

### Senator Asks Powell Face Legal Action

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) Tuesday called on the Justice Department to start "immediate legal proceedings against Clyde L. Powell," the former housing official whom he described as "the key official" in current investigations of excessive FHA-guaranteed loans.

He asked the department also to look into other programs of the Federal Housing Administration, using income tax returns if necessary, to "bring to justice any who may be criminally liable" and to seek recovery of excess profits which he said could exceed 100 million dollars.

Powell himself could not be reached for comment, but his attorney, Daniel Mahan, said he would have no immediate comment on Byrd's letter. Powell resigned as assistant FHA commissioner for rental housing. FHA said Tuesday its files show his separation as "removal with prejudice."

There was no immediate reaction from the Justice Department. Byrd, addressing his letter to Atty. Gen. Brownell, wrote as chairman of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-Essential Federal Expenditures.

Powell appeared as a witness last week before the Capehart committee but refused to answer any questions, claiming his right against self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment.

Byrd noted that in his letter and said because of it Powell "is beyond the power of a congressional committee to compel him to testify, and the Justice Department should take action without delay."

### Prostitution Said Linked to Police Payoff

PORTLAND (AP) — Prostitution was a half-million-dollar-a-year business in Oregon until a recent suppression campaign, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said here Tuesday.

Thornton said he and other officials started the drive that crippled organized prostitution, but he said it was not wiped out completely.

"Every investigation of prostitution we've run has shown indication of police payoff," Thornton told the Pacific Northwest Bakers Conference.

"Not long ago I had occasion to trace the ownership of a brothel building. I found that while the property was assessed at only \$850, it was sold for \$16,000," he added.

He described prostitution as "a substantial business in every state."

It hangs on, he said, because the police are paid off, and because part of the public believes there are fewer sex crimes where prostitution is tolerated.

The truth is that prostitution does nothing to reduce sex crimes, he said. Statistics show that there are fewer sex crimes in areas without prostitution, Thornton said.

### Russ Create 'State Security Committee'

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Government has created a new agency in the security field, said the "Committee on State Security" headed by Col. Gen. Ivan Alexandrovich Serov, a police service veteran.

The jurisdiction of the committee was not announced Tuesday.

"State security" in Russia means secret police, intelligence and counter-intelligence.

Some diplomatic sources in London took the view that the committee represents a new secret police set-up, with Serov as the new supreme man in secret police, and the minister of internal affairs, S. N. Kruglov, subordinate to Serov.

Another view is that the committee may turn out to be an organization with only limited staff for the purpose of coordinating intelligence and police activity.

### Nixon Tells Governors of U.S. Policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Nixon sought Tuesday to reassure America's governors, disturbed over the possible political dynamite lurking in talk about sending U.S. troops to Indochina.

Nixon presided over a closed-door meeting, arranged by President Eisenhower, of the governors of the 48 states and the territories of Guam, Alaska and the Virgin Islands.

