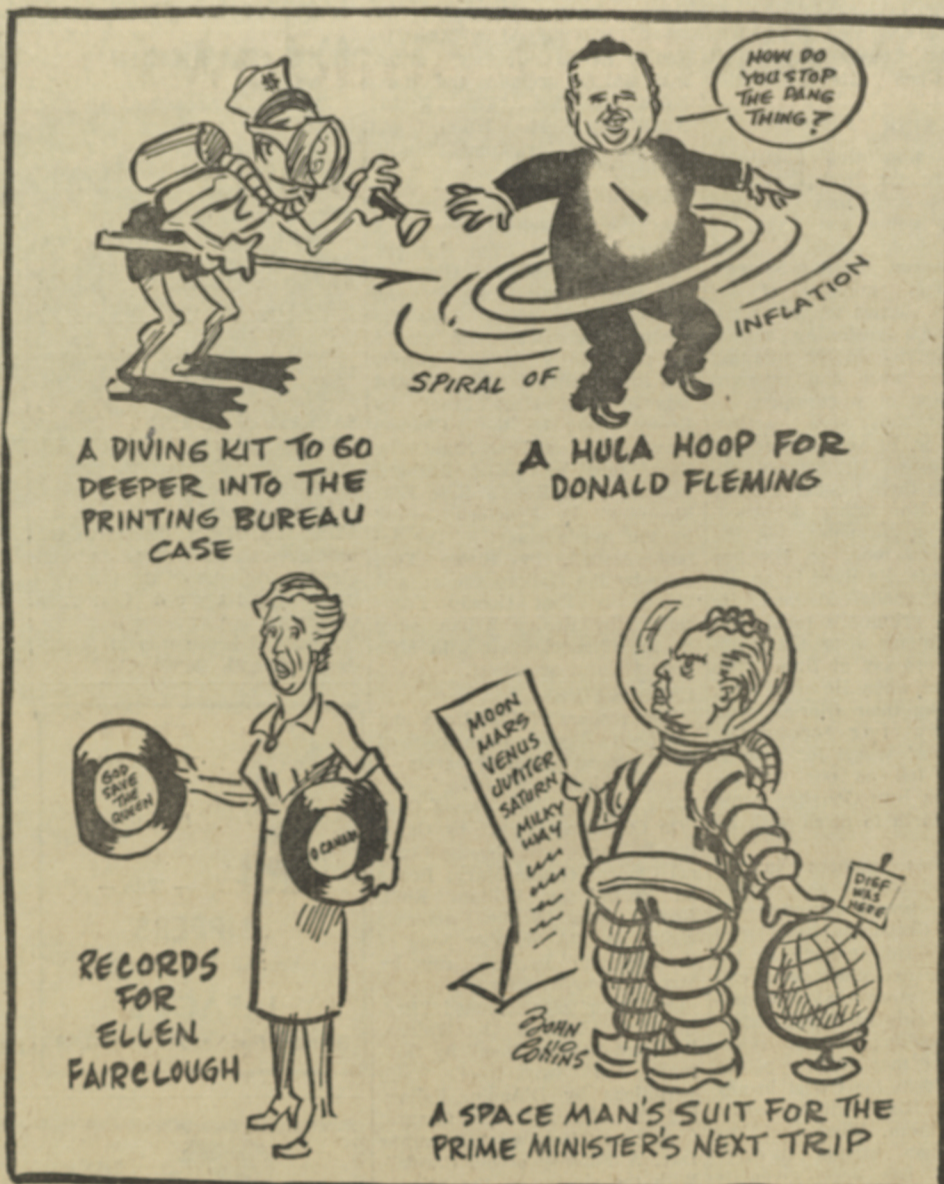


duction of a single bushel in 1959". A somewhat similar situation exists in Canada...



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Sovereignty In The Arctic

By Patrick Nicholson

Our government is taking effective steps to ensure for Canada the natural riches and the strategic defence positions on the island lying between our mainland and the North Pole.

