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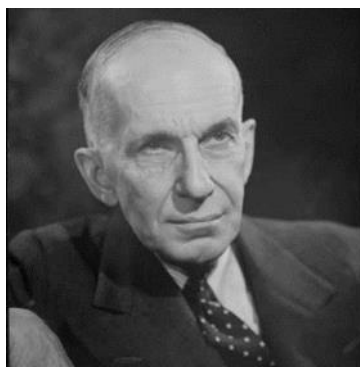
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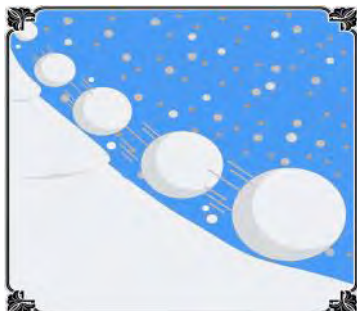
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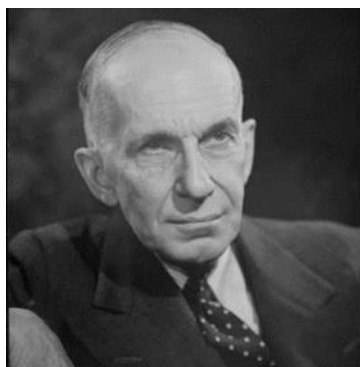
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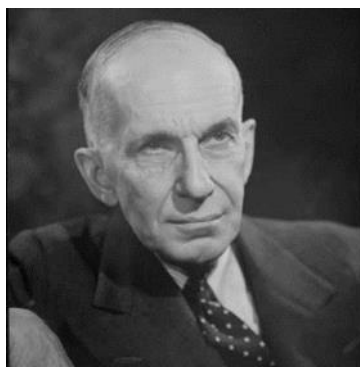
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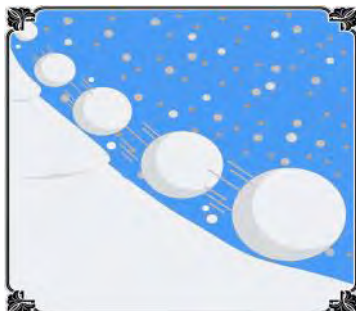
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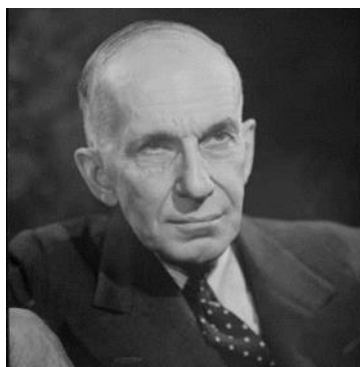
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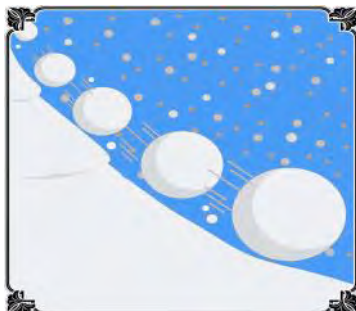
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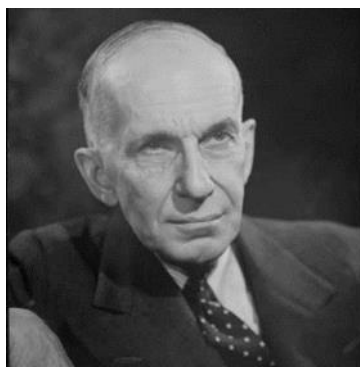
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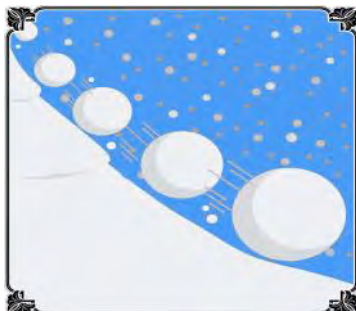
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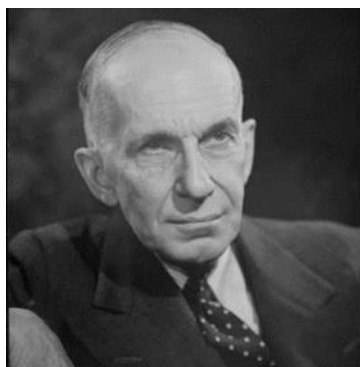
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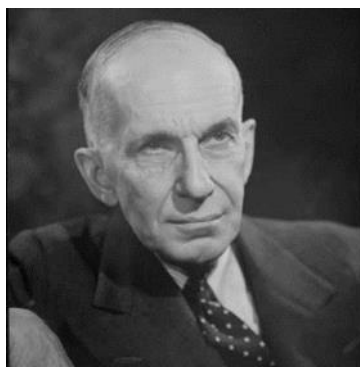