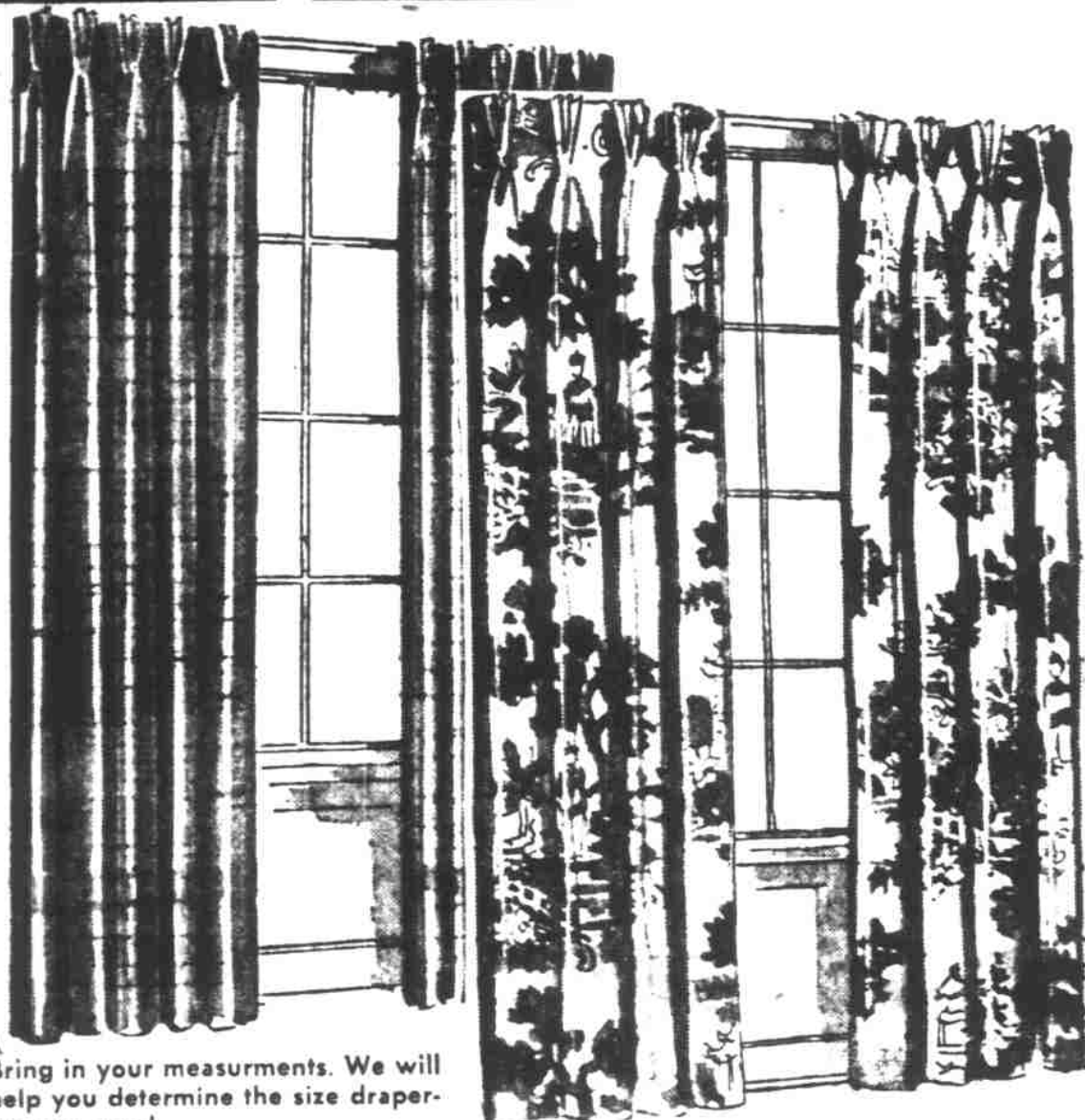
A news briefing afterward by Frank Bane, conference secretary, avoided details of the talks by Nixon, Acting Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith and others. Bane called it an "intimate, off the record" meeting.

But it was learned that, in questioning Nixon, some governors voiced a fear that the Eisenhower administration might be running too far ahead of the voters on foreign policy in a congressional election year.

