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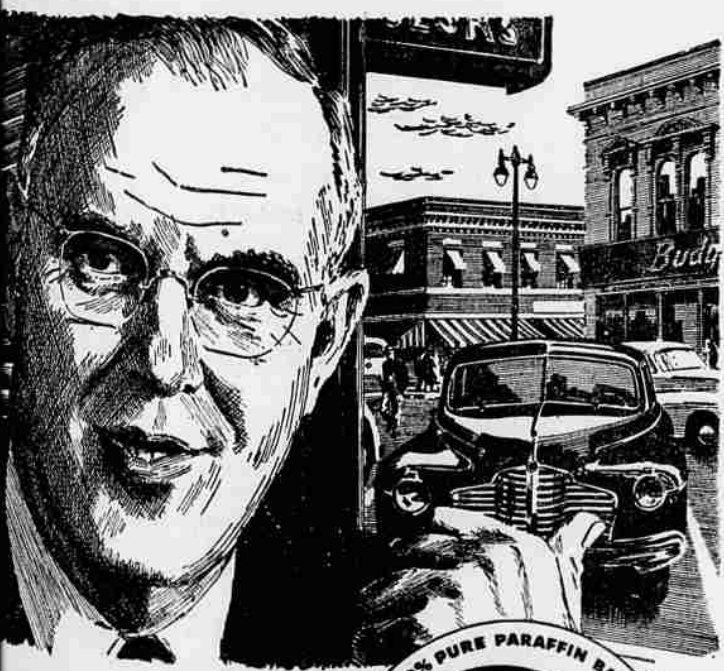
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Vanport Flood Post-Mortem

SEATTLE—(AP)—A lively post-mortem on the Vanport flood disaster highlighted closing sessions of the Pacific Coast Board of Intergovernmental Relations here. William A. Bowers, Portland city commissioner, criticized federal officials who "came to Portland, told us what to do, and then went away." He said he was not referring to the Federal Works Agency.

No. Thanks
"President Truman came and offered us \$25,000," Bowers said. "We said 'No, thank you, other communities need it worse than we do.' Congress fumbled around and did nothing."

Bowers said the FWA provided 2000 trailers for housing Vanport refugees but Portland residents objected to turning city parks into trailer camps.

J. W. Follin of Washington, D.C., assistant administrator of the Federal Works Agency, defended President Truman. Follin said that at the time the President offered \$25,000 he had only \$30,000 left in his emergency fund. When a new emergency fund of \$500,000 became available on July 1, Follin said, the President immediately allocated \$150,000 to the Columbia Flood.

Flood Fight
Col. L. H. Hewitt said Army engineers spent \$3,000,000 in the Columbia River flood fight. Bonneville administrator Paul Raver added that his agency had spent \$50,000 in rebuilding the Methow power distribution system and wondered how it would get the money back. Raver suggested establishment of a "disaster insurance fund" to meet such emergency needs.

FIREMEN GET 2 CALLS
Eugene firemen answered an alarm at 2:50 a.m. Tuesday after a fire was discovered in a ramp at the Alaska Junk Co. The blaze was extinguished before appreciable property damage resulted. Monday at 3:38 p.m. firemen also extinguished a grass fire near the Mill Race on East Broadway before property damage was done.

Hard Woods Plant Begun

SPOKANE—(AP)—A \$5,000,000 lumber concern incorporated in Olympia will import and process mahogany and 13 other hard woods from the Philippines, officials said. Alva Snyder, secretary-treasurer of the Palanan Bay Lumber Co., said the firm's processing plant would be located somewhere on the Pacific Coast near furniture and shipbuilding plants. Site for the coast mill has not been determined, he said.

Construction of two or three mills on Luzon in the Philippines will be started soon, Snyder said. "Logging operations on Luzon will begin immediately," he said.

Famed Replicas Reported Stolen

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Replicas of many of the world's largest and most famous diamonds were stolen over the weekend from the Academy of Natural Sciences, police reported Monday. Police said they believed the theft was part of a plot to sell the imitations in private channels for large sums of money.

They acted in the case just as if true diamonds of high value were stolen, teletyping messages all along the eastern seaboard. The messages contained names familiar to diamond fanciers everywhere. There were accurate descriptions of such famous gems as the Hope Diamond, the Regent, Empress Eugenia, Nassak, Star of the South, Cullinan, Shah, Orlov, Koh-i-Nur, Piggott and 26 others.

Police acknowledged that they knew of no better way to describe the imitations than to call them by names of the real diamonds.

