

Undersea mountain

Canada: Beneath the placid waters of the Seymour Narrows, North of Vancouver, is Ripple Rock - an underwater mountain that has wrecked one hundred ships.

During three years of preparation to destroy the mountain, mining engineers have burrowed 2,000 feet under the sea bed. Now, over 1,300 tons of high explosives are ~~placed~~ ready to shatter ~~the twin peaks~~ ^{the twin peaks} of this ~~coastal hazard to shipping.~~ ^{at Ripple Rock.}

~~The biggest man-made non-atomic explosion of an undersea mine has disappeared for ever.~~

~~Ripple Rock has had its peak sliced off & now is 47 feet below the surface at low tide.~~ ^{The twin peaks are now forty-seven feet below the surface at low tide.}

North Africa rocket-test centre

North Africa: ~~Recently~~ ^{recently} The Sahara Desert has made news as a centre of oil exploration. But for eleven years, the Guir Oasis has been the French rocket-testing headquarters.

Every test missile is tracked by radar - to ensure that it stays on course.

Here's a ground-to-ground rocket - ~~that is~~ already in production.

^{Radio controlled,} ^{And a rampa mounted on} It's range is about sixty miles: ^{carrying a five hundred pound missile.} ^{The missile goes you have rocket's eye view.} ~~It is radio-controlled - and so it can be directed right to the target.~~

BUDGET FLASHBACK

Now here's to-day's flashback:

Budget day 1933. The Chancellor ~~was~~ Neville Chamberlain. Later, as Prime Minister, he was to become a central figure in the Munich Crisis. A depressing day and there was little cheer for the tax-payer in the Budget Box. Just a penny a pint off beer.

~~There was a heavy tax~~

~~Income tax was unchanged at 5s in the £. They~~ ^{There was no change in the Standard Rate of Income Tax. It was then 5s} ~~in the pound, and described as "an enormous and intolerable burden"~~

~~To-day, the standard rate is 8/6d. They got to be~~ ^{speechless today!} ~~But they could at least~~ ^{get a tax free umbrella} ~~they didn't have to pay tax on umbrellas.~~