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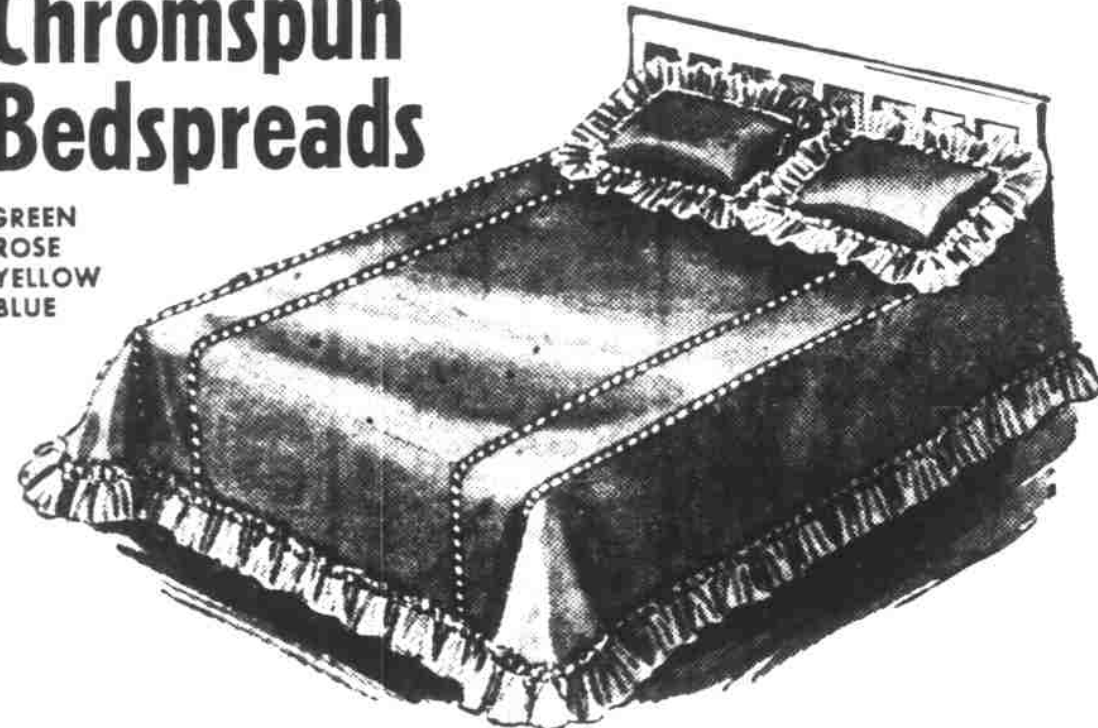
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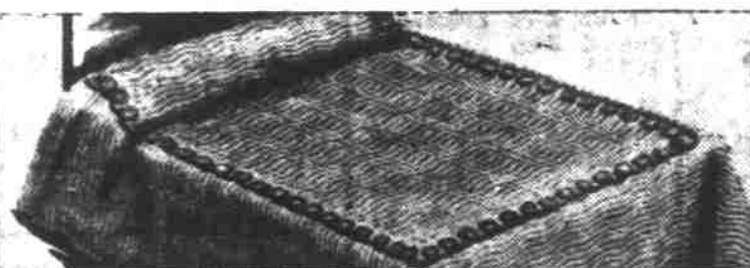
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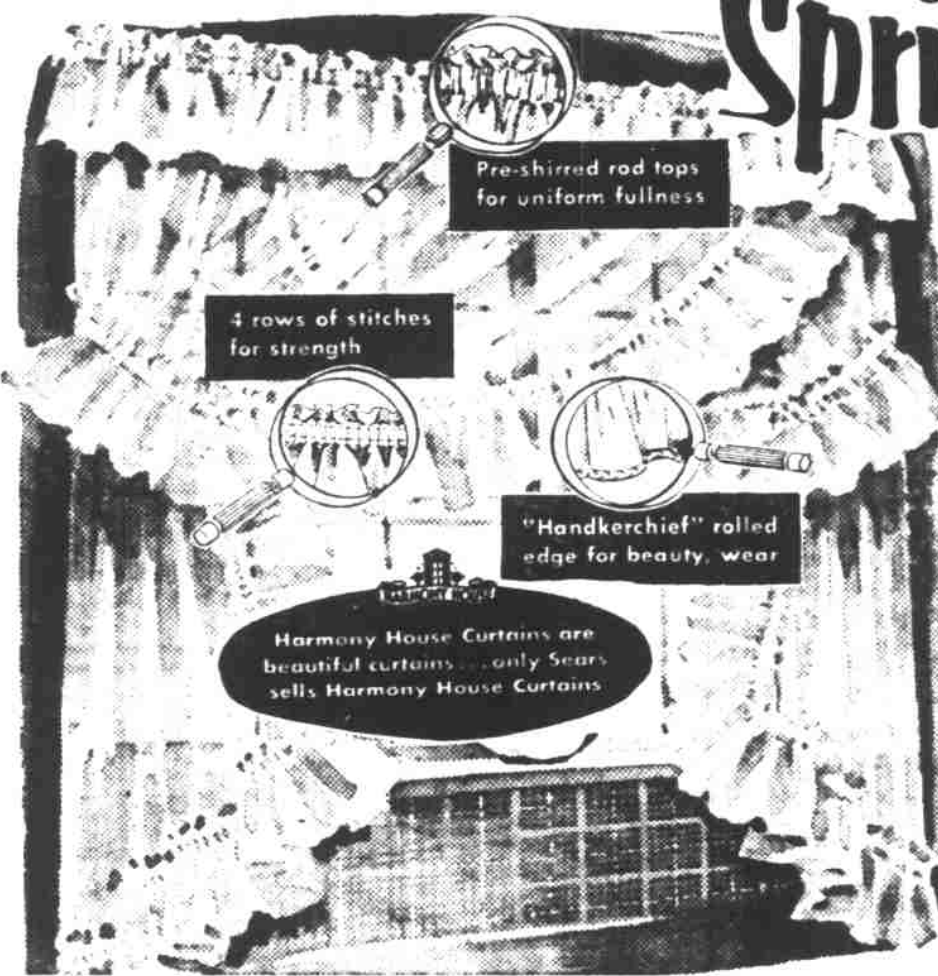
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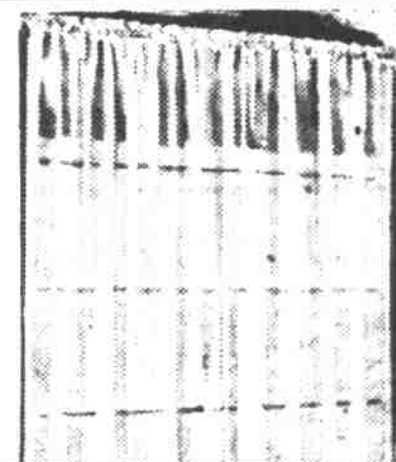
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