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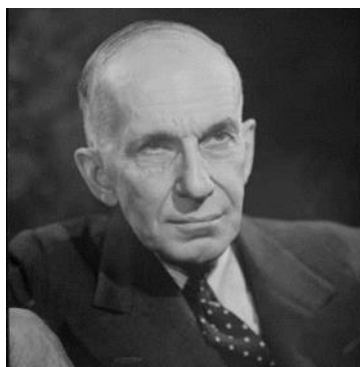
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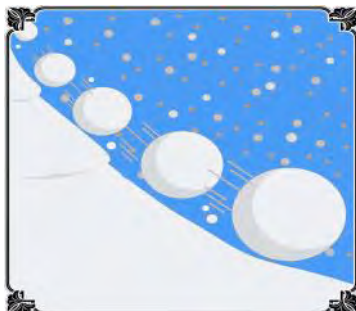
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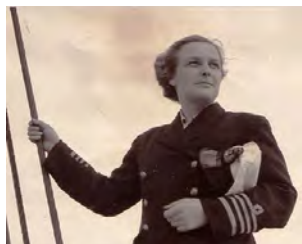
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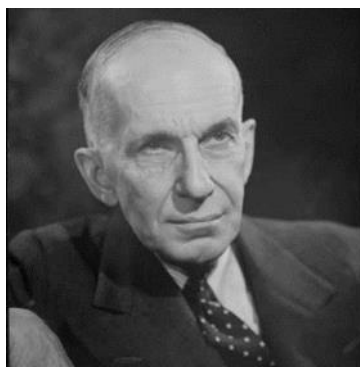
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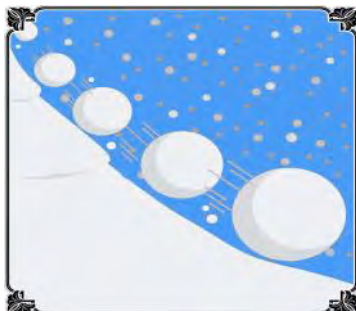
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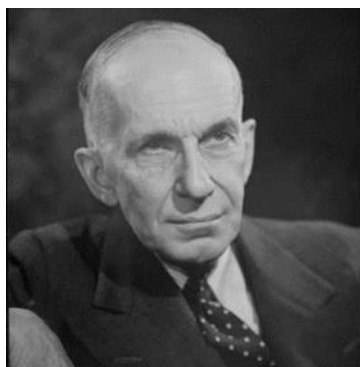
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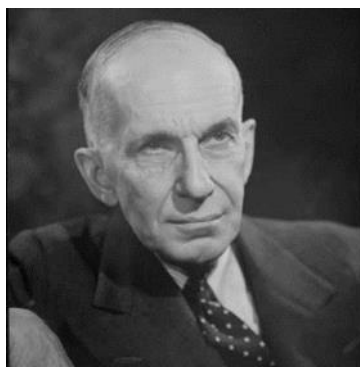
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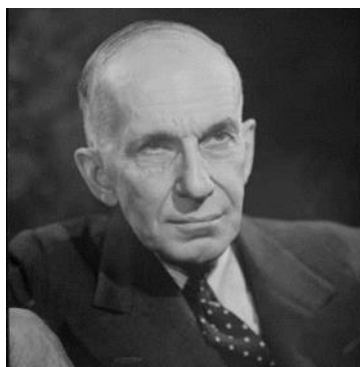
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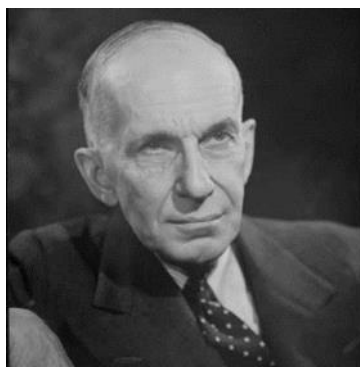
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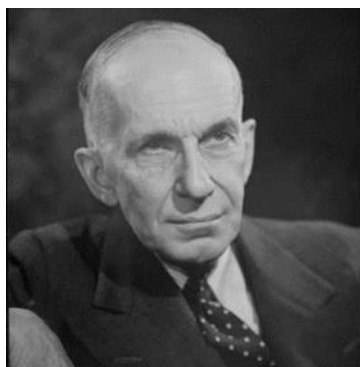
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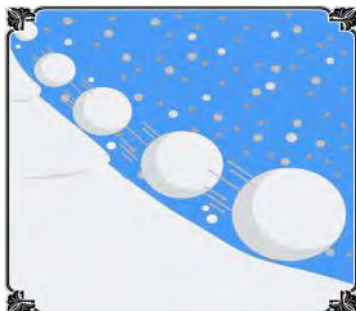
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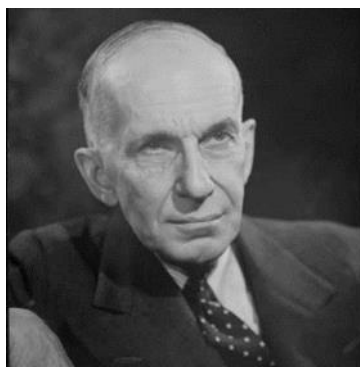
