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1961 April 27: Dedication of Starlite Building;
Bayers' Road Shopping Centre.

I come here to-day to congratulate Butler Bros., first, on their enterprise in starting, and carrying on, ^{the Bayer Road} this shopping centre.

Secondly, and ~~primarily~~ especially, to congratulate them on the opening of ^{the} this starlite building.

It was a very happy thought to dedicate this building to the seafaring men of Halifax. Halifax owes its origin, and its continuance, to men of the Navy and Merchant marine.

In the 19th century, Halifax was one of the great bases of ~~Her Majesty's~~ ~~seafaring~~ Queen Victoria's far-flung Empire. Halifax was the guardian of the north. Her ships were the protectors, guardians and saviours of British North America.

In more recent times, in two World Wars, we have witnessed Merchant men sailing out of Halifax with men and material for Europe, to help save the world. If we are still part of the commonwealth, it is due to the self-sacrifice of these men. It is becoming that the citizens of Halifax should not forget.

The idea of associating the stars with the sailors of the sea, is not only happy, but timely.

In days gone by, poets were inspired by the captain on his bridge scanning the stars. Those days are passing. To-day, well-equipped ships can ~~learn their~~ determine their position by signals from the shore, - when they are in radio reach of land. The day is coming when every ship on the high seas will be able to get her position by buzzing a satellite soaring overhead.

Last year, the Americans launched two Transit satellites designed to give to ships at sea their position. It is only a question of time, before there will be enough navigation satellites in space to serve

