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(Mt. Tremblant)

TOM WHEELER

To me Canada has always been an exciting country. And today there seems to be rather more excitement in the air up here than usual. For instance only late this afternoon I found out about a tremendous new mineral discovery, - maybe one of the richest in history.

American mining people have been telephoning my old friend Tom Wheeler, whom they all know. They've been saying to him: "Tom, where is this new mineral deposit? Tell us so we can get in on it. But, Tom Wheeler isn't saying anything. He runs the sub-Arctic airline that has been carrying the mining people back and forth, the men who have made the discovery. And of course he is sworn to secrecy.

Here in the Laurentians today, at the foot of Mont Tremblant, I found out a little about this latest Canadian eldorado, and can give you the next thing to a first hand report.

It is well known that about ninety percent of the world's nickel comes from Canada, one of the

important sources of the wealth of this Dominion.

Now,
~~and~~ way up in the Hudson's Bay country, some hundreds of miles northwest of Goosebay, Labrador, northwest also of ~~Ungava~~ ^{— that's} in the Eskimo country ~~where~~ where Nanook of the North lived, ^{— a} ~~is~~ [^] ~~is~~ [^] a vast new nickel deposit has been found.

The men who ~~are~~ discovered it have been working frantically during these winter months trying to find out ^{just how extensive} ~~how vast~~ the deposit is, ^{Q they've been} ~~and~~ ^{trying} ~~trying~~ [^] ~~trying~~ [^] to stake claims to all of it. The word I have is that they already have staked over three hundred claims. ^Q ~~And~~ [^] nobody from the outside world has yet discovered where they are, ^{just} ~~where they have found this.~~ ^{so when they fly in and out.} ~~And they~~ ^{TR The discoverers} [^] believe they have a mineral deposit larger and richer even than all the nickel that has so far been ~~discovered~~ ^{found} in Canada. ^{TR} And that's all of the story I can give you at this time.

Incidentally, the new Labrador railway line has just been completed, ~~this is~~ the one that runs from the St. Lawrence River, north through the heart

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of the Quebec wilderness. ~~It is~~ The railway specially built to tap that new two hundred million dollar Labrador iron deposit, richest iron ore in North America. **P** More reasons why Canada is having an unprecedented boom. *made this statement*

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DEFENSE

The Kremlin is only nine months behind us in producing atomic bombs! ~~So says~~ The Belgian Defense Minister, Emile De Greef, ~~who spoke during a debate on European defense,~~ *made this statement* in the Belgian Senate. ~~According to De Greef,~~ *He said* the fact that the Russians have exploded an H-bomb - shows that they have cut our advantage from seven years to only nine months. ~~The Minister thinks~~ *In his opinion* that the Soviets will be able to hurl an atomic attack against the United States within four years.

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SAAR

France and Germany are reported to be near agreement on that old thorny problem - the Saar. From Paris - following a conference between Chancellor Adenauer and Foreign Minister Bidault, a communique was issued telling how the two have agreed to continue negotiations based on a plan drawn up by a member of the Dutch Legislature - a plan to make the Saar international governed by an advisory council composed of French and Germans, head by a commissioner who is neither French nor German. Its defense, to be under the Allied Supreme Commander in Europe.

INDO CHINA

News from Indo-China tells of a battle at the seaport of Haiphong - Red commandos overrunning the native garrison until French came to the rescue.

A full scale assault, says the dispatch.

A Communist broadcast announced that a hundred and fifty planes were wrecked on the ground in and around Haiphong; many of them American planes.

Evidently a strike at us rather than directly at the French,

The French commander, General Navarre is getting set for a counter-offensive.

SAINT LAURENT

The Canadian Prime Minister arrives in Japan, for an official visit. Louis Saint Laurent, flying into Tokyo from Korea. In Japan for three days, to confer with Emperor Hirohito and Premier Yoshida.

He will come home something of a hero. Canadians, generally, seem to be proud of their aged French Canadian premier and the way he has handled himself on this flight around the world.

ANDERSON

In Washington there is a new Deputy Defense Secretary; Robert Anderson, until now he has been Secretary of the Navy. Succeeding Roger Eyles, whose resignation was announced on Saturday.

Bob Anderson was known partly for his independence of the Admirals. In fact he is given credit for the promotion of Admiral Rickover, who developed the atomic submarine. A promotion that had been side tracked twice - Secretary Anderson - we heard virtually ordered the Navy to okay it.

FLANDERS

Senator Flanders of Vermont - a Republican - made a sensational charge in the Senate today. The first open attack against Joe McCarthy by a fellow Republican during this session.

First he said that McCarthy is really aiding the Democrats - and, doing his utmost to destroy the Republican party. Said Sen. Flanders: "One must conclude that his is a one-man party -- and that its name is McC-archyism."