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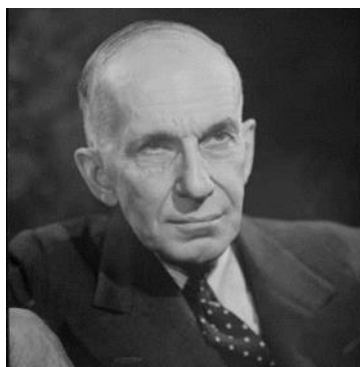
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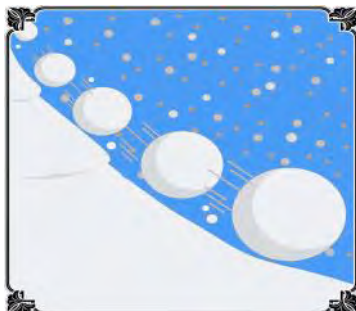
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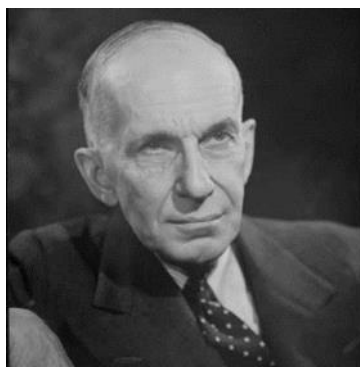
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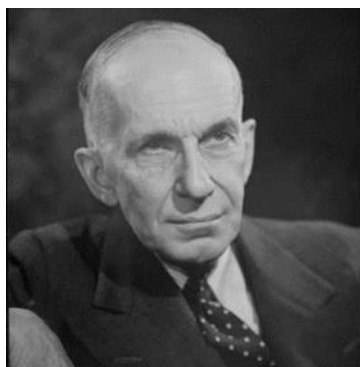
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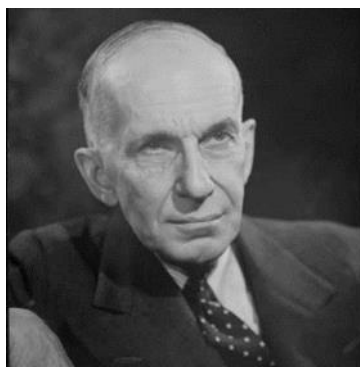
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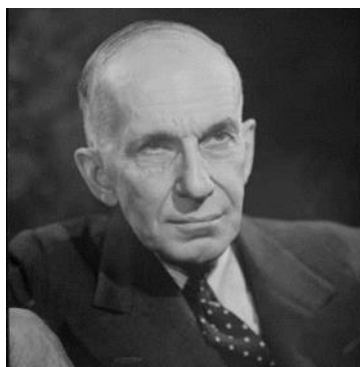
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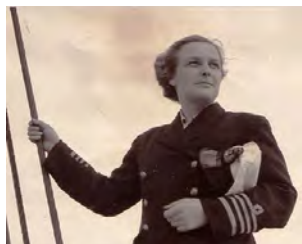
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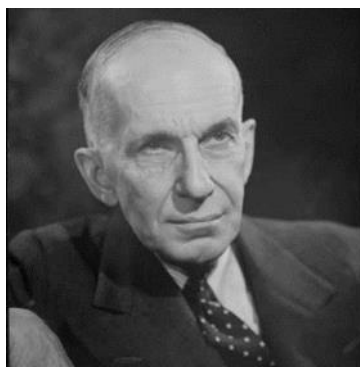
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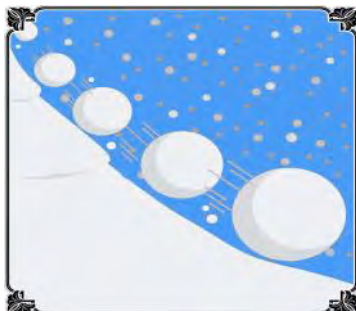
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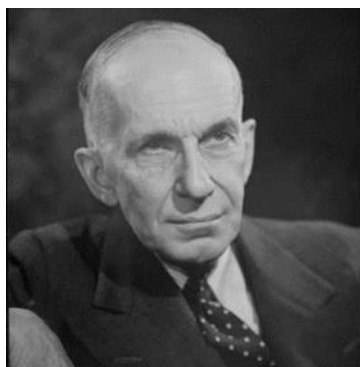
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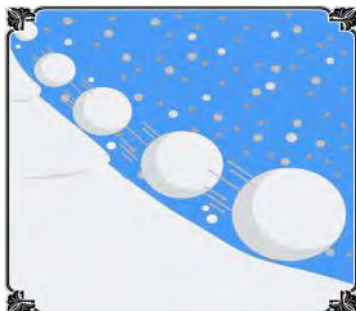