"In the face of all this trickery, in the face of the importance that attaches to the possession of the Arctic land, it is time that the government should formally possess the undisputed territory and the territory which may be disputed," urged the Senator.

A Good Name

Alaska, like Canada's Northland, is rich in natural resources and short of domestic capital to exploit them.

However, Alaska has one very valuable possession, apart from rich material resources—a good name. The President of the First National Bank in Seattle, Washington, said recently: "We have made a lot of screwball, high risk loans in Alaska, but we haven't had them go sour on us."

What does the poet say? "Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay."

The long range forecast for the month of January is generally cold weather—temperatures on an average lower than usual—with several heavy snowstorms.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Congratulations to The Scotsman for coming second among British daily and Sunday newspapers in the Fifth Annual Award for Newspaper Design.

It is reported that on the Russian-Chinese border there are defense posts, well armed and manned, in a zone of considerable depth.

At a recent press conference, former President Harry S. Truman referred to editorial writers "whose brains had been purchased" by Republican publishers.

Premier Bennett of British Columbia sees his candidate's narrow victory in last Monday's by-election as "the finest Christmas present any Government ever received".

It takes time to establish new industries, of course. Just the same we are inclined to agree with President Harrison of the local mining union in Springhill that Federal and Provincial Governments have been unnecessarily tardy in announcing plans for the stricken area.

Massive "Arrow" Campaign

On September 23 Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced that because of the introduction of missiles into Canada's air defence system it was not thought advisable to put the CP-106 (Arrow) plane into production at that time, that final decision on the matter would be postponed until March.

Advertisement for Eastern Auto Supply Ltd. featuring 'GIFTS that wrap up CHRISTMAS MERRILY'. Includes a list of gift suggestions like Christmas Lights, Spot Lights, Aerial With Light, and Power Tools.

Health Checkup For Christmas?

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. STILL have a couple of last-minute Christmas presents to get? Well, let me give you a few suggestions.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Come in and eat before we both starve", urges a sign in an Indianapolis restaurant.—Ottawa Journal. A trip through an amusement park's "tunnel of love" is the safest transportation available...

Worried Democrats

It might be thought that American diplomats would be in a state of great jubilation, following their smashing victory in the November Congressional and State elections.

Already, Mr. Rockefeller is being mentioned as a likely Republican Presidential candidate in 1960; and this is what is worrying Democratic strategists.

Their apprehensions would seem to be well founded. Mr. Rockefeller appears to have every asset useful to a politician. He is affable, approachable, liberal—more liberal than most Democrats, in fact—anti-Old Guard and an expert vote-getter.

Some analysts are of the opinion that this, more than anything else, was what elected him. That will be the case. Fortrightness of this nature and magnitude is seldom tried in election campaigns; so we don't know just how potentially valuable it is.

Bountiful Supply

An idea of the tremendous surplus of wheat in the United States can be gathered from the following dispatch from Washington: "Suppose every wheat field in the country were to be withered by drought or flattened by hail next year. Or, suppose every wheat grower decided to go hunting instead of harvesting in the fall of 1959 and not a single bushel of wheat was garnered; would you have to give up cake and face a shortage of bread? No. In fact, you could go right on eating these wheat foods at your accustomed rate."

"The nation's record-breaking wheat surplus is now so big that if farmers quit growing the crop altogether, bulging surplus bins would meet United States' domestic needs for more than two years beginning in the summer of 1959."

"Total yearly sales of United States' wheat, including exports which are all subsidized by the Government, amount to about 1 billion bushels a year. Thus, even if Government officials and private traders continued to push wheat into every available foreign market, the surplus would still meet all foreign and domestic needs for one full year without pro-

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Advertisement for BENEFICIAL FINANCE CO. featuring "Exciting Gifts" and "For That Someone Special" with a list of jewelry items.

Advertisement for W. W. WELLNER LTD. Jewellers Since 1868, located at 103 Grafton.

Advertisement for THE GUARDIAN featuring "LET US SOLVE YOUR GIFT PROBLEMS" and "Watch Out! Give A GUARDIAN Subscription".