

Writer visits Russell

Douglas Wilkinson, the famous Arctic explorer, writer and filmmaker was in Russell recently as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kinkaid. He was accompanied by his wife Vivian, who has been with him on most of his Arctic adventures. He is the author of "Land of the Long Day", about a winter

spent with the Inuit and also produced the film of the same name, one of the most authentic productions on the Arctic.

He has written numerous books on the Arctic and was a Northern Service officer for the Federal government for several years.

On one occasion after travelling all night with the dogs, they reached Baker Lake in the early morning. It was five miles to cross the lake on melting snow and the Inuit advised waiting until dark so the ice would have a chance to freeze.

Short of food and with a small baby on the sled, Mr. Wilkinson and his wife decided to push on. It took almost 12 hours to cross the melting surface, wading through hip-deep water which lay under the snow-surface. Mrs. Wilkinson and the child stayed on the sleigh.

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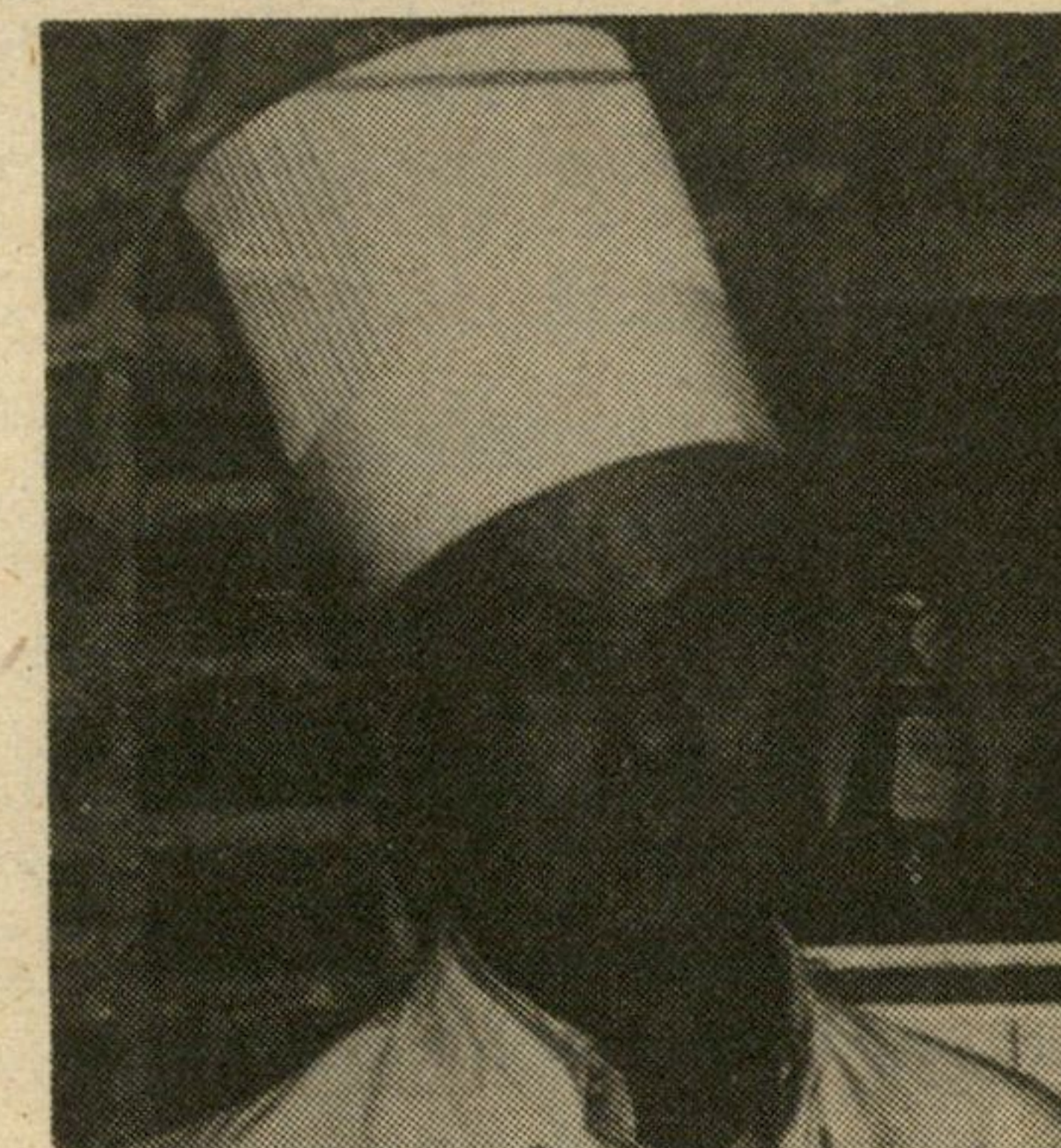
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