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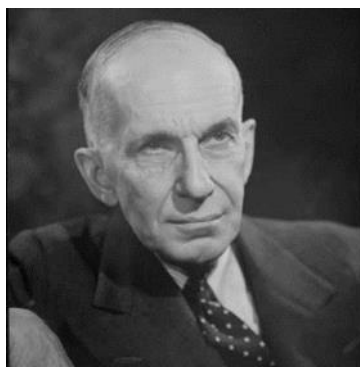
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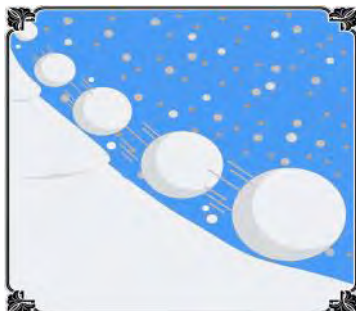
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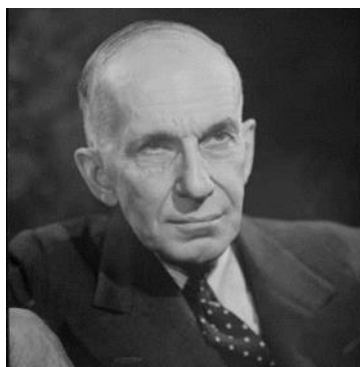
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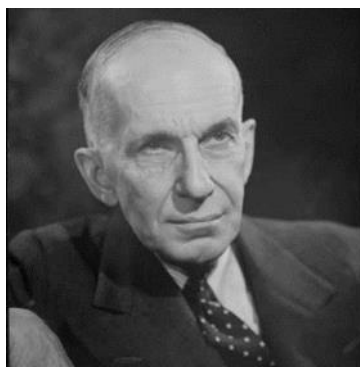
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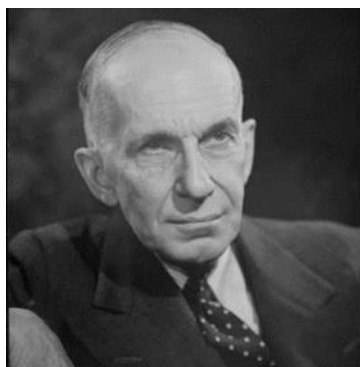
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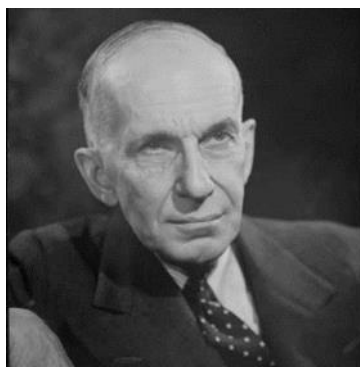
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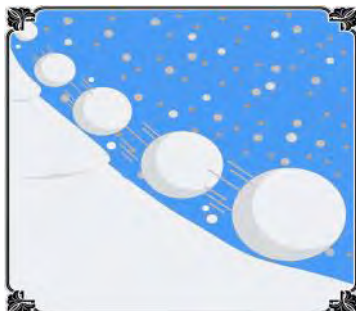
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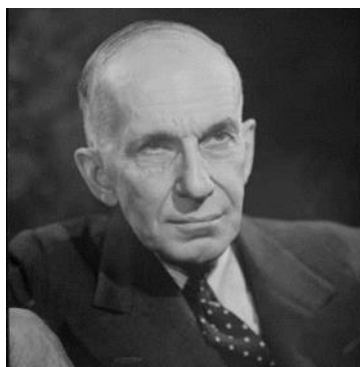
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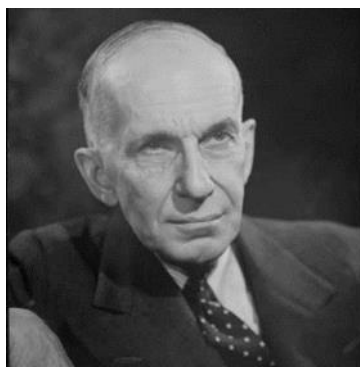
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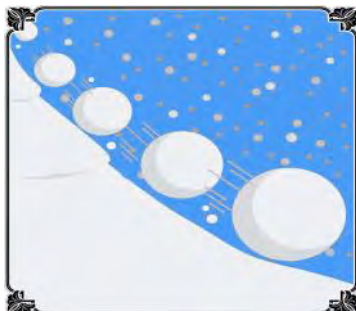
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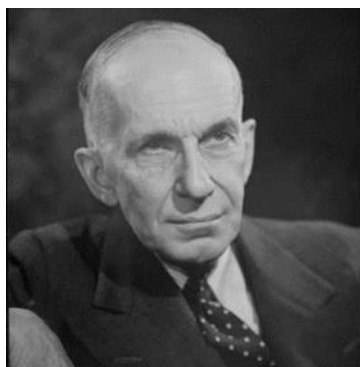
