

U.S. Water Resources Report Due

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WASHINGTON (P)—A congressional committee is preparing recommendations to keep the United States from running short of water.

A select Senate committee on national water resources began last week and will continue through Friday working on a report to be given to Congress next January.

The report, based on the biggest investigation of its kind ever made by a Congressional committee, will recommend laws and policies aimed at conserving and developing water resources.

The committee is studying a summary presented by a professional staff headed by Theodore M. Schad, public works specialist on loan from the Library of Congress.

The senators are making additions, deletions and recommendations aimed at helping their states and areas as well as the nation.

Headed by Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D-Okla.), the committee in the past year has held 24 field hearings throughout the country and sessions here.

An estimated 800 witnesses gave their views on what should be done to prevent anticipated shortages because of increasing water uses and expanding population.

"The most serious aspect of the national water problem," Kerr said, "is the lack of public awareness of its existence."

"Many signs point to an impending national water crisis. It may come gradually, as national growth strains the adequacy of water resources facilities."

"Or it may come suddenly, on the heels of drought... but it will most surely come unless water resources development programs are reshaped to meet rising new problems..."

The committee is expected to come up with recommendations dealing with such subjects as:

Construction of dams and reservoirs; reuse of water; pollution control; waste reduction; exploration of groundwater resources; purification of salt water and brackish water; reduction of evaporation at lakes and reservoirs; rainmaking, and application and effects of nuclear energy.

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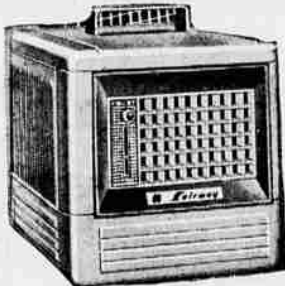
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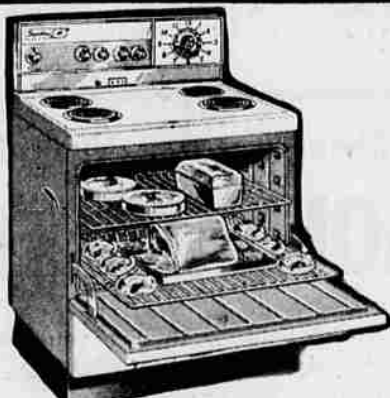


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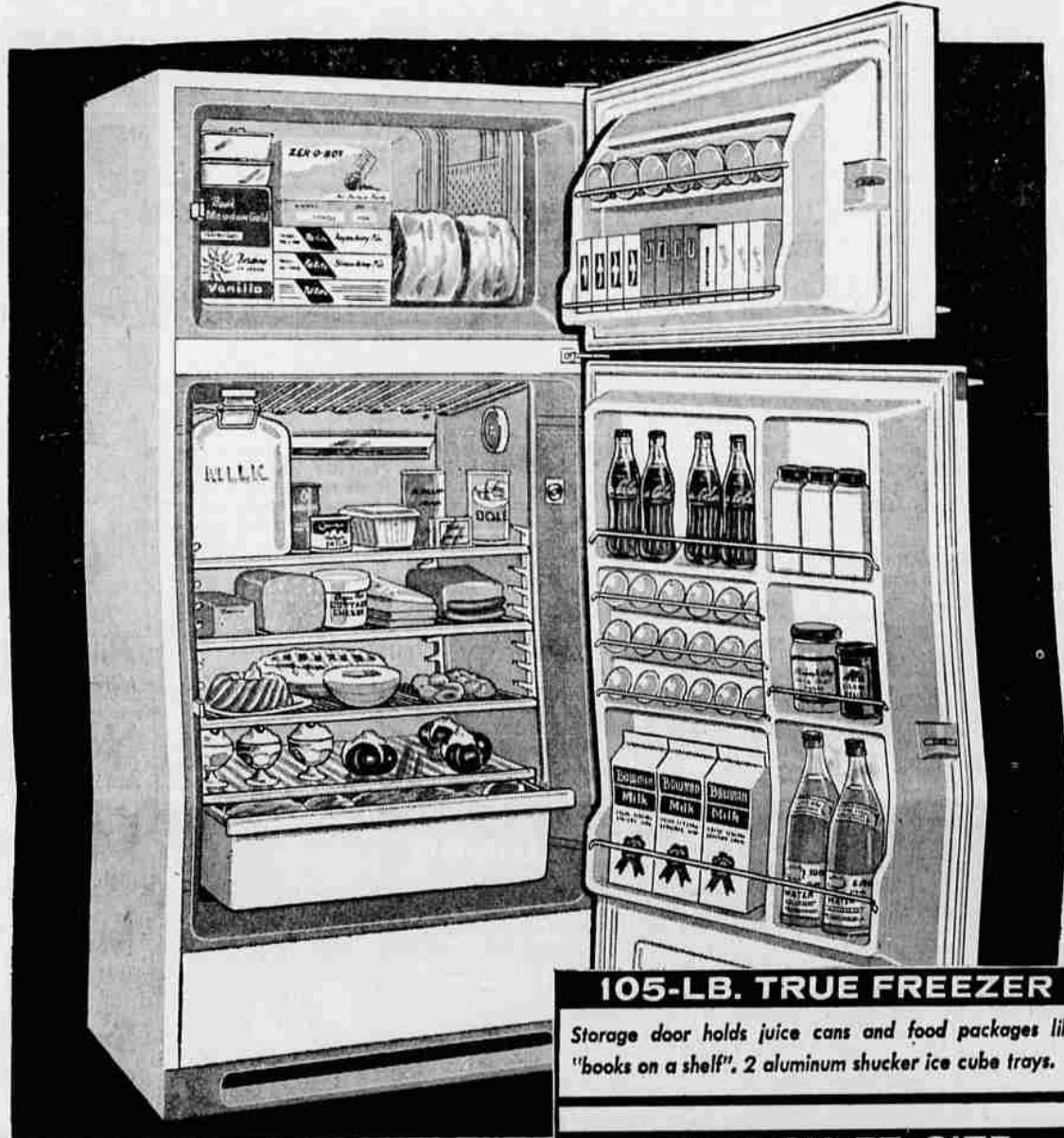
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