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## Scorched Earth Policy of Soviet In Manchuria

Edwin Pauley's final report on Russia's looting of Manchuria charges not only that it has delayed China's economic recovery by a full generation but that it was systematically planned to do so. Whatever the motive may have been, Mr. Pauley makes it abundantly clear that the industrial paralysis the Russian Army left behind it has definitely upset our own policy of building a strong, united and self-sufficient China, says the New York Times.

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The amount of damage the Soviet forces were able to inflict in their brief occupation is appalling. The report conservatively estimates it at two billion dollars, a colossal sum in terms of the oriental fiscal structure. In Manchuria, Japan had developed an elaborate and highly efficient industrial plant, which was practically intact when the Russians marched in. When they marched out it no longer existed. Only a skeleton which cannot function remains. The report emphasizes how little Russia herself gained by her pillage—less, in fact, than she might have obtained through normal Japanese reparations. A large strategic purpose is strongly implied. Presumably it was to leave China, her ally, in chaos and establish Russia as the dominant Power in the Far East.

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The Russians did not "strip" Manchuria. They did not take everything. Perhaps that was impossible. They could not remove the mines or their mineral wealth. But they took away the machinery which would have prevented their flooding and so left them "irreparably" damaged. They were not content to ship to Siberia virtually all key material from the industrial plant,—machinery and modern machine tools, generators, electric equipment, chemicals, even laboratories and hospitals—but "permitted and encouraged" local mobs to pillage the wrecked factories. It has left China economically and politically out of joint, a continued prey to internal strife. No man can now say how long it will take to restore Manchuria or establish the just peace China might have enjoyed had her most valuable province been returned to her in proper condition.

## Radar Forecasts

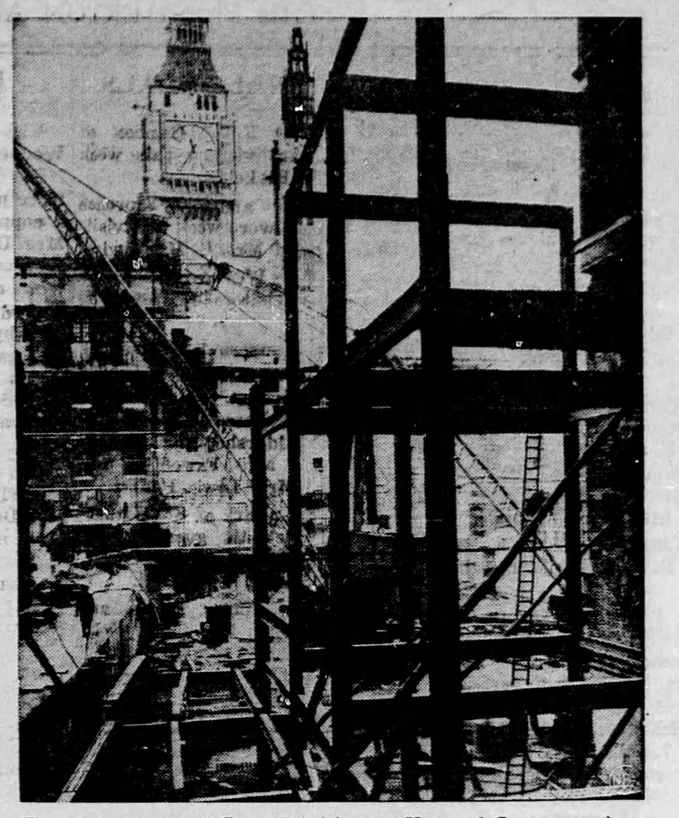
Radar is now being used to determine when and where rain will fall and the probable size of the raindrops, according to a soil expert of the University of Wisconsin.

R. J. Muckenhirn, professor of soil at the university's College of Agriculture, told the first annual meeting of the Soil Conservation Society of America that radar, soil and DDT, all produced by wartime research, had proved aids in fighting soil erosion and improving the crop variety.

He said that radar indicated not only the place and time that rain could be expected, but how much could be expected.

About 300,000 houses were completely destroyed and 800,000 damaged in France during the last war.

## NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS RISES



The steel skeleton of Great Britain's new House of Commons arises near ruins of the old one, destroyed by German bombs in 1940. Outline of old House can be discerned through the girders, on exposed wall in background.

# SPOTS OF SPORTS

By FRANK MANN HARRIS
("A Six Bit Critic")

Latest to prophesy that hockey will sooner or later develop into a five man-a-side pastime is Mr. Edward Lalonde, better known in the days of his athletic prominence as 'Newsy'. The same Mr. Lalonde's opinion is one that deserves more than passing attention, as he was much better than a raw hand at a wide variety of sports, and especially at hockey and lacrosse. More than that, he was one of that very tiny minority of athletes who carry as much above the ears as they do below—in fact we remember very few capable of out-smarting him in time of stress.

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There probably wouldn't be very many of the so-called experts who would include Newsy Lalonde on an All-time All-star hockey team, although we could mention several big-league clubs that could very well stand for a player of his calibre. But that he was one of the greatest lacrosse players who ever accidentally-on-purpose clipped an opponent over the noggin, few who ever saw him in action would deny. He could play—and star at—any position from goal to inside home; and lacrosse old-timers, especially those down Cornwall way, will vividly recall how, when his team was in need of goals, the cry would arise from the stands" Bring Newsy Lalonde down on the home."