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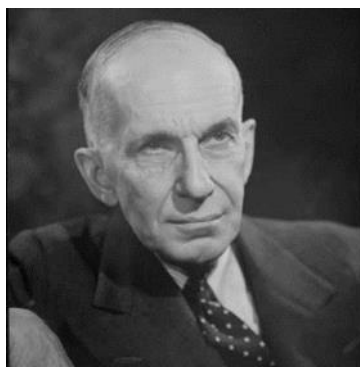
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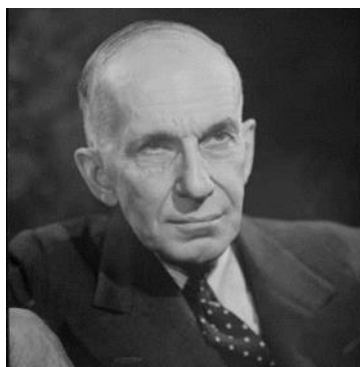
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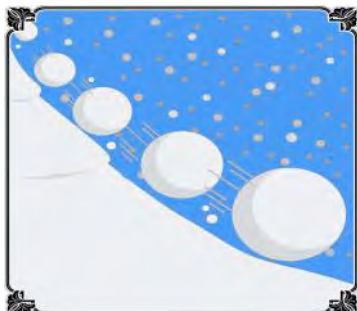
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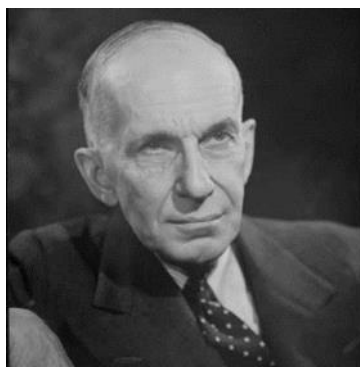
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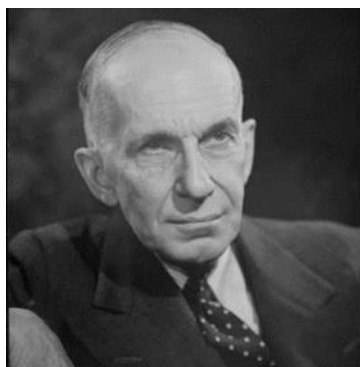
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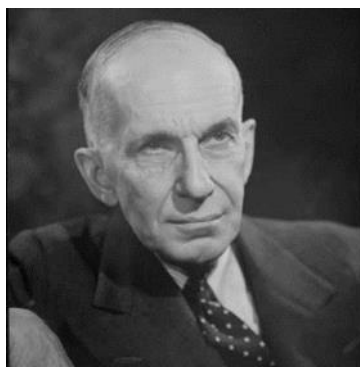
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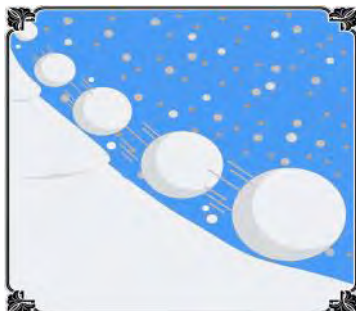
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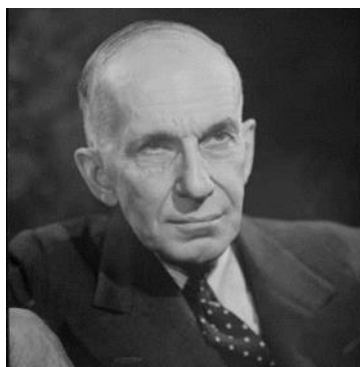
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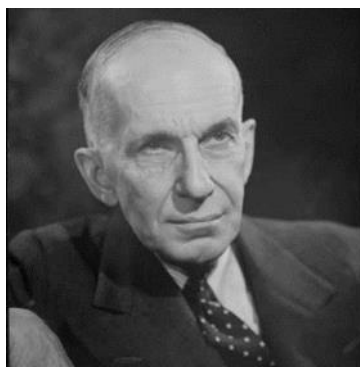
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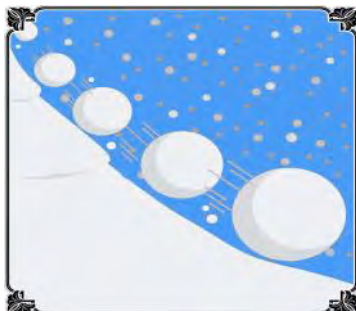
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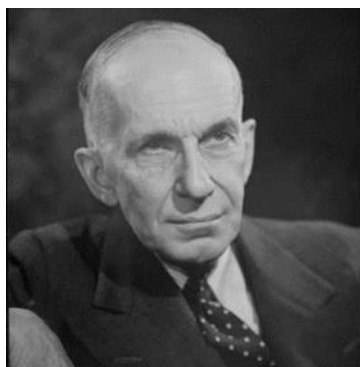
