

Reich Chief Promises West Ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — West German President Theodor Heuss promised Congress Thursday his country will stand fast with the Western world and "will never again depart from the path of democracy and freedom."

A joint session gave the visiting 74-year-old President a standing ovation, and House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) introduced him as the head of "a great, proud and free people... who are determined to remain free."

Heuss addressed Congress on the second day of a state visit—the first ever made to this country by a German head of state.

Unification Talk
Earlier West Germany and the United States agreed that unification of East and West Germany should not be ruled out of discussions when and if there is a new summit meeting between leaders of the Communist world and the West.

The State Department said this decision was reached in a meeting between Secretary of State Dulles and West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano. Brentano is with the West German President on his state visit. He and Dulles also discussed, the State Department said, mutual defense matters, the French crisis and the question of German assets seized by this country in World War II.

Part Of West
In his speech to the Senate and House, Heuss said Germans' traditions "have made them an integral part of what is called the 'Western world'" and "on this point there can be no neutrality for us."

Noting Germany's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Heuss declared: "Never again in the future shall German and American soldiers fight each other."

Speaking mostly in German—he said his English has become somewhat rusty — Heuss said he and his countrymen were grateful for the postwar help given by the U.S. government and millions of individual Americans.

Women Try For Record In Talkathon

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP)—It goes on and on, on and on, on and on. Yak, yak, yak. Right around the clock.

Since it all started here Monday, each of the first two contestants broke the record. Now the third, Mrs. Arthur Capps, a lively 38-year-old mother of two, looks like a shoo-in to do it again.

What's it all about? Well, it's a gang of women, each trying to out-talk the others. Sorta like you've seen in your living room. They call it a marathon talking contest.

Started Prattling

Mrs. Capps started prattling Wednesday night at 7:45 p.m. just 15 minutes after Mrs. J. D. McCauley, a 49-year-old grandmother had talked for 28 hours, 44 minutes and 14 seconds, topping the old record of 27½ hours set by Mrs. Lois Grant, 27, a Fayetteville secretary who was the first of the seven contestants.

P. L. Pollock, an employee of the appliance store sponsoring the talkathon which offers \$1,500 in prizes, said the women carry a microphone with a 60-foot extension cord.

"They're allowed a 2½-minute break every hour," he said, "and when they eat, they take a bite and keep right on talking, chewing and talking."

They even take the microphone with them to the powder room. Pollock said one kept right on talking there.

1,000 Listen

Pollock said about 1,000 persons daily have come in to listen to the yakking. At 2 a.m. there were 300 people in the store.

A Fayetteville radio station broadcasts the talking every 15 minutes.

Mrs. Capps, whose husband is a milkman, discussed dairy farming, household hints, canning, courtship, home demonstration clubs and the United Nations.

Four more women are waiting to have a go at the record. Then Ernie Eye, a Fayetteville television personality, will challenge the winner in an effort to squeeze in the last word for the men.

Teachers Show How

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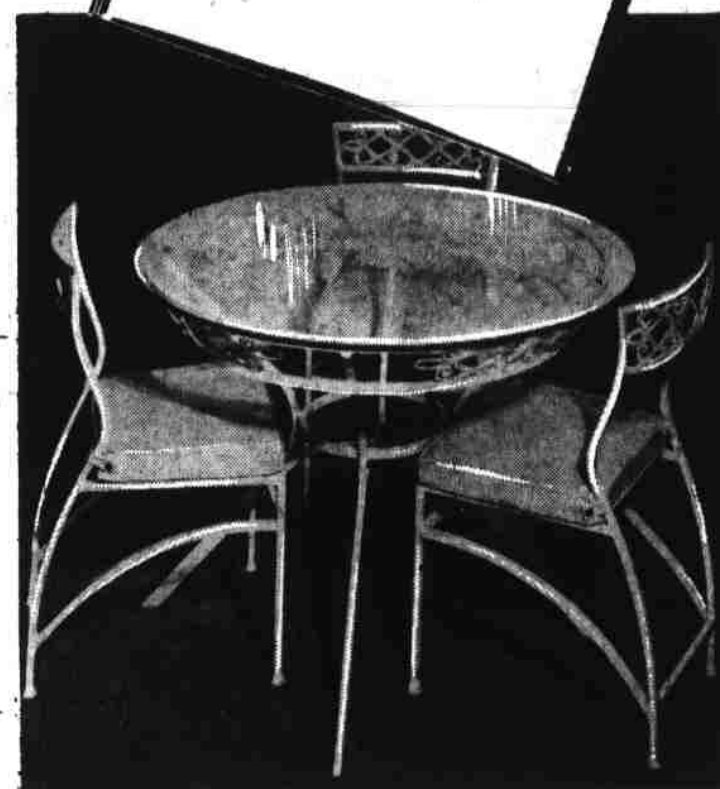
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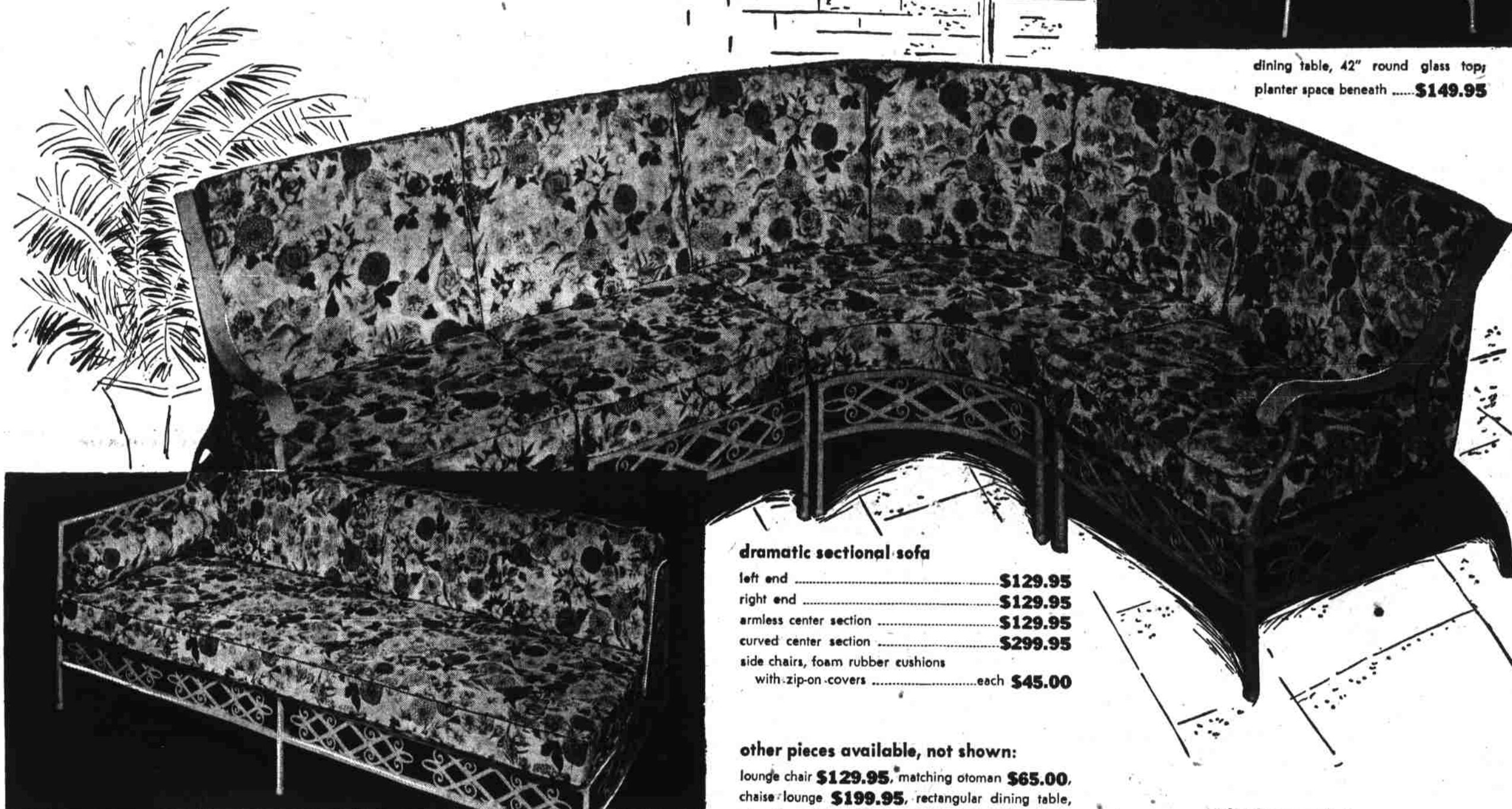


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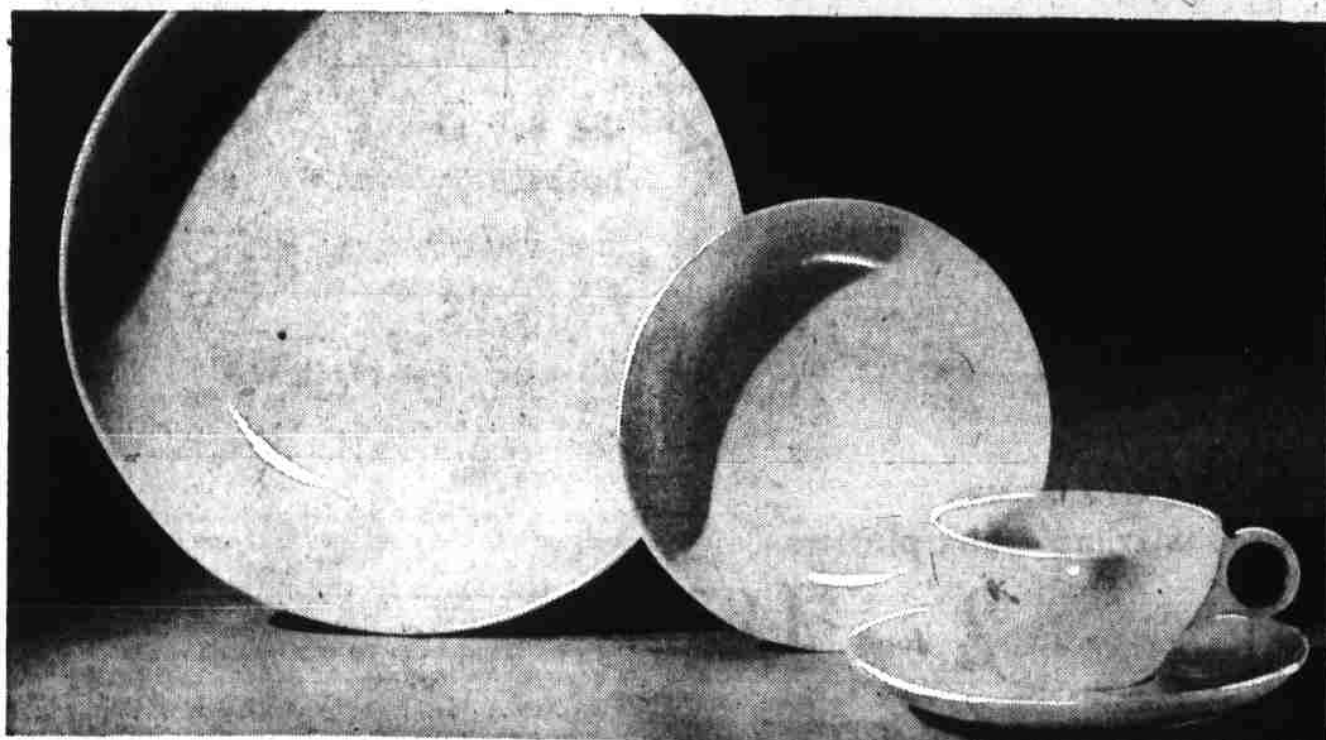
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