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Down he would come from his defense position; and in would go goals, scored either by himself, or by team-mates with his assistance. And although "assists" were not credited to players in that day, Newsy had a way of helping his pals to score that was peculiarly his own — and a very pretty one to watch, too, although not a method we would recommend to players wishing to retain all their manly beauty.

We recall one goal-tender in particular that Newsy used to trick in this manner with great regularity. For years he had carried on a bitter feud with this net-guardian, who hated Lalonde with a bitter hatred. At a crucial moment Newsy would dash through the goal-crease within easy swiping distance of his enemy's stick. The temptation would prove too great. The goal-tender would take a vicious swing at the Lalonde head — and, with his attention so diverted, it was a simple matter for one of Newsy's team-mates to slam the ball into the nets.

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Of course, quite frequently the goal-tender would connect with the Lalonde noggin — but what was a split head as compared with a badly-needed goal? Lacrosse players of that era could almost invariably be spotted, either on or off the field, by the scars they carried; and although we haven't happened to set eyes on him for a number of years, we shouldn't be too greatly surprised if Mr. Lalonde still bore, on various portions of his physique, plenty of such marks of the profession.

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For lacrosse of that day was just about the toughest game on the entire sports calendar — a much rougher and rowdier pastime than it has since developed into, although whether or not increase in gentlemanliness has had anthing to do with decline in popularity it is not for us to say. Anyway, whether on home grounds or on alien pastures, wherever the going was heaviest, there you would find Lalonde taking — and handing out—plenty of punishment, but at the same time always figuring on some way to out-guess the other fellow.

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So when Newsy Lalonde expresses the opinion that five-man hockey is on its way toward us, don't put it down as just an idle guess of some ignorant bystander. When the pro hockeyists first suggested dropping the "rover" and making it six-man hockey there were plenty of us who ridiculed it as just a crazy notion — one that would never last more than a season at the outside. Yet today there are hundreds of thousands of hockey addicts who never saw a game with fourteen men on the ice and, quite possibly, don't even know there ever was a seven-man style.

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Like other observers, Lalonde has seen that what the average hockey customer of today demands is action, or what passes for action, of the continuous kind. He also knows that the cash-register is the final arbiter, and that what the customer wants he eventually gets, no matter how much some of the older generation may deplore the decline of stick-handling, clever passing and play-making, and individual skill. And if, as many think, five men a side will leave more room for these team speed-skating contests, that is what is bound to come, possibly sooner than you imagine possible.

To re-glue wood successfully, first take all the old glue off with hot vinegar. Then let wood dry thoroughly. Apply fresh glue.

## Farmers Say Rain-Making Machine Good

Some drought-weary farmers in the southwest corner of Saskatchewan believe that the "rain-making machine operated by 33-year-old Donald Johnston of Regina was responsible for the record-breaking rains which nurtured the bumper 1942 crop.

Just across the border, east of Medicine Hat, Alta., in a similar, traditionally-dry wheatland section, 10 farmers last July paid the Lancashire-born handsman's expenses to bring the foot-square machine there. But Johnson claims "it was too late in the season to do any good and results were not much."

Today, the slight, unmarried army veteran and former art student is overhauling the machine he first put together in 1937 and has been perfecting since, getting it ready for next spring.

**Can Banish Drought**

He says that if given facilities to operate it in various parts of the prairies, he can banish drought, bringing rain with the "instrument's greatly multiplied power of gravitational-attraction to the moon's influence."

Soft-spoken Johnston says haltingly that the electrical power drawn from the moon by the machine's electro-magnetic field causes electrical changes in the atmosphere and when clouds are overhead, affects condensation and thus rain. The machine has an effect over at least a 100-mile radius, he says.

Johnston claims that the machine also uses the power of an electric storm in place of the moon when the former is occurring in the vicinity of the machine, causing rain where no rain would have fallen had the machine not been in operation.

The machine—which he calls a "universcope"—has a solid steel frame and incorporates two horseshoe shaped magnets. One of the magnets is fixed and the other moves in a semi-circle about it, swinging like a pendulum. He says the moving magnet sets up an electro-magnetic field besides being influenced in the speed of its swing by the moon.

**"Shut 'er Off!"**

Johnston has spent $500 on the machine which is not patented. But he wants only his expenses in return for an opportunity to "smash drought completely throughout the three Prairie provinces."

He operated the machine at Regina and made trips to Swift Current, Sask., between 1938 and 1941 but he received no wide notice until 1942. On Sept. 1 that year, the Swift Current "Sun," a weekly, said editorially: " . . . A man in Swift Current is operating a mechanical instrument which is supposed to induce rain and strangely enough we have had more rains than in decades past."

The previous July rodeo fans at Swift Current had asked him to "shut 'er off" because heavy rains were interfering with the show.

## Canada Loses Experts to U.S.

Figures made available by the United States Embassy lend support to reports that Canada is losing heavily in engineering and other professional personnel to the United States.

In the period July, 1945, to June, 1946, a total of 18,280 native-born Canadians were granted visas to enter and live in the United States. Of this number about 2,636 were in professional and managerial classes, compared with the 816 Canadians of this type who left the country in the period July, 1941, to June, 1942.

## Humidity in Home

Controlling indoor atmosphere will help preserve health. A pan of water on stove or radiator will help when there is no humidifier. Warm, dry air does not give the sense of comfort afforded by cooler, moist air, and is harder on breathing tissues, so, say the public health authorities, a householder will save on fuel as well as medical bills, by improving the humidity at home in winter months.

MUTT AND JEFF— JUST BLAME IT ON YOUTH AND LET IT GO AT THAT By BUD FISHER