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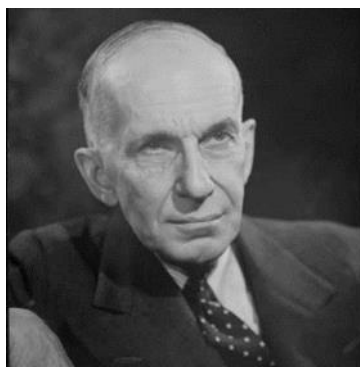
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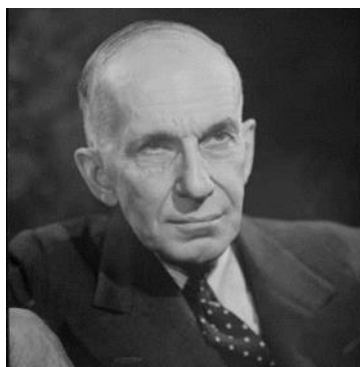
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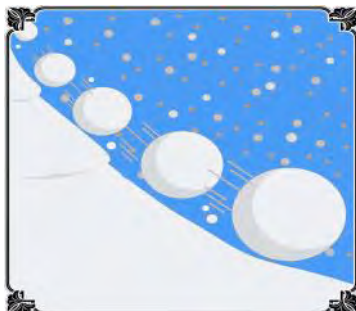
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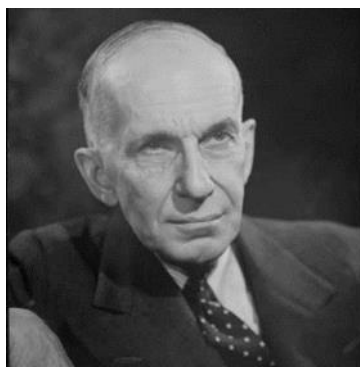
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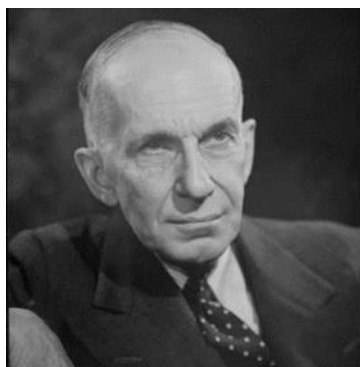
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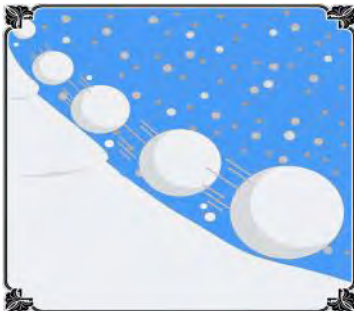
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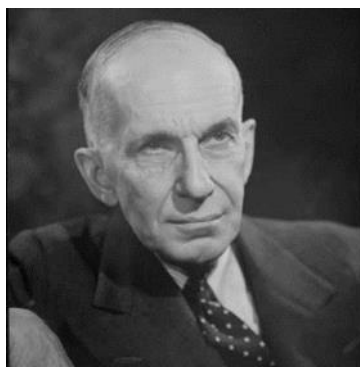
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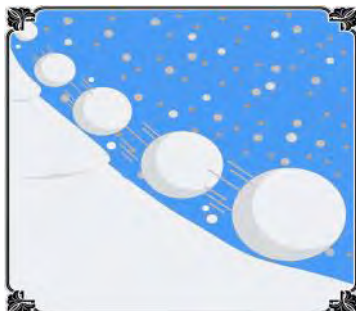
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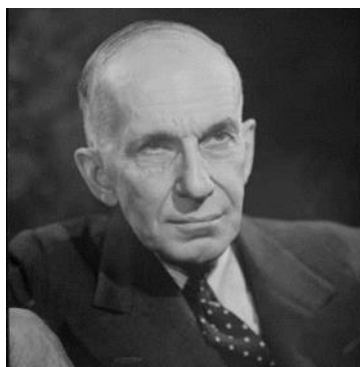
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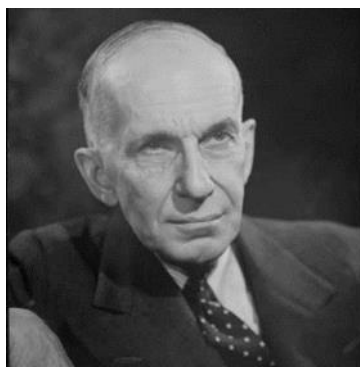
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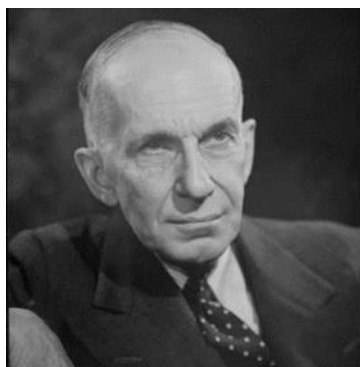
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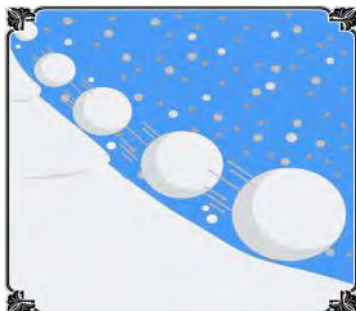
