

All Hands Desire Atomic Control If They Can Agree On Method

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Russia's demand for international control of the atom bomb (which she now claims to possess, and quite likely does), finds complete agreement among the western powers—providing an acceptable method of control can be devised.

However, there's nothing new in that. It's a statement which could have been made at any time since June of 1946, when the subject first came before the United Nations in a big way. Both sides call for control, but the trouble has been that the Soviet and the West have been as far apart as the Poles on what the controls should be.

Moscow calls for the absolute prohibition of atomic weapons. Well and good—and three cheers by all concerned. However, the Russians want the destruction of present atomic stockpiles before any convention is signed. They also insist on the retention of the veto in matters affecting atomic control, and this veto power could virtually nullify the terms of an agreement.

One of the hottest points of controversy is Moscow's insistence that each nation—rather than a United Nations commission—should do its own inspections to make sure that there are no violations.

This old world of ours would indeed be a paradise if all nations could be trusted to check

on themselves. However, human nature still is too tricky for that. You could trust it with hand-grenades but in the matter of atomic bombs, "nyet" which is Russian for the veto.

So the way things stand there can be no agreement unless Moscow retreats from qualifications which the United States and its western allies feel not only would nullify its value but would create an extremely dangerous international situation. Pending the happy day of compromise, America is losing no time in tightening up the military, economic and political unity of the western world in view of the disclosure that Russia has succeeded in making an atomic weapon.

Far from making a headlong rush to destroy her stock of atomic bombs, America is going ahead to maintain her advantage over the Soviet union in atomic weapons. The partnership with Canada and Britain in atomic development is to be strengthened.

These moves are precautionary, however. Nobody is looking for war now.

Interior Dept. Official Raps Northwest Freight Rates

PORTLAND, Sept. 29.—(AP)—C. Girard Davidson, assistant secretary of the interior, made a strong pitch for a change in Pacific Northwest freight rates Monday.

Davidson told the Catholic conference on industrial problems that the northwest is in a "semi-colonial" system, due partly to "an archaic freight rate structure."

He attacked "discriminatory freight rates" which he said make it difficult for the Northwest to compete with older industrialized areas.

The government official also delivered two speeches in support of a Columbia Valley administration. One was in a debate before the Chamber of Commerce, with Robert Ormond Case, Portland author, taking the anti-CVA side; and the other before the Catholic conference.

Foot health specialists advise against using old razor blades, scissors or needles in removing corns. They said unsanitary old cutting tools could cause blood poisoning.

German Women Face Death For War Crimes

RASTATT, Germany, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Three young German women were sentenced to death Tuesday for war crimes they committed in the Nazi Ravensbrueck concentration camp for women.

The German, Maria Minges, Ingeborg Schulz and Ruth Schumann, were convicted by a French war crimes court here. They were former Nazi SS (elite guard) overseers at Ravensbrueck.