He contends that Sen. McCarthy ignores the real Communist danger - which he says is abroad, rather than at home. According to the Vermonter, the Wisconsin Red-hunter simply draws attention away from Communist infiltration in Europe, Asia and South America.

What about the Peress case - the army officer who was promoted and honorably discharged in spite of his refusal to answer questions about his loyalty? Flanders described McCarthy's role in the Peress case like this:

"He dons his war paint. He goes into his war dance. He emits his war whoop. He goes forth to battle - and, proudly returns with the scalp of a pink army dentist."

That's the opinion of the Republican Senator of Vermont, on the subject of his fellow Republican Senator from Wisconsin.

MCCARTHY

Today Senator McCarthy threw a haymaker at the two networks - CBS and NBC. The Senator using the words "dishonest" "arrogant", "completely immoral."

Later, at the Waldorf, he said well, he might not take action against the networks. This because of their refusal to allow him free time to answer Adlai Stevenson.

The Wisconsin Senator says that Vice President Nixon is a good choice for official spokesman of the R R G O P. But, he also insists on free time, to make his own reply. And he says CBS and NBC in turning him down were arrogant.

The Senator threatens to teach the two networks, "what the law is". But he admits that he doesn't know what the law is.

In Washington, a Federal communications official stated that there is no law requiring broadcasting stations to give equal time to opponents - unless the opponents are candidates for election.

A personal friend of McCarthy, Robert E. Lee, of the F C C - said that the networks had been "fair" in granting the G O P free time to answer Stevenson.

Senator McCarthy today refused to pose for television cameras.

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But, that when he returns to Washington, he will go into the problem.

9 The Senator had a threatening phone call, ~~was~~ relayed to him by a Waldorf clerk. The Senator says he isn't disturbed, that "if anyone is going to kill you - they won't call up and tell you ahead of time." Nevertheless the police put a heavy guard around him ~~is~~ today.

ETHICS

Politicians in New York State will be governed by a new code of ethics. If Governor Dewey and the members of his investigating committee have their way. The Governor set up the committee, as he put it:- "to take the profits out of politics! This, after several scandals concerning extra political activity by public officials and legislators.
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The Investigating Committee wants three permanent groups to keep check. One group to be chosen from the Senate. One from the Assembly, and a third named by the Governor.

Governor Dewey's committee has suggested that one-man investigations be outlawed. Sounds ~~like~~ like that's aimed at the U.S . Senate. But that could hardly be. Albany has little influence in Washington.

HOCKEY

Last night I mentioned that hockey match in Stockholm. American papers were only carrying a few lines about it. But, here in Canada, it seemed to me it would develop into a big story - so I played it up. And today, sure enough it broke wide open in the Canadian press.

Sports fans up here were literally stunned when the word came that a Russian hockey team had outclassed Canada and won the world's championship - over at Stockholm, - the Moscow Dynamos overwhelming the Toronto East Yorks seven to two.

Well, you should see and hear what the Canadians have to say about this today. Are they sore? The Toronto Telegram prints a huge black eye on page one, with the caption CANADA'S ~~BLACK~~ ^{BLACK} EYE. And then follows a story under a four column headline in letters an inch high. A headline reading: - Send S electors to Siberia!

In other words they are blaming the people who selected the team that went over to play for the world's championship in Europe. They are not

blaming the team. They are saying send those who made the selection to Siberia.

Lionel Conacher, member of Parliament, calls the Russian hockey triumph a national disaster for Canada. He goes on to point out that the Russians beat only a fifth rate Canadian team. Controller

Balfour says the Russian team was the pick of that

entire country. *And he adds that are, oh like some* The Canadian ~~group~~ ~~the~~ ~~quest~~ ~~of~~ ~~many~~

of the B teams over here. *TP* The CH A, the Canadian

Hockey Association is getting it from all ~~six~~ sides

today. ~~and~~ another commentator asks the question: ~

Why ~~didn't~~ ~~they~~ send the Maple Leafs? Then the

Russians would have met some real hockey players.

TP Incidentally, the Canadian papers are playing up

the fact that members of the Russian hockey team are

~~being~~ heavily subsidized, get salaries of ~~over~~ around

Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars a month, ~~plus~~ plus

bonuses in the form of cars, and so on. And ~~the news~~ *press*

dispatches tell *how each* ~~associations are also telling how the~~ members of the

Russian team ~~are~~ *gets* receiving one-thousand-two-hundred-and

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fifty dollars just for defeating Canada. A Swedish newspaper man got that information direct from members of the Russian team.

Canadian newspapers are asking that the Russian hockey team be invited to come over and play in this country.

Yes, Harry, Canadians seems to look upon this defeat by the Soviets as the number one national calamity since that then patriot Benedict Arnold and his Americans defeated Canada in battle long years ago.