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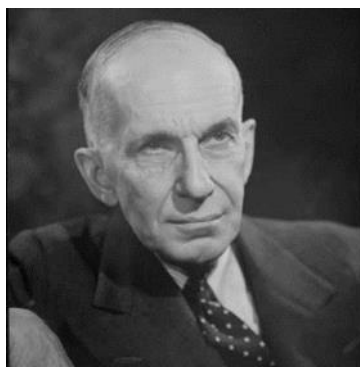
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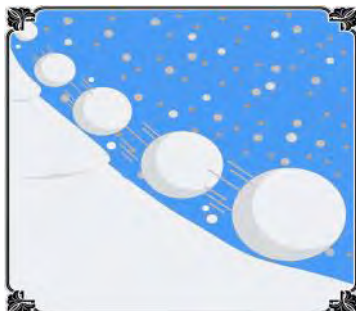
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Fourth, although not addressed by me previously, Canada needs to revisit the statutory applicability of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to members of the Armed Forces. Service in Canada's Armed Forces is not for the faint-of-heart nor the weak-kneed. The necessary standards of fitness, discipline and willingness-to-endure are entirely unlike those that may seem the norm or even just acceptable in a wider Canadian society. Not every Canadian is qualified to serve. Not every Canadian is tough or robust enough to serve. Not every Canadian is suitable or sufficiently motivated to serve. So, those that are and do, deserve a whole lot better that they historically get from Government, or, from the very people they selflessly serve and protect, day in and day out.

Rather than being Strong, Secure & Engaged as the current Government claims, our Armed Forces are as ready for war today as their predecessors were in the Summers of 1914 and 1939. 'Hell-uv-a' legacy, that!

The views expressed in this column are those of Colonel (Retd) W.J. (Bill) McCullough, MSC, CD, a Past President of our Institute and the long-time Chair of our Military Committee. His columns are the product of his own experience, research & midnight musing.



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Canada's maritime history. She was the first woman in North America to become a master of a cargo steamship. This paved the way for future generations of women in her field.

CCGS Captain Molly Kool

up to **25 days** longer than school buses **6**

of continuous operation

19 CREW

taller than a **7 storey** building

breaks up to **1 metre** of ice at a speed of **3 knots (5.5km/h)**

Canada Coast Guard / Garde côtière canadienne

The CCGS *Captain Molly Kool's* home port is in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

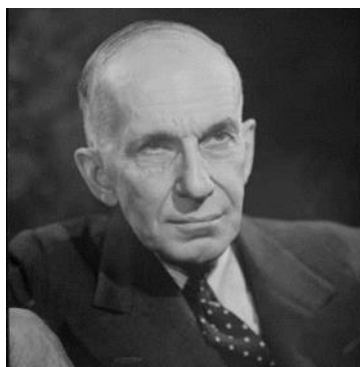
CCGS Jean Goodwill



The CCGS *Jean Goodwill* is named for Jean Goodwill, an Officer of the Order of Canada. She was an Indigenous nurse, a founding member of the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada and a contemporary champion of public health services for Indigenous peoples.

The CCGS *Jean Goodwill* will join the fleet upon its acceptance in fall 2019. Its home port will be in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

CCGS Vincent Massey



The CCGS *Vincent Massey* will be the third new Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker. The Right Honourable Vincent Massey was a lawyer and diplomat. He was the first Canadian appointed to the post of Governor

General, and he served from 1952 to 1959.

The CCGS *Vincent Massey's* home port will be in Québec City, Quebec. It will join the Coast Guard fleet upon its acceptance in summer 2020.

HMC Ships Whitehorse and Yellowknife patrol Caribbean on Op

HMC Ships *Whitehorse* and *Yellowknife* are currently deployed to the eastern Pacific Ocean on Op CARIBBE. Since departing in mid-March, the ships have been patrolling the eastern Pacific to help stop the flow of illicit drugs into North America. The ships have also conducted a cooperative deployment with our American allies, and were able to rescue seven endangered sea turtles over four separate occasions.



A crewmember of HMCS *Whitehorse* programs coordinates into the GPS of a Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat during Operation CARIBBE on April 12, 2019.



UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NANAIMO & NORTH ISLAND



IS PLEASED TO PRESENT

UNIT VISIT – 19 WING



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019

WE WILL BE VISITING

407 LONG RANGE PATROL SQUADRON & 442 TRANSPORT & RESCUE SQUADRON

GUESTS VERY WELCOME.

Visit will include Lunch at Base Dining Facility.

IF YOU DON'T DRIVE OR DON'T WANT TO, WE ARE DOING THE
"ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY THING" AND
CAR-POOLING FOR THE TRIP TO COMOX.
SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE OFFERED TO TAKE PASSANGERS.
DEPARTING NANAIMO APPROX 0830 HRS.

VISIT PARTICULARS

VISITORS ARE TO ARRIVE AT 19 WING SECURITY GATE BETWEEN 09:45 AND 1000 HRS.

Briefing by Wing Commander in Officer's Mess at 1030.

Base buses will be provided for movement around Base.

Visitors will be divided into two groups.

One Group will visit 407 Sqn while other group visits 442 Sqn.

Lunch will be held in Base Dining facility.

Groups will then rotate and visit other Sqn.

Expected departure 19 Wing at or about 1500 hrs.

All those wishing to participate must inform Pauline at
250-758-7632 or fujjarah@shaw.ca

NLT June 10th and provide name, address and MOT.

Nominal roll of participants must be submitted to 19 Wing prior to arrival.

Please advise if you wish to carpool with another guest.

Visit open to all USINNI, RCL 10, RCL 256, RCL 257 Members and VIMM Volunteers.

Dress: Business attire or organization uniform (but comfortable).

Veterans are asked to wear ribbon bars.

This month's Luncheon/Meeting will be held at

19 WING COMOX

COMOX VALLEY, BC

on

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2019

PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED VISIT POSTER FOR DETAILS

LUNCHEON MEETING ATTENDANCE

Your telephone contact coordinator will attempt to contact you in the days prior to our monthly luncheon/meeting in order to confirm your attendance. In this manner we can provide attendance numbers to the volunteer kitchen staff at RCL 257 so that they may prepare adequately for our function.

If for some reason she has missed you, please contact her or Edwin at 250-751-2360 or ejpeeters@shaw.ca.

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USINNI SNOWBALL

Congratulations to Al Thompson, winner of last month's Luncheon Snowball draw. Due to this month's Luncheon/Meeting being held at 19 Wing Comox, we will not be conducting a draw. The regular Snowball draw will resume for our July Luncheon/Meeting.