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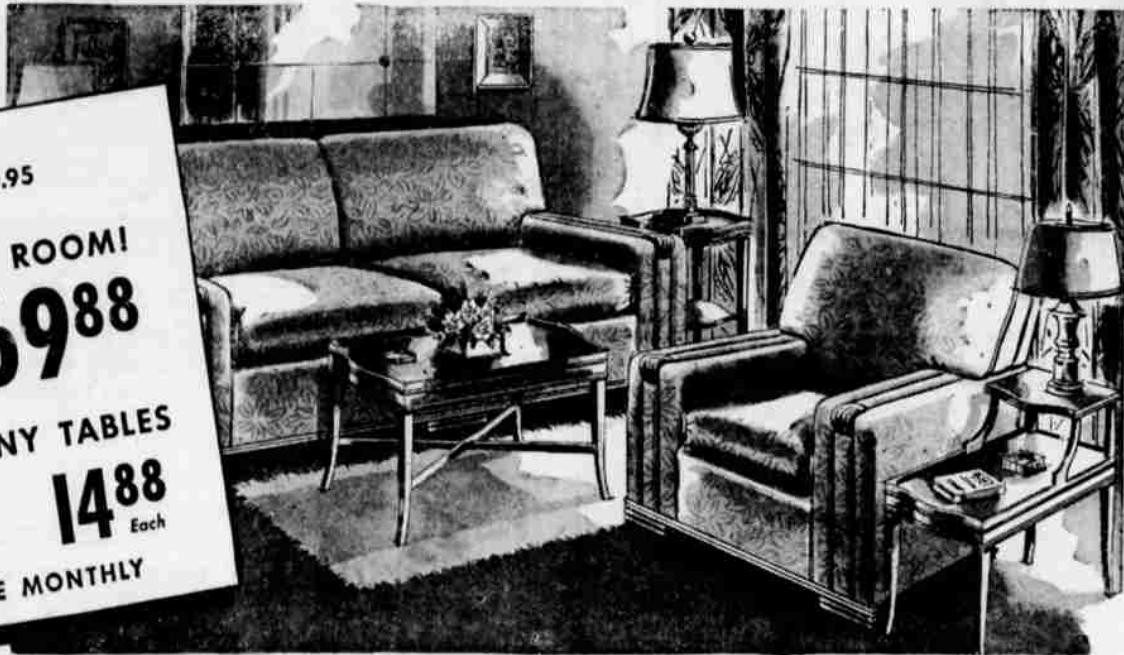
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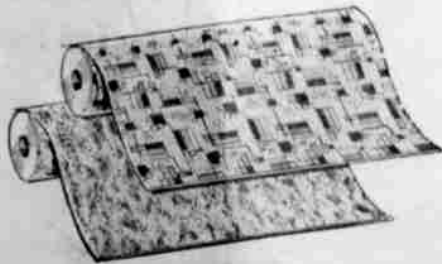
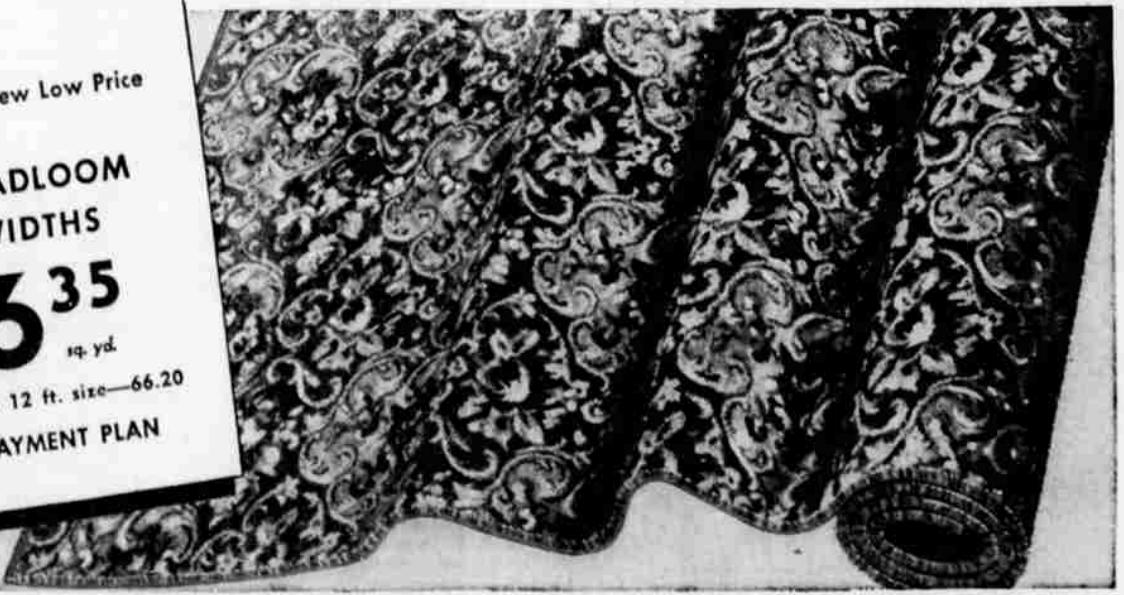
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