To get the collection, the thief employed professional methods. He secreted himself somewhere in the academy after closing hours on Saturday, police theorized, and then used a glass cutter to open the case containing the collection. Making certain to leave no fingerprints, the thief removed the gem representations from velvet-covered shelves. Mountings were taken along with the imitations. Academy officials called the imitations "facsimulations of diamonds" but declined to place a specific value on them.

Police Seek Thief

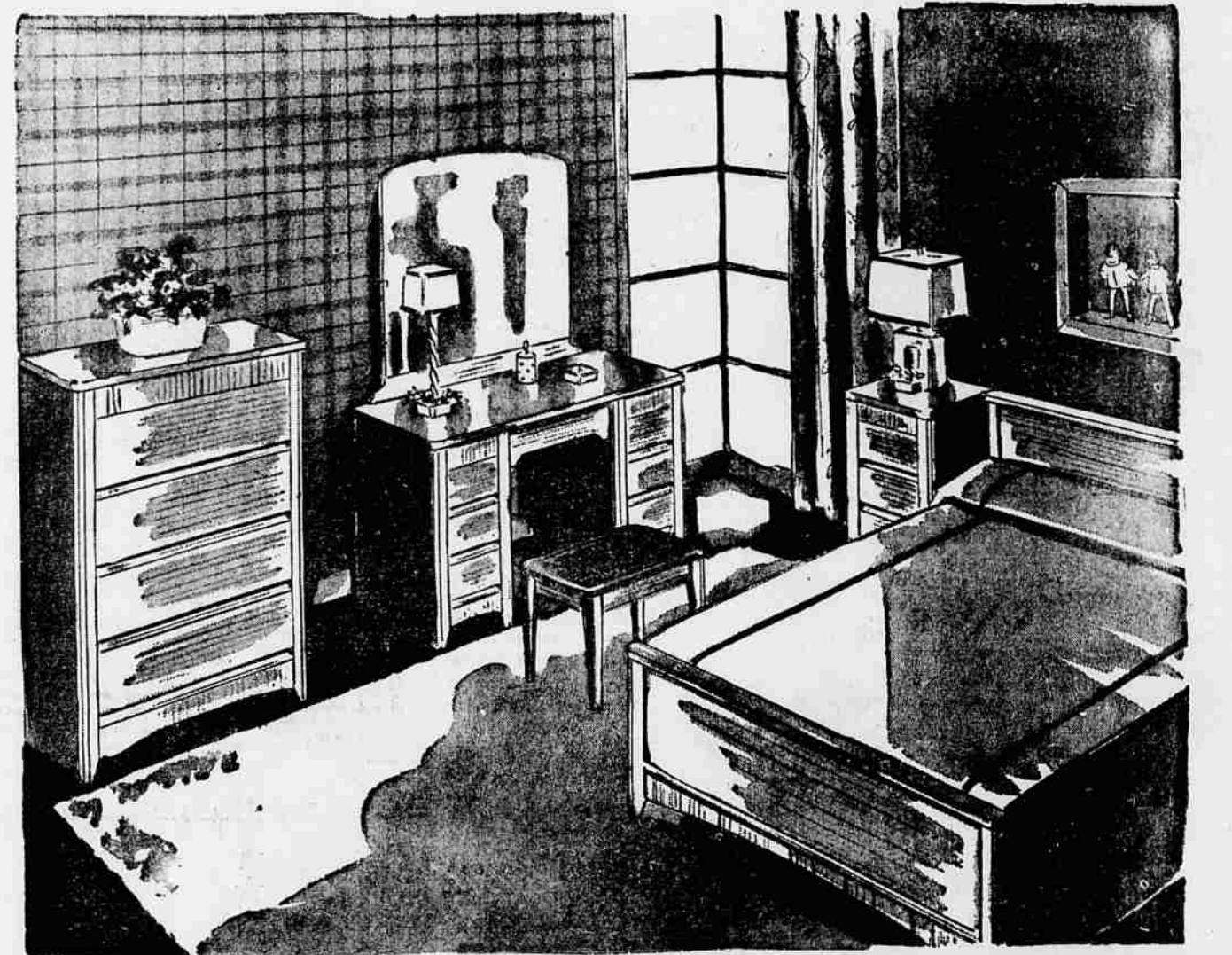
City police Tuesday were seeking a man whom Albert Fordham, Muscatine, Ia., said he had taken as a roommate in a local hotel Sunday night. Fordham said the man had been unable to find other lodgings, so he allowed him to share his room for the evening. He left for work Monday, Fordham said, before his guest arose, and when he returned Monday evening found the man had departed with his best blue serge suit, two suitcases and an